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Professional Excellence Award

Recipient Recognized

Janet Czarnecki, Muskegon Correctional Facility's (MCF) Administrative Assistant, was presented with the Department's Professional Excellence Award by Director Dan Heyns.

Janet's willingness to go above and beyond normal duties and to put in long hours to ensure that facility operating procedures are in place is truly commendable. Janet is often a resource for MCF staff on issues ranging from prisoner grievances to prisoner property and litigation. Her knowledge and experience in regard to department policies and facility procedures is vast.

Janet works tirelessly to ensure Policy Self-Audits are completed in a timely and accurate manner as part of her work on the Performance Audit Committee. She always displays a spirit of teamwork and commitment and takes great pride in her work. Janet does what she needs to do to "Help Make Things Right."

Janet is a true asset to not only MCF but to the Department as well.



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L to R: Warden Sherry Burt, Janet Czarnecki, and Director Dan Heyns.



WOODLAND'S EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Corrections Medical Officer (CMO) Christopher Kissane was recognized as the May Employee of the Month for the Woodland Center Correctional Facility. CMO Kissane received this distinct honor in recognition of his dedication to excellence and his knowledge of policy and procedure which has helped to make WCC a safer and more efficient facility. CMO Kissane demonstrates uncommon initiative and always maintains a very positive demeanor. He is exceedingly reliable and professional, consistently performing above expectations in the often stressful environment of the Control Center.

When a prisoner is placed on one-to-one suicide watch, the prisoner is provided with a "lay-in" meal which can make reconciling for each meal challenging. CMO Kissane was instrumental in working to reconcile WCC's breakfast and lunch meal counts in conjunction with Aramark's meal counts.

Kissane's work ethic, knowledge and experience make him an integral part of WCC's first shift team and an invaluable member of the WCC staff.



L to R: Inspector Patrick Warren, Unit Chiefs Dan Cameron and Mitch Solomon, Lt. David Keith, Facility Manager Todd Lavacs, Secretary Stephanie Tyler, CMO Christopher Kissane, WCC MCO President Jerry Williams, Warden Joan Roggenbuck and HRO Mona Thomas.

ARU PARTICIPATES IN DNR TRACKING COURSE

Six members of the Absconder Recovery Unit (ARU) were invited to participate in a Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) tactical tracking class. ARU Investigators Dave Sharp, Jeff Gremboski, Ron Hughes, Ken Harrington, Jon Hogle and Bud Barnett spent a week at Fort Custer learning how to track fugitives in a wooded environment.



Front Row (L to R): ARU Ron Hughes, DNR Instructor, ARU Jeff Gremboski.

Back Row (L to R): DNR Instructor and ARU Dave Sharp.

The ARU members learned to operate tactically in small teams. They were introduced to the dynamics of a simple foot print and spore left behind by those being tracked. The team learned how to conduct a lost spore procedure to pick up a trail that they may have lost. In addition, they were taught the basics in land navigation using GPS and compasses as well as provided with instruction on the art of proper camouflage.

More importantly, MDOC's ARU team made positive law enforcement contacts with the DNR and other outside agencies. These important contacts will be invaluable when the ARU team needs to track absconders that are attempting to avoid apprehension in a wooded environment.

**WOMEN'S HURON VALLEY HOLDS ONE DAY WITH GOD CAMP**

In June, the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility (WHV) held the largest One Day with God camp in Michigan to date. Michigan and North Carolina can boast that they have held the largest One Day with God camps in the country. Approximately 46 prisoners, 66 children, 180 volunteers and many staff participated in the event. WHV's prisoner benefit fund donated \$10,000 to assist in funding the camp.

The One Day with God camp was founded based on a vision that parents and children could reconcile with one another, spending time together with mentors working beside them, inside the prison walls. The day included games, crafts, lunch, music, clowns, an illusionist, face painting, and parent and child quiet time. Former Miss America Erika Harold even attended and shared her crown with the children.

Organizers say, "The One Day with God camp is intended to provide time for the participating prisoners and children to experience the love of God and find forgiveness and reconciliation. The belief is that if one child could have a Christ-centered Mom or Dad return home from prison, there would be a joyous change in that home forever, and it could change the path that the child takes in life."



Left Photo: One of the children wearing former Miss America Erika Harold's crown.



Right Photo: L to R Sarah Stringer-Hill, Deborah Boudreau, Marlina Brown, Rose Slone



Cell Block 7 Prison Museum Opens

Jackson's Ella Sharp Museum has partnered with the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) to open the Cell Block 7 Prison Museum on Saturday, June 28. Cell Block 7 Prison Museum is located in a section of the former State Prison of Southern Michigan.

"We are so thankful and excited for the opportunity to partner with the MDOC and share this part of Jackson and Michigan's history," Ella Sharp Museum Executive Director Amy Reimann said.

The museum is dedicated to the history and process of the MDOC at a unique site located within a former cell block. Cell Block 7 is a representation of current life as an incarcerated inmate at what was once the largest walled-prison in the world. Visitors will receive an overview of operations and exhibits followed by a self-guided tour exploring all areas of the cell block. Exhibits will explore life inside prison from many different perspectives. The museum will also feature a gift shop and art gallery.

"The State Prison of Southern Michigan is a rich and important part of the city of Jackson's history. It is the vision of the Michigan Department of Corrections to have the 7 Block historical site preserved and utilized in a manner that best serves the Jackson community," Michigan Department of Corrections Director Dan Heyns said.

The Ella Sharp Museum's mission is to promote the understanding and appreciation of art and history through exceptional exhibits, interpretation of historical buildings and engaging educational programs. The Ella Sharp Museum is an American Alliance of Museums accredited institution since 1978, one of only 25 in the State of Michigan.

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CELL BLOCK SEVEN

U.S. DEPUTY WARDEN'S ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 69th Annual United States Deputy Warden's Association Conference will be held at the Hollywood Casino in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi on July 27-31, 2014. The speakers this year will include ACA President Chris Epps, Commissioner of Mississippi Department of Corrections, along with others. The registration fee is \$135.00 which includes all meals and activities throughout the week for the members, their spouse, and minor children. Registration form can be found at <http://www.usdwa.com/index.php?pageID=14238>. Please contact Chasidy Jones, South MS Correctional Institute, at (601) 394-5600 with any questions.





Lapeer County Parole/Probation Supervisor Educates Community

Michael Slater, Supervisor of the Lapeer County Parole and Probation Office was recently interviewed by the County Press where he explained the duties of his office. With his extensive knowledge of the Correctional Facilities Administration (CFA) and the Field Operations Administration (FOA), he helped to build awareness within the Lapeer Community as to the impact that his office has on maintaining public safety in the community.

Slater, who supervises six parole and probation officers, indicated that a probation officer was once seen as someone whose job was to track, catch and send offenders back to jail. Today, he said, their job is seen as helping individuals make the transition, as much as possible, from being involved in the criminal justice system to being a productive, well-adjusted member of society. Sometimes, Slater said, the task is simply an issue of getting someone on the right medication and getting them stabilized which is why his office has expanded its relationship with Community Mental Health.



Pictured above: Michael Slater, Supervisor - Lapeer County Parole and Probation

Currently, Slater's staff supervises 330 active offenders in Lapeer County where approximately 80 of the offenders are parolees and the balance are probationers. While the agents' caseloads have decreased slightly over the years, "they are asked to do more" with individual parolees and probationers. "As long as they're not a threat to the community, we will work with them," Slater said.

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Public Safety Employees, Police Departments, Fire Departments, Sheriff Departments, Court Employees

Military

(Including retirees of any of the above Departments...)

And their family and their guests!

(I.D. required to enter... Only one I.D. card, badge or paycheck stub required per group!)

MORE INFORMATION ON OTHER SIDE →

HOSPITALITY CENTER

HOURS: NOON - 8:00PM



MDOC PRISONER GRADUATES WITH HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Jackson County Jail held a graduation ceremony for a Michigan Department of Corrections offender that is being housed there through the Department's Virtual Boarders Program. The partnership between the Jackson County Jail and Jackson Public Schools enabled prisoner Jeremy Anderson to take the required classes to receive his High School Diploma.

The Virtual Boarders Program was implemented in 2012 when the Michigan Legislature appropriated funds permitting the MDOC to partner with local County Sheriffs for the housing of prisoners in county jails. The utilization of county beds for state prisoners is an efficiency and cost-savings effort that allows for the availability of more prison beds and also permits for funding to be distributed into the local communities.



L to R: Jackson Public Schools Superintendent Dan Evans, Jackson County Undersheriff Chris Kuhl, Graduate Jeremy Anderson and MDOC County Jail Coordinator Robin Gilbert.

FARMERS MARKET AT THE CAPITOL



Farmers Markets at the Capitol

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**RETIREMENTS - APRIL AND MAY 2014****April 2014**

Ankney, Patricia Carson City Correctional Facility

Borashko, John Muskegon Correctional Facility

Bradshaw, Cathy Newberry Correctional Facility

Bradshaw, Cheryl Parnall Correctional Facility

Brouchoud, Richard Baraga Correctional Facility

Burns, Lizbeth Muskegon Co. Probation Office

Burton Kenneth Parnall Correctional Facility

Collins, Scott Baraga Correctional Facility

Crawford, Tracy G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility

Crenshaw, James Parnall Correctional Facility

Daly, Patrick Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility

Dwyer, Harry Carson City Correctional Facility

Ermatinger, John Chippewa Correctional Facility

Forrister, Keith Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center

Gill, Michael Ojibway Correctional Facility

Graham, Roger Chippewa Correctional Facility

Grobaski, Paul Chippewa Correctional Facility

Hall, Martin G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility

Harrington, Steven St. Louis Correctional Facility

Hasselbalch, Joseph Oaks Correctional Facility

Hawthorne, Michael Lawton Place

Hoag, Robert Carson City Correctional Facility

Hoenicke, Robert Pugsley Correctional Facility

Howard, James Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center

Keplinger, Andrew G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility

Kott, Gary Kinross Correctional Facility

Larson, Steven Central Michigan Correctional Facility

Lasley, Daniel Kinross Correctional Facility



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Leclair, Mark	Earnest Brooks Correctional Facility
Legalley, David	Thumb Correctional Facility
Long, Ronald.....	Parnall Correctional Facility
Maleitzke, David.....	Ojibway Correctional Facility
Manthei, Thomas	Earnest Brooks Correctional Facility
Mardini, Radwan	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
McGowan, Herbert.....	Thumb Correctional Facility
Mroczek, Lori	Michigan Reformatory
Nadeau, Jacqueline	Newberry Correctional Facility
Nota, Kevin	Woodland Correctional Facility
Olsen, James	Lenawee Co. Probation
Olson, Michael	St. Louis Correctional Facility
Omorogieva, Philipson.....	Detroit Reentry Center
Paoli, Craig	Baraga Correctional Facility
Peters, Mark.....	Alger Correctional Facility
Pohl, Thomas.....	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Powell, Patrick	Thumb Correctional Facility
Reeder, Robert	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Smith, Billy	Parnall Correctional Facility
Soper, Daniel	Kinross Correctional Facility
Swift, Elaine	Oakland Co. Pontiac Probation
Thelen, Randy.....	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Therrian, Jeffery.....	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Thomas, Bradley.....	Thumb Correctional Facility
Toczynski, Philip	Oaks Correctional Facility
Torsch, Bennie.....	Earnest Brooks Correctional Facility
Tupica, Larry	Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Vincent, Leann	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Watson, Greg,	Parnall Correctional Facility
Western, Sabena	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility

**RETIREMENTS** (continued from page 10)**APRIL 2014 continued**

Winandy, John Kinross Correctional Facility
 Worthey-Radala, Evelyn Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
 Wyma, Gerry Ionia Correctional Facility

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Adams, Ronald Richard Handlon Correctional Facility
 Anderson, Roger Marquette Branch Prison
 Annis, Troy G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
 Anthony, Thomas Alger Correctional Facility
 Applegate, Beverly Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
 Bowlson, Bertram Greenfield Dist. Probation Office
 Brown, Janette Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
 Carey, Nancy Muskegon Correctional Facility
 Colby, Jerry G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
 Cole, Randall Parnall Correctional Facility
 Cummins, Glen Michigan Reformatory
 Davidson, George Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
 Desmond, James Lakeland Correctional Facility
 Duncan, Sharon Carson City Correctional Facility
 Eisen, Suzanne Richard Handlon Correctional Facility
 Erskin, Douglas Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
 Foskett, Louis Thumb Correctional Facility
 Francisco, Gordon Michigan Reformatory
 Galiton-Wyrick, Sandra West Shoreline Correctional Facility
 Grant, Catherine Macomb Correctional Facility
 Harvey, Robert Thumb Correctional Facility
 Henson, Christine Kinross Correctional Facility
 Hickman, Douglas Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
 Hoopes, Donald Lakeland Correctional Facility



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Hopkins, Arlinda.....	Thumb Correctional Facility
Isaacson, Darrell.....	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Kaatz, Leslie.....	Cooper St. Correctional Facility
Kotsch, Teresa.....	Kinross Correctional Facility
Lenz, Ray.....	Oaks Correctional Facility
Lyons, Loretta.....	Earnest Brooks Correctional Facility
Manfrin, Victoria.....	Kinross Correctional Facility
Mangus, Charles.....	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Marta, Wayne.....	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Martin, Sebastian.....	West Shoreline Correctional Facility
McKitterick, Duane.....	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Moss, Kenneth.....	Michigan Reformatory
Murray, Carl.....	Ionia Correctional Facility
Peterman, James.....	Earnest Brooks Correctional Facility
Prater, David.....	St. Louis Correctional Facility
Puidokas, Dennis.....	Kinross Correctional Facility
Pung, Sharon.....	Southern Michigan Correctional Facility
Randolph, Clair.....	Saginaw Correctional Facility
Reilly, Henry.....	Parnall Correctional Facility
Richards, Eric.....	Saginaw Correctional Facility
Sahl, Lori.....	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Schell, George.....	Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Sercombe, Shelly.....	Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Showers, Bradley.....	Carson City Correctional Facility
Smith, Lisa.....	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Smith, Thomas.....	Carson City Correctional Facility
Snacker, Douglas.....	Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Snyder, Richard.....	Thumb Correctional Facility
Snyder-Sumner, Sandra.....	Parnall Correctional Facility
Sweeney, Stephen.....	Ionia Correctional Facility
Washington, Clearthur.....	Cooper St. Correctional Facility
Zanatta, David.....	Chippewa Correctional Facility