



Weekly Views

Indiana Department of Correction

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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".