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ALGER EMPLOYEE IS A FINALIST FOR GOVERNOR'S CHOICE AWARD

Peggy Carberry has been selected as a finalist for the 2011 Governor's Service Awards in the Volunteer of the Year category. She was nominated by Alger Correctional Facility Warden Catherine Bauman and was chosen as a finalist from over 100 applications. She is committed to the local community through the work which she and her sisters, known as "The Cooking Carberrys," conduct throughout the year during their free time.

Peggy has been instrumental in raising literally tens of thousands of dollars for the community, primarily through baking in their bread oven at Munising's Bay Shore Park. Throughout the years they have helped The Eric R. Beverly Foundation (breast cancer), the American Red Cross, the Anna River Peddlers Bicycle Group, a homeless shelter in Detroit, the Valley Spur Ski Trails, the local 7th and 8th grade girl's basketball teams, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk. Each year as the donations have increased, more people have become involved with baking pizzas allowing Peggy to give more back to the community. Last year "The Cooking Carberrys" were instrumental in raising \$30,000 for a matching grant so Munising could provide their first paved bike path in Munising.



Peggy, along with her sisters, volunteers her time every Tuesday for approximately 7-8 hours, baking in the community bread oven at the Farmer's Market at Bay Shore Park in Munising from May to October. It is estimated they serve 300 people and raise at least \$850 every Tuesday. Also, Peggy adds that they man the community oven almost every weekend during the summer months and those donations also go directly to various special events. Their sign says, "The Cooking Carberrys are helping the community One Pizza at a Time."

They recently donated \$1,200 to Munising's 4th of July fireworks fund and currently they are raising money for new tennis courts to be constructed in Munising. The local high school team has to play all of their matches out of town because of the lack of four tennis courts in Munising.

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Doug Bovin, Munising's City Manager, said, "Peggy and her sisters donated a significant amount of time and money putting that bread oven in the Bay Shore Park. They also contributed to the cost of the new pavilion in the park and spend a lot of their own time baking at their bread oven in order to contribute to this community. I used to look down at the park from my office window and it would be dead, but since the Carberry sisters put in that bread oven, it is busy and filled with people all the time. They have helped to create an identity for Munising."

The Cooking Carberrys also help to raise money for Valley Spur Cross-Country Ski Trails during the winter months. Peggy spends approximately 6-7 hours each Saturday and Sunday and other days when there are special events, making homemade soup, bread and cookies to sell for donations, at the Valley Spur Ski Lodge. She also spends about 3 hours each day mentoring children on how to cross country ski and, of course, ensures the kids have a bowl of soup and a homemade cookie after their "big ski!" The money raised from the soup is donated to help defray the cost of grooming the 28 mile course that is considered to be one of the best places to cross-country ski in the Midwest. The vibe that is created in the lodge by having a great bowl of soup with homemade bread is tremendous. During the past two years the Cooking Carberrys have been able to pro-

vide over \$1,000 each year for the grooming of Valley Spur which is totally operated by volunteers of the community. The funds made it possible to keep the ski trails open. People come from all over to enjoy this ski area.

John Swanberg, Head Groomer at the Valley Spur Ski Area said, "When it comes to moving mountains, Peggy doesn't wait for the bulldozer, she just gets a shovel and gets going! Peggy always has such a positive attitude."

Peggy recently received the Michigan Department of Corrections Citizenship Award for her organizational efforts and support of the Christmas Giving Program. However, that only reflects a very small part of what Peggy does for her community. In addition to everything listed thus far, she also spends time baking pies to donate to the local church, baking various items for funerals, and volunteering as a board member for the Anna River Peddlers' Cycling Club and the Valley Spur Ski Area.

The Alger Correctional Facility and the Michigan Department of Corrections are fortunate to have Peggy as an employee. We are proud of her accomplishments and commitment to the community. She is an outstanding individual who unselfishly strives to improve the lives of neighbors, friends and visitors, and make the community a better place. Congratulations Peggy!!

HONOR GUARD FUND-RAISER IS DECEMBER 2



The Honor Guard is holding its annual fund-raising holiday celebration on Friday, December 2, 2011 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing, MI. The dinner banquet and silent auction support unit operations with all proceeds going to the MDOC Honor Guard Fund. Please join the Honor Guard in celebrating their accomplishments over the past year and support the Honor Guard fund too! Cost is \$30 per person and all proceeds go to the MDOC Honor Guard Fund and are tax deductible. To RSVP and ensure a seat, contact Kathy Keiffer at keifferk@michigan.gov or 517-335-1385. Don't forget to "like" the Honor Guard's Facebook Page too:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/MDOC-Honor-Guard/131127784042>



DIRECTOR HEYNS SHARES HIS VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF MDOC



This is part one of a three-part series on the new direction of the Michigan Department of Corrections. Director Dan Heyns shares accomplishments, rationale, and his vision for the Department.

In the Spotlight

Vision: a vivid idealized description of a desired outcome that inspires, energizes and helps you create a mental picture of your target .

Michigan Department of Corrections Director Dan Heyns recently shared his vision with the Executive Policy Team and the Administrative Management Team. Now he is sharing it with employees throughout the Department.

Director Heyns said he wants to foster change and reorganize the Department to improve productivity, safety, and our self-image. Part of improving our self-image includes changing the dress code, and improving the working environment. He has a “look good, feel good” belief when it comes to employees and their work site.

He also believes that employees will feel valued in a clean, professional, and functional working environment that empowers innovation and inspires ideas that improve the Department.

He wants to lead the Department to a new operational level where employees feel proud of their work and of the Department. Some of the initiatives that will help the Department meet that vision include:

- Retooling prisoner reentry to focus more on prison programming while prisoners are serving in prison so they are ready to be released at their earliest release date;
- Restructuring Michigan State Industries (MSI) to provide rehabilitative programming and skills for prisoners and to make MSI fiscally responsible. He also wants MSI to be a positive and well-respected operation that other entities rely on for quality products and

well-trained people;

- Building partnerships with communities, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Natural Resources, and other public entities to provide prisoner labor that enhances the environment and fills a gap not provided by the private sector;
- Diverting mentally ill offenders from prison into other facilities and programs that provide a therapeutic environment. The Department should not be a long-term care home for mentally ill people;
- Refocusing the Department’s mission on correctional facilities with emphasis on who we lock up, how long do we keep them, and how are they supervised upon release;
- Introducing more evidence-based programming into the prison setting that will be delivered by volunteers from faith-based and other volunteer organizations with an overall focus on improving prisoner behavior;
- Increasing the role of corrections officers as professional change agents, having them deliver prisoner programming in a proactive atmosphere that enhances the prisoner rehabilitation process; and
- Providing post-secondary education opportunities for prisoners so they leave prison with a better education and a better skill set that leads to success in the workplace and in life.

Director Heyns’ vision includes a future where the Department is highly professional and consistently successful. It is a future where the Department is a collaborative partner in a criminal justice system we can all be proud of.

The next issue of F.Y.I. will publish part two of the series. Director Heyns discusses some of the decisions and accomplishments in his first few months at the helm.



REENTRY ROUNDTABLE

Reentry Roundtable is a continuing column that provides news, facts, and program successes within the prisoner reentry program.

CREATING OPPORTUNITY IN THE CAPITAL AREA: DREAMWORKS DETAILING

Capital Area Prisoner Reentry contractor Eaglevision Ministries was recently featured in the Lansing State Journal for the opening of DreamWorks Detailing. DreamWorks provides employment and training opportunities to recently released ex-offenders in the Capital Area. Eaglevision spent several months preparing for the opening of this business including working with the clients to create a business plan, marketing and training materials and supply lists.

This experience of micro-enterprise has proven beneficial to the reentry clients served by Eaglevision, by giving them a place to hone their job skills, interact with the public and see the workings of an affirmative business from the inside out. Eaglevision CEO, Dr. LaClaire Bouknight says that Eaglevision started DreamWorks because Eaglevision "wanted to provide more job opportunities in an environment where it could monitor workers and help train them."

DreamWorks has had a successful start with local individuals and companies utilizing the tal-

ented workers at DreamWorks to clean fleet vehicles, personal autos and also ve-

hicles from a local hospital. Dr. Bouknight sees DreamWorks as a step forward to a bigger goal of opening more businesses for the reentry clients in the Capital Area to learn, practice and refine their employment skills. In the plans is the grand opening of Dream Cones and Deli, which

will be a carry out desert and sandwich shop.

Ingham Regional Medical Center takes its courier vans to DreamWorks for detailing. Mike Prochnow, Materials Operations Manager for the Lansing hospital, said he didn't realize at first that Eaglevision was behind the venture. "I think it's fantastic that they're giving folks the opportunity," he said. Prochnow said he's pleased with the quality and price of the services.



Parolee Victor Penmen (at right) removes markings from the side of a panel truck owned by Ingham Regional Medical Center

Prisoner Reentry Associate Director Tony Woods noted, "We understand that certain perceptions will never go away. We're encouraging the community to support individuals who are trying to do their best. It's not just an agency project, but it's a community support system we're trying to establish."

**This article was submitted by Derrick Jones, Capital Area Community Coordinator.*

**Prisoner
Reentry**





STAFF AND PRISONER ACTIONS AVERT POTENTIAL CATASTROPHE



Three Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) employees and a prisoner choosing to do the right thing averted a potentially dangerous situation during a cross-country transport. The prisoner, on temporary court release outside of Michigan, was being transported to another state by a private transportation company that was itself engaged in alleged criminal actions and a series of unsafe prisoner security lapses during the trip. The prisoner was so concerned, he contacted his spouse, who then contacted the MDOC.

Working with the Michigan State Police (MSP), local law enforcement and Governor Snyder's staff, MDOC employees Dawn Jacobsen, Bev McConnehy and Don Matson were able to get MSP to convince the transport company to deliver the prisoner to an out-of-state county jail where he was secured. Authorities were also alerted to the alleged safety issues related to the company and several law enforcement agencies are now investigating their alleged criminal acts.

Prisoners are secure and citizens are safer because MDOC employees made the effort to do the right thing and follow up on what sounded like an unbelievable story. Nice work!

DEPRESSION SCREENING: A STEP TOWARD BETTER HEALTH

October is Depression Screening Awareness Month. The medical condition of depression is different than just feeling sad or blue for a few days. Clinical depression can affect your sleep, diet, feelings and thinking for weeks at a time. Clinical depression is not caused by stress, although stress can make the symptoms worse. The good news is that like with many other medical conditions, there are effective treatments for depression that are readily available. Depression is a treatable medical condition. Consider having an annual depression screening if you are experiencing lingering sadness, irritability, change in eating/sleeping habits, or a loss of interest in activities that you used to enjoy. Screenings are available 24/7.



To take a screening for depression online, visit <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/screening> (enter Keyword/password: "espmi"). Follow the prompts and key in your responses to the multiple choice questions. If you wish to take the screening over the telephone, call 1-800-887-5676 and use your touch-tone keypad to respond to the pre-recorded questions.

Screenings are not a professional diagnosis, but point out the presence or absence of symptoms and provide referral information for further evaluation if needed. For additional information on the depression self-assessment, or to speak confidentially with a Licensed Master Social Worker, please contact the State of Michigan Employee Service Program at (517) 373-7630 or (800) 521-1377, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



HARVEST GATHERING HELPS AREA NEEDY

This fall marks the 21st year of the Michigan Harvest Gathering, an annual food and fund drive in which state employees have been major partners with the Food Bank Council of Michigan. As in previous years, state employees are being asked to step up and support the food banks throughout Michigan. The 2011 campaign will run from Monday, October 17 through Monday, October 31, 2011. All Department of Corrections employees are invited and encouraged to participate in the Harvest Gathering by bringing in non-perishable canned and boxed food items as well as toiletry items and leaving them at designated collection sites in your work area.

You may also contribute money to your site coordinator and receive a receipt. Additionally, online donations made at www.feedmichigan.org allow you to donate as a "State Employee," list your department affiliation and designate your donation to one of the nine regional food banks that provide services throughout the entire state. Dollar amounts in the hands of food banks go twice as far in purchasing food.

Boxes for collecting non-perishable food items and pledge cards for tax-deductible monetary donations will be available at your workplace. All food donations go to local food banks and all

funds are directly used to purchase food items and pay for their transport.

Last year, State employees donated very generously by contributing \$65,000 and 30,000 pounds of food to the Michigan Harvest Gathering for food banks across the state. MDOC staff contributed close to 10% of that amount. This year, it is estimated that more than 1 million Michigan residents (one in every ten) will need to use a food bank, with the majority being the very young and the very old.



Wendy Hart has volunteered to serve as the Department of Corrections coordinator for the 2011 campaign. You may reach Ms. Hart at (517) 335-3077 or Hartw2@michigan.gov. If you are interested in volunteering as a work-site coordinator or need

to know the name of your work-site coordinator, please contact Ms. Hart.

Your continued support of Michigan food banks is truly appreciated. Your contributions in the past have contributed greatly to the success of the annual Michigan Harvest Gathering, and this year, they are again counting on us to make a huge difference in the lives of so many deserving families in Michigan. Your generous donations will make that possible.

DETROIT RED WINGS TO RECOGNIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT AT APPRECIATION NIGHT

The Detroit Red Wings and the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Fund are coordinating at law enforcement appreciation night. The law enforcement package includes a ticket and a t-shirt for just \$35. The game is against the Avalanche on November 8, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.



To order tickets, visit the Web at www.detroitredwings.com/law, or call (313) 394-7594. A limited number of tickets are available for this event. No refunds or exchanges. Seating upgrades are available at an additional cost.

**MDOC FAMILY NEEDS YOUR HELP TO HELP DAUGHTER WIN FIGHT AGAINST CANCER**

On September 10, 2011, Rick Emery, a Sergeant at the Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center, was preparing to celebrate his daughter Kallie's 16th birthday. Unfortunately, the day would be far from a celebration. Instead, Kallie was stricken with sudden and severe symptoms that caused the family to take her to Michigan State University for an emergency MRI. The news was not good. The MRI revealed a large tumor on Kallie's brain stem and required immediate action. On September 13, 2011, just three days after Kallie's 16th birthday, doctors at Sparrow Hospital successfully removed a Glioma tumor later confirmed to be malignant. Kallie's doctors recommended aggressive treatment for the cancer. Even though the family was still reeling from the initial shock of the diagnosis and surgery, the successful removal of the tumor was a relief and provided some much needed hope. The family then began to focus their energy on supporting Kallie and doing all they could to aid her recovery and regain her strength.



Sadly, an inoperable tumor was discovered last week, this time in her Thalamus (the center of the brain). The tumor is causing brain swelling and she is now battling numbness, weakness and decreased vision on her left side. This brave young lady and her family are now fighting for her life....it's unreal when you think about the fact that only a few short weeks ago the question of the day was "What do you want for your Birthday?" It's amazing how quickly your life can change.

The family has chosen to take her to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and she will be admitted early next week. Kidswings has volunteered to fly Kallie and Rick to Pennsylvania. Kallie is also the niece of Lori Emery, who also works for the Department.

Donations are being accepted at Lansing Automakers Federal Credit Union, 1121 Keystone Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48911 in the name of Kallie Emery.

PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE**JACKSON CTO TAKES FOURTH IN NATIONAL COMPETITION**

Corrections Transportation Officer (CTO) John Gallagher recently took Fourth Place in the over 40-year-old division and Sixth Place overall at the International Federation of Body Building (IFBB) 2011 North American Championships. John has been competing in the sport of body building for 20 years. John has nearly 14 years in the Department and is currently a CTO with Jackson Regional Transportation. In August he earned First Place in his weight class at an IFBB regional competition in Grand Rapids qualifying him for the national competition.

