

WEEKLY VIEWS

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2010

Today at the Correctional Training Institute, 46 IDOC employees are being sworn in as Correctional Police Officers. Commissioner Buss and Chief of Staff Ronay will be in attendance, as well as keynote speaker Mike Lindsay, the Deputy Director for the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. The Honorable Judge Tanya Walton-Pratt will swear in the officers.

The Plainfield Correctional Facility held a staff assembly to discuss the current issues impacting the facility and the agency as a whole. Popcorn and door prizes were handed out to those in attendance.

At the beginning of the week, volunteers from the Madison Presbyterian Church hosted a birthday party for the girls at Madison Juvenile. In addition, the facility threw a party for the winners of the holiday decorating contest, and 7 students participated in an outing to the Boys and Girls Club for Restorative Justice.

The Indianapolis Men's Community Re-Entry Center held its 1st quarter 9-Ball Pool Tournament. 24 residents participated in the tournament. Residents were rewarded with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes donated by volunteers.

Offenders at Putnamville Correctional Facility donated hair to Locks of Love, an organization that uses human hair to make wigs for children with cancer.

Wabash Valley Chaplain David Walker has launched a fundraising drive called "Speed the Light/Haiti," through the local Assembly of God Church. WVCF offenders have raised nearly \$900 to help those in need.

The Indianapolis Parole Office (PD #3) has moved to its new location at 512 E. Minnesota Street, Indianapolis, IN 46203. The new phone number is (317) 232-1442 or (317) 232-1443 and the fax number is (317) 232-1450.

Offenders assigned to off-ground work crews at Pendleton logged 1,541.25 hours of community service in January.

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility participated in a Red Cross blood drive. This blood drive was in partnership with the Logansport State Hospital. Together, 38 units of blood were collected.

Branchville Correctional Facility's PLUS program donated over \$1000 to the relief efforts in Haiti. The proceeds came from offender fundraisers and donations throughout the facility.

Westville Correctional Facility's dog program director, Regan Dietz, received a call from the local Red Cross that a house fire had endangered the family's 6 dogs. The facility's Prison Tails program is offering safe harbor for the dogs until the family is re-established in suitable housing.

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility was host Dr. Greg Bell, author of *Where Eagles Soar*, *I Believe in You* and *Dare to Dream*. Dr. Bell is an Olympic Gold Medalist, poet, professional speaker and author.

Miami Correctional Facility completed its third Promoting Positive Corrections Culture class this week. The class was developed by the IDOC to move towards a better cultural environment for staff to work in and offenders to live in.

Offenders assigned to Pendleton's Shifting Gears bicycle refurbishing operation reconditioned 48 bikes in January.

South Bend Juvenile held an NFL jersey fundraiser for Haiti relief efforts. With a \$5 donation, staff members were able to wear a jersey or t-shirt to represent their favorite team. All proceeds will go toward the St. Joseph County Red Cross.

Putnamville Correctional Facility PLUS offenders donated over 100 handmade greeting cards to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis and to the Away Home Shelter in Greencastle.

Indiana State Prison held a graduation for 21 offenders who have completed the Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) program. Interim Superintendent Brett Mize and Father David Link spoke at the event.

Westville Correctional Facility donated 130 boxes of clothing to the local Salvation Army. The facility is also accepting clothing for offenders being released.

Correctional Industrial Facility's PLUS program made 1,000 Valentine's Day cards to be given to local nursing homes.

Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility staff got together for a Meet & Greet this week. Interim Superintendent Latoya Lane provided a welcome speech and shared information regarding the strategic plan and facility goals.

Miami Correctional Facility held a promotion ceremony for two officers to Correctional Sergeants for the first time in more than 2 years. The new sergeants are Tim Dice and Joseph Townsend.

"Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need." ~ Kahlil Gibran