

# WEEKLY VIEWS

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FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2010

The first class of certified coal miner training began recently at Branchville Correctional Facility. The facility has identified twelve offenders that met the minimum qualifications. Offenders will complete the training for underground mining and surface mining. The requirement that the offender complete a separate day of training at an operational mine will be deferred until the offender is released. The class is being taught by General Robert Mitchell.

Correctional Industrial Facility provided table decorations and other items for the Indy Homeless Connect event at the Convention Center.



Staff at Westville said good-bye and good luck to Captain Kenneth Gann who has been promoted to Major at the Indiana State Prison. Gann was honored with 2 carry-in luncheons, one for each facility. The luncheon was complete with "war stories," shared memories and wonderful experiences of Gann's career at Westville.

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility (LJCF) received a 100% on their mandatory standards and 98.5% on the non-mandatory standards during their most recent ACA Audit. The auditors were very complimentary of the facility operations and the staff.

New Castle Correctional Facility Superintendent D.L. Stine and seven staff members attended the Annual Henry County Chamber of Commerce Dinner.

Sandra Roark, PEN Products Plant Manager at the Miami Correctional Facility was recognized at the National Correctional Industries Association Awards Banquet. Ms. Roark was nominated by PEN Products and was selected as the winner of the Central Region Staff award. Besides standing at the top of the 6 states staff nominations, Ms. Roark was also named to the 2010 National Correctional Industries Association Honor Roll.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility's PLUS Program sponsored a fundraiser where eligible offenders were permitted to purchase food from Hardee's. \$2,333.22 was raised by this event and the proceeds will be donated to Christian Service International (CSI) Ministries in Muncie, Indiana to be directed to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund.

Edinburgh Correctional Facility donated \$314.00 dollars to the Columbus, Indiana Chapter of the American Red Cross for the Haiti Disaster Relief effort. The funds donated were raised from offender population donations and proceeds generated by a staff chili luncheon.

Homemade soup was catered to the Correctional Industrial Facility by staff for all employees who will donate \$1.00 per bowl. Proceeds will go to the Indiana Correctional Peace Officer Fund and Employee Appreciation Week.

Miami Correctional Facility hosted a tour for about 20 Sociology students from Ivy Tech College this week. Students were able to see how offenders live.

Eight staffers from the Marion County Prosecutors Office toured New Castle Correctional Facility.

SECC held a recognition event for members of the Torchbearer Society at the State Library. Twenty-three IDOC employees were among the one hundred eighty-seven state employees recognized.

The Wabash Valley Inside Out Dad's Program presented a \$1,500 check to United Campus Ministries. Campus Ministries provides counseling and other support services to students at Indiana State University, Rose Hulman and St. Mary of the Woods. Group members also toured the facility PLUS and other unique WVCF program locations.

Indiana Women's Prison held their graduation ceremony for the 2010 vocational classes of Horticulture and Cosmetology graduates. Horticulture had a total number of 31 graduates along with Cosmetology that had a total of 21 graduates.

Miami Correctional Facility hosted a Health and Fitness Fair with 9 organizations from the community represented giving information about nutrition and fitness and offering glucose screenings and blood pressure checks. More than 50 staff attended the INShape event.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility's PLUS graduation celebrated 7 students completing the program. Speakers included a PLUS volunteer and Dr. Hall. Families of the graduates were able to attend the ceremony and reception.

Forty staff members from the Edinburgh Correctional Facility attended two sessions of 'Promoting a Positive Corrections Culture' that was recently launched by the Department.



"Life is like an onion; you peel off one layer at a time and sometimes you weep." ~ Carl Sandburg