

Weekly Views

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"Progress lies not in enhancing what is, but in advancing toward what will be." ~ Kahlil Gibran



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The Christian Motorcycle Association recently visited South Bend Juvenile. Fifteen volunteers came in the morning for inspirational messages and music and returned in the afternoon, bringing 10 motorcycles into the large outdoor recreation area. Students looked at the bikes for an hour, asked questions, and listened to music with the volunteers.

Agents and supervisors from the Indianapolis Parole Office (PD#3) participated in a multi-jurisdictional sweep with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Probation Department, and Community Corrections in an effort to reduce the level of violent crime, provide valuable intelligence relating to criminal activities, and validate compliance with regard to parole rules and expectations.

At a Plainfield Correctional Facility staff assembly, Major Bill Hyatte and Superintendent Wendy Knight each took a pie in the face as part of a fundraising effort for the Activity Committee. Their good spirit raised approximately \$600!

Rockville Correctional Facility offenders contributed \$1,374.35 to the American Cancer Society's Parke County Relay for Life. The funds were raised through the efforts of the Recreation Department staff who facilitated ice cream and Krispy Kreme donut sale fundraisers.

Six students from Camp Summit performed community service at the LaPorte American Red Cross blood collection center. The students assisted in setup and tear down before and after the blood collection.

Miami Correctional Facility Internal Affairs employees Lorna Harbaugh and Chris Ramberger are in training to become Correctional Police Officers, a distinction which allows them to make arrests, conduct searches and seizures of a person or property, carry a firearm, and exercise other police powers with respect to the enforcement of Indiana laws.

This week, the IDOC Softball Team beat the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) 12-7 during their first game of the summer league.

Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility celebrated graduates of the final PLUS program this week. Six students were honored for completing the 16-week program. Dr. Stephen Hall served as the keynote speaker.

Officials from the Marion County Community Corrections program toured the Pendleton Correctional Facility this week.

Staff at the Westville Correctional Facility hosted a successful and unprecedented American Red Cross Blood Drive. In just 6 hours, the staff collectively donated 84 units of blood. Superintendent Wilson praised the staff's effort to come together for such a worthy cause.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility held its 1st "Best in the Business" acknowledgement ceremony this week. The four program managers picked two staff from the facility who displayed best practices on a daily basis. Also, five student offenders from each unit were nominated by the program managers for "setting the best behavior example" for all other students in the units. The Chaplain and his student band performed a song to start the ceremony.

Seventeen IDOC staff members from various facilities within the Region 1 Division of Finance and Performance attended a Procurement Training with the Indiana Department of Administration at Miami Correctional Facility this week.

The Rockville Correctional Facility CLIFF program recently held its graduation. Terri Edwards, a business woman celebrating nineteen years of sobriety, and Mick Schoenrad, IDOC Director of Substance Abuse, spoke at the event.

Pendleton Correctional Facility was contacted by Towers Productions this week for the purpose of making plans to film a second documentary at the facility to be aired on the Discovery Channel.

Camp Summit held an open house for Parole and Probation staff to enhance cooperation and communication, while improving community services and transition of students who will be released back to community supervision. Eight probation officers and two parole agents attended. The attendees expressed their appreciation to be allowed to visit the facility and talk with staff about programming that is available to the students.

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner