

Weekly Views

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*"No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude."
~Author Unknown*

Friday, April 24, 2009

Plainfield Correctional Facility underwent an ACA re-accreditation audit this week and received 100% on all mandatory standards and 98% on non-mandatory standards. Commissioner Buss was in attendance for the audit close-out and expressed his appreciation for the efforts of PCF staff.



Wabash Valley Correctional Facility PLUS offenders made and presented 15 quilts to facility ERO staff. ERO will add the quilts, personalized with the WVCF and ERO logos, to their travel gear whenever called to assist other facilities. (See photo, left)

Students at Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility were treated to the inspiring sounds of an Indianapolis-based Christian group, the Judah Band. The band put on a small concert and performed a number of uplifting songs.

Over 2,200 Putnamville Correctional Facility offenders attended a "Christmas Behind Bars" program facilitated by Lemuel Vega. Attendees listened to inspirational messages and received goodie bags.

Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility recently held its first Prison SMART Phase 2 weekend retreat. Prison SMART is an internationally recognized stress reduction and management course, which provides instruction on deep breathing and meditation exercises.

A graduation ceremony was conducted to recognize the most recent graduates of Pendleton Correctional Facility's Level One Inside Out Dad Program.

Mixed Up Mutts of LaPorte County, the dog rescue association that sponsors Westville Correctional Facility's "Prison Tails" program, hosted its annual dog walk recently. The walk raised \$3,500 for the facility. "Prison Tails" has rescued and trained over 400 abandoned dogs.

The Reception-Diagnostic Center recently held a submarine sandwich sale to raise money for the upcoming Correctional Employees' Week. \$273.50 was raised during the two-day sale, and 42 feet of sub was sold!

The Energy Assistance Program at Putnamville Correctional Facility had record breaking sales this season. Over 562 ricks of wood were sold from October 2008 through March 2009, which exceeded last year's sales. Offenders cut, split, deliver, and stack wood at the residences of low-income families who use the wood for heat.

The Parole Director and Indianapolis Parole District #3 staff participated in a joint Lever Pull Meeting with Marion County Probation to promote successful re-entry by changing conditions in neighborhoods with high crimes rates and facilitating an awareness and community support through an increase police presence for Marion County.

Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility and its residents assisted the Department's Victim Services Division for the upcoming Victim Rights Awareness Week. For the second year in a row, the residents stuffed envelopes in preparation for a mass mailing that will be done.

Classes from Earlham College and Ball State University toured the Pendleton Correctional Facility this week.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility's GROW Unit held a fundraiser for Sycamore Place, an emergency children's shelter. They raised over \$600 doing push ups and shooting 3-pointers.

Putnamville Correctional Facility recently sponsored its first annual "Youth Turkey Hunt" for employees and children.

Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility recently held a graduation ceremony for its third Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program. This collaborative effort allows IUPUI students the opportunity to study with residents at the facility.

Purdue Calumet criminal justice students were given a tour of the Indiana State Prison and spoke to an offender who answered questions about everyday life in a correctional facility.

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner