



Friday
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Weekly Views

IDOC Director of Registration and Victim Services Brent Myers and IDOC SOMM Program Director Harry Miller toured the Pendleton Correctional Facility along with Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA) CEO Anita Carpenter and INCASA Director of Victim Advocacy Leslie Lukes.

Westville Correctional Facility's Prison Tails program, in cooperation with the Purdue North Central Marketing students, hosted the 4th annual dog walk fund raiser at Blum Park in Westville. Prison Tails is a non-profit rescue group that exists exclusively on donations and adoption fees. The dog walk netted \$1,025. The facility's Level 1 Offender Dog Handlers were able to participate in the dog walk and demonstrate their dog handling skills.

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility conducted its 11th PLUS graduation for eight students. During their participation in the program, the students were able to raise over \$550 dollars, donating \$170 dollars total to the Emmaus Mission Food Bank and the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault. The group also provided over 200 hours of community service.

Indiana's Offender Workforce Development Specialist Training team completed their second week of training at the Correctional Training Institute. The 30 participants from IDOC, Community Corrections and several other re-entry service providers have now finished two thirds of the required 180-hour curriculum. In the final week, the four teams will develop their specific plans to improve re-entry outcomes throughout Indiana.

Miami Correctional Facility celebrated Correctional Employee Appreciation Week by serving root beer floats, biscuits and gravy, offering family tours, playing basketball, and providing Midnight Bingo to night shift staff. The facility also held an Employee Recognition Ceremony, where three new sergeants were named. Those promoted to Sergeant are Craig Stoll, Larry King and Matthew Jones. Several staff were also recognized for years of service and perfect attendance, and three people were named Employees of the Year. Tricia Pretorius received Supervisor of the Year; Denise Ross received Employee of the Year (non-custody) and Officer Matthew Jones received Officer of the Year.

Wabash Valley Superintendents, past and present joined together to honor Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent, Janna Anderson, who this week marked 35 years of dedicated service to the State of Indiana! Janna received thanks for her continuing commitment to WVCF from Craig Hanks, Commissioner Bruce Lemmon, James Basinger and her new boss Richard Brown. (See photo below)



A documentary film crew that is focusing on Peace Learning Center programs visited the Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility. These youth programs have been recognized by the Indianapolis Crime Prevention Task Force report as "a local 'best practice' that has demonstrated the effectiveness of teaching young adults and at-risk youth creative ways of resolving conflicts, personal responsibility, and character building." The Peace Learning Center is able to bring the program to the juveniles through a Federal Grant.

IDOC Central Office celebrated Correctional Employee Appreciation Week in style. Throughout the week, staff were able to "dress up" for spirit days including Sports Team Spirit Day, Generational Day, and DOC Pride Day. On Thursday, Central Office staff were treated to Qdoba for lunch in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. Years of Service Awards were also distributed for up to 40 years of service!

Pendleton Juvenile Auxiliary Committee paid tribute to all staff by offering numerous activities this week to celebrate Employee Appreciation. Some of the activities included an Ice Cream Social, "Minute to Win It" games, breakfast for all shifts twice during the week, and Bingo games where staff were served popcorn and soda. The festivities ended with a facility pitch-in.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility conducted tours for family members of employees in connection with Employee Appreciation Week activities.

The Venture Scout Unit at Pendleton Juvenile counted 4,700 pop tabs in the month of April. The pop tabs will be donated to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

Students from both Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility and Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility assisted their local community with Habitat for Humanity projects. These community service projects are in the spirit of Restorative Justice.

WTHR reporter Scott Swan visited the Indianapolis Re-entry Educational Facility to interview offenders in IREF's knitting group, The Naptown Knitters. The group is being taught to knit by Doreen Tatnall, a near Eastside resident, who has taken on the project of working with the men to knit scarves and sew on patches for the 2012 Superbowl.