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ALGER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY RELAY FOR LIFE

On July 11 and 12, 2014, staff from Alger Correctional Facility formed a team and participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life held at the R.W. Nebel Field (Mustang Stadium) in Munising. During the event, members from the team took turns walking around the track in an effort to raise money and awareness of the American Cancer Society’s fight against cancer. The event began with an opening ceremony including survivors, luminaries, messages to heaven, and fight back ceremonies as well as an auction/raffle and other contests.

The Alger Correctional Facility team consisted of 44 team members, as well as others who joined in on the walk. The total amount of money raised at Munising’s Relay for Life was approximately \$46,650, with the Alger Correctional Facility team raising \$3,008.17. The Alger Correctional Facility team was also voted Rookie Team of the Year and ranked 6th out of the 15 teams participating for the amount of money raised!



Alger Correctional Facility Relay for Life team



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KENT COUNTY PAROLE/PROBATION STAFF RAISES MONEY FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Kent County Parole/Probation office had a busy July organizing and participating in fund-raising events to sponsor Special Olympics Michigan. The events began with the agents participating in a food challenge called “Agents vs. Food” at the 84th St. Pub and Grille. The challenge, named “Burger 84,” included eating a burger with four 8-ounce patties, eight toppings of the contestant’s choice, cheese, and one pound of fries. Money was raised by selling tickets to spectators to use to vote for who they thought would win. This event raised \$500.

In another fund-raising event, agent Nathan Hoard placed a bet with his coworkers that if \$200 was placed on the lunch table before the end of the lunch hour, he would shave his eyebrows and head. In less than half an hour, \$500 was on the table and Nathan held up his end of the deal.



Agent Nathan Hoard after shaving his eyebrows and head to raise money

To finish off their activities, the Kent County Parole/Probation staff participated in a “Plane Pull” at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport as part of their celebration commemorating 50 years in business. Teams of 25 were challenged to pull a 220,000 pound aircraft, with money from the team registrations going to charity. In total, the three events raised \$2,800. Year to date, the office has raised over \$13,000 for Special Olympics Michigan.



Kent County Parole/Probation Team at the Special Olympics Plane Pull



Macomb Corrections Officer Receives Citizenship Award

Corrections Officer Brian Lyon received a citizenship award for his part in preventing an attempted home invasion. On November 3, 2013, Officer Lyon observed a man scaling the second floor from one window to another of a condo complex near his home. He immediately called the police and informed them of the events taking place. The police were able to take the suspect into custody, and with further investigation, found evidence to charge the man with attempted home invasion.

Officer Lyon has been with the Michigan Department of Corrections for 20 years and is a veteran of the United States Marine Corp. Thank you for your dedication and efforts to protect the community.



L to R: Deputy Warden Steward, Director Heyns, Officer Brian Lyon, Warden Romanowski, and Deputy Warden Stephenson

FLOOD CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN DETROIT

There is a desperate need for volunteers to help in flood clean-up efforts in Detroit. The Michigan Community Service Commission has launched a volunteer opportunities page in conjunction with a volunteer management organization. If you are interested in volunteering, please click on the following link <<https://www.givegab.com/nonprofits/michigan-service-commission>>



**EPIC**

EFFECTIVE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

EPIC Clothing Committee

The EPIC clothing committee is comprised of Michigan Department of Corrections staff including Quartermasters, ARUS's, an MSI garment manufacturer, a Sergeant, a RUM and business managers. The diversity of this team allows members to utilize their experience with quartermaster clothing issues, as well as other concerns that effect the Department of Corrections in the area of prisoner clothing.

Currently, the committee is working to develop a statewide process for issuing and monitoring prisoner clothing. Part of this process is to establish guidelines for prisoners and to ensure prisoners are accountable for the use and care of items issued to them. In order to achieve this goal, the committee has developed training for staff and prisoners to ensure a consistent process.

While the committee has proposed several ideas, some have been rejected and some have not. A few examples of ideas presented by the committee that were approved are the elimination of orange stripes on prisoner state blues, the elimination of stenciling, and the upcoming quartermaster clothing training. These recommendations, among others, have resulted in savings to the Department.

To ensure a statewide process for the issuing and accountability of prisoner clothing, a future training for all facilities is being created.

EPIC Staff Training "Going Mobile"

The EPIC Staff Training recently proposed "Going Mobile" for staff training. This Mobile Lab would provide both staff and trainers the flexibility and convenience for on-site training. Trainers would visit on-site and provide staff with laptops for In-service and New Agent/FSA Academies such as COMPAS, OMNI, Specialized training for GPS/SCRAM/RF Tether/ICOTS, etc. The implementation and rollout of this mobile lab is expected in 2014.

The EPIC staff training team is also in the process of developing a training form to be utilized by all committees who make training recommendations to the Training Division. The intent is to streamline and simplify processes of all new training program proposals. The form would include expectations of the training program, a detailed cost analysis of the training and time frames for rollout. The EPIC staff training team will also assist in writing and developing a policy/procedure to follow, after the training division has finished writing the module and/or finalized proposal. This policy would provide further instructions to include who to submit for the final approval as well as time frames for that approval and implementation rollout.

**MONROE COUNTY ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING COALITION**

On July 12, 2014, Monroe Parole Officer Lennie Alcorn and her two daughters, Alexis (22) and Chandler (16), traveled to Moldova to be part of the development of an educational counseling center for at-risk children and adults of Human Trafficking. Lennie's desire for educating her community as well as being involved in international awareness with Human Trafficking began approximately four years ago when many people did not really know what sexual and labor trafficking was. Since that time, Lennie has been a member of the Monroe County Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition and has traveled twice to Moldova working with at-risk children and teens from orphanages. Lennie has also developed an educational program specifically related to Probation and Parole Officers and it has been presented to Monroe County Circuit Court Probation/Parole as well as District Court Probation in Monroe County. In collaboration with Michigan State Police, Monroe County is able to continue to educate and be involved in the prevention and awareness to their community.

International involvement with Moldova was a desire of Lennie's from the counseling aspect. Moldova is considered the poorest country in Europe, causing their people to be more vulnerable to manipulation for being taken out of the country for trafficking purposes. Moldova is a source, and to a lesser extent, a transit and destination country for women and girls trafficked for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation and men trafficked for forced labor. According to the International Labour Organization report, Moldova's national Bureau of Statistics estimated that there were likely over 25,000 Moldovan victims of trafficking for forced labor. It is estimated that 17,500 to 20,500 foreign nationals are trafficked into the United States yearly. In July, Lennie and her daughters were able to meet village mayors and introduce to them the desire to educate their people regarding human trafficking prevention. They took with them over 4,000 small items such as flip flops, socks, stickers, toys, soap, shampoo, etc. to hand out in over 20 towns and villages. The donations were provided by community members and Monroe County Coalition members. Caring Alternatives, Inc. (counseling agency) made it possible to take an incredible step towards opening the doors to the center. They funded the completion of the bathroom to include a toilet, sink, and running water which made it possible for them to open their doors, though more completion of the center continues to be needed.



L to R: Alexis, Chandler, and Monroe County Parole Officer Lennie Alcorn

Lennie has been a Parole Officer since 1994 and has been supervising sex offenders since 1997. Lennie's efforts in making a change has brought this serious crime to the attention of counselors who are planning future trips to Moldova to continue assisting in the program development.



Ojibway Corrections Officer Receives Lifesaving Award

Corrections Officer Steve Greil of the Ojibway Correctional Facility was awarded the Michigan Department of Corrections Lifesaving Award for his heroic actions that saved a child's life. Assistant Deputy Director Lloyd Rapelje presented the award on behalf of Director Heyns.

While at the beach with his family on July 5, 2013, Officer Greil observed a child floating face down in the water at Sunday Lake in Wakefield, MI. He ran and scooped the unresponsive child out of the water and carried him to the beach. After clearing a food item that was lodged in the child's throat, the child began breathing and regained consciousness. Steve continued to monitor the child until EMS personnel arrived on the scene. The child was airlifted to a Duluth, MN trauma center, but has since made a full recovery.

Officer Greil continues to downplay the situation saying he is not a hero and that he did the same thing any other person would do. He is a very modest individual, whose keen observation skills and immediate actions clearly saved the child's life. MDOC Director Dan Heyns' letter of recognition thanked Steve for his outstanding professionalism and sincere concern for others in such a stressful situation. Steve has been a Corrections Officer with the MDOC for twelve years.



L to R: Assistant Deputy Director Lloyd Rapelje, Officer Steve Greil, Warden Linda Tribbley, Captain Scott Michelli

Labor Day

I did not want this Labor Day weekend to pass without acknowledging the hard work that has been done by MDOC employees over the last twelve months. Your contributions to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Michigan cannot be overstated. Those contributions are made every day in institutions, communities and offices throughout our State. They are the fruits of your labor. Thank you for bringing dedication and value to your jobs every day. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Director Heyns



If you are looking to enjoy the beauty of Michigan and activities happening around the state, check out [Pure Michigan](#).



BACK TO SCHOOL

Staff of the St. Louis and Central Michigan correctional facilities once again helped out children in need throughout the St. Louis School District. On August 26, 2014, staff from the St. Louis Correctional Facility delivered 138 backpacks filled with school supplies to the St. Louis School District. Staff donated vast quantities of supplies and money was raised via casual days to purchase additional items as well. A special thank you is extended to ARUS Kelly Hughes of the St. Louis Correctional Facility for ensuring the backpack drive, first started by former Deputy Warden Doug Dingeldey, was once again a huge success.



Above photo L to R: Records Office Supervisor Ann Hull, ARUS Kelly Hughes, ARUS Barb Finch, Deputy Warden Kelly Barnett, Warden Steve Rivard

Photo Left, L to R: Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility staff Angela Lamphere and Miffer Griffin



Each Ionia Correctional Facility adopted an elementary school in Ionia and collected school supplies for the students. Bellamy Creek staff adopted Boyce Elementary School and the supplies have been delivered to the school for the new school year.



LAKELAND CORRECTIONAL FACILITY EMPLOYEE CLUB GOLF OUTING IN SUPPORT OF THE "SHOP WITH A COP" PROGRAM

When:

Friday, September 26
11:00 a.m. Shot Gun Start

Where:

Turtle Creek Golf Club
9044 R Drive South
Burlington, MI 49029
Tel: 517-765-2232



Fun Stuff

Longest putt challenge, longest drive contest, 50/50 Raffle, Hole-in-One Shootout for \$100,000

(Qualified through closest to the pin challenge)

Proceeds will go to the Branch County Sheriff Department's "Shop With A Cop" program.

For further information, contact Kim Russell
at Lakeland Correctional Facility
517-278-6942, ext. 2786202

Cost:

\$50.00 per person (\$200.00 per 4-person team)

Registration Form

Pre-register by completing the registration form by September 20 (preferred) but you may register that day.

\$50.00 per person (\$200.00 per 4-person Team)

Payment method: Check _____ # , Cash

*Make checks payable to: Lakeland Employee Club

Info

4-man scramble format

Entry fee includes:
18 holes with cart, meal, and door prizes.

Mail entry form and fees to:
Lakeland Employee Club
141 First St.
Coldwater, MI 49036
Attention: Kim Russell

Individuals who do not have a full team will be paired with other individuals to form a team.

For further information, contact:
Lisa Stout (work) 517-278-6942, Ext. 2786343 (cell) 269-753-2707
Daryl Cummins 517-278-6942, Ext. 2786204

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

**RETIREMENTS—JULY 2014**

Alvarado, Cary	Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Ball, Gary	Ionia Correctional Facility
Barbee, Sonya	Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Berg, Tracy.....	Alger Correctional Facility
Berthiaume, Darwin.....	Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Booth, Ruth	Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Boucher, Cody	Parnall Correctional Facility
Bourne, Christopher	Oaks Correctional Facility
Burns, Kevin.....	Ionia Correctional Facility
Buschell, Timothy.....	Baraga Correctional Facility
Carpenter, Larry	Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Cooke, Jacqueline.....	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Coston, Rodney	Richard Handlon Correctional Facility
Couch, Jeff.....	Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Davis, Todd	Carson City Correctional Facility
Deklein, Peter.....	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Deo, William	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Dewitt, Kirk	St. Louis Correctional Facility
Eagle, Kerrie	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Escoe, Walter.....	Detroit Reentry Center
Ferguson, Sharon	Osceola County Parole/Probation
Fickle, Loran.....	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Fountain, Scott.....	Kinross Correctional Facility
Foy, Karl.....	Ionia Correctional Facility
Frizzle, Wesley.....	Macomb Correctional Facility
Gobert, Kerry.....	Michigan Reformatory
Goetz, Steven	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Hendrickson, David	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Holyfield, Roblee	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Hose, James	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Hughes, Sammie.....	West Shoreline Correctional Facility
Jewell, Noel.....	Macomb Correctional Facility
Jolokai, Gregory	Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Jones, Timothy.....	Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Joyce, William	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Kampf, Daniel.....	St. Louis Correctional Facility
Kilchermann, Bradley	Carson City Correctional Facility



JULY RETIREMENTS CONTINUED

Lawrence, Daniel.....	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Leduke, Cynthia.....	Carson City Correctional Facility
Lemke, Kendall.....	Ionia Correctional Facility
Logan, Daniel.....	Macomb Correctional Facility
Mack, Denise.....	Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Mackie, Roger.....	St. Louis Correctional Facility
Mack, Miriam.....	Detroit Parole/Probation
Mann, Scott.....	Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Mann, Scott.....	Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Mattson, Greg.....	Newberry Correctional Facility
Overholt, Karen.....	Macomb Parole/Probation
Parling, Thomas.....	Newberry Correctional Facility
Pryslak, Michael.....	Detroit Detention Center
Reeves, Robert.....	Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Reincke, Clinton.....	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Roberts, Jody.....	Newberry Correctional Facility
Salas, Michael.....	West Shoreline Correctional Facility
Keith Salmi.....	Alger Correctional Facility
Schewe, Carol.....	Allegan County Parole/Probation
Shepard, Judith.....	Michigan State Industries
Slawinski, Brian.....	Oaks Correctional Facility
Steanhouse, Joyce.....	Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Strpko, Gary.....	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Taylor, Bradley.....	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Tollzien, Kirk.....	Macomb Correctional Facility
Torreano, Rico.....	Marquette Branch Prison
Vollmer, Katherine.....	Muskegon County Parole/Probation
Wieber, Keith.....	Michigan Reformatory
Wiese, Mary.....	Macomb County Parole/Probation
Willey, Dean.....	Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Wilson, David.....	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Zook, William.....	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility



COMING SOON

**The State Employees Charitable Campaign is
September 8—October 10, 2014**