



Weekly Views

Indiana Department of Correction

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CIF HONORS FALLEN 9/11 VICTIMS: The Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) held a flag raising ceremony to commemorate the events of September 11, 2001. The ceremony started with the raising of the flags to half mast by CIF's offender color guard then a brief history of the events followed by a moment of silence and prayer. The ceremony was attended by approximately 70 offenders and staff members.



BRANCHVILLE HOLDS FIRST-EVER NATIVE AMERICAN WORSHIP DAY. Last week, 14 family members came to the facility to join nine offenders in the event, which included a family worship smudging service at the facility's newly completed Native American outside circle area. In addition, Branchville's sawmill operations supplied the group with two birdhouses and participants used small brushes and finger painting to decorate those. "This is our second Native American Family Day and it has doubled in size. I am proud of the work Chaplain Gray has put into facility. He has expanded not only our Religious Services but also our Healthy Family program by offering days like this. It was a great day for all." A



time of enhanced visit was had by all along with refreshments and a video presentation of Native American culture. Native American tribes represented included Lakota, Cherokee, Shawnee, and Choctaw.

ISR STAFF AND OFFENDERS GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE. Giving blood is simple and could save a life. During a short 3-hour walk in event at the Pendleton Correctional Facility, the Indiana Blood Center conducted a blood drive. With 9 staff donors and 3 staff deferred, the facility assisted the organization in supplying the daily need of 550 units to more than 60 hospitals in Indiana. For their generosity, staff walked away with the knowledge they could help save a life and a free t-shirt.



ISP OFFENDERS RAISES \$ AND KNIT CAPS FOR MARCH OF DIMES. The Jaycee's, an offender organization at the Indiana State Prison, sponsored a walk-a-thon and knitted 220 caps for the March of Dimes. The walk-a-thon raised \$6,000.00. Staff



and offenders from the Jaycees, American Legion, and PLUS unit took part and donated to the walk-a-thon. The check and caps were presented to Mr. Victor Garcia from the March of Dimes.

WVCF INCREASES BLOOD DONATION NUMBERS for 2015. The need for blood is critical year round and the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) is already making plans for drives in October and December. The most recent WVCF effort produced 37 donations, pushing the 2015 total to nearly 140 units for the Indiana Blood Center (IBC). The IBC said earlier this week they are down to a two-day supply of "A positive" blood, highlighting the ongoing need for donors. WVCF Blood Drive Committee member Starla Perkinson said each donation has the potential to save three lives, plus each donation counts for 50 Vitality Points for those taking part in the Humana Vitality program! That's up to 300 points a year for giving the gift of life!



MCF REFUSES TO GIVE GROUND IN BLOOD DONATION COMPETITION The American Red Cross held a blood drive on Wednesday, September 9, at Madison Correctional Facility. The facility projected to donate 15 pints of blood and we exceeded our expectation by donating 17 pints. Superintendent Jan Davis stated, "Madison Correctional Facility is fortunate to have staff that is able to donate to such a worthy cause."

"Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting September the 11th. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the children." –George W. Bush

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