



Weekly Views

Indiana Department of Correction

May 15, 2015



PUTNAMVILLE CAPTURES THE GOLD! Putnamville Correctional Facility (PCF) was proud to host Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) Commissioner Bruce Lemmon and Deputy Commissioner James Basinger as they presented the institution with the first annual IDOC Golden Trashcan Award! PCF earned this first-ever trophy by committing 115 total hours of

offender work crews that ultimately yielded 3,803 bags of trash while cleaning a total of 44.5 miles of the local motorways in the community last month.



A FINAL PATROL for Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility officer Lt. Daryl Deitrich known by his co-workers as a dedicated comrade and friend. Hired in 1993, at this same facility he rose through the ranks serving as Assistant Custody Supervisor, Internal Affairs officer at the combined, Logansport juvenile Facility and North Central Juvenile Correctional Facility. He reported to the Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility until his health took a turn for the worse. He passed away on Friday May 8, 2015. He leaves behind 3 children, Ross, Reed and Audrey and his Wife Rhonda.



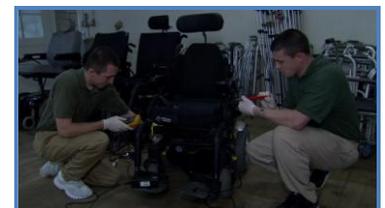
NCIA MEMBERS MARVEL AT MIAMI/PEN OPERATION: More than 75 members of the National Correctional Industries Association (NCIA) took a trip north from

Indianapolis to tour the Miami Correctional Facility recently during its annual National Training conference. It was the first time the conference was held in Indianapolis. The training conference is an unrivaled event in the field of correctional industries attended by 46 states and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. This year's conference was hosted by Prison Enterprises Network (PEN). PEN is a division of the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC). Indiana's prison industries manufacture goods and provide services using offender labor. The tour included a opportunities for visitors to hear on how the program works and the benefits their re-entry process.

KOZIATEK WINS BIG! Branchville Correctional Facility Sergeant Karl Koziatek was recently awarded the "Sergeant Dave Baylor Memorial Award"--the award presented by the facility for outstanding service, strength of character, attitude and exemplary performance for ERO and Branchville Correctional Facility. Sergeant Koziatek has been an employee of IDOC for 28 years, the last 20 of which have been in service at Branchville. For over 12 years, he has been the team leader for Branchville's honor guard, and he has always been ready at a moment's notice to travel wherever necessary to represent the facility in honoring our fallen brothers and sisters. Named in honor of former Branchville sergeant, Dave Baylor a highly respected member of the Branchville staff, this award was created after his untimely passing in 1997.



LOGANSPORT JUVENILE OFFENDERS DOING THEIR PART: A local group is finding a growing demand from families with special needs. Each week, they send out a truck to pick up and deliver goods that might otherwise be thrown out. Instead, other families are able to see the benefit of these refurbished items. With volunteers from the Two Men and a Truck moving company, a group called the Bally Foundation has organized the pickup and delivery resource for those in need. "If you have any durable medical equipment - Over the course of a day, the truck will make several stops around central Indiana. After it's loaded up, it will make the 75-mile trip north to the Logansport juvenile correctional facility. For the complete WTHR 13 story broadcast click [here](#).



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IDOC EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT

"Place your feet in the right place then stand firm," is Esther Hinton's motto. And her life reflects it. She was drawn to a career in the IDOC because she liked the idea of starting a career so close to home.



Born in Bloomington, Indiana, the divorced mother of 4 and grandmother 2 has notched 17 years with the IDOC and in 5 years will be looking forward to making hardcore plans for retirement "You know – places to go, people to see." Best known for being firm, fair and consistent, Esther realizes that may be sound like a cliché but as she says "Let me tell you it really is the way to go." And I guess based on career journey she should know. Starting as a Custody Officer in 1999 she quickly achieved the rank of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Correctional Police Officer, Program Director II before finally becoming a

Contract Monitor with Medical Services. (I'm worn out just thinking about all that she's be able to master in a relatively short amount of time).

We were suppose to meet in the local library, however it took me at least an hour to navigate the entourage that seem to surround her. I stared in amazement as the crowd gestured and murmured each time she selected a book, read its cover then either tucked it under her arm or placed it back on the shelf. Those times she took the book, onlookers appeared to write down her selection and immediately scurry to the counter to reserve it. Those books that were not selected were yanked from the shelves by one of her fans, tossed to the floor then trampled underfoot as they followed her to the next aisle. I was puzzled until I heard a little old lady curse quietly as she raised her cane and savagely brought it down on the cover, "If Ms. Esther doesn't want to read you, then you are garbage." When I finally caught up with her, I asked what keeps her occupied in her free? He response was classic mom. "My free time is all about my kids. They've been my motivation and the ones that always encourage me to take that next step."

She was about to elaborate when she was bumped by an awkward looking teenager who was trying to read the cover of the book she had in her hand. She directed one of her well-known 'death stare' at him and the crowd around her (if you've met her you know what I mean). As if under a spell, with eyes cast down they dispersed without a word.

"Being a single mom," she continued, "I had a late start on things a lot of people take for granted" she replied thoughtfully. "But while it was hard, it did allow me to have the most memorable day in my career - getting my Bachelor Degree and notification of a promotion on the same day." Her advice to prospective IDOC employees was sound. "Even though this job isn't for everybody, the people who successfully make it past the obstacles of getting in the door find an excellent career opportunity waiting for them with a lot of options." So what would she do if she was Commissioner for a day? "I'd start a day of recognition for frontline staff that never get proper recognition." I asked her what she likes most about the job. "Being available to assist someone else in need, encouraging others, offer a helping hand and not just being part of a team but being part of the *right* team."

So I'm sure by this point you've probably figure out that Esther likes - no LOVES to read. "I don't have a favorite author. If I can envision the story then I'll read it." She laughed. "I just browse, the book covers and pick the ones that I think will hold my attention." She asked me my favorite author and after a few minutes I picked two, James Lee Burke and Elmore Leonard. She nodded in agreement and mentions with no regret that her wild days are behind her. "Just give me a good book and I won't make a sound for hours." I confess, most days that's as wild and crazy as I want to get. **HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!**



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