

# WEEKLY VIEWS

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2009

Madison Correctional Facility started the second of two training academies to accommodate the new hires for the Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility and the staff hired for the Madison Campus Maintenance Consolidation.

Over 100 Miami offenders were treated to a special concert by the Main Street United Methodist Church bell choirs.

Over 40 representatives from area communities, DNR, INDOT, and not-for-profit organizations met at the WVCF firehouse to discuss and schedule 2010 projects, utilizing supervised minimum-security offender labor lines.

New Castle Correctional Facility staff raised \$1,800 through food sales to assist 4 NCCF families this holiday season.

Pendleton Correctional Facility honored Pendleton Complex Warehouse Supervisor Trena Aynes in recognition of her retiring after 20 years of service.

Logansport Juvenile sent several youth to assist the Salvation Army in handing out over 200 gift packages.

Westville's Employee Action Planning Committee sponsored the facility's participation in LaPorte County Jaycee's Deserving Children evening. Staff from WCC accompanied the county's most deserving children to dinner and to local stores for holiday shopping. According to the Jaycee's, Westville provided more staff to the program than any other business or agency.

Henryville recently graduated two offenders who earned their GED and were taught by the facility's volunteer teacher.

A traveling basketball team sponsored by Brian Taylor came to the Indiana State Prison to play basketball with the offender league. After the game, the offender players spoke to the ball players about making good life choices.

Miami Correctional Facility's K-9 team rang the bells for the Salvation Army at the Kroger grocery store in Peru for 12 hours recently. Members participating in the bell ringing included: Jeremy Brindle, Michael Gapski, Montrel McGee, Jeffrey Childers, Stanley Green, Zachary Whann, Matthew Schoettmer, Brian Knauff, Dale Chasteen, Charles Williams, Glen Hatter, Joshua Snow and Charity Hotsinpillar.

The PLUS Graduate Pilot Program at Correctional Industrial Facility created 250 Christmas cards for local nursing homes.

The Indianapolis Men's Community Re-entry Center just wrapped up its first Christmas celebration with Christmas Behind Bars and Unchained Ministries. Both residents and staff enjoyed the two hour presentation.

Wabash Valley staff, led by Superintendent James Basinger, delivered 56 PLUS unit Christmas gift boxes to residents of the Hutsonville, Illinois-based Heritage House for veterans. Each gift came directly from offender commissary donations, offender fundraisers, and outside donations from PLUS volunteers with the New Beginnings Christian Ministry.

Madison Correctional Facility employees, PLUS unit, Toastmaster's Club, and CMS teamed up to ensure a Merry Christmas for 8 local children.

Pendleton conducted a graduation ceremony for two offenders who completed their GED and 13 offenders who completed the facility's Horticulture Vocational Training Program.

Indiana State Prison's Shifting Gears Program donated 29 bikes to the Moose Lodge in Knox, Indiana.

Miami Correctional Facility's American Legion offender group held a fundraiser over the weekend. The group sold Pepsi and Hostess pies to offenders and made nearly \$3,000 on the sale.

Successfully Speaking, the Toastmasters Club at the Henryville Correctional Facility, recently donated \$250 to the Clearinghouse Food Pantry in Scottsburg. Club members also wrapped gifts and made Christmas stockings for the children who visited their fathers at the facility.

Branchville Correctional Facility recently held a blood drive and collected 34 units of blood. The American Red Cross awarded Karen Smith, Counselor/Substance Abuse, with a plaque for her giving history of over 13 gallons of blood.

Miami's Employee Appreciation Committee held a donut sale and raised \$90 for Employee Appreciation Week.

Madison Correctional Facility's Therapeutic Community, GRIP, sent 115 Christmas cards to 3 local nursing homes and donated 50 crocheted hats and 10 stuffed animals to the Department of Child Services.

*Merry  
Christmas*