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# Weekly Views

IDOC donated more than 1000 cell phones to First Lady Karen Pence's phone drive for HopeLine from Verizon. Throughout the month of October, no-longer-used cell phones and accessories from any provider were collected to be donated to victims of domestic violence. Phones donated to HopeLine are refurbished and provided, along with 3,000 minutes of wireless service and text-messaging services, to those in need through participating domestic violence agencies or sold for reuse, which generates funds for the program. Since 2001, HopeLine from Verizon has collected more than 10.8 million phones nationwide and has donated more than

\$21.4 million in cash grants to domestic violence organizations nationwide. (photo right)



The Department hosted its first annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at Pendleton Correctional Facility. More than 40 IDOC staff participated in the event, attended by family and friends. New Castle Correctional Facility's (NCCF) team won three consecutive games to make it to the final game. Playing against the undefeated Indiana State Prison (ISP) team in the first game, NCCF was able to force a second double elimination game, but ISP walked away as the winners. Congratulations to ISP and all the teams!

The Correctional Industrial Facility's (CIF) Building Trades class donated offender made doghouses to the Indiana Canine Assistance Network (ICAN) and the Animal Protection League. The doghouses were the final project for the 15 offenders in the building trade's class. The offenders were proud to show off their handiwork and to donate them to both of these well-deserving organizations. In the past, the Building Trades class has also built prefabricated homes for Habitat for Humanity. (photo left)



Camp Summit Boot Camp is partnering with Bugaboo Tattoo of Hammond, IN to remove unwanted tattoos from juveniles at Camp Summit. Project Erase is provided at no cost to the state or juveniles, who want to volunteer to have their tattoos removed. It gives the students an opportunity to "erase" past poor choices that would have affected them negatively when entering the job market, military, and society as a whole. Bugaboo Tattoo is currently working with seven juveniles participating in the program. Only visible tattoos, such as on their arms, hands and neck, are being removed through the project. The first Student to embark on Project Erase remarked, "I remember my dad coming to Parent Day at school covered in tattoos thinking the other kids' parents were better than mine. I don't want my daughter to feel that way, so I am having mine removed." (photo right)

Saturday was a warm and beautiful evening for ghosts and goblins to appear at the annual Pendleton Complex Halloween party. Each year the Employee Appreciation Committee (EAC) from the Pendleton, CIF and Pendleton Juvenile combined forces to host the anticipated family event. The annual party transforms the PCF farm building into an area for kids to play games and earn points towards prizes. Other festivities included a bounce house for the younger children, music, food, bonfire and the highly anticipated haunted hayride. (photo left)



Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility had two students who were recognized for their Art Work that was submitted in the National Art Contest held by the Emanuel Project. The students took 1st and 2nd place in the colored pencil category, and the 1st place drawing won the overall Grand Champion for all categories. Pictured with the students from left to right are Lori Harshbarger, Superintendent, Lisa Regalia, Art Teacher and Randy Minnick of the Emanuel Foundation. (photo right)



During October, the Clever Clovers, the 4-H at Pendleton Juvenile, learned about pigs. They learned about the different types, areas 4-H judges look at in each breed, and the intelligence of pigs. Students met "Charlotte," a piglet from a local farm. She was very friendly and played with the students.

Plainfield Correctional Facility and the Reception Diagnostic Center came together to "Think Pink." Facility staff including Corizon, Aramark, Oakland City University, and custody were given pink ribbons to show their support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. A special thank you to all staff who participated in this event.



Reception Diagnostic Center Superintendent Jim Wynn is pleased to announce the promotions of Justin Klinkerfuss to Correctional Sergeant and Jason Fedeler to Correctional Lieutenant. Congratulations to both of you!

The Rockville Correctional Facility (RCF) held its annual fall celebration for the Hope Center Parenting Program, welcoming 22 children to play games and make fun fall crafts with their mothers. They also enjoyed fruit, juice and cupcakes prepared by the RCF Culinary Arts Department and took advantage of the beautiful weather with outside play time. A wonderful time was had by all and Hope Center is looking forward to the Christmas Party! (photo left)



Madison Correctional Facility's Residential Reformatory Reentry Program (RRP) character elective class, "It Takes a Village", built a small village using very creative talents, popsicle sticks, construction paper and other materials. In working on the village they learned that everyone must work together to be successful in whatever the task is – in recovery, in reformation, family and community.

More than 50 Westville Correctional Facility (WCC) volunteers and spouses were recognized at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. WCC Superintendent Mark Sevier was impressed with the number of volunteers and variety of programs that were represented. Kairos alone brings in volunteers from a 100 mile radius around the facility. A special thank you goes to the Culinary Arts program who prepared the meal, as well as Training, Recreation, Custody and Classification staff who coordinated the activity.

Ice cream sundaes greeted both oncoming and off-going custody staff when the new Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) Superintendent Kathy Griffin scooped out greetings to her new staff. This was only Griffin's second week at the facility and she wanted to try and meet as many people as possible, both those working days and those working the night-shift. With the help of funds from the Employee Appreciation Committee, Griffin treated all to ice cream and toppings while saying hello and introducing herself to MCF staffers. (photo right)

Pendleton Juvenile held their Quarterly Assembly. Superintendent Alison Yancey recognized years of service, perfect attendance and staff that are "Making a Change". Superintendent Yancey presented quarterly awards to Youth Development Specialist of the Quarter Michael Baker, Non-custody Employee of the Quarter Karey Wall and Supervisor of the Quarter to Sergeant Templeton. A GED graduation ceremony and reception was held after the facility assembly. Education Supervisor Derek Grubbs spoke to the graduate regarding continuing education and professional goals.



The Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) American Legion Post has been officially renamed Kyle Snyder Post 398. The 21 year old Sullivan County soldier and three others died in Afghanistan when a landmine exploded under their military vehicle in 2005. Snyder was the first Sullivan County soldier to fall in service to his country during the conflict. Family members, including his Mom, Donna Snyder Hinton attended the ceremony along with high ranking American Legion dignitaries. Donna Snyder presented the post with a picture of her son saying "It's an honor that they named the post after Kyle-he won't be forgotten-my son would be proud." WVCF Superintendent Richard Brown said he's pleased post members sincerely wanted to pay tribute to the fallen hero in this manner. "They are incarcerated but they are still veterans who have served their country and now look forward to continuing their public service to our community." (photo left)



Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF) residents, together with their spouses or longtime significant others, participated in a Prevention Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) seminar. Residents and their spouses discussed how lengthy incarceration periods strained their marriages and relationships, and participated in exercises designed to reintroduce them to each other and to help bridge the gap and build support with family after their release from prison.

Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) Superintendent Dushan Zatecky would like to congratulate Sergeant Mark Hahn, Case Manager Gerard Spears and Classification Supervisor Paula Dickson who graduated from the 2014 Experienced and Emerging Leadership (EEL) program. "EEL is an extensive and challenging program requiring participants to engage in numerous developmental activities. Our staff have worked hard to continue on their path to success. I would like to congratulate Mark, Gerard and Paula on this immense achievement," stated Superintendent Zatecky. (photo right)

Pendleton Juvenile is proud to congratulate Safety Hazard Manager Nakuma Stone in graduating from the Experienced and Emerging Leadership program. During this program, Mr. Stone received training in various areas of leadership and teambuilding. One part of the academy involves working on a cost savings project and presenting recommendations.

Miami Correctional Facility held its quarterly Recall meeting this week awarding several individuals with Employee of the Quarter awards. Receiving Employee of the Quarter was Steven Hamm; Supervisor of the Quarter was Sergeant Faith Rush; Officer of the Quarter was Christopher Wahl and a new award this quarter – Contract Employee of the Quarter went to Robert Short with Grace College. Also handed out at the meeting were the leadership awards. These went to: Sergeant Allen Burton, Challenge the Process; Yolanda Turner, Inspire a Shared Vision; Sergeant. Joseph Gatliff, Enabling Others to Act; Michael Hubler, Model the Way; and Michael Berry, Encourages the Heart.

