



## BALDWIN PRIVATE PRISON TO REOPEN WITH INMATES FROM OTHER STATES

GEO will reopen the Baldwin prison this summer with inmates from out of state, according to a report in *The Lake County Star*.

The news outlet reports 1,200 to 1,600 out-of-state prisoners could be housed at the facility, which is scheduled to open in July. *The Star* did not

provide the source of those details and said GEO has been tight-lipped. No Michigan Department of Corrections representatives were quoted in the article.

The former Baldwin youth prison, now called the North Lake County Correctional Facility, closed in 2005. GEO

still owns the property. Former GEO employees who are now MDOC corrections officers have told MCO they have been contacted by GEO about job opportunities at North Lake County.

These are all the details we have at this time.

We'll keep you posted.

## AROUND THE STATE: OFFICERS INJURED AT CENTRAL MICHIGAN, WOODLAND

**A Central Michigan officer was injured while responding to an escape attempt last week.**

A prisoner had returned to the facility after being sent out for a mental health evaluation. He refused to go back to his housing unit, and he was sitting near the control center. Eventually, he told staff he would walk to his unit, but instead he bolted toward the west sallyport and climbed the fence.

One CO was running to the fence when he slipped. He injured both legs and isn't expected back at work for several months, an officer said.

Last month, the same inmate ran toward a fence and triggered a zone alarm. He didn't reach the perimeter. He received a ticket, but it was thrown out due to mental health reasons, an

officer told MCO.

The inmate has been transferred to ICF.

Officers say critical information, such as the CO's injuries, is not being shared in daily reports.

**An inmate at Woodland punched a CMO after he told him to stop blowing kisses at a nurse.**

The officer was punched in the head. Another officer intervened and his rotator cuff was torn. The altercation happened Saturday, and neither CMO has returned to work.

This prisoner has had 25 criticals, including 17 staff assaults, since late 2013, an officer said. Two months ago, he threw feces and urine at another CMO.



## IN MEMORIAM: STEPHENSON AND McCALLUM

**Retired CMO Tony Stephenson passed away March 4.**

He worked at Mound, Ryan and Woodland during his 17-year career. Tony retired in 2011.

Please keep Tony's friends and family in your thoughts.

**Tuesday was the 28-year anniversary of Officer Josephine McCallum's death at the hands of an inmate.**

McCallum was brutally raped and beaten at Jackson Central. She was found at the bottom of a stairwell. Please keep her and her survivors in your thoughts.

## CORRECTIONS BUDGET NEWS

Former MCO Executive Director Mel Grieshaber asked the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for Corrections to reimburse officers who trained at community colleges.

Grieshaber testified before the subcommittee last week and answered senators' questions about the community colleges.

Grieshaber also reminded senators of MCO's opposition to retirees working part time while still collecting a pension. That provision is scheduled to expire in September of this year.

## MARQUETTE, MDOC HOCKEY TEAMS TAKE THE ICE

A new hockey team made up of Marquette Branch Prison staff will compete in their first tournament this weekend to benefit Special Olympics.

The MBP Carp River Bandits will play in the Copper Cup near Grand Rapids. The MDOC Black Knights will also compete in the tournament.

The Carp River Bandits take the ice at 10:30 p.m. on Friday and at 9 a.m.

and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. The MDOC Black Knights skate at 8:30 p.m. Friday and at 12:50 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The tournament will be at the Southside Ice Arena, 566 100th St. SW, Byron Center, MI.

Come out and support your co-workers as they raise money for Special Olympics.