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The image on the cover was taken on the Lake Michigan shoreline in Muskegon County by **Damon Mallek**, a recruitment analyst for the MDOC.

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CNC expert Titan Gilroy visits Michigan to share inspirational message with prisoners

Titan Gilroy might be the star of a TV show and the owner of a successful business, but he could still relate to the Michigan prisoners sitting in front of him.

After all, he was in their shoes once.

Gilroy, who landed in prison as a young man following a fight outside a nightclub, spoke to prisoners in the Vocational Villages at Parnall and Richard A. Handlon correctional facilities about how skilled trades changed his life.

“If you put the work in, you can rise up to the

greatness that is in each of you,” Gilroy told prisoners. Gilroy, a former boxer, returned to the sport after his release from prison, but was pulled back into the violence that sent him there in the first place.

He decided to leave boxing, and instead answered an ad for a job at a machine shop that would change his life.

He was driven to excel and quickly advanced, learning everything he could about computer numerical control (CNC) machining. He worked his way up to CNC operator, CNC programmer and the shop supervisor. “My true character, who I was meant to be, started showing,” Gilroy told prisoners. “I was the same person, but I was on a positive path, not a negative one.”

His success led him to open his own CNC shop, where he landed work from major aerospace manufacturers like SpaceX and Blue Origin.

He went on to launch a TV show where he highlights U.S. manufacturing companies and CNC work, and started his own free, educational program for CNC training. He also helped build an advanced machining

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Pictured: Titan Gilroy talks with prisoners at the Vocational Village at Parnall Correctional Facility.

school at San Quentin Prison in California.

"I was uniquely qualified to help those guys," Gilroy said. "We ended up changing their lives from darkness to light."

Gilroy's talk was part of a larger event at the Vocational Villages at Parnall and Richard A. Handlon correctional facilities. It included a tour for employers and an opportunity for prisoners to share their resumes and participate in interviews.

A total of about 80 employers attended the events at the facilities. The first Vocational Village program

opened at Handlon Correctional Facility in 2016, and a second site opened at Parnall Correctional Facility in 2017.

The programs offer training in a number of trades including automotive technology, carpentry, CNC machining, robotics, welding, commercial truck driving, forklift operation and plumbing, electrical and concrete/masonry work. The program has a 63 percent employment rate, and since it began, 147 prisoners have graduated.

The Jackson Area Manufacturers Association was a key sponsor of

Gilroy's speaking engagements in Michigan along with a number of other area companies.

Bill Rayl, president of the Jackson Area Manufacturers Association, said the group wanted to bring Gilroy to Michigan because he is the perfect person to inspire both prisoners and manufacturing apprentices to strive for greatness. Gilroy also challenges employers to look beyond their preconceptions about returning citizens, he said. Ardis Sanders, a prisoner in the CNC program at Handlon Correctional Facility, said he had been looking forward to the opportunity to speak with employers and share his skills.

"To actually be able to leave here with a trade and have a better life for myself and my family means so much," Sanders said.

Rayl said the Vocational Village program is a "game changer" for prisoners and employers.

"Most of the manufacturers that we work with struggle to fill their skilled trades job openings," Rayl said. "The Vocational Villages are part of the skills gap solution. Companies smart enough to take advantage of the returning citizen talent pool will gain an edge over their competitors who don't."

[Check out news coverage of the event on Page 15.](#)



Pictured left: Employers meet with prisoners during a reverse job fair at Parnall Correctional Facility. Pictured right: Titan Gilroy holds a flag made by prisoners in the building trades program at Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility.

MDOC among 30 finalists for Secretary of Defense Freedom Award

The Michigan Department of Corrections is among 30 employers nationwide to be selected as a finalist for the Secretary of Defense's prestigious Freedom Award.

The Freedom Award began in 1996 to draw attention to the importance of employer support of those serving in the Armed Forces.

Only 250 businesses and organizations have ever received the award and thousands are nominated each year. The MDOC in 2017 earned a Pro Patria award for its efforts to support employees serving in the Armed Forces.



The award is presented annually by the Department of Defense's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve program to one small, one large and one public sector employer in each state.

Correctional Facilities Administration Assistant Deputy Director Robert Napel and Pam Basal, a corrections officer at Marquette Branch Prison, also earned the Seven Seals award from the Michigan Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve program.

The Seven Seals award is presented in recognition of significant achievements, initiatives or support of the program.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Check out these episodes of the Field Days podcast

- [Director's Award winner Matt Clausen talks about his career and his role in producing the department's latest training videos that have earned early acclaim from pre-release viewers.](#)
- [Toni Narvais-Cooklin, the department's 2018 Candice Dunn Parole/Probation Agent of the Year shares what motivates her and makes her passionate about her job.](#)
- [The Field Days podcast team visited Eaton County to talk to Agent Clint Auer and Undersheriff Jeffrey Cook about the new Westside Residential Alternative to Prison program.](#)



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MDOC welcomes 120 new officers

Correctional facilities across Michigan are welcoming 120 new officers who recently graduated as members of the Paul Klee Academy class.

The officers completed eight weeks of classroom instruction and will now start working at their assigned facilities for eight weeks of on-the-job training.

The graduation ceremony in Lansing included remarks from class namesake Paul Klee, Correctional Facilities Administration Deputy Director

Ken McKee and recruits who were selected as representatives of the class. Klee retired as warden of Gus Harrison Correctional Facility in 2017.

Graduates also received awards for academic achievement and personal conduct.

Award winners included:

- Sarah Morgan — Central Michigan Correctional Facility
- Takesha Clark — Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
- Jasmine Ross — Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility

Huron Valley Correctional Facility

- Moataz Elazizi — Woodland Center Correctional Facility
- Joseph Wilkins — Central Michigan Correctional Facility



New officer gives fellow recruits a voice

Sarah Morgan had always been interested in criminal justice, but she hadn't thought about a career in corrections until a college instructor recommended she consider the field. When she had the opportunity to apply for a position at the MDOC,



Officer Sarah Morgan

her instructor encouraged her to go for it.

Now she is excited to start work as a corrections officer at Central Michigan Correctional

Facility.

She is one of the youngest recruits in her academy class, and was selected by her peers to speak as the class representative at the academy graduation.

"I was shocked that I was nominated," Morgan said. "It really helped show me the value I can have to the department. I want to be able to give everyone here a voice on what each person in the academy is capable of." Morgan, who is also studying criminal justice, criminology and psychology at Eastern Michigan University and Delta College, said she is grateful for the opportunity to work for the department.

She said she learned a lot of important lessons from her platoon leaders, field training officers and peers at the academy.

"The biggest thing I learned is the importance of accountability and teamwork," Morgan said. "We need to make sure we work as a team so that at the end of the day, we all get home safe."

Finding Family

Agent helps parolee connect with relatives lost decades ago

The last time Darwin Holcomb could remember seeing anyone in his family, he was 11 years old.

After that he bounced from foster care to a home for boys, and later landed in a cycle of prison sentences.

That negative cycle stood out to Stephanie Cunningham, a tether agent at the Detroit Metro Parole Office.



Agent Stephanie Cunningham

"I felt like there had to be more to it," she said. "I started asking him about it ... and he said he didn't know where his family was. Can you imagine being in a world where you don't have anyone?"

That moved Cunningham to offer to

help him track down relatives he had not seen in nearly 40 years.

"I thought that would be great," Holcomb said. "I was surprised anyone was willing to help."

It did help that Cunningham had a good lead. She worked with a woman who had the same last name at a different state agency and reached out to her to see if she thought the parolee's name sounded familiar.

It did.

"When I called her, she said: 'Stephanie, we have been looking for him for years,'" Cunningham said.

The woman turned out to be a cousin Holcomb had never gotten the chance to know. Her mother, however, was his favorite aunt.

Cunningham worked with Holcomb, his relatives and leaders at the parole office to arrange a time for him to meet his family.

"It was really exciting," Holcomb said. "I was happy to have family there. I've been away from them for so long, it's hard to put into words what it's like to get back in touch with people."

While the reunion was a happy one, it came with

sad news when Holcomb's aunt told him his mother had passed away just a few months earlier. Still, Holcomb said he is looking forward to opportunities to reconnect with other family members. His aunt and cousin are planning family dinners and a reunion that he hopes to attend.

Cunningham said she felt like it was fate that she was able to help Holcomb and his family reconnect. Cunningham, who formerly worked for children's protective services, said she also knows the impact it can have when children are separated from their families and understands the importance of family support.

"He said he felt like he belonged to a family," Cunningham said. "He was very grateful." She said she hopes his reunion with his aunt and cousin, and eventually other family members, will provide him with the support he needs to maintain a stable and successful life in the community.

Holcomb said he knows it will help.

"I think I won't go back and forth to prison because I won't feel so alone," he said. "I have some support to push me to do the right thing and to do the things I need to be doing."



Darwin Holcomb hugs a family member after Agent Stephanie Cunningham helped reconnect him with his relatives.

Department names new wardens at 4 facilities

The Michigan Department of Corrections has named four new wardens to lead correctional facilities across the state. The positions took effect on May 20.



Warden John Christiansen

John Christiansen was named warden of Central Michigan Correctional Facility. Christiansen began his career with the department in 2000 as a corrections officer at Ionia Correctional Facility. He went on to work as a sergeant, lieutenant, captain and inspector. He also served as the Security Threat Group Coordinator at Ionia

Correctional Facility until 2009, and became a deputy warden at the facility in 2015.



Warden Kevin Lindsey

Kevin Lindsey was named warden of G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility. He began his career with the department in 1987 as a corrections officer. He went on to work at eight different correctional facilities and served as a sergeant, lieutenant, captain, inspector and deputy warden.

In addition to his work with the MDOC, he also was the department chairperson for the criminal justice program at Baker College of Jackson. He has a doctorate in psychology and is pursuing a master's degree in criminal justice.



Warden John Davids

John Davids is the newest warden of Ionia Correctional Facility. He was hired as an athletic coordinator at Carson City Correctional Facility in 1992. He later served as transfer coordinator and classification director, corrections program coordinator, learning site coordinator and administrative assistant. He was named deputy warden at Bellamy Creek in 2015. Davids is also active in the community and has coached

track and baseball at Portland High School and football at Portland and Carson City high schools. He is also a board member for Ionia's Sparrow Hospital.



Warden Greg Skipper

Greg Skipper was named warden of Michigan Reformatory. He was hired by the MDOC in 1986 as a corrections officer. He later served as a sergeant, assistant resident unit supervisor, and resident unit manager.

In 2000, he was promoted to assistant deputy warden of Parnall Correctional Facility. He also worked as assistant deputy warden at Lakeland, Cooper Street and Thumb correctional facilities. In 2012, he was named deputy warden at Michigan Reformatory.

Oaks Correctional Facility holds fundraiser for injured colleague

In March, Oaks Correctional Facility Capt. Mike Shelley was driving an off-road vehicle when he hit a deer that jumped in front of him. The accident left him with serious spinal injuries and numerous broken bones. To help their colleague and show their support, staff at the facility held a fundraising dinner in Ludington. A handmade wooden flag was also donated and was presented to Capt. Shelley at the event.

"I know Mike has a warrior spirit and will do anything and everything to get back to normal," Warden Les Parish said. "He won't let anything like this hold him down. Mike's presence is greatly missed."



Pictured left: Oaks Correctional Facility's third shift staff.

Pictured right: Oaks Correctional Facility staff with the donated flag prior to the fundraiser.

Field Operations Administration recognizes staff for achievements during Supervisor's Conference

Michigan Department of Corrections field supervisors heard from leaders in corrections and discussed new initiatives during an annual conference in Mount Pleasant.

Supervisors heard presentations on the Vocational Village, employee engagement, implicit bias, team building, stress in corrections, and new initiatives like Motivational Interviewing, among other topics. Speakers included Director Heidi Washington, Deputy Director Russ Marlan, Association of State

Correctional Administrators Executive Director Kevin Kempf and Washtenaw County Sheriff Jerry Clayton.

The conference was hosted by the Office of Parole and Probation Services. It will be hosted by the Field Operations Administration Outstate Territory in 2019.

Supervisors were also honored for their career achievements during the conference.

Recognized supervisors included:

Stephen Robinson, a supervisor at the Jackson Parole Office and Hillsdale Parole and Probation Office, earned the Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication and professionalism in his 32-year career.



He was also named the Supervisor of the Year for the Metropolitan Territory.

Robinson started his career in 1986 as a corrections officer at G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility.

In 1995, he became an agent and was assigned to the Jackson Parole Office. He promoted to supervisor in 2002 and has worked in the Calhoun, Branch Ingham and Clinton county offices, in addition to Jackson and Hillsdale.

He has led his staff over the years with professionalism, courtesy, fairness and a positive attitude. He has worked with staff and trained them to be confident, competent and self-sufficient agents. Robinson has earned the respect over the years of his co-workers, leaders and staff due to his positive attitude, professionalism and work ethic. Robinson is always willing to assist his colleagues, or staff with any situation without hesitation.

He recently also assisted with a situation where a parolee was not able to take his scheduled bus to Grand Rapids and was stuck in Jackson.

Robinson took quick action after hours to ensure the parolee had a place to stay, had his GPS unit locked down to that location, and knew what was expected of him the next day, showing his dedication to the department's mission.

Charles Welch, a supervisor at the Grand Traverse County Parole and Probation Office, was named the Outstate Territory Supervisor of the Year.



He began his career in 1996 as a probation agent in Traverse City and became a part-time institutional agent in a pilot program for the former Pugsley Correctional Facility.

In 2009, he promoted to supervisor, leading Antrim,

Grand Traverse and Leelanau counties.

He serves as the chairperson of the Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Recovery Center Board, is a member of the Northern Michigan Regional Entity Advisory Board for Substance Abuse Disorders and is a member of the Networks Northwest Board.

He also coaches baseball and 7th grade football. He said he continues to receive great support from his staff, fellow supervisors, chain of command and family.

"The teams I am a part of are essential to my everyday achievements and this is only a reflection on everyone around me," Welch said. "The direction of the Department continues to challenge and encourage me. The opportunities I have been provided have continued to drive me to learn, change and open my eyes to different and often better ways to help others and keep our community safe."

Agents earn SCRAM awards for excellence in case management

Field agents from across the state were recognized for their excellence in caseload management during the eighth annual SCRAM Awards.

The awards were presented at the Library of Michigan and honored agents based on small, medium and large caseloads.

Awards were also distributed for exceptional overall performance by an office.

SCRAM, or Secure, Continuous, Remote Alcohol Monitor devices, are worn by some offenders to monitor alcohol use.

Winners included:

Todd Gronowski, Ingham County Parole Office
 Brian Steed, Mecosta County Probation/Parole
 Ronald Wanless, Tuscola County Probation/Parole
 Carrie Dye, Sanilac County Probation/Parole
 Susan Perilloux, Oakland County Parole
 Kristin Merrill, Niles Probation/Parole
 Jeremy Hulburt, Tuscola County Probation/Parole
 Benjamin Schultz, Mason County Probation/Parole
 Barb Kaiser, Isabella County Probation/Parole
 Kelly Griffin, Niles Probation/Parole
 Donna Ball, Mecosta County Probation/Parole
 Terrell Atterberry, Niles Probation/Parole
 Lamara Werts, Oakland County Probation
 Samantha Johnson, Ionia County Probation
 Megan Myers, Mason County Probation/Parole
 Jason Spear, Ingham County Probation
 Chance Dalzell, Lincoln Park Parole
 Rebecca Beard, Lincoln Park Parole
 Charles Bean, Lincoln Park Parole

Chad Spencer, Calhoun County Probation
 Sean Kidd, Macomb County Probation
 Bernadette McKelvy, Macomb County Parole
 Sandro Filiputti, Kalamazoo County Probation/Parole
 Rebecca Milstone, Oakland County Parole
 Brent Kelly, Livingston County Probation/Parole
 Laticia Grant, Oakland County Probation
 Latoya Ellis, Wayne County Probation
 Timothy Prendergast, Washtenaw County Probation
 Mary White, Jackson County Probation
 Jill Benschoter, Kent County Parole
 Awards for exceptional overall performance by an office also went to the Mason County Parole and Probation Office, the Niles Parole and Probation Office and the Oakland County Parole Office.



Pictured: Field Operations Administration Deputy Director Russ Marlan talks to agents during the 2018 SCRAM Awards.

Women's Huron Valley prisoners fundraise for HIV awareness

Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility prisoners recently held a fundraising walk to raise awareness for HIV.

In the first hour, prisoners donated \$700, which will be provided to a local nonprofit that supports HIV awareness. Prisoners expressed



that they were glad to give back to the community by supporting an impactful and important cause.

Michigan State Industries American flags on sale now

American flags made by Michigan State Industries are on sale now and can be ordered in time for the Fourth of July holiday.



Anyone can purchase a flag made by MSI. There is a 10 percent discount

when you purchase six or more flags of any size.

Go to www.michigan.gov/msi for more information or to order a flag.

MDOC staff participate in Jackson County Honor Society event

In April, the Jackson County Honor Society held a kick-off fundraising party to support its mission to provide a standing honor guard unit for fallen firefighters.



The event featured emergency vehicles and personnel from local agencies, and included the MDOC's transportation cadre.

The honor guard is expected to include members from 15 Jackson County fire departments.

Charity hockey game to benefit former officer's family

The MDOC Black Knights will host the Michigan State Police in a charity hockey game benefitting former officer and Sgt. Joseph Leahy's family.

The hockey game will be held at 2 p.m. June 9 at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 2121 Oak Valley Drive in Ann Arbor. Leahy passed away in March while living in Texas and working for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He worked for the MDOC for 14 years at the Special Alternative Incarceration program, Huron Valley Men's Facility and Woodland Center Correctional Facility.

He also was a member of the Emergency Response Team and Honor Guard.



Ojibway Correctional Facility staff participate in Red Bull 400

It was an uphill climb for Ojibway Correctional Facility Employment Counselor Morgan Clark and Corrections Officer Jessica



Fink, who tackled Ironwood's Copper Peak ski jump as part of the international Red Bull 400 race. The event was billed as the world's steepest race with competitors running to the top of the 40-story ski jump.

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TO OUR NURSES, ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS, CORRECTIONS OFFICERS AND ALL CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEES. YOU ARE TRULY THE BEST!

May included National Nurses Week, National Correctional Officers and Employees Week, and Public Service Recognition Week.

The department also celebrated the hard work of its administrative professionals at the end of April for Administrative Professionals Week. The MDOC is grateful for all of your valuable contributions that make Michigan a safer place to live.

The Extra Mile

MDOC staff go beyond the call of duty to help others



Muskegon Correctional Facility employees were recently honored for their outstanding actions.

Officer Joseph Smith was at a local store when he noticed smoke coming out of the engine of a car parked next to him and realized it was on fire. He immediately told his wife to call emergency services and took a towel from his car to beat down the flames in attempt to extinguish the fire. As the flames increased, Smith retrieved a fire extinguisher from the store and put out the fire before emergency services arrived. His ability to remain calm and take control in an emergency earned him the department's

Citizenship Award.

Lt. Daniel Quinn was driving past the scene of an accident when he noticed one of the accident victims fall to the ground.

He immediately stopped to help the man, assessed his condition and began performing CPR. It was later determined that the man had experienced a severe heart attack and would likely not have survived had he not been provided immediate aid. His concern for the man and decisive response during an emergency earned him the department's Lifesaving Award.

Officer Tammy Dyer has taken great strides to open lines of communication among neighbors and create a safer environment for all in the community. Her involvement has included organizing a block party, working with local children to remove graffiti, providing substance abuse programs and coordinating asset-based community training workshops. She also developed a youth empowerment program and coordinates with Michigan Works! to help teens receive training. She has also helped neighbors plant gardens and went to Haiti with a relief organization after a devastating earthquake rocked the country. She has displayed a sincere desire to help others both within and outside her community and her actions demonstrate a positive, proactive attitude and also provide an outstanding example for other to follow.

Her work to help her community earned her the department's Citizenship Award.

In November 2016, a severe car accident occurred in front of the home of John Cordell, the department's New Employee Training manager.

Cordell quickly responded and found a young driver hit a tree so hard that his vehicle was severed in two. He immediately began rendering aid to the driver to keep him conscious and calm until emergency medical services arrived.

His conduct and concern for the driver's well-being earned him the department's Lifesaving Award.



The Extra Mile continued...



During a recent serious medical issue with a prisoner at Oaks Correctional Facility, Administrative Assistant Eric Smith needed to make notification to his next of kin. There were numerous phone conversations regarding medical updates and the family being allowed to visit in the hospital. Smith was willing to take the family's calls over the weekend and be of great assistance during this difficult time. He also received a thank you card from the family for his concern during their relative's illness.

He was presented with a Good Government Symbol of Excellence Coin by Warden Les Parish for his patience and consideration during his interactions with the prisoner's family.

In February, Saginaw police were notified that a man had been seen throwing a purse and a bloody coat into a dumpster. Upon recovery of the items and the owner's identification, officers were able to conduct a well-being check and found the severely injured woman. Police quickly began searching for the perpetrator and Agent Walt Wysopal helped by tirelessly combing through probation and parole lists to try to locate the suspect.

Police were later able to find and arrest the man responsible, thanks to Wysopal's assistance, and he earned the Saginaw Police Department's Meritorious Unit Commendation for his efforts.



Macomb Correctional Facility Warden Pat Warren presented Corrections Officer Sandra Robinson with a Warden's Coin for her continued professionalism and great work at the front desk of the facility. She consistently receives positive comment cards from the visitors she interacts with at the facility.

Saginaw Correctional Facility Warden Tom Winn and Business Manager Sue Deal presented Physical Plant Supervisor Ed Laplant with a Good Government Symbol of Leadership Coin for his work with the Effective Process Improvement and Communication team.



Corrections Quiz

April Quiz Recap

How many items were donated by the Michigan Department of Corrections for the Children's Trust Fund Signature Auction?

*A hint on where to find the information is on the next page.

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.

What year was National Corrections Officers and Employees week first established?

*Bonus points if you can name the president who enacted it.

Answer: Established in 1984 by President Ronald Reagan

Congratulations to **Shawndra Harris**, a records office assistant at Lakeland Correctional Facility, for being the first to answer the March Corrections Quiz. Special shout out to **Tena Rath**, a departmental technician at Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility, for knowing the exact date the proclamation establishing the week was signed. Great job!

Facilities show appreciation to staff during National Correctional Officers and Employees Week

National Correctional Officers and Employees Week was held May 6-12 this year and a number of work sites, including many correctional facilities, held special events to express their gratitude to staff for their hard work.



St. Louis Correctional Facility had week-long events that included a cook out, pizza, cookies, root beer floats and chips and cheese for staff.



The Muskegon Correctional Facility Employees Club provided lunch for all staff during the appreciation week. Meals were provided by Bone-Ends food truck.



Thumb Correctional Facility held a cook out for employees as well as special recognition events for staff, including Officer of the Year Elwanda Ray.



Saginaw Correctional Facility held events that included special recognition of employees for a job well done.

SNAPSHOTS

A look at life around the MDOC



Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility Mental Health Secretary Rebecca Ackerman organized a fundraiser at the facility for Heaven Can Wait Animal Haven. Staff raised \$237 for the animal rescue.



Lakeland Correctional Facility presented a check for \$105 to Branch County Habitat for Humanity. The money was raised during designated casual days in April.



Alger Correctional Facility Prison Counselor Jason Hubble was recognized by the Michigan Corrections Organization Military Members Committee for designing the group's new logo.

Corrections in the News

[‘Each one of you guys has greatness in you,’ inmate turned manufacturer tells prisoners](#) — MLive

[Fifteen student inmates receive associate’s degrees from Calvin College](#) — Michigan Radio
[15 inmates graduate with associate’s degrees](#) — WOOD TV

[15 Michigan prison inmates earn degrees from Calvin College](#) — MLive

[Lakeland prison program teaches inmates knife skills and life skills](#) — Detroit Free Press
[Lakeland donates to Habitat for Humanity](#) — Coldwater Daily Reporter

[Stretch of M-59 renamed in honor of Oakland Co. probation agent killed in 2017 crash](#) — WXYZ TV

[W. Va. Mock Prison Riot again draws national, global interest](#) — West Virginia News

Seen on Twitter...



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Check out the items our Prison Build program donated for the @CTF_Michigan Signature Auction Event tonight! Items from wooden flags to honor law enforcement officers to a dollhouse are up for auction. Bidding closes at 6:30pm. 501auctions.com/ctfsignature/c...



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March New Hires

Abdellatif, Kyle	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Abdellatif, Zaid	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Ader, Nicholas	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Agbor, Michael	Corrections Officer, St. Louis Correctional Facility
Allen, Nicole	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Alvarado, Noe	Corrections Officer, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Antes, Robbie	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Arogundade, Habib	Corrections Officer, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Barnes, Michael	Corrections Officer, St. Louis Correctional Facility
Berta, Gregory	Corrections Officer, St. Louis Correctional Facility
Birge, Robert	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Bogan, Shea	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Bowen, Derek	Corrections Officer, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Branch, Maria	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Brown, Justin	Corrections Medical Officer, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Brown, Kevin	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Brown, Phillip	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
Bussell, Jessie	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Carter-McGee, Parryss	Corrections Officer, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Churchill, Thomas	Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
Clark, Takesha	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Coffey, Aleshia	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Cphoon, Eric	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Coker, Omoniyi	Corrections Officer, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Collins, Darrin	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Cron, James	Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
Culp, Tyler	Corrections Officer, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Demaagd, Logan	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Demps, Aaron	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Dimmick, Arthur	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Dingman, Derek	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Dixon, Joy	Registered Nurse, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Elazizi, Moataz	Corrections Medical Officer, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Erven, Travis	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Faraj, Ghassan	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Finney, Randi	Corrections Officer, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Floyd, Nicole	Registered Nurse, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Fonger, Joshua	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Freitas, Jason	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Gomez, Sergio	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
Gonzales, Hector	Corrections Officer, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Graver, Rebecca	Corrections Officer, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Gray, Justin	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Gren, Stephen	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Hall, Trent	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Harris, Luke	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Harrison, Quanita	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Hart, Olajuwon	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Helms, Brody	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Henry, Sharriefah	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Herbert-Nickens, Haley	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility

March New Hires

Hoffman, Haley	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Hollins, Torian	Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
Hoskins, Brandon	Corrections Officer, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Hoskins, Curtis	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Hultink, Brandon	Field Agent, Calhoun County Parole Office
Jackson, Steven	Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
Janowitz, Jordan	Corrections Medical Officer, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Johnson, Darnell	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Johnson, Nicole	Phlebotomist, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Johnson, Shalisa	Registered Nurse, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Jones, Kishawndira	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Kabat, Jon	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Kast, Jason	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Kies, Aubrey	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Kingsbury, Dustin	Corrections Officer, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Kinnard, Brandon	Corrections Medical Officer, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Kormos, Tyler	Corrections Officer, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Kozlowski, Christopher	Corrections Medical Officer, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Krueger, Kevin	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Kudwa, Scott	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Lake, Hannah	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Lauffer, John	Corrections Officer, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Lauzon, Bartholomew	Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
Leiter, Tristan	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Linderman, Brandon	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Marcinko, Joseph	Corrections Officer, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Marenah, Karamba	Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
Martin, Matthew	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
McCoy, Curtis	Corrections Officer, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
McDaniel, Montonya	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
McIntyre, Diana	Registered Nurse, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
McKendry, Bryan	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
McKibbin, Charity	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Middlebrook, Brett	Corrections Officer, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Mikel, Aaron	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Miller, Lee	Field Agent, Monroe County Parole and Probation Office
Mock Jr., Robert	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
Moffitt, Aaron	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Morgan, Sarah	Corrections Officer, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Morse, Taylor	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Nanney, Virginia	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Neirink, Leon	Corrections Officer, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Nelson, Alarica	Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
Niemiec, Joseph	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Osisiogun, Dinma	Corrections Medical Officer, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
O'Steen, Camdon	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Paulsen, Julia	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Peitsch, Amanda	Registered Nurse, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Plowman, Grant	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Poupard, Jason	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Powell, Kevin	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory

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Pritchard, Kevin	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
Reed, Ivan	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Reed, Matt	Corrections Officer, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Renaud, Justin	Corrections Officer, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Reynolds, Scott	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
Ross, Jasmine	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Ross, Matthew	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Ruhumbika, Gilbert	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Russell, Christina	Registered Nurse, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Shack, Kirk	Corrections Medical Officer, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Shannon, Jordan	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Shelton, Melvin	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Sinko, Chad	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
Skiffer, James	Corrections Officer, Detroit Reentry Center
Smith, Joshua	Corrections Officer, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Sonberger, Zachary	Corrections Officer, Detroit Reentry Center
Stovall-Smith, Keylan	Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
Tamburino-Schartzer, T	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
Tomilson, Sharon	Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
Trombley, Michael	Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
Turner, Rhianna	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
VanDriel, Jeffrey	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Vann, Dashawn	Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
Washington, Deshon	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Whitehorn, Antwan	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
Whitman, Remington	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Wilkins, Joseph	Corrections Officer, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Williams, Timothy	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Wollam, Jessica	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Zamenski, Heather	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility

March Retirements

Adams, Bardell	Corrections Officer, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Bond, Eric	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Bouey, Linda	Registered Nurse, Detroit Reentry Center
Brosco, Steven	Storekeeper, Kinross Correctional Facility
Bussinger, Elly	Corrections Officer, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Calder, Matthew	Corrections Program Coordinator, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Carr, James	Prison Counselor, Parnall Correctional Facility
Chapin, Belinda	Field Agent, Montcalm County Parole and Probation Office
Cummings, Pammy	Assistant Resident Unit Supervisor, Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Curtis, Mark	Corrections Field Services Assistant, Kent County Parole Office
Dahlstrom, Alan	Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
Davis, Cerease	Field Agent, Lahser District Probation Office
Dempsey, David	General Office Assistant, Corrections Central Office
Dixon, Elizabeth	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
Elliott, David	Corrections Medical Officer, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Fleenor, Mackie	Corrections Officer, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Forner, Gregory	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Gidley, Lori	Warden, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Goheen, Debra	Secretary, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Grace, Robert	Corrections Shift Supervisor, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Hallesy, Fay	School Teacher, Baraga Correctional Facility
Harmon, James	Corrections Transportation Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Haynes-Love, Beverly	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Heffner, William	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Herman, Tony	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Hughes, Dale	Corrections Shift Supervisor, Macomb Correctional Facility
Huyck, Duane	Corrections Officer, Newberry Correctional Facility
Irby, Thomas	Assistant Resident Unit Supervisor, Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Johns, Clifford	Corrections Officer, Ojibway Correctional Facility
Kast, John	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Kilgore, Roderick	Resident Unit Manager, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
King, Angela	Corrections Officer, Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Kisner, Joyce	Registered Nurse, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Labadie, John	Corrections Officer, Newberry Correctional Facility
Manley, Michael	Corrections Officer, Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Miehlke, Mark	Corrections Officer, Oaks Correctional Facility
Minca, Karen	Dental Aide, Thumb Correctional Facility
Mote, Robert	Resident Unit Manager, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Olin, Ronald	Assistant Resident Unit Supervisor, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Owen, Donald	Power Plant Operator, Jackson Central Region
Phillips, George	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Pillion, Marc	Corrections Officer, Kinross Correctional Facility
Pline, Kris	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Reed, Elaine	Dental Aide, Detroit Reentry Center
Ringman, Daniel	Corrections Shift Supervisor, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Runkle, Scott	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Schultz, Mark	Master Licensed Electrician, Saginaw Correctional Facility
Seames, Sharron	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Sharpe, Gary	Corrections Transportation Officer, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Shattuck, Daniel	Corrections Officer, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Shaw, Eric	Corrections Shift Supervisor, St. Louis Correctional Facility
Smith, Willie	Warden, Ionia Correctional Facility
Sneider, Stephen	Psychologist, Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Spedoske, Douglas	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
Suriano, Gary	Assistant Resident Unit Supervisor, Kinross Correctional Facility
Taylor, Steven	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Tollefson, Todd	Assistant Resident Unit Supervisor, Baraga Correctional Facility
Wallace, Melody	Legal Affairs Administrator, Corrections Central Office
Watson, Pamela	Assistant Resident Unit Supervisor, Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility