



## SUPREME COURT TAKES UP RIGHT TO WORK, 4% TUES., JAN. 13

The Michigan Supreme Court will hear arguments in the Right to Work and 4 percent lawsuits next Tuesday.

In both cases, state employee unions are arguing the Michigan Constitution gives the Civil Service Commission sole authority over state workers' employment conditions. The legislature stepped out of bounds when it passed RTW for state employees and a law requiring those in the de-

fining benefit plan contribute 4 percent of their wages to the pension plan.

The Right to Work suit will be heard at 9:30 a.m. and will be followed by the 4 percent case. Court hearings are open to the public, so members are welcome to attend. Please arrive early—we anticipate the courtroom will fill up fast.

The Supreme Court is located at the Michigan Hall of Justice, 925 W.

Ottawa St., Lansing, MI 48915. Members may park at MCO or pay to park at the courthouse.

MCO has confirmed the hearings will be streamed online. Go to [courts.mi.gov/courts/michigansupremecourt](http://courts.mi.gov/courts/michigansupremecourt) and click "watch live video of oral arguments" on the right. After the hearings, you can watch recordings in the "find archived oral argument video" section.

## AROUND THE STATE: DRF INMATE TRIES TO ESCAPE AGAIN; MASSIVE FIGHT AT ARF SENDS ONE TO HOSPITAL

**A Carson City inmate attempted to escape for a second time last week.**

Staff spotted the Level IV prisoner as he approached the perimeter fence the morning of New Year's Eve. A motion-sensing wire detected him. He went to seg and officers took an emergency count.

The prisoner had attempted to escape DRF at least once before, an officer said.

According to OTIS, the man is serving time for an escape in Kalamazoo County in 2009. He is also

serving sentences for breaking and entering, home invasion and burning property.

**Five shanks and two locks in socks were found after a 12-inmate fight at Gus Harrison Tuesday.**

A prisoner was hit in the head with a laundry bag containing batteries and was stabbed near his right shoulder. He was taken to a hospital.

The fight broke out on the north front yard. The dozen inmates involved are in seg.

## MCO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RETIRE THIS SPRING

Executive Director Mel Grieshaber has announced he will retire in May. Anyone interested in filling the position may send a resume to MCO, Attn: Anita Lloyd, 421 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933.

This person will operate as chief of staff. A job description and more info will be in the next KYI.

## IN MEMORIAM: DENISE INGRAM, ALETHIA SINGLETON



Two members of the MCO family passed away late last month.

RGC officer Denise Ingram died at home Dec. 23. She had 27 years with the MDOC. Her funeral was Jan. 3 in Muskegon.

Member Alethia "Lisa" Singleton passed away on Christmas Day. She worked at Macomb and had been an officer for 21 years. She leaves behind a daughter, grandsons, four sisters, a fiancé and several other family members and friends. Her funeral was also Jan. 3.

Please keep the family and friends of these women in your thoughts and prayers throughout this difficult time.

## FRIDAY IS THE DETROIT PISTONS' FIRST RESPONDERS' NIGHT!

Now that the stress of the holidays is over, relax with a night out at the Detroit Pistons!

A special First Responders' Night will be Friday, Jan. 9. The Pistons take on the Atlanta Hawks at 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a birds-eye view of the game in Club 300. Club 300 ticket holders will also get free food and drinks and the chance to meet Pistons entertainers. Tickets are \$60.

Arena seats are also available for \$45.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association; the Detroit Firefighters Association; and the Detroit Police Officers Association.

Tickets must be purchased before 5 p.m. Jan. 9. To get tickets, call Nicole at (248)375-4065 or email her at [nlaidlaw@palacenet.com](mailto:nlaidlaw@palacenet.com).