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The image on the cover was taken by **Ray Closson**, a corrections officer at Parnall Correctional Facility, at the Battle Creek Field of Flight Air Show and Balloon Festival. 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.



Rescue Ready

Firefighters prepare Corrections Officer Chris Budd to be lowered from the roof of the Macomb Correctional Facility warehouse during a training exercise.

Facilities help local fire departments train for emergency scenarios

Just after 7 p.m. on a mid-summer evening, sirens blared at Macomb Correctional Facility. The alert signaled the start of a training exercise designed to help fire crews familiarize themselves with the facility and prepare for a variety of scenarios that can help them act quickly in the event of a real emergency. That evening, 17 paid-on-call fire fighters from the nearby Lenox Township Fire Department were on

hand to practice rescue techniques at the facility, which included the simulated rescue of an officer from a gun tower and from the roof of the facility's warehouse.

Local fire departments are invited to train at their area correctional facilities about every three years, but some departments request to train at facilities at shorter intervals, said James Conrad, a regional fire and safety inspector for the MDOC.

The trainings give fire departments the opportunity to get to know corrections staff, discuss any specialized needs a facility may have and become familiar with the facility to help ensure they can react quickly and efficiently, Conrad said.

The Lenox Township department trains at Macomb Correctional Facility every two years, said Assistant Chief Marty Hartway.

Hartway said the trainings help firefighters prepare and build their skills, so they can be ready if they need to respond to an emergency at the correctional facility.

"It helps them keep up on their skills, so when there is an actual rescue they're ready to go," Hartway said,

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as he stood on the roof of the facility’s warehouse. “It’s not too often you get rescues like this.” Hartway and a handful of the department’s firefighters were preparing Corrections Officer Chris Budd, who volunteered for the rescue exercise, to be lowered from the roof of the warehouse on a stretcher. Using a web of ropes and harnesses, he would be slowly lowered down the side of the building with a ladder under him to provide stability and guidance in a technique known as a “ladder slide.”

Other facilities across the state also host similar trainings, or walk-through tours to help firefighters familiarize themselves with facilities.

The Ionia Department of Public Safety tours each of the Ionia-area correctional facilities every other year, and the Marquette Fire Department visits Marquette Branch Prison each year for a familiarization tour.

Chippewa, Kinross, Saginaw, and Thumb correctional facilities and the Detroit Detention Center have hosted local fire departments for tours already in the last year. Carson City, Oaks and St. Louis

correctional facilities and the Detroit Reentry Center also hosted on-site trainings for fire departments.

The trainings are often designed to help firefighters prepare for a variety of scenarios.

In September 2015, a large emergency response training was held at Macomb Correctional Facility that included five area fire departments responding to simulated fires in two locations, including one in the administration building.

During that exercise, the administration building was filled with training smoke and some Macomb employees who volunteered to participate had makeup applied to give the appearance of burns and wounds. Firefighters were tasked with rescuing four employees trapped inside the building, and another



Firefighters lower Corrections Officer Chris Budd from the roof of the Macomb Correctional Facility warehouse during training.

six from the roof.

The next training at Macomb Correctional Facility is expected to simulate the rescue of a wheelchair-bound individual, Conrad said.

Warden Randall Haas said the facility has a good relationship with the local fire department and is glad to provide firefighters with the opportunity to train at the prison.

“They get experience, so if something were to happen here, they are already trained on responding to our facility,” Haas said.

Lenox Township Fire Chief Dennis Fouchia watched and helped direct firefighters as they worked, giving them guidance on how to improve their rescue strategies to ensure mock victims made it to the ground quickly and safely.

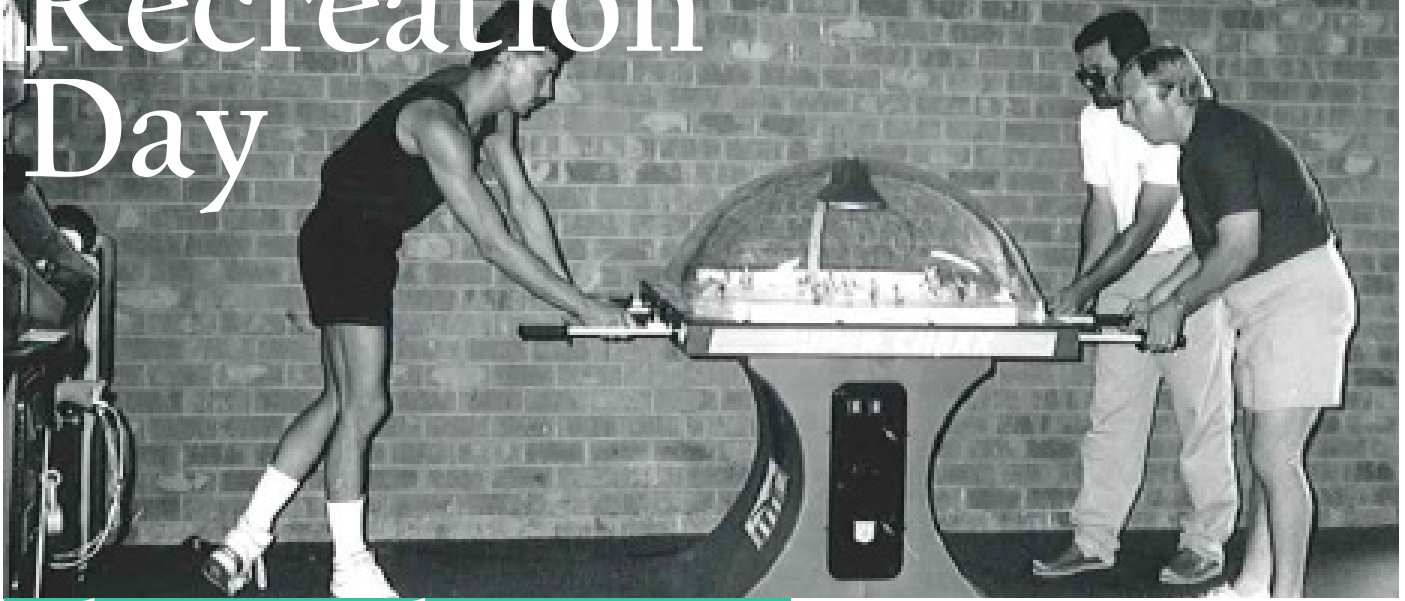
He said training at the facility gives firefighters valuable experience

“It’s realistic,” Fouchia said. “You have to train to be prepared.”



Lenox Township Firefighters prepare for a rescue scenario that involved lowering a corrections officer from the roof of the Macomb Correctional Facility warehouse.

Employee Recreation Day



Then and Now...

It began with rounds of golf and ended with rounds of applause.

The 2017 Employee Recreation Day was a success, attracting about 200 Michigan Department of Corrections employees from around the state to participate in a day of games and camaraderie with their colleagues.

This year's event at Riverwood Resort in Mount Pleasant was organized by the EPIC Employee Engagement Committee. It featured golf, bowling, canvas painting, and foot golf, along with free events such as bag toss, bingo, bocce ball, bubble ball, board games, cards, and MDOC Jeopardy. There was also dinner, a silent auction and a photo booth.

The silent auction included 66 items donated by facilities and offices across Michigan and raised \$4,174. Department staff and area businesses also purchased sponsorships for all 18



Top: Games at the 1989 Employee Recreation Day
Bottom: Parnall Correctional Facility Administrative Assistant Shane Gray, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center Corrections Officer Lorenzo Jones and special guest, Sasquatch, at the 2017 Employee Recreation Day

holes of golf to help raise money for the event. The day also included a friendly competition between the Correctional Facilities Administration and Field

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Participants play Bubble Ball at the 2017 Employee Recreation Day



Director Heidi Washington with Margret Leisinger, Tujauna White and Curtis White of Michigan State Industries at 2017 Employee Recreation Day.



Top: Silent Auction items at 2017 Employee Recreation Day



Left: Elaine Reed and Sheila Davis, dental staff from the Detroit Reentry Center, take a photo with Director Heidi Washington at the Employee Recreation Day bowling lanes.

Operations Administration in bubble ball, with field staff notching the win. The day's winning golf team consisted of Deputy Director Ken McKee, Bellamy Creek Warden Tony Trierweiler, Deputy Warden John Davids and Corrections Officer Ryan Wilcox. Assistant Deputy Director Steve Rivard landed his first hole in one during the event. Employees, retirees and their adult guests were all welcome to

join. Several employees also won door prizes, including Jeanette Cox, of the Office of Legal Affairs who won the day's largest door prize - a smart TV.

Employee Recreation Day was first held in 1987 to give department employees a chance to relax and unwind together. The last Employee Recreation Day was held July 29, 2005 at the Royal Scot Golf Club in Lansing. It included golf, poker, billiards, darts, card games and bowling, as well as a banquet. "Employee Recreation Day was an event I always enjoyed attending and I was thrilled for it to return

this year to give department employees a chance to relax and have fun together," Director Heidi Washington said. "The Employee Engagement Team did an amazing job organizing the event. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, made a donation or attended to help make this year's Recreation Day a huge success." The Employee Engagement Team will soon begin work on next year's event and launched a survey on July 17 to help make future events an even bigger success. The survey is open through 5 p.m. July 24 and can be accessed [here](#).



William Gray, Darris Payton, Gerald Gilkie and Richard Carlisle, who were employees at Ionia Correctional Facility, won men's three on three basketball during the 2000 Employee Recreation Day

[Click here to see more photos from the 2017 Employee Recreation Day.](#)



Former MDOC directors Bill Overton, Gus Harrison, Robert Brown, Jr., as well as Training Division Administrator Gary Manns, golf at the 1999 Recreation Day.

Thank you to all the Employee Recreation Day Volunteers

The success of the 2017 Employee Recreation Day would not have been possible without the work of the Employee Engagement Team, the many volunteers and all who participated. A special thanks goes to those who committed their time to helping the day run smoothly, including:

- Robert Beaulieu
- Joe Bouchard
- Deb Conine
- John Cordell
- Marie Darnell
- Peter Formolo
- Robin Gilbert
- Deena Grammatico
- Shane Gray
- Cheryl Groves
- Lia Gulick
- Rob Howard
- Lorenzo Jones
- Christopher Kamrada
- Kathy Keiffer
- Dianne Koskinen
- Trisha Kubont
- Andrea Laney
- Margret Leisinger
- Camara Lewis
- Deb McCrackin
- Stephanie Musser
- Pam Nelson
- Quenton Pannell
- Edna Plath
- Brian Potter
- Annegret Remmert
- Chris Schweikert
- Ron Sellers
- Brenda Stevenson
- Tujuana White

Passion for Paws

Corrections Officer helps guide Paws With A Cause program at Cooper Street Correctional Facility

Corrections Officer Amanda Ross has spent her life around dogs and has always had a fondness for animals. So when Cooper Street



Corrections Officer Amanda Ross with Paws dog, Hocus.

Correctional Facility partnered with Paws With A Cause last year to train service and assistance dogs for individuals in need, Ross was quick to volunteer for a role in the program.

“This came along and I thought it was such a fantastic opportunity,” said Ross, a 25-year veteran of the department. The first Paws With A Cause puppies arrived at the facility in June 2016. Cooper Street has trained four classes of dogs so far, and is currently training eight dogs, which each have two prisoner handlers. Ross helps select the prisoner handlers, who must apply to become trainers and need to be misconduct free for at least a year. The dogs stay at the facility for about 16 weeks and follow a training curriculum provided

by Paws staff. Prisoners typically have more time to focus on training and troubleshoot problem behaviors the dogs might have, which has given Paws the ability to reduce the amount of time spent in formal assistance dog training. Ross said the program has also had a calming effect on prisoners.

“These dogs have been tremendous,” Ross said. “It’s a wonderful program and it’s great for the prisoners. It’s a win-win for everyone.”

Resident Unit Manager Jimmy Jarrett said Ross is passionate about her involvement with Paws at the facility.

“It’s a great program because of her,” Jarrett said.

Ross said she loves watching the dogs grow up during their time at the facility, and she often serves as the eyes and ears for Paws and gives the organization updates on how the dogs are doing. She said she is excited to come to work knowing she is involved in a program that supports individuals in need of assistance.

“I get to do something as part of my job that helps people all over the United States,” Ross said.

“I’m so honored to be doing this because I know the great job they’re doing.”

She and prisoners get attached to the dogs during their time at the facility, but they know the dogs leave destined to help others.

“We’re happy to see them go because we know they are going to be a fabulous dog for someone who needs them,” Ross said.

Field Operations Administration staff thanked for service during Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week

Parole, Probation and other Field Operations Administration staff across Michigan perform critical work every day that helps keep their communities safe.



Click the photo to listen to the Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week episode of the Field Days podcast.

That’s why department leaders took an opportunity during Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision week to thank agents and FOA employees for

their contributions to public safety. Director Heidi Washington thanked staff for their

hard work and willingness to accept and bring forth new ideas, including the successful Carey Guides pilot and probation sentencing specialists positions. Deputy Director Russ Marlan also spent the week visiting field offices throughout the state and speaking with staff.

“You all are so very important to the safety of Michigan and what you do is having a huge impact,” Marlan said on the July 18 episode of the Field Days podcast. “I truly appreciate the great work that all of you do and I see it first-hand when I visit your offices.” The episode also featured an interview with region managers Janella Robinson and Don Nolan and messages from MDOC field staff on what the recognition week means to them.

The theme of the national recognition week, which ran July 16-22, was “Clients, Employees, and Communities – Power through Partnerships.” Field offices celebrated the recognition week with special events and messages of thanks to staff.



Field staff in Pontiac won prizes during Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision week.



Deputy Director Russ Marlan with staff at the Oceana County Parole and Probation Office.

Correctional facilities host job fairs

Prisoners at Central Michigan Correctional Facility connected with area businesses and community resources during a career fair on June 21. School staff at the facility planned the event with the assistance of employment counselors from Carson City and Saginaw correctional facilities, the employment



readiness instructor from Carson City Correctional Facility and MDOC education staff. The event drew participation from 84 prisoners, and included about a dozen businesses and community organizations. Representatives from the Field Operations Administration also attended to meet with prisoners and answer any questions they had prior to release. A career fair was also held June 8 at Gus Harrison Correctional Facility.

About 75 prisoners participated, along with eight employers or employment service agencies, including Detroit Employment Solutions, Wayne County Community College and Team Wellness.

Submitted by Jessica Evans, Employment Readiness Specialist

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Top teams compete in Marquette Branch Prison Warden’s Cup Pistol Shoot

Marquette Branch Prison held its fourth annual Warden’s Cup Pistol Shoot on June 21. The competition drew participation from a number of correctional facilities, in addition to Marquette Branch Prison, local law enforcement agencies and vendors. The competition included semi-automatic and revolver courses of fire, and required shooters to hit two staggered clay pigeons, before moving to their scorable paper target. Each tested the shooter’s proficiency at 10 and 15 yards while being timed. Shooters were required to hit two clay pigeons before they could shoot at the silhouette target for a score. This year’s event also had an exhibition police practical combat match which was a 24-shot semi-automatic or revolver competition. Shots were fired from the 25 yard line under timed conditions at a silhouette target. The third event was a one hundred long shot at the 24 yard line with the winner being the closest shot to the “X” of the target. “This year’s match was a great success and MBP was able to retain the Warden’s Cup,” said Marquette Branch Prison Warden Robert Napel. “There were several competitors who were very accurate as evidenced in the various event categories.”

Winners included:

Team Service Class

- 1st Place: Oaks Correctional Facility
- 2nd Place: Marquette Branch Prison
- 3rd Place: Marquette County Sheriff’s Office

Individual Service Class

- 1st Place: Sergeant Eugene Sebaly- Marquette Branch Prison
- 2nd Place: Lieutenant Jesse Ake- Alger Correctional Facility
- 3rd Place: Patrol Officer Seth Bjorne- Marquette Police Department

Individual Open Class

- 1st Place: Sergeant Deanne Dubee- Oaks Correctional Facility
- 2nd Place: Sergeant Eugene Sebaly – Marquette Branch Prison
- 3rd Place: CHSM Brian Majerczyk- Oaks Correctional Facility

Individual Revolver Class

- 1st Place: Corrections Officer Richard Uren- Marquette Branch Prison
- 2nd Place: Sergeant Jeremy Smith- Marquette Branch Prison
- 3rd Place: CHSM Brian Majerczyk – Oaks Correctional Facility

Emergency Response Team (ERT) Warden’s Cup

- 1st Place: Marquette Branch Prison
- 2nd Place: Marquette Branch Prison
- 3rd Place: Kinross Correctional Facility

PPC Exhibition

- 1st Place: CHSM Brian Majerczyk – Oaks Correctional Facility
- 2nd Place: Captain Al Makela- Marquette Branch Prison
- 3rd Place: Warden Robert Napel- Marquette Branch Prison

1 Shot 1 Hand 25 Yards

- 1st Place: Sergeant Deanne Dubee- Oaks Correctional Facility

Submitted by Sarah Schroeder, Administrative Assistant at Marquette Branch Prison



Call for pistol shoot competitors for Chippewa Correctional Facility event

Chippewa Correctional Facility will host its 3rd Annual International Law Enforcement Pistol Shoot from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Aug. 24 at the facility gun range. Acting Warden Connie Horton has agreed to donate proceeds from the shoot to the Employee Engagement Team, which will earmark the funds for the establishment of a MDOC Competitive Shooting Club. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the fee is \$10.00 per shooter per class. The cost includes lunch and prizes.

Shooters are limited to active Department of Corrections employees, outside law enforcement and military. Staff who do not possess a valid MDOC CCW must have a valid CPL and use their own handgun and ammunition. Shooting classifications will be comprised of a Team Service, Individual Auto Service, Individual Auto Open, and Individual Revolver Open Class. Please contact Captain Mike Brown at BrownM41@michigan.gov if you have any questions.

Training begins for staff on Project SIGMA

Training is underway for components of SIGMA, the state's new Enterprise Resource Planning system.

Computer training rooms have been set up in Central Office, Jackson, Ionia, and Newberry. Approximately 200 MDOC employees have been scheduled so far to attend training the last two weeks of July in four different sessions being conducted by MDOC SIGMA team staff.

User training for MDOC staff started on July 17th with a focus on those who will be involved with the first components of SIGMA scheduled to go live on July 31st.

Components being implemented in July include procurement functionality to utilize new solicitation and requisition processes impacting Fiscal Year 2018, along with access to SIGMA's vendor self-service for business opportunities and solicitation responses. In addition, new functionality associated with budgeting components will be in place soon. Training for SIGMA will continue to ramp up in August and September as implementation of SIGMA Financial is scheduled to occur with the beginning of

the state's new fiscal year in October.

The final component of SIGMA, Time, Expense, Labor and Leave (TELL) will go live with the pay period beginning October 8, with user training to be provided from September 5 through November 13. MDOC's SIGMA Agency Training Coordinator will identify and schedule staff for training based upon their roles with training to occur in time for implementation.

In addition to classroom training, some specific training will be computer-based.

Stay tuned for more updates.

Submitted by Shannon Pike, Budget and Projections Division Administrator



MDOC's Heather Gay elected vice president of national association

Heather Gay, the Michigan Department of Corrections' assistant administrator for prisoner education, has been elected vice president of the



Association of State and Federal Directors of Correctional Education. In this leadership role, she hopes to assist in revitalizing the national council of educational state directors to improve communication among education leaders nationwide.

Gay began her career with the MDOC in 1999 and has served in a number of roles including teacher, principal and programs manager. She recently led the education team in the creation of the Vocational Village model. Under her leadership, Michigan emerged as one of the nation's leaders in the Second Chance Pell Grant initiative, which increases higher education opportunities for Michigan prisoners.

Have you visited the MDOC online store?

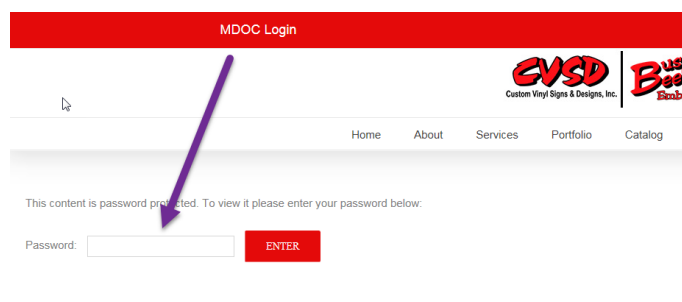
Earlier this month the Michigan Department of Corrections online store launched to make MDOC-branded items available to staff.

The store was created through the Employee Engagement Committee's 501(c)(7) organization and offers logo shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, hats and other accessories.

Proceeds from the store will be used to support MDOC staff.

[Click here to visit the online store.](#)

In the top left-hand corner of the red banner are the words "MDOC Login" in white lettering. Click on these words and enter the word **engagement** in the password box in all lowercase letters.



The Extra Mile

MDOC staff go beyond the call of duty to help others



In January, healthcare staff at Alger Correctional Facility received a call that a prisoner was unresponsive on the floor of his cell. Registered Nurses Megan Carr and Dennis Smith, and Licensed Practical Nurse Bevyjean Heyrman responded and Smith directed custody staff to transfer the prisoner to the hallway for assessment and treatment.

Heyrman suctioned the prisoner's airway and she, Carr and Smith worked together to provide emergency care.

The prisoner soon regained consciousness and was able to breathe on his own.

Carr, Smith and Heyrman received a Lifesaving Award for their decisive response that helped save the prisoner.



In September 2016, a prisoner fell to the ground on the yard at Alger Correctional Facility. Staff responded to the area, evaluated the prisoner, and checked for a pulse.

When they could not detect one, staff called for assistance, and began conducting Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation chest compressions.

Through their combined efforts, staff were able to save the prisoner.

The quick actions of employees, including Health Care Supervisor Amy Westcomb, Licensed Practical Nurse Billie Jo Sage, Registered Nurse Nathan Moser, Corrections Officers Gerald Monticello, Craig Ness, Timothy Fleury, and Sgt. Angela Zellar, earned them the department's Lifesaving Award.



In July 2016, Licensed Practical Nurse Billie Jo Sage was returning home from her shift at Muskegon Correctional Facility when she saw several emergency vehicles at the Cut River Bridge on U.S. 2. She stopped to see if she could assist and emergency responders immediately accepted her offer to help.

At the bottom of the ravine and across the river, was a jeep that had rolled off the trail.

Sage walked to the area where several firemen had located a man near the rolled jeep, and she provided first aid and stabilized him so he could be carried to safety.

She was then informed another victim had climbed up the trail.

Sage proceeded up the ravine and saw a woman lying on a bench.

She provided first aid and stabilized her so she also could be transported to the emergency vehicles. Her outstanding actions to help the crash victims earned her the department's Lifesaving Award.

The Extra Mile continued...

Newberry Correctional Facility Sgt. Kristopher Kangas was at a local grocery store in February when he was alerted that two men were acting suspiciously.

Kangas saw the men pulling beer out of a cooler and noticed one of them had a serrated knife. When the men realized Kangas was looking at them, they ran to the back of the store.

Kangas followed them and was able to restrain one of the men.

Corrections Officer Jason Nicholson then approached the store and saw Kangas restraining one of the men. He was informed a second man was still in the store.

Nicholson went to the front of the store as the second man announced he had a gun, and ran from the store.

Nicholson pursued the man, then drew his attention as another local citizen tackled the man to the ground.

Nicholson restrained the man and he and Kangas secured both men until law enforcement arrived.

Kangas and Nicholson earned the department's Citizenship Award for their integrity and efforts to help protect the community.



In July 2016, Corrections Officer Kevin Schroeder saw a prisoner experiencing a seizure in one of the units at Newberry Correctional Facility and called Registered Nurse Donna Kovar for assistance.

Schroeder and Kovar moved the prisoner from his bed onto the floor and found he had no pulse and was not breathing, so they began CPR. Sgt. Preston Mersnick brought a defibrillator and activated it as Kovar applied the pads. Mersnick administered a shock and then Schroeder continued CPR.

The prisoner regained consciousness and Kovar and Mersnick prepared him to be moved as emergency medical services arrived.

Their swift actions to help the prisoner earned them the department's Lifesaving Award.

Pontiac Probation Office staff were meeting in an instructional room in January when Supervisor David Jasinski heard a woman calling for help. Her brother had fallen out of his wheelchair as they were on their way to the Veteran's Office and he was lying on the handicap entrance ramp.

Jasinski went out to the man and found he was unresponsive, so he went back into the building and instructed Agent Katelyn VanMaele to get additional staff to help.

Front desk receptionist Kim McAlister called 911 and was instructed to retrieve a defibrillator.

VanMaele and Agent Jason Rotenheber began providing chest compressions and rescue breaths about 30 seconds after Jasinski found the man, and Agent Ahmed Bazzi applied the defibrillator. The defibrillator indicated no shock was needed, so Bazzi, VanMaele and Rotenheber continued to rotate providing chest compressions until emergency medical services arrived.

Their ability to stay calm and utilize skills needed during an emergency earned Jasinski, McAlister, VanMaele, Rotenheber and Bazzi the department's Citizenship Award.



The Extra Mile continued...



While working at Cooper Street Correctional Facility, Corrections Officer Allen Hayes was informed a prisoner had fallen to the floor in his housing unit. Hayes went to the prisoner and discovered he was unresponsive with his eyes rolled back. Hayes requested medical assistance and Corrections Officer Chad Smith responded to help with chest compressions and rescue breaths.

Medical staff soon arrived and detected a pulse, but no respiration and administered an injection. The prisoner then became responsive and was able to walk to a stretcher with assistance. The quick actions of Hayes and Smith to draw upon their training in an emergency situation earned them the department's Lifesaving Award.

Eaton County Parole and Probation Agent Leslie Benoit was contacted by the Lansing Police Department in September 2016 regarding a probation absconder who was threatening to jump from the roof of a building. The probationer was demanding to speak with Benoit. Benoit went to the scene and was able to coax the probationer into coming down from the roof safely. She climbed part way up a ladder to meet the probationer and assist her in coming down from the roof. The probationer was taken to Sparrow Hospital for a mental health evaluation, and when she became unmanageable at the hospital the following day, Benoit was able to speak with her over the phone and diffuse the situation.



Her professionalism and conduct in a stressful situation earned her the department's Lifesaving award.



In November 2014, a parolee was involved in a traffic stop and fled the vehicle, leaving his identification and a handgun with the serial number removed.

Embedded Agent Sean Wiltenburg was called to the scene to assist Michigan State Police in locating the parolee's girlfriend, who claimed her car had been stolen and was unaware of the parolee's location.

Wiltenburg continued to work with police until January 2015 when he, another agent and Michigan State Police troopers found the parolee hiding at his girlfriend's residence.

He was subsequently sentenced to 180 months in federal prison. Wiltenburg's persistence and professionalism in the case earned him the department's Meritorious Service Award.

The Extra Mile continued...



Lincoln Park Parole Agent Angela Jordan received a Symbol of Leadership Coin for her work with Moving On at Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility.

Jordan took the opportunity to become a group facilitator for Moving On to help more prisoners complete the program, which addresses risk factors that can lead women to criminal behavior.

Jordan said it was rewarding to be part of the program and help women learn to help themselves.

Alger Correctional Facility Corrections Program Coordinator Carla White presented Director Heidi Washington with the Diamond Award from the Special Olympics.

The Diamond Award is given to organizations that raise more than \$50,000 for the Special Olympics.

The Michigan Department of Corrections raised \$95,000.



Corrections Quiz

How many total buildings does the Michigan Department of Corrections own?

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

June Quiz Recap

When was the last time Employee Recreation Day was held?

Answer: 2005

Congratulations to **Destinie Shipman**, manager of the Procurement, Monitoring and Compliance Division, and **Beth Goniea**, department specialist for the Automated Data Systems Section, for being the first to answer the June Corrections Quiz. Great job!

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Snapshots

A look at life around the MDOC



The Carey Guides Pilot team ran into Lt. Gov. Brian Calley recently. He talked to the team about offender success and shared his appreciation for the work of corrections staff.



Volunteers from Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility get ready to open up COPS Day at the Ionia Free Fair.



The Ingham County Probation Office enjoyed the nice weather and celebrated Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week during a lunch break with an office olympics competition.

Corrections in the News

[How this city is turning ex-cons into banking customers](#) — American Banker

[MDOC revises policy on medical care for transgender inmates](#) — Michigan Radio

[A Day in the Life of a Corrections Officer](#) — Good Government Newsletter

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

Seen on Twitter...



To see more, follow the MDOC on [Twitter](#).

May New Hires

Adkins, Jennifer	Licensed Practical Nurse, Macomb Correctional Facility
Aguirre, Kaylene	General Office Assistant, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Brimage, Jasmine	Field Agent, Field Operations Administration Region I
Counts, Phyllis	Word Processing Assistant, Field Operations Administration Region I
Deverna, Matthew	Field Agent, Field Operations Administration Region I
England, Patrick	Field Agent, Field Operations Administration Region I
Falkenhagen, Amanda	Storekeeper, Kinross Correctional Facility
Francois, Andy	General Office Assistant, Corrections Central Office
Fugitt, Meghan	Corrections Qualified Mental Health Professional , Michigan Reformatory
Glazewski, Michele	Field Agent, Field Operations Administration Region I
Gorsuch, Adam	Registered Nurse, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Greenwade, Catona	Licensed Practical Nurse, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Haltinner, Lisa	Registered Nurse Manager, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Henning, Jody	General Office Assistant, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Heroux, Debra	Registered Nurse, Oaks Correctional Facility
James, Oscar	Licensed Practical Nurse, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Kapnick, Denise	Registered Nurse Manager, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Karfonta, Dawn	Departmental Specialist, Corrections Central Office
Kilgore, Brionna	Resident Care Aide, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Mildton, Dashiris	Procurement Technician, Corrections Central Office
Mills, Kristin	General Office Assistant, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Mills, Nicholas	Field Agent, Field Operations Administration Region III
Mondejar, Rachelle	Word Processing Assistant, Field Operations Administration Region III
Negrinelli, Christy	Registered Nurse, Marquette Branch Prison
Raptis, Michael	Maintenance Mechanic, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Seales, Marva	Field Agent, Field Operations Administration Region I
Six, Lindsey	Registered Nurse, Saginaw Correctional Facility
Smith, Michelle	Licensed Practical Nurse, Macomb Correctional Facility
Spear, Corinne	Registered Nurse, Michigan Reformatory
Walton, Danielle	Licensed Practical Nurse, Woodland Center Correctional Facility

May Retirements

Avery, Keith	Corrections Officer, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Bellows, Steven	Corrections Officer, St. Louis Correctional Facility
Berry, Phoenix	Trades Instructor, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Bishop, Robert	Special Alternative Incarceration Officer, Special Alternative Incarceration Facility
Bouwkamp, Gerald	Storekeeper, Oaks Correctional Facility
Boyer, Mark	Corrections Officer, St. Louis Correctional Facility
Brown, Cheryl	General Office Assistant, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Buckner, Lewis	Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
Campbell, Jerry	Corrections Shift Supervisor, Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Cummings, Kevin	Corrections Officer, Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
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