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Vocational Vision

Gov. Rick Snyder tours skilled trades training at Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility, lauds its work. Second site for program announced

As Michigan's economy continues to rise, so has the demand for skilled workers. About a third of the state's workforce is made up of skilled trades occupations and opportunities in those fields are climbing, putting pressure on businesses to find adept

employees to fill positions.

This demand has not gone unnoticed by Gov. Rick Snyder, and neither have the efforts of the Michigan Department of Corrections to help meet it, while making strides to stabilize the lives of offenders and break the cycle of crime.

Snyder visited the Vocational Village at Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility on July 15 and lauded the program as an excellent way for offenders to better themselves, leading to greater success in the community following release. Snyder has bolstered efforts to make Michigan a leader in developing skilled-trades talent and was excited about the work happening at Handlon.

"We couldn't have something like this going on at a better time," Snyder said.

The Vocational Village is a first-of-its-kind program for the MDOC that strives to provide a positive learning community and hands-on training to prisoners in high-demand fields.

It is currently training

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The training gives prisoners a chance to invest in their future and gives the department an opportunity to help them build the skills they need to become successful and productive members of the community following release. Inmates at facilities across the state applied to the program and needed to meet a number of criteria, including having a GED, being within two years of release and staying misconduct free, in order to be accepted.

about 180 prisoners in trades such as building construction, plumbing, electrical, automotive technology, welding and Computer Numerical Control machining. Prisoners also take employment readiness courses that can help lead them to a successful career, and learn resume writing, portfolio development, interviewing techniques and how to budget wisely. Prisoners live together in one housing unit that acts as a therapeutic learning environment and spend full days training and studying to reflect a regular workday outside prison walls. Misconduct tickets have become nearly non-existent and prisoners remarked that the program has helped change the atmosphere at the facility.

A number of Michigan employers have already visited the Vocational Village to see the training prisoners receive first hand, and some have *Continued on [Page 5](#)*



Click the links for more stories about the Governor's visit to the Vocational Village at Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility.

[Michigan prison program offers chance to learn trade, hope of a job](#) — Detroit Free Press

[Snyder tours skills program giving hope to inmates](#) — Detroit News

[Michigan lawmakers look to Ionia County to rehabilitate prisoners](#) — WWMT TV

[Gov. Snyder promotes vocational training in prisons](#) — WZZM TV 13

[Job training program at state prison aims to help inmates find work upon release](#) — Crain's Detroit Business

[Gov. Rick Snyder visits prison](#) — Ionia Sentinel-Standard

[Michigan's skilled trades offer opportunities for everyone](#) — Governor's blog

Additional photos of the visit are also available [here](#).



already started interviewing inmates. The response to the program from lawmakers and businesses has been highly positive, and the department is planning



to launch an additional Vocational Village site and boost trades training options in the coming year.

Snyder, who was also joined by several lawmakers during a tour of the Vocational Village, spent time speaking to instructors, staff and prisoners in the trades and Calvin Prison Initiative programs. During his visit, he was presented with a large wooden U.S. flag made by prisoners and said he planned to hang it in his office. Prisoners were eager to talk about their training and were enthusiastic about the program. That enthusiasm is shared by department leaders and Michigan's highest office.

Parnall Correctional Facility in Jackson selected as second Vocational Village site

The Michigan Department of Corrections will offer more prisoners the opportunity to participate in skilled trades training in high-demand fields after expanding the Vocational Village concept to a second location at Parnall Correctional Facility in Jackson.

The department added the new site after \$2 million was dedicated to Vocational Village programming in the 2016-17 budget.

The new Parnall location is expected to offer expanded training options.

Skilled trades training offered at the facility is planned to include automotive technology, masonry, carpentry, plumbing, electrical,

Computer Numerical Control machining, truck driving, forklift operation, and robotics.

The Vocational Village at Parnall will also house offices for employment counselors and classrooms for cognitive-based programming, such as Thinking for a Change, which teaches critical thinking and conflict resolution skills.

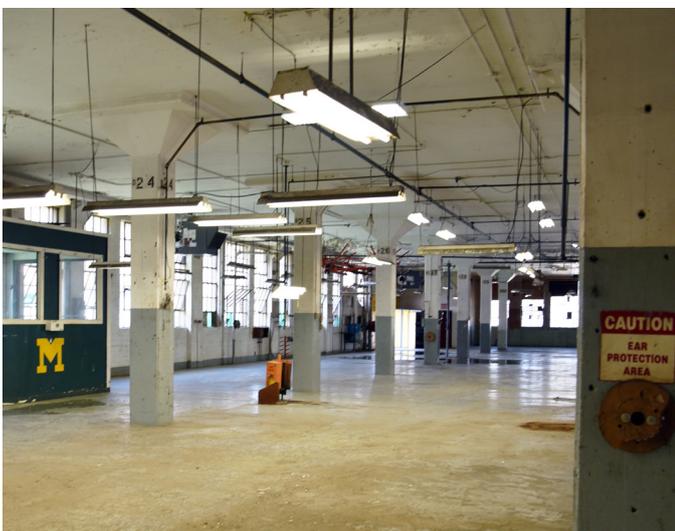
When the site is fully operational, it is expected to have more than 200 prisoners enrolled in vocational programming.

About 150,000 square feet that formerly served as a prisoner store and Michigan State Industries facility will be dedicated to the new Vocational Village.

That available space along with the facility's level I prisoner population made it an ideal candidate for the second location.

Prisoners must meet a number of criteria in order to be eligible to enroll in the program, such as being within two years of their earliest release date, possessing a GED and staying misconduct free. Warden Shawn Brewer said he and facility staff are honored Parnall was chosen and are excited about the opportunity.

"Each of the prisoners here are returning citizens who will be rejoining the community in the near future," Brewer said. "Offering these vocational programs enhances our dedication to their success by providing them with the training they need to find jobs and lead stable, productive lives."



Above: Former factory space at Parnall that will house the newest Vocational Village site.

Transfer coordinator breaks multiple national, world powerlifting records

Pat Benson never backs down from a challenge. She joined the Army in 1987 and was the first female soldier to be assigned to her duty station with the 864th Engineers in Presidio of San Francisco. This year, she broke records.

Benson traveled all over the world including places such as Honduras and Korea during her time in the military and was honorably discharged as a Corporal in 1996. She belongs to a women veteran's group called Women Injured in



Combat, however not all of the women have necessarily been injured. There are a number of businesses that offer free services and products to the group as a way to thank them for their military service. That's how she got involved with The Den Training Center in Muskegon. She signed up for a free, six-week session that offered a variety of workouts coached and trained by Bill Sias and Ron Madison. Although she had only been attending the classes since April, Bill commented on how strong Benson was and suggested she sign up for the 2016 Powerlifting National Championship in Evansville, IN. On May 16, Benson made the commitment to train every single day to prepare for the competition.

In order for her to compete in the Powerlifting National Championship, she had to join the American Drug Free Powerlifting Federation which is an arm of the World Drug Free Powerlifting Federation. The competition consisted of squats, bench press and deadlifting. She trained four days a week devoting each day to a different segment. "The morning of the competition, things were going fairly 'normal' for me," said Benson, who started with the MDOC in 1997 at the Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility records office and is currently their transfer coordinator. "Weigh-in started at 8 and all of the equipment that I was wearing had to be inspected by a judge prior to the competition. I weighed in, and then began the process of warming up for the squat, which was the first lift of the day."

Her final squat broke the American Drug Free Powerlifting Federation state, American and national records and the World Drug Free Powerlifting Federation Record. All in all, she broke eight Michigan records, four American records, four national records and three world records. In the squat competition she lifted 107.5 kg.-236.9 lbs. She benched 85 kg.-187.3 lbs. and deadlifted 160 kg.-352.7 lbs.

She plans to compete in the 2016 Can-Am Regional Championship in Windsor Ontario on August 27. She hopes to improve her squat to 300 pounds, her bench press to 250 pounds, and her deadlift to 400 pounds, and of course to break more records.

Click [here](#) to watch her break the world record.

Story by Kendra Burton, transfer coordinator at Saginaw Correctional Facility



Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week honors agents

The Michigan Department of Corrections honored the important efforts of its field agents in reducing recidivism and their contributions to public safety during Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week. The focus of the nationwide recognition week, which ran from July 17-23, was the Future of Justice Reinvestment: Recognizing Excellence in Community Supervision. Field Operations Administration Deputy Director Russ Marlan spent the week traveling around the state visiting the MDOC's field offices to hear more about the work they are doing to guide Michigan's parolees and probationers to more successful and productive lives in their communities.

Agents work to coordinate critical services for those under their supervision, including mental health treatment and substance abuse counseling, and also help locate housing and employment opportunities.

Many of the department's 105 field offices also held events for staff during the recognition week to thank them for their hard work.

To see more from Deputy Director Russ Marlan's travels around the state during Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision week, [click here](#), or check out stories from agents on the MDOC's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.





Honor your loved one in this floating Veteran's Memorial Fundraiser.



On July 30, 2016, Matt Smith & Brad Doane are embarking upon the Ausable Canoe Race Marathon, a 120 mile, 15-19 hour race from Grayling, MI to Oscoda MI, to raise money for the FWSF.

Their goal is to turn their canoe into a floating Veterans Memorial wall. Veteran's killed in action will receive a star by their name, and after the race the canoe will go on tour throughout the the Great Lakes Bay region to raise awareness for the FWSF.

For **\$50** you can have the name of your veteran honored. To support their efforts, honor your loved one, and help veterans in need,

go to fwsf.org/donate.html

Click donate, enter \$50 donation and under 'Purpose' Please indicate Canoe Race and the rank and name of the veteran as it will be displayed, also indicate if they were killed in action so a star can be placed by their name.

Thank you to sponsors who have funded the race and made it possible:



Pugsley Correctional Facility update

Progress continues at Pugsley Correctional Facility for the closure of the facility this September.

There were 58 officers at Pugsley and Oaks Correctional facilities who were granted voluntary transfer requests. The department will begin to transfer staff in waves.

Prisoners at the facility are also being moved in waves.

On the day of the closure announcement on May 31, the prisoner count stood at 1,321. It now stands at 833. Prisoners are expected to transfer out at a rate of 300-400 prisoners per month until closure.

Throughout the summer, we will provide regular updates about the closure through the Corrections Connection newsletter. For employees that will be affected by the closure, you can continue to send any questions you may have to mDOC-questions@michigan.gov.

Lakeland Correctional Facility to hold charity golf outing

Lakeland Correctional Facility is hosting an Employee Club Golf Outing on Aug. 26 to support the Branch County Sheriff's Office Shop With a Cop program.



The event begins at 9:30 a.m. at Turtle Creek Golf Club, 9044 R. Drive South in Burlington. The cost is \$50 per person, or \$200 per four-person team, if paid in advance, or \$55 per

person and \$220 per four-person team if paid at the door. Individuals who register alone will be placed on a team. Entry includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, food and door prizes.

Entry forms should be mailed to Kim Russell at Lakeland Correctional Facility, 141 First St. Coldwater, MI 49036 by Aug. 12. Checks can be made to the Lakeland Correctional Facility Employee Club. For more information contact Russell at 517-278-6942 ext. 2786202 or russellk3@michigan.gov.

Team Name:	Team Members
Contact Person:	1.
Address:	2.
City: State: Zip:	3.
Phone#:	4.

Providing eye care to inmates

Beginning June 2016, inmates certified by the American Board of Opticianry in the optical program at Gus Harrison Correctional Facility began



providing eye care to fellow inmates. The program was launched through combined efforts of Dr. Haiderer,

Education Manager Heather Gay, and Michigan State Industries Administrator Teri Cline. Working alongside Dr. Haiderer, the inmates are gaining valuable hands-on training and experience in a real-world setting. Of 16 licensed inmate opticians, five are sent to health care for this program.

They work one at a time in three-hour shifts. The program aims to provide this experience to inmates with less than one year from their release date so the work will be fresh in their minds when they re-enter society.

“The inmate optician is under my direct supervision in the exam room,” Dr. Haiderer said. “During the process, they have displayed excellent professionalism and are well trained for the duties as an optician. Their duties include taking proper measurements such as frame sizing, pupillary distance and multifocal heights. Also, they do the fitting of the appropriate state-issued eyeglasses and provide the needed information for the patients to purchase eyewear on their own.”

The inmate opticians also provide options to inmates who would like to purchase their own eyeglasses from an outside vendor.

The inmate opticians are also assisting with dispensing

eyeglasses after they are made. The inmate patients come to healthcare to try on the glasses before they take possession of them. This helps to ensure the eyeglasses fit properly. The inmate opticians answer any questions the inmate patient might have regarding their personal eyeglasses. If an inmate has an issue with his pair of glasses, such as a screw being loose, can't see clearly or the frame does not fit properly, the inmate optician can use the multiple tools that are available to him to adjust the glasses properly.

The fitting and dispensing of eyeglasses is also done for inmates who want to purchase their own glasses from Michigan State Industries. In these cases, the inmate patients are called over to the optical classroom where they can select and try on any of the frames that are available to them and be properly fitted so they do not have to pick solely from a catalog. The inmate patients can feel the quality of the eyewear and see what they look like before they make the purchase. In this part of the program, not only do the certified inmate opticians get the experience, but this is also a teaching tool for the students who are currently enrolled in our classes. In addition, the inmate opticians have earned the respect of their fellow inmates for the personal care and attention that they are given.

In general, these optically-trained inmates provide excellent care to their fellow prisoners and are an asset to optometry. These skills can be directly applied to future employment, if they choose upon their return to society.



Story by Nancy Yirku, Word Processing Assistant at Gus Harrison Correctional Facility

Department rallies to support ARU investigator



Absconder Recovery Unit Investigator Doug Best was diagnosed with Leukemia earlier this year. ARU secretary, Tara Anderson designed T-shirts that are being sold as a fundraiser to help support Best and his family. So far, \$1,465 has been raised. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, costs are \$20 for small – Xlarge, \$21 for 2Xl, or \$22 for 3Xl. Contact Tara Anderson at anderson2@michigan.gov for details.



Potluck

For Former State Prison of Southern Michigan Employees (Central, North and South Complexes)

- Date:** **Tuesday, September 6, 2016**
- Time:** **11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**
- Location:** **7 Block Prison Museum, 3455 Cooper Street, Jackson, MI 49201 (Parking available in Dirt Lot – Follow 7 Block Prison Museum Signs)**
- Invited:** **Currently working or retired former SPSM Central, North or South Complex Employees**
- Cost:** **No charge. Gift shop will be open.**
- Bring:** **Passing Dish, Pictures and Stories to Share**

Please sign up to bring a passing dish by contacting either Kim Walbrook at walbrookk@michigan.gov, Barb Gwizdala-Patterson at tylishamarie@att.net or Jennifer Breslin at breslinj@michigan.gov OR members of Facebook Site - **Anyone that works, has worked in Michigan Prisons** may do so on that site. **When signing up for your passing dish; if possible, please sign up for a dish that starts with your last name.** We thought this would make it a little more creative and fun.

Are you a longtime donor or volunteer for the State Employees Charitable Campaign?

We want to hear your story and share it!

Tell us why you choose to volunteer or donate and what charities you support by contacting Holly Kramer at KramerH@michigan.gov by Aug. 8.

The 2016 State Employees Charitable Campaign runs from Sept. 12 to Oct. 14.

Marquette Branch Prison hosts Warden’s Cup pistol shoot contest

Marquette Branch Prison held their Third Annual Warden’s Cup Pistol Shoot on June 22. The event included 120 shooters from Baraga, Ojibway, Newberry, Chippewa, Kinross, and Oaks correctional facilities, in addition to Marquette Branch Prison and local law enforcement agencies and vendors. The course of fire required shooters to hit 1 staggered clay



pigeon, before moving to their scorable paper target. This had to be accomplished in 20 seconds with 10 rounds and mandatory magazine change, from 10 yards. Shooters then moved back to the 15 yard line for another 10 rounds to be shot in 15 seconds. A bonus disc, the size of a silver

dollar, was an optional target for an additional 25 points. There was also a revolver class that shooters fired a total of 24 rounds from the 10 and 15 yard line. Marquette Branch Prison’s Emergency Response Team No. 1, including Lt. Rick Hartzell, Institutional Training Officer Matt Cody and Sgt. Jeremy Smith, took top honors. Second place went to Marquette Branch Prison ERT members Capt. Al Makela, Corrections Officer Richard Uren, and Sgt. Eugene Sebaly. Third place went to Chippewa Correctional Facility Sgts. James MacQuarrie and Michael Jones and Kinross Correctional Facility Human Resources Developer Dennis Mesnard.

Other winners included:

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| <p>Team Pistol Shoot:
 1st: Oaks Correctional Facility
 2nd: Marquette Branch Prison
 3rd: Marquette Branch Prison</p> | <p>Top Shooter Individual Open Class:
 1st: Corrections Officer Dana Skytta
 2nd: Sgt. Deanne Holden
 3rd: CHSM Brian Majerczyk</p> |
| <p>Top Shooter in Individual Service Class:
 1st: Sgt. Eugene Sebaly
 2nd: Capt. Al Makela
 3rd: Corrections Officer John Labadie</p> | <p>Top Shooter Revolver:
 1st: CHSM Brian Majerczyk
 2nd: Corrections Officer Richard Uren
 3rd: Corrections Officer Dana Skytta</p> |

Sign up now

Relentless 5K Positive Traction

Registration is open now for the Relentless Positive Traction 5K fun run and walk for state employees. The 3rd annual event will be held in Lansing at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 8. The \$12 registration fee includes a T-shirt, participation medal and refreshments during and after the 5K. T-Shirts are guaranteed to those who register by Aug. 5.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Special Olympics of Michigan and the Flint Child Health and Development Fund. Volunteers are also needed to help the event run smoothly. For more information, or to register to run, walk, or volunteer in the 5K, [click here](#).



EAGLE BROOK GOLF CLUB GOLF OUTING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2016

REGISTRATION: 8:00 AM
SHOTGUN START: 9:00 AM

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MIDDLETON, MI 48856

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17TH

Parnall Correctional Facility donates blankets to veterans

Parnall Correctional Facility Special Activities Director Noe Alvarado and Recreation/Hobbycraft Director Brad Budzynski recently visited the Battle Creek VA Medical Center to deliver handmade blankets to veterans. A total of 40 lap blankets and 10 full-size blankets were delivered to veterans. Other potential projects were discussed during the visit and plans are to continue with future donations. The VVA at Parnall initially proposed the blanket project. This joint effort involves the VVA prisoners, general population prisoners, and Humanity for Prisoners which donated the yarn.



The Extra Mile

MDOC staff go beyond the call of duty to help others



Ontonagon County Parole and Probation Agent **Tanya Etelamaki** received the department's Citizenship Award for her efforts to raise awareness and help fight childhood cancer. Following the passing of her son to cancer, Etelamaki created the Brody Strong Foundation, which has raised thousands of dollars for pediatric brain cancer research. She has served as a tireless advocate for children and families battling pediatric cancer and has worked hard to educate others on the need for additional research into childhood cancers.

In October 2015, Baraga Correctional Facility Acting Sgt. **Nanue Houle** responded to a call for assistance regarding a prisoner who was found hanging in his cell. Houle immediately assisted in picking the prisoner up to relieve pressure on his neck and prevent him from falling as the material was cut away, before lowering him to the floor. He helped monitor the prisoner's vital signs as CPR was initiated and continued to watch over the prisoner until emergency medical services staff arrived. His actions earned him the department's Meritorious Service Award.



Corrections Officers **Tony Datto** and **Bobby Holley** were working in one of the housing units at Baraga Correctional Facility in June 2015, when they noticed a fellow officer in distress. They approached the officer to check on him and after assessing the situation, they called for help and began performing CPR until health care staff arrived with a defibrillator. The officer was stabilized and was transported to Baraga County Memorial Hospital and later to Marquette General Hospital, where he recovered. Datto and Holley received the department's Lifesaving Award for their actions. (Pictured left: Officer Holley with Director Heidi Washington and Deputy Director Jeri-Ann Sherry, Pictured right: Officer Datto.)

On May 29, 2015 while driving home from work on M-28, in Chocolay Township, **Gail Staley**, **Corey Steinman**, **Nate Hoffman** and **Mark Treado** were the first responders to a head-on collision during a severe rain storm that hydroplaned a car with two passengers across the center line and into another vehicle. The elderly couple were pinned in the car and the driver in the other car was able to crawl out of his car and was laying on the side of the road in shock. The Alger Correctional Facility staff members were the first people on the scene and provided any assistance needed at the scene, provided traffic control and assistance to the victims in the car and alongside the road until emergency staff arrived. Their quick actions earned them the department's Lifesaving Award.



Pictured left to right: Deputy Director Jeri-Ann Sherry, Mark Treado, Gail Staley, Nate Hoffman and Director Heidi Washington.

The Extra Mile continued...



Carla and Carl White's hard work and dedication to the Special Olympics earned them the department's Citizenship Award. The Alger Correctional Facility employees have raised thousands of dollars over the years for the Special Olympics no matter what facility they work in. Last year, their efforts helped Alger Correctional Facility earn the Ruby Award for support of the Special Olympics.

In June 2015, Chippewa Correctional Facility Sgt. **Patrick Romeri** was driving to a training when he saw a victim of a motorcycle accident lying in the road. The man struck a deer and had a severe head injury. Romeri called 911 and began providing emergency first aid, using his shirt to slow the bleeding until Michigan State Police arrived with a first aid kit. He continued to assist the victim until emergency medical services arrived. Romeri's quick assessment and response earned him the department's Lifesaving Award.



In April, **Shiloh Sigmann**, a corrections officer at Chippewa Correctional Facility, responded to a call for assistance for a prisoner found unresponsive in his cell. The prisoner was turning blue and was hardly breathing, so Sigmann performed rescue breathing on the prisoner while a coworker performed chest compressions. When staff arrived with a defibrillator, Sigmann applied the pads and continued to perform CPR until emergency medical services arrived. The prisoner was transported to the hospital and fully recovered. Sigmann earned the department's Lifesaving Award for her swift action to help the prisoner.

Corrections Officers **John Nolan** and **Jamie King** were working in the yard at Newberry Correctional Facility in January when they were alerted to a prisoner lying on the ground and not moving. Nolan and King immediately assessed the prisoner and determined he was unresponsive, but breathing and had a pulse. King radioed the control center for assistance and Sgt. **David Gould** and Corrections Officer **David Int-Hout** responded and found the prisoner's breathing had become very labored and sporadic. Staff on scene began performing CPR. Registered Nurses **Gary Freytag** and **Donna Kovar** then arrived with a defibrillator and Freytag delivered shocks until a pulse was re-confirmed, while Registered Nurse **Karen Malicoat** coached officers on rescue breathing during CPR. Staff worked with Luce County EMS to stabilize and prepare the prisoner to be

transported to the hospital for treatment. They earned the department's Lifesaving Award for their efforts to help the prisoner.



Pictured left to right: Sgt. David Gould, Officer Jamie King, Officer John Nolan, RN Donna Kovar, Director Heidi Washington, RN Karen Malicoat, Deputy Warden Andy Hubble, Officer David Int-Hout, and RN Gary Freytag.

The Extra Mile continued...



Pictured: Registered Nurse Krystal Howard with Director Heidi Washington and WHV Warden Anthony Stewart (top left), Corrections Officer Jason Walker (top right), Corrections Officer Robin Ribbron (bottom left), and Corrections Officer Kiely Carter (bottom right)

In February, staff members at Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility were alerted to a prisoner who was found unresponsive and convulsing in a grooming room.

Corrections Officers **Kiely Carter, Robin Ribbron, Jason Walker, and Tammy Young**, and Registered Nurses **Krystal Howard and Jeannie Armstrong** responded to the scene and began performing CPR

when they could not detect a pulse on the prisoner. Following multiple rounds of CPR, the prisoner was revived. Staff continued to monitor the prisoner until emergency medical services arrived and transported the prisoner to the hospital for treatment. Carter, Ribbron, Walker, Young, Howard and Armstrong received the department’s Lifesaving Award for their actions.

Corrections Officers **Robert Robbins** and **Adam Zwolensky** in February responded to a call for a prisoner found unresponsive in her cell at Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility. Robbins and Zwolensky assessed the prisoner and began CPR. Sgt. **Matthew Pierrel** soon arrived with a defibrillator and shocks were administered to the prisoner during the course of CPR. Robbins, Zwolensky and Pierrel continued to perform CPR and monitor the prisoner until emergency medical services arrived. The prisoner was transported to the hospital, where she recovered. Robbins, Zwolensky and Pierrel received the department’s Lifesaving Award for their actions.

Pictured right: Corrections Officer Robert Robbins with Director Heidi Washington and Warden Anthony Stewart.



“We recognize how very important you are to public safety”

- Sheriff thanks parole and probation agents for service.



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Most professionals who work in public safety fields don't do it for the glory and they certainly don't do it for the money. Instead, they do it because they want to help others and they want to play a part in keeping the community safe. But many times, they don't get the recognition and appreciation they deserve.

July 17-23, 2016 is Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week, a time to recognize the work and value of this important public safety field. It is a week designated to honor the dedication and commitment to service made by our Probation and Parole officers and support staff.

Probation and Parole officers are tasked with many demanding responsibilities when supervising persons on probation and parole. In addition you must be empathetic at times and be able to suspend your judgment. I understand how difficult it may become to help these persons the best way you can to recognize that they can make a change and things can be better for them as a result. It can be a challenge for probation and parole officers to understand that they are part of the process toward change, but that they themselves cannot actually make the change. As a law enforcement leader I understand that it's up to the person under supervision to choose to change.

The value of your ongoing partnership with the Eaton County Sheriff's Office has proven to be exceptional as it relates to team work and working towards our common goals. At the ECSO these relationships have led to improved intelligence sharing between our agencies and have assisted in identifying and tracking probation and parole violators, as well as solving numerous crimes. The recognition by the ECSO of the value and role of probation and parole officers continues to increase in the law enforcement community here in Eaton County.

We recognize how very important you are to public safety in Eaton County and thank you for your dedicated service to the community.

Respectfully,

Tom Reich, Sheriff

Has your office or facility received recognition for its work? Share your letters of thanks with us by sending them to Holly Kramer at KramerH@michigan.gov.

Corrections Quiz

In 1953, the administration comparable to Field Operations Administration was called the Michigan's division of _____, parole and probation. Fill in the blank.

Hint: It starts with the letter "p"

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

June Quiz Recap

Question: True or False.

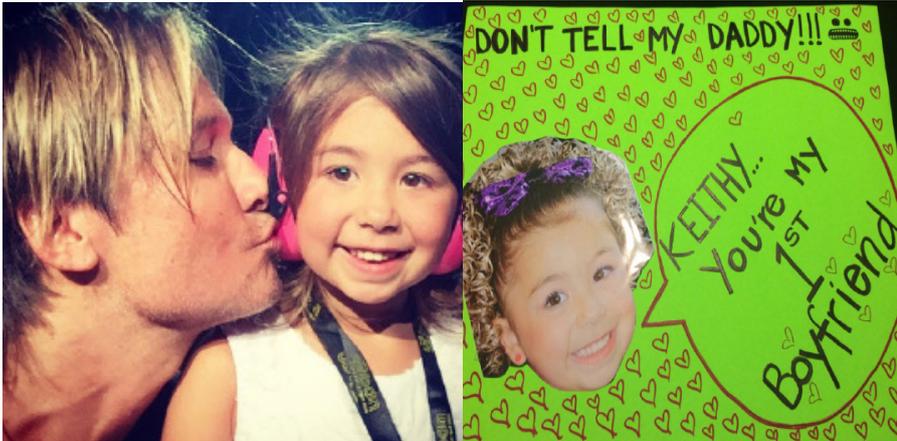
Richard Handlon was the first warden at the Michigan Training Unit?

Answer: False

Congratulations Richard Brehmer, who was the first to correctly answer the June Corrections Quiz. Great job!

Snapshots

A look at life around the MDOC



Mia Grammatico, the 5-year-old step daughter of Macomb County Probation Supervisor Deena Grammatico, had a special first date with ‘boyfriend’ country music singer Keith Urban. During his concert in Detroit in June, Keith Urban took his leading lady on stage and gave her a kiss on the cheek goodnight. The moment was mentioned in [news stories](#) about the concert.



Alger Correctional Facility inmate, Mora, grew his hair for 12 years to donate it to Wigs 4 Kids — an organization that provides wigs to children with cancer, at no cost.



State Sen. John Proos, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for the Judiciary and Corrections Budgets toured the Vocational Village at Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility earlier this month.

Corrections in the News

[Prison education to grow after multi-year grant awarded to Jackson College](#) — WLNS TV

[Three Michigan schools will soon help inmates receive college education](#) — Michigan Radio

[College returns to prison; hope is fewer prisoners will](#) — Pew Charitable Trust Stateline

[Saginaw County requests \\$500K to expand ‘Swift and Sure’ probation program](#) — MLive

[Prison moms get a second chance](#) — WDIV TV

[Event at Ypsi prison helps moms, kids maintain bond](#) — Detroit News

[Surge in Michigan inmate assaults dropped off in 2015](#) — Detroit Free Press

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May New Hires

Breckler, Carie	Storekeeper, Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Brown, Crystal	Licensed Practical Nurse, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Caldwell, Quenisha	General Office Assistant, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Cloum, Nicole	Licensed Practical Nurse, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Gehrett, Casey	Registered Nurse, Kinross Correctional Facility
Griffin, Stacy	Field Agent, Kalamazoo County Parole and Probation Office
Harrison, Kathryn	Licensed Practical Nurse, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Hazlett, Brianna	Pharmacy Assistant, Alger Correctional Facility
Hollingsworth, Mickaela	Field Agent, Macomb County Probation Office
James, Oscar	Licensed Practical Nurse, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Kruchko-Copley, Dawn	Registered Nurse, Thumb Correctional Facility
Mieksztyn, Nicole	Field Agent, Macomb County Probation Office
Rogers, Kenneth	Field Agent, Kalamazoo County Parole and Probation Office
Selby, Steven	Building Trades Crew Leader, Kinross Correctional Facility
Simon, Dale	Maintenance Mechanic, Ionia Correctional Facility
Smith, Rebecca	Registered Nurse, St. Louis Correctional Facility
Smith-Davis, Maurice	Field Agent, Macomb County Probation Office
Swanger, James	Maintenance Mechanic, Oaks Correctional Facility
Tiggart, Onyaka	Field Agent, Wayne County Court Services Unit
Urrutia-Durant, Tomas	Registered Nurse, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
VandeMark, Arnold	Buyer, Corrections Central Office
Wien, Erik	Field Agent, Clare County Parole and Probation Office

May Retirements

Acre, Brian
 Bergh, David
 Bertram, John
 Bynum, Regina
 Caldwell, Brenda
 Colley, Debra
 Cregg, Jay
 Dake, Joseph
 Danielson, George
 Davis, Michael
 Dhondt, Aloysius
 Dowd, Anna
 Eaton, James
 Eaton, Keith
 Elmer, Mark
 Fagan, Jeffery
 Faverman, Paul
 Foreman, Bryon
 Gonsler, Kelley
 Graber, Gary
 Gransden, Glen
 Hampton, Kathleen
 Heller, Gregory
 Hendrickson, Neil
 Hightower, Edward
 Hill, Dennis
 Hohbach, Gail
 Holsworth, Bonnie
 Holt, Steven
 Horton, Rhonda
 Jackson, Cheryl
 Jones, Terry
 Joyal, David
 Karr, Howard
 Kidder, Robert
 Kikendall, Kathleen
 Kincaid, Jeffrey
 King, Donald
 Koenigsknecht, Jean
 Krisel, Dorothy
 Lalonde, Glenn
 Lamb, Peter
 Larkins, Gregory
 Leazier, Stephen
 Lozen, Eric
 MacEachern, Kenneth
 Malek, Mary
 Mariano, Martin
 Marinich, Michael
 Martis, Sandra

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 Thumb Correctional Facility
 Chippewa Correctional Facility
 Parnall Correctional Facility
 Detroit Reentry Center
 Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
 Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
 Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
 Baraga Correctional Facility
 Woodland Center Correctional Facility
 Marquette Branch Prison
 Saginaw Correctional Facility
 Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
 G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
 Thumb Correctional Facility
 Thumb Correctional Facility
 Carson City Correctional Facility
 Thumb Correctional Facility
 Livingston County Parole Office
 Chippewa Correctional Facility
 Saginaw Correctional Facility
 Kinross Correctional Facility
 Michigan Reformatory
 Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
 Macomb Correctional Facility
 Kinross Correctional Facility
 Montcalm County Parole and Probation Office
 Corrections Central Office
 Kinross Correctional Facility
 Corrections Central Office
 Lawton Parole Office
 Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
 Baraga Correctional Facility
 Alger Correctional Facility
 Central Michigan Correctional Facility
 Corrections Central Office
 Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
 Correctional Facilities Administration Southern Regional Office
 Carson City Correctional Facility
 Wayne County Chrysler Probation Office
 Chippewa Correctional Facility
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 Cooper Street Correctional Facility
 Newberry Correctional Facility
 Thumb Correctional Facility
 Corrections Central Office
 Corrections Central Office
 Michigan Reformatory
 Baraga Correctional Facility
 Oaks Correctional Facility

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McCall, Richard
 McDaniels, Randy
 Miller, Cheryl
 Mills, John
 Pemberton, Edward
 Rogers, Charles
 Sabin, Lawrence
 Saller, Mark
 Schmits, Jeff
 Schmitz, Thomas
 Seppanen, Allen
 Shaw, John
 Smith, Laurie
 Smith, Peter
 Solomon, Mitchell
 Speckin, Troy
 Steele, Rickie
 Stoerman, Kelice
 Strong, Denis
 Stuhler, David
 Surapaneni, Padma
 Thelen, Gwen
 Udell, Frederick
 Underwood, Marlo
 Weisgerber, David
 Wickens, Vicki
 Wilson, Steven
 Wynn, Kevin
 Young, Bruce

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