



Weekly Views

Indiana Department of Correction

January 15, 2016

POLAR PLUNGE PARTICIPANTS! By now your facility has received an information packet on this year's Polar Plunge Challenge. They jury's still out on who will dominate however a certain central Indiana team has already notified me that this year they are poised to break al previous records! I guess we'll see.

ENTER THE FLEX ZONE! Special Olympics has a great opportunity for you to compete with in the SHOWDOWN OF THE SHIELD, a weightlifting competition featuring exercises where the participants compete as many repetitions as the can in one minute according to the percentage of their body weight. *Exercises are: Bench Press – 70%, Standing Curl – 35%, Leg Extension – 45%.* A team consists of 4-5 members. Individuals who agree to raise \$200 with a goal to raise \$1000 per team. Awards will be presented for 1st-4th in total Team Repetition, Team Fundraising and Individual Repetition and Individual Fundraising. Lunch will be provided by Texas Roadhouse after the competition. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 25, 2016. The first six teams to register will be eligible to compete, contact Indiana State Trooper Tommy Walker @ 812-350-4638 to register or questions. COMPETITION DATE: March 12, 2016 10am @Fairoaks Mall, Columbus, IN.**



WVCF KEEPS THE 'WHEELS' ROLLING A one thousand dollar donation from the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) will help keep Meals on Wheels rolling in Knox and surrounding counties. Generations, part of Vincennes University's Community Service Division, provides the meals three days a week. Stacey Kahre, Generations Director of Client Services, said the Meals on Wheels donation comes at a good time as nutrition funding has been drastically cut. She said the WVCF gift helps ensure no homebound senior has to go on a waiting list for meals. The Wabash Valley Fatherhood and PLUS programs donated the funds to Generations after learning the senior population is the largest in history with many living below the poverty level.



RCF STARTS THE NEW YEAR WITH GRADUATES 64 Rockville Correctional Facility held a graduation for the Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) program on January 13, 2016. The 64 graduates and their visitors and family were welcomed to the ceremony by Superintendent Julie Stout who thanked those in attendance for showing their support for the graduates. Director of Religious and Volunteer Services for the Indiana Department of Correction, David Liebel was the guest speaker. After the presentation of the certificates and a moving graduate speech, the attendees were treated to the PLUS choir performance of "The Storm Is Over Now" and the PLUS "Victory Chant". At the conclusion of the ceremony, guests were invited to enjoy the meal prepared by the RCF Aramark In2Work and DOL (Department of Labor) participants.



ISR FAMILIES BID FAREWLL TO ICAN PUPPIES On Saturday Pendleton Correctional Facility staff and their families had an opportunity to interact with the ICAN (Indiana Canine Assistant Network) puppies, who in the near future will move on to the Indiana Women's Prison for their next level of their training before becoming an assistant dog. The kids enjoyed cuddling with the

sleepy puppies and romping with the older dogs. Staff families will have a second opportunity to see the puppies this Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pendleton Complex Training Center.

WCC HOPING FOR A LOSING YEAR! Westville Correctional Facility staff committed themselves to a New Year's resolution to scale down – in weight! Eleven teams of four staff members each have started a weight loss contest. For the next three months, each team will be weighed every week. The team with the greatest percentage lost and the one with the greatest amount lost will each receive a complimentary one month membership to a local gym. Each competitor is also receiving a free team training class at a nearby fitness club at the start as an incentive to get healthy. May the biggest loser win!



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ISR CELEBRATES AWESOME STAFF...AND A COUPLE OF WELL DESERVED RETIREMENTS

Superintendent Dushan Zatecky is proud to announce Administrative Assistant, Penny Eden was awarded the Employee of the Quarter Award and Capt. Mike Spurgin was recognized as the Supervisor of the Quarter during the Pendleton Correctional Facility's Staff Assembly. "Both staff members have earned the respect of their peers for their diligence and character, which elevates them to an elite class of employees who strive for excellence," stated Superintendent Zatecky. The Pendleton Correctional Facility staff celebrated the retirement of two extraordinary staff members. Assembly participants also



celebrated the retirement of 2 extraordinary staff members. K9s, Kasey and Port retired from their service with the facility to enjoy life as pampered pooches. Kasey, a former aggression dog, has been adopted by her handler, Kirk Shuppert who reports that Kasey has found her spot on the couch. Officer Brooke Edwards adopted Port, one of the state's first cell phone detection K-9s, and will never have to worry about losing her cell phone again.

RCF OFFENDERS LEARNING HOW TO BRING HOME THE BACON!

On January 22, 2016, The Rockville Correctional Facility (RCF) Culinary Arts offenders were instructed on the processing and proper dissection of a whole hog. RJ Howard from Bub's BBQ in Demotte, Indiana, representing the Indiana Pork Association, will visit RCF every three months to instruct the participants in the program on fabricating a hog. Upon completion of each demonstration, the hog is donated to the facility to use in further instruction and meal creation. RCF Culinary Arts instructor Aaron McAmis noted that this particular hog was approximately 150 pounds. IDOC Culinary Arts Re-Entry Coordinator, Jim Bradford also assisted with the fabrication. *Editor's Note: I certainly look forward to my invitation to this porcine delight! ;-)*



MCF PROMOTES ONE OF THEIR BEST! Miami Correctional Facility Superintendent Kathy Griffin is pleased to announce the promotion of Lori Barkas to the rank of Captain. Barkas began her employment with the state of Indiana in June 1990 at the Logansport State Hospital. As Captain, Barkas will work as a shift supervisor for I Bracket, supervising the operations of the facility. "Ms. Barkas has done an exemplary job of representing Miami Correctional Facility in her role as Zone/Perimeter Lieutenant and throughout the years since she came here in 2000," Superintendent Griffin said.

WVCF WELCOMES THEIR LATEST FOUR-LEGGED STAFFER Thanks to a donation from the Humane Society of Sullivan County the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) has a new narcotics K-9. Bruno, a year and a half old Belgian Malinois, met his new handler today at the shelter. WVCF Officer Michael Feese said he's looking forward to getting to know Bruno and start narcotics detection training. First though K-9 Bruno is off to St. Louis for basic training at Sovereign K-9. Sovereign co-director Scott Bronnbauer, who recently donated a fully trained aggression dog, Heidi, to WVCF, volunteered to train Bruno in basic obedience. Bronnbauer said the initial training will set a solid foundation for Bruno's future mission in drug detection.



COMMISSIONER JOINS ISP LEADERSHIP TO DEDICATE THEIR NEWEST BUILDING

The Multi-Purpose Building dedication took place at the Indiana State Prison with Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner Bruce Lemmon stating that it was "a first of its' kind" the result of collaborative efforts by staff and offender workers who provided the labor on the project. In addition, the original estimate of \$435,000 was cut by two thirds resulting in a final cost of \$115,000. Superintendent Ron Neal stated, "The building will be a great addition to the Indiana State Prison. It is an opportunity to provide job opportunities to the offender population while saving valuable funds to the tax payers of the State of Indiana. It is hoped to further support these talented artists using the resources available in the Multi-Purpose Building".



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January 29, 2016

Freezin' For A Reason



DID YOU EVER WANT TO BE PART OF THE "COOL KIDS" IN SCHOOL? NOW IS YOUR CHANCE! Join your facility's [Special Olympics' 2016 Polar Plunge](#) team! This year's challenge is gearing up to be one of the most competitive events in years. Still not sure, well think about this, not only will you be raising money for a good cause I've heard from a very reliable source that not only does the cold water give you baby-smooth skin it is also is a great hair rejuvenator! (Honest - I read it on the Internet.) So sign up using the link above today and get yourself ready to wow your classmates at your next high school reunion! And as you stand there in waist-high water no one will ever be able to deny your coolness!



CSBC STUDENTS PREP FOR THE COLLEGE LIFE students from Camp Summit Boot Camp (CSBC) enjoyed part of the college experience at Ivy Tech in Michigan City this week. The students took the ACCUPLACER test, toured the campus and participated in the freshman orientation and college fair. Camp Summit Transition Coordinator, Lauren Berdowski, assists students that are high school juniors and seniors by preregistering them at Ivy Tech. As a result once they leave Camp Summit, they can immediately start pursuing their higher education at any of their campuses across the State.

ISP CELEBRATES MLK DAY w/ Dr. V SMITH and SCOTT CHAMBERS The Indiana State Prison held its annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's day celebration on Monday, January 18, 2016. The keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Vernon G. Smith, State Representative from the 14th House District. Dr. Smith provided a great message of hope and empowerment to the residents in the prison chapel. Reflections were given by Scott Chambers, of Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Chambers provided first-hand accounts of some the historic events as a young white activist who joined the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in the early 60's. Mr. Chambers marched with Dr. King and participated in workshops on non-violence conducted by Dr. King.



BCF WORKS WITH LOCAL LEOS TO FIGHT CONTRABAND Last week, Branchville Correctional Facility personnel teamed up with personnel from four other local law enforcement agencies in an effort designed to locate and eliminate contraband. The exercise took place at the Perry County jail in Tell City, IN. Other agencies participating were the Perry County Sheriff's Department, the Tell City Police Department, the Dale Police Department, and the Daviess County (Kentucky) Sheriff's

Department. These towers provide a full body scan of inmates who walk past. They are portable, take less than 60 seconds to set up and are more effective than a metal detector. Most importantly, this device can alert personnel to any cell phone or weapon that might be in or on an offender. Obviously there's a new sheriff in town!

IS WWC USING A JEDI LIGHT SABER FOR CONTRABAND INTERDICTION?

Uh, not quite. Finding drugs hidden in the seams and under the stamps of envelopes use to be a time-consuming and labor intensive task, however staffers at the Westville Correctional Facility, have crafted an ingenious new method for contraband interdiction in the mailroom. By using high intensity light, the mailroom staff can now see through those areas to detect the hidden items. May the Force be with them!



RCF GRADUATES 76 OFFENDERS FROM STATE I.D.O.L. PROGRAM The Rockville Correctional Facility (RCF) held a graduation for its Education and Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) programs. The 76 graduates and their visitors and families were welcomed to the ceremony by Kara Burgess, the Education Program Director. Ms. Burgess also introduced guest speaker Tammy L. Cooper, BS, MSM Executive Director & Founder of G.G.I.T. (Girl Get It Together), Educator, Empowerment Speaker and Life Coach. Ms. Cooper spoke about the power of positive thinking and changing for the better by taking care of yourself and making a conscious effort to be the change you want to see in others.



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IN THE GAME OF ACA ACCREDITATION, MCF SCORES A DOUBLE! Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) along with Chain O'Lakes Correctional Facility were recently awarded dual re-accreditation for the 2016 thru 2019 years. Griffin highlighted MCF's Braille program as well as the Work Release Center that recently opened at Chain O'Lakes. This was the first year the facilities were offered together for reaccreditation, which presented some challenges for auditors. "I'm proud of what the staff at these IDOC facilities have accomplished," Superintendent Griffin said.

ISR HOLD CHILI COOK-OFF TO RAISE \$\$\$ FOR POLAR PLUNGE From traditional versions to green chili, Pendleton Correctional Facility staff held their famous chili cook-off to raise money for the upcoming Special Olympics of Indiana Polar Plunge. The chili cook-off is always a great way for a little friendly competition. The team did a great job and were able to raise \$150 towards entry fees for the Polar Plunge which benefits Special Olympics of Indiana. "We would like to congratulate MHP David Richardson and look forward to the next cook-off and plan on eating more of Mr. Richardson's chili to warm us up after the plunge," stated Kylie Worthman, PCF Special Olympics of Indiana Chairperson. The event will take place on Saturday, March 5th at Eagle Creek.



IWP 'ONE NET-ONE LIFE' MOSQUITO PROJECT RECRUITS VOLS. Staff and Offenders held a community information event this week to support their ongoing efforts to protect tribes in Africa. Thirty-five volunteers from sacred and secular organizations were present for a presentation on malaria and the global mission of One Net – One Life to make mosquito nets and give them away to needy areas around the world. Organized by Tammy Atwood, Community Involvement Coordinator, the event sparked dialogue for continued project support and re-entry initiatives.



COMMISSIONER LEMMON HONORS STAFF FOR THEIR AGGRESSIVE AVIAN FLU RESPONSE Commissioner Lemmon visited the Putnamville Correctional Facility to award four maintenance staff with Letters of Appreciation, Commissioners Coins and cash spot bonuses, for an outstanding performance during an emergency project. These dedicated men spent a holiday weekend constructing gas manifolds to assist with the Avian Flu in Southern Indiana. A delicious lunch was served to thank them for their dedication and hard work!



TWO STELLAR EMPLOYEES PROMOTED TO SGT AT SBCRC! The South Bend Re-entry Center (SBCRC) congratulates Lisa Stewart and Kelley Macke on their promotion to Correctional Sergeant. Sergeant Stewart began her career with the department in 2002. Sgt. Macke began her career at Westville Correctional Facility in 2011. She has been a correctional officer, caseworker, and parole agent. "We are a small team of high performance corrections professionals and the Sergeants are the back bone of this program. I am confident Sergeant Stewart and Sergeant Macke are both ready to officially take on a leadership role" said Superintendent Charles Bowen.



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CENTRAL OFFICE STARTS 'PRISON TRANSPORT' CHALLENGE! Growing bored with the usual FitBit Workweek Hustle step challenge, a few hardcore steppers put their heads together to create a virtual cross-country race for COA, *corrections-style*. Forming teams of four participants will vie to be the first to transport their prisoner from the Indiana State Prison to San Quentin Prison in California. Each person will have their steps logged by Humana Vitality

with the team's progress measured by combining steps. To make it more interesting there will be the possibility of an individual's progress being temporarily impeded by a special 'delay' game card thrown by an opposing team member. Although the game doesn't start until March 1st the trash talking is well underway. For more info on starting a creative step challenge at your facility please contact Amanda Royston at ARoyston@idoc.in.gov

CIF HONORS FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY The Correctional Industrial Facility's American Legion Post recently held a ceremony in honor of "Four Chaplains Day". The Four Chaplains, sometimes referred to as the "Immortal Chaplains" or "Dorchester Chaplains" were four United States Army Chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel as the troop ship SS Dorchester sank on February 3, 1943 during World War II. They helped other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. To honor these men, CIF's Color Guard posted the colors at precisely 8:00 AM on February 3rd. The flags were raised to their full extension, then lowered to half staff where they remained until the 5:00 PM hour.



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ISR PROMOTES 2 OUTSTANDING STAFFERS! Pendleton Correctional Facility Superintendent, Dushan Zatecky would like to congratulate Jodi Plackard and Betty McMullen on their recent promotions. Jodi, who began her career at the facility as a temporary/contract employee, was hired as an Accountant 6 in Business Office. Betty McMullen, who first arrived at the facility working in Food Service for Aramark before hiring on with the facility as a secretary, was recently promoted to the position of Accountant 6 in the Payroll Department. Both Ms. Plackard and Mrs. McMullen's positions provide accounting and payroll services to the 3 correctional facilities that encompass the Pendleton Complex.



CONGRATS BCF TO PFEIFER AND ROGIER! Branchville Correctional Facility Superintendent Kathy Alvey is pleased to announce the recent promotions of Mrs. Diane Pfeiffer to the position of Administrative Assistant II effective January 3, 2016, and Ms. Vicki Rogier to the position of Administrative Secretary II effective February 21, 2016. Mrs. Pfeiffer began her career with Branchville Correctional Facility in 1990 as a Clerk Typist V. Since joining Branchville, she has been promoted to the positions of Secretary IV, Secretary III, Administrative Secretary II, and now to the position of Administrative Assistant II. In her new role Mrs. Pfeiffer will be the facility's accreditation coordinator, policy manager, offender grievance specialist, and she will maintain the facility's metrics. Superintendent Alvey stated, "Diane's longevity with the department made her the right fit for the position. It is my belief she will take her new role with the facility to a higher level. She is a valued employee and well respected among her peers." In addition, she stated, "Vicki has been with the department for a long time and is the foundation of the facility in many ways. Her outgoing personality and people skills will make her an asset to the Superintendent's office. Vicki is a class act all the way around."



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CIF GRADUATES 69 OFFENDERS FROM DOL PROGRAM Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) conducted a graduation ceremony to recognize the most recent graduates of the facility's Department of Labor apprenticeship programs. Sixty-nine offenders were honored during the ceremony for completing various apprenticeship programs offered in conjunction with a partnership established between the United States Department of Labor (DOL) and the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC). Superintendent Wendy Knight commented, "These programs provide offenders with the tools for a more successful re-entry and demonstrate to potential employers that they have the skills that they are seeking."



AWARDS ABOUND AT MCF! Miami Correctional Facility rewarded several staff members recently with awards. Those receiving Employee of the Quarter awards include: Gene Cooper, Supervisor of the Quarter; Jennifer Stool, Employee of the Quarter; Officer Robert Lever, Officer of the Quarter; and Kim Mettler, Contract Employee of the Quarter. Those receiving Leadership Awards include: Sgt. Aisha Brandy, Challenge the Process; Joseph Stetz, Inspire a Shared Vision; Joyce Holland, Enable Others to Act; Robert Twining, Model the Way; and Sgt. Kipp Long, Encourages the Heart. The awards were given out at the quarterly Staff Recall meeting.



ISP HAS TWO NEW SGTS AND ONE NEW LT! The Indiana State Prison (ISP) Superintendent Ron Neal proudly announces the promotions of Myra Gray and Joshua Bahus to the position of Correctional Sergeant and Chester Maclin to Correctional Lieutenant effective February 14, 2016. Superintendent Ron Neal states, "These fine individuals have demonstrated their ability to lead and are well deserving of their positions. I encourage them to continue to excel at the job they have been doing".

BCF AND CEO HONOR CONDUCT-FREE OFFENDERS! This week Branchville Correctional Facility held its quarterly rewards event for those offenders who have been conduct-free for at least 12 months. Branchville was honored to partner this quarter with Catholic Evangelization Outreach Ministry (CEO), a ministry working out of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Huntingburg, Indiana. For the rewards day, offenders enjoyed a meal, were shown the movie, "Do You Believe", and they were given popcorn and the opportunity to have their pictures taken in a coat and tie. Branchville Superintendent Kathy Alvey stated, "What a blessing it is to have people who are willing to give their time and attention to those who are incarcerated. It was pure joy to see this group interact with the offenders."



IWP STAFF ARE ON A 'FAST BREAK' CROSS-COUNTRY TO FINAL FOUR THEME: Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) staff led by Supt. McCauley will be leading the way from their facility on February 8th and head to all of last year's NCAA Final 4's campuses (Michigan State, Wisconsin, University of Kentucky and Duke! Staff will also enroll in the challenge on Humana Vitality to gain points there as well! Congrats to IWP for an imaginative way to stay healthy and build esprit-de-corp!

WVCF GRADUATES ANOTHER STELLAR CLASS FROM IN2WORK! Order up! Eight graduates of the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) In2Work class hope to hear those words in their futures. This is the third class to complete the over 2,000 hours needed in the ARAMARK In2Work program. Now these graduates have all the skills and certifications necessary to secure good jobs in the food service industry upon release. This particular industry is the number one source for offender employment, post incarceration. The grads showed off their skills by preparing and sharing Mexican cuisine with WVCF and ARAMARK staff after the graduation ceremony.



RCF COLLECTS FOOD FOR NATIONAL CANNED FOOD MONTH The Rockville Correctional Facility is building momentum in its month-long commitment to assist the Parke County Food Pantry in this year's Food Drive. February is National Canned Food Month and allows for an annual, friendly competition amongst facility departments. The goal of the food drive is to meet the needs of those less fortunate in the surrounding communities.



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September 25, 2015



235 GRADS! That the number of offenders who turned the tassels at Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) and in turned made the grade for re-entry success! Proud family members were on hand for Graduation Day as the Class of 2015 received certificates for high school equivalency, vocational and apprenticeship programs. Each educational offering provides skills and disciplines needed to pass the test in the work world. Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) funded educational programs are important mechanisms in cutting the recidivism rate among released offenders. Featured speaker Jeff Lorick, Terre Haute Human Relations Commission Director, urged the graduates to continue overcoming obstacles to success. He noted success is about trying to make a positive difference in society.

GIVING THE GIFT OF SIGHT! The Rockville Correctional Facility (RCF) PLUS program provides offenders to work in the Eyeglass Shop as a form of community service. The Eyeglass Shop at RCF receives donations of discarded eyeglasses from local Lions Clubs. In turn, the offenders clean, repair and obtain the prescription for each pair. The glasses are then packed and shipped to organizations around the world to provide much needed vision assistance.



The RCF PLUS offenders recently packed 15,400 Pairs of glasses in a total of 4 days!!!!



CONGRATS TO PUTNAMVILLE CLIFF GRADUATES! The Clean Lifestyle is Freedom Forever (CLIFF) substance abuse program recently held a training seminar for twenty-five willing offenders to become recovery coaches for their CLIFF units. Trainers from the Indiana Counselors Association on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (ICAADA), Gina Fears and Stan DeKemper, were in attendance to mentor and guide the event. "A Recovery Coach is anyone interested in promoting recovery by removing barriers and obstacles to recovery and serving as a personal guide and mentor for people seeking or already in recovery," says Denise Sloan, CLIFF Addiction Recovery Specialist. The CLIFF program selected offenders both by their request and through an interview process to participate in this 40 hour training. Recovery Coaches are being utilized at several other facilities in the state, parole/probation, half way houses, hospitals, and even the Department of Children and Family Services.



PJCF STAFF v STUDENTS COMPETITION WAS A WINNER FOR ALL! Education staff at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility conducted a very exciting Field Day. Students were eligible to participate in field day based on consistent positive school and unit behavior. The team activities included corn hole, free throw challenge, tug of war and kickball.

BIG CONGRATS GOES TO IREF staff, volunteers, and visitors celebrated the accomplishments of 53 IREF graduates who participated in Oakland City University and IREF programs. Never have so many worked so long for so much!



MCF GRADUATES 58 offenders from the Clean Lifestyle is Freedom Forever (CLIFF) program recently. Ted Miles, Corizon Regional Director was the guest speaker at the event. "This is just the first step in their process of recovery" said Superintendent Kathy Griffin. "While it's a significant step, I hope that these men will continue to live clean lifestyles and become productive citizens once they are released." Also giving words of encouragement during the ceremony was Indiana Department of Correction Executive Director of Programs Jerry Vance. The event was attended by family members of the offenders and celebrated with cake and punch afterwards.

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