



EPIC News – June 2019 EDITION

Employee Recreation Day is a Success!

Approximately 450 employees, retirees and their guests spent the day enjoying a variety of activities at the Royal Scot for the 2019 Employee Recreation Day event. It was a beautiful, sunny day that brought staff together from all over the state to enjoy a day of fellowship and friendly competition. A special thank you to the Employee Engagement Committee who spent countless hours coordinating the details, and to all the attendees and volunteers who made the day special!

Volunteers:



Basketball:



Golf:



Bowling:



Bingo:





Bag Toss:



Scavenger Hunt:



Poker/Euchre:



Bubble Ball:



Painting:



Silent Auction:



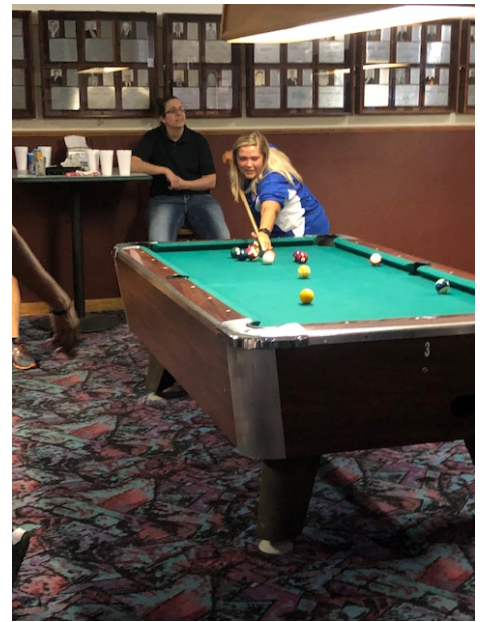
Dinner:



Photobooth:



Miscellaneous Fun:



Special Guest – Governor Gretchen Whitmer



Congratulations to our 2019 Employee Recreation Day Event Winners!

For a list of event winners, please [click here](#).

We would like to thank Busy Bee's for attending Employee Recreation Day and displaying such a wonderful variety of MDOC items for purchase. They offered a 10% discount to anyone who purchased an item from them that day, whether they attended the event or purchased on line.



Employee Engagement Events:

Detroit Tigers Law Enforcement Appreciation Night



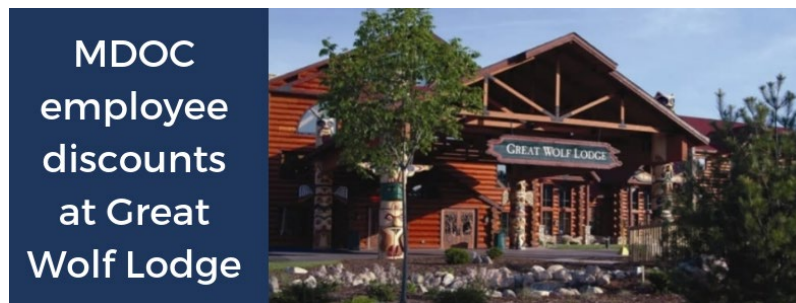
What a turn out! MDOC staff purchased 163 tickets to attend the Detroit Tigers Law Enforcement Appreciation Night held on June 4th at 7:10 p.m. against the Tampa Bay Rays. Each Law Enforcement Appreciation Night ticket purchased included a limited edition Tigers hat and a donation to the MI-C.O.P.S organization. Thank you to all who were able to attend!

Save the Date



Mark your calendar for the 2019 Employee Recreation Day event in the Upper Peninsula. Join us for another day of fun and friendly competition on Friday, September 27th at the Bay Mills Resort & Casino in Brimley, Michigan. The Employee Engagement Team is hard at work planning various events throughout the day that are guaranteed to offer all participants a fun filled day. Additional details will be sent very soon.

Get Away to the Great Wolf Lodge



MDOC employees are eligible for discounted rates on a one-night stay and four water park passes at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City.

Rates will be reduced to \$109 per room and resort fees will be reduced from \$29.99 to \$14.99. The offer includes a one-night stay in a room with two queen beds and a sofa sleeper, and four water park passes for adults or children ages four and older. There is no cost for water park passes for children three and younger.

The offer is valid only on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019 and rooms must be booked by Aug. 29, 2019. Rooms at the discounted rate are limited.

Each room must be booked individually by calling the toll-free reservations line at **1-866-962-9653** by Aug. 29. Callers should identify themselves as MDOC employees and use the group code **Reservation#1909MDOC**.

Great Wolf Lodge is located at 3575 N. US Highway 31 S. in Traverse City. For more details on the hotel and water park, visit <https://www.greatwolf.com/traverse-city>.

New EPIC Teams

The **New Contractor Database Team** kicked off May 13, 2019. The objective of this team is to discuss the need to create and maintain a listing or database of contractors who should be restricted from working in facilities.

The **Employee Discipline EPIC Team** kicked off on June 13th. This team will be exploring ways to refine the department's employee discipline process (Objective 2.3 of the Department's Strategic Plan).

We look forward to sharing the accomplishments of both teams upon their completion.

MDOC Shooting Team News

CALLING ALL SHOOTERS: The date of August 15th has been set for the 4th annual pistol shoot to be held at the Chippewa/Kinross range. Fliers and rules will be made available soon. Any questions can be directed to Mike Bauers (bauersm@michigan.gov) or Mike Brown (brownm41@michigan.gov)

Board members Mike Brown and Erin Deloof participated in a Field Days podcast that was released on 6/11/19. If you missed it, you can find it on the MDOC webpage, under News and Publications tab. You can also find the podcast on iTunes: bit.ly/FieldDaysiTunes or on SoundCloud: bit.ly/fieldddayspodcast

Congratulations to the Alger Correctional Facility who has established our newest Shooting Team Chapter. For information about joining this chapter, please contact Chapter President Jason Denman.

To join a shooting team chapter, or to start a new chapter at your work location, please email the MDOC Shooting Team Organization at MDOC-Competitive-Shooting-Team@michigan.gov



Interested in purchasing an MDOC Shooting Team Challenge Coin? Email your request to Jo Meyers @ meyersJ4@michigan.gov. For \$15, a coin will be shipped to your home address. Profits will be used to sponsor and to support membership participation in approved shooting team events.



Employee Recognition Coins: The Department honors staff for their outstanding service to the Department.

The Office of Good Government symbols of **Excellence**, **Leadership**, **Teamwork** and **Customer Service** are designed to recognize state employees who go above and beyond normal expectations. A list of employees who received these coins during the months of April and May, along with a list of those who have received Warden's coins for exemplary service, is below.

Office of Good Government Coin Recipients – April 2019

- Acker, Michael, Detroit Reentry Center, Teamwork
- Ball, Tim, Central Office/GVP, Teamwork
- Burke, James, Baraga Correctional Facility, Excellence
- Davis, Belinda, FOA/Metro, Customer Service
- Dube, James, Baraga Correctional Facility, Teamwork
- Gorton, Yvonne, Central Office/GVP, Leadership
- Grew, Zachery, Detroit Reentry Center, Teamwork
- Hall, Aisha, FOA/Metro, Customer Service
- Hansen, David, Baraga Correctional Facility, Teamwork
- Huscio, Vicki, FOA/Metro, Customer Service

- Jones, Dwaine, Detroit Reentry Center, Teamwork
- Keough, Joseph, Detroit Reentry Center, Teamwork
- Keto, Marilyn, Marquette Branch Prison, Excellence
- Lazarski, John, FOA/Metro, Teamwork
- Lopez, Petra, Michigan Reformatory, Teamwork
- Maue, Jason, FOA/Metro, Excellence
- Morgel, Kevin, Cooper Street Correctional Facility, Excellence
- Ratza, Linda, FOA/Metro, Teamwork
- Redditt, Jonathan, FOA/Metro, Customer Service
- Sanchez, Cheryl, Central Office/GVP, Teamwork
- Sinclair, Diana, FOA/Metro, Excellence
- Smith, Patricia, FOA/Metro Area, Customer Service
- Stewart, Sonia, FOA/Metro, Customer Service
- Tolbert, Johnny, Detroit Reentry Center, Teamwork
- Vroman, Aaron, Michigan Reformatory, Leadership

Office of Good Government Coin Recipients – May 2019:

- Brock, Ron, FOA Metro, Leadership'
- Campbell, MaShawn, Cooper Street Facility, Teamwork
- Clark, Tia, Saginaw Correctional Facility, Customer Service
- Cudney, Tammy, FOA Outstate, Teamwork
- Gainey, Abby, FOA Outstate, Teamwork
- Groom, Jennifer, FOA Outstate, Excellence
- Hansinger, AshLee, Saginaw Correctional Facility, Teamwork
- Harbin, Paul, FOA Outstate, Teamwork
- Hines, Lydia, Central Office GVP, Excellence
- Hurless-Sensaliver, Brenda, Research and Planning/GVP - Excellence
- Lindlbauer, Danielle, FOA Outstate, Teamwork
- McGowen, D'Vontae, FOA Outstate, Teamwork
- Miles, Sara, Central Office Ingham County Parole/Probation, Teamwork
- Parker, Chiquita, FOA Metro, Teamwork
- Province, Michael, Central Office GVP, Excellence
- Roberts, Daniel, FOA Outstate, Teamwork
- Rosema, Travis, FOA Outstate, Teamwork
- Smith, Patricia, FOA Metro, Leadership
- Sones, Brandi, FOA Outstate, Excellence
- Walton, Daryle, Saginaw Correctional Facility, Customer Service

Wardens' Coin Recipients – April 2019:

- James, Michael, Newberry Correctional Facility



Remember to check out the MDOC on-line store! You'll find great merchandise available for purchase with an easy to navigate website.

- Access the store via the following link: <http://cvbdbusybees.com>
- You can also follow the store Facebook page at [facebook.com/cvbdbusybee](https://www.facebook.com/cvbdbusybee)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the EPIC Section by telephone, email, or through the mailbox.

We want to hear from you!

What would you like to see featured in future editions of the EPIC News? Do you have any suggestions for improving processes at your worksite or Department-wide? Send us your ideas via the EPIC mailbox.

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