

January 3, 2014

Weekly Views

Staff and offenders at the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) participated in projects to help the needy during Christmas. The facility's PLUS program donated \$500 to the Anderson Christian Center which will be used to purchase gloves, scarves, and socks for families living at the center. The donation will also go toward the purchase of hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and over-the-counter medications needed by clients that receive services from the center. PCF staff donated 96 clothing items and 87 non-perishable food items to the center in conjunction with its annual "Tree of Warmth" project. (photo below)

A Christmas Luncheon was served to staff at the Indiana State Prison by the department heads and members of the Employee Appreciation Planning Committee. The Employee Appreciation Planning Committee supplied the food and gifts which were presented to staff as a thank you for their service throughout the year.



Edinburgh Correctional Facility provided a work crew of four offenders, supervised by Correctional Officer Arthur Bryant, to assist Edinburgh Fire Department Chief Allen Smith and other volunteers during Johnson County's annual "Good Cheer Fund." The offenders helped sort and load food for approximately 300 boxes to be picked up or delivered to families in need during the holiday season in the Edinburgh and Columbus area.

The residents at the Indianapolis Reentry Education Facility (IREF) will be dressing for success this year, thanks to a generous donation from Community Advisory Board Member Don Hawkins. Hawkins, who founded and directs Homeless and Reentry Helpers, Inc., brought several new suits and dress pants to the Dress for Reentry Program at IREF. The Jos. A. Banks shop at Keystone at the Crossing in Indianapolis donates new and repaired clothing to Hawkins every year, who in turn, donated the suits and dress pants to the residents at IREF.

Putnamville Correctional Facility's Promoting Positive Corrections Culture Committee sponsored a blood drive. Twenty-two staff rolled up their sleeves to donate the gift of life for the Indiana Blood Center. (photo right: Physical Plant employee Matt Boor)



Westville Correctional Facility staff were delighted to have two holiday festivities in which to greet and gather with their co-workers. The facility's Employee Planning Action Committee hosted a wonderful holiday evening with dinner and dancing at the Portage Woodland Park Clubhouse. Superintendent Mark Levenhagen also hosted the annual Christmas Luncheon, complete with beef, turkey and all the trimmings prepared by the Culinary Arts program. The luncheon was a cheery success, as supervisors and non-custody staff relieved officers from their post to enjoy the luncheon or delivered food to their unit.

The month of December was very busy at Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility. Staff members went the extra mile this holiday season to help those in need. The facility adopted 12 children from the local woman's shelter, placing each child's name and age on the facility Christmas tree. After all the children's gifts were gathered, Superintendent Kathy Griffin and administration staff delivered them to the shelter. Offenders also participated in a food sale with the proceeds going to the Noble County Food Pantry. Staff collected non-perishable food items to go along with the monetary contribution. (photo left: Custody Supervisor J. Bernardin with Central Noble Food Pantry Director Brownlee) With all the fundraising and shopping, the facility still found time to recognize several staff members at the staff assembly. Case Manager Ron Moening retired after 10 years of service and Sergeant Henry Temple retired after 40 years of service. Both retirees were presented with plaques for their many years of service. Superintendent Griffin expressed her gratitude to all!



A crew from the Netherlands' RTL Television came to the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility to learn more about Youth Incarcerated as Adults. The Netherlands will begin a similar version of youth being tried and convicted as adults later this year. The video crew came to Wabash due to strong interest and continuing debate in the Netherlands. RTL Television, based in New York City with CBS News, focused on a Wabash offender who completed the YIA process and continued his re-entry efforts in the facility PLUS unit.

Employees were recognized for their outstanding service at a staff assembly at the Indiana State Prison. Quarterly awards were presented to Contractual Employee Andrew Manning, Lynette Gray, Officer Ryan Westman and Supervisor Carl Tibbles. Extra mile awards were given to Christopher Beal, Julie Anton, Torrie Dillon, Tracy Hall, and Brenda Wright. A special flag was presented to retiree Ivan Jones for his 40 years of service.

Superintendent Dushan Zatecky is pleased to announce that Correctional Officer Laura Rene Bodkin has been promoted to the position of ACA Accreditation Manager and Policy Coordinator for the Pendleton Correctional Facility. Congratulations to Officer Bodkin!

Putnamville would like to congratulate Robert James, Cody Worthington, Charles Carvey, Kevin Gilley, Timothy Thiel, and James Barker on their recent promotions to Correctional Sergeant and Brian Chalfin on his recent promotion to Correctional Captain.

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Indiana Governor Michael R. Pence recognized long-term state employees for their many years of dedicated service during a ceremony in the Statehouse. Among the many honorees, the Indiana Department of Correction had 27 retired and current employees recognized for 40 and 35 years of service. (photo below)



The newly established Mental Health Unit at the Pendleton Correctional Facility became operational with the arrival of its first five offenders. The new unit "INSIGHT" (Intent on Shaping Individual Growth with Holistic Treatment) will eventually consist of five housing units dedicated to providing mental health services and programs in the least restrictive setting as possible without compromising the safety and security of the facility. Once it reaches full capacity, it will house 264 offenders with mental health needs and offender mentors who are tasked with assisting the mental health offenders in their day to day activities as well as programming needs.



Longtime Wabash Valley Correctional Facility Captain/Shift Supervisor Greg Eaton is now keeping watch over the entire physical plant! Greg has advanced to Physical Plant Director. Eaton began his career as a Correctional Officer in 1993 and promoted through the custody ranks to Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. Eaton welcomes the challenge of maintaining the facilities 28 buildings, including 12 offender housing units, security fencing, electronic surveillance, roads, vehicles and communication systems. "It's like a small city and I take its upkeep, which is crucial to our safety and security, very seriously," said Eaton. (photo left)

A new program was initiated at the Pendleton Correctional Facility minimum security outside dorm. The "Ownership Spirit" Program is based on a book written by motivational speaker Dennis R. Deaton, the Founder and CEO of Ouama Learning Systems. This program serves to inspire participants to claim full accountability for their lives and ultimately create whatever destiny they choose. Some of the other programs initiated at the outside dorm include Restorative Justice, Toastmasters, Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, Houses of Healing and Prison Etiquette.

The Continuing Education Council (CEC) worked in conjunction with the Indiana State Prison (ISP) to present its 18th Annual Kwanzaa Celebration. The program consisted of presentations from the offenders who reside at ISP along with Dr. Renecia Williams, an outside guest who has been a devoted advocate and faithful outside supporter of the Kwanzaa program at the facility. The men were given the opportunity to learn from their peers about African American culture in America and abroad through the use of music, poetry, skits, speeches and other various presentations.

Miami Correctional Facility made it through the blizzard of 2014. The few staff that made it in safely dealt with 16.5 inches of snow and below zero temperatures during the two and a half days of the storm. By Tuesday afternoon, staff and offenders were digging out Phase II of the facility where drifts were more than waist high in some areas. (photo right)



The Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) Wellness Committee ended 2013 with the conclusion of the facility's Biggest Loser competition while looking forward to 2014 and finding out who the winner is. The members mapped out a Wellness Chart taking them well into March 2014, with the Wellness Newsletter and Weekly Wellness Tips being distributed soon. To keep the body in motion, IWP staff received pedometers for Christmas. Staff are eager to engage in a custody bracket competition for who walks the most steps in a month. The committee has also planned Beach Volleyball and the Polar Bear Plunge at Eagle Creek in March. Wow, what a way to get the year moving!

Westville Correctional Facility Superintendent Mark Levenhagen has announced the promotion of Jason Smiley to Correctional Captain. Captain Smiley started his new post during the recent winter storm, working a 26 hour shift with a skeleton roster, two feet of snow and below zero temperatures. Despite the emergency situation, the facility remained in good hands under Captain Smiley's leadership, remarked Superintendent Levenhagen. Captain Smiley has been with the facility since 1999 and has been a member of the E-Squad and K-9 Units.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility received notification that 24 students earned their GED. Chris Stilwell, Supervisor of Education, congratulated all the graduates and praised staff for helping those students in this achievement. A graduation ceremony for the students will be conducted to celebrate their accomplishment.

Madison Correctional Facility sponsored 19 children through the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program. Each child received undergarments, a pair of pants, a shirt, coat, shoes, and a toy or other age appropriate gift. The offenders also sponsored Christmas dinner for 50 families in the community, a collaborative effort between Kroger and the local Salvation Army.

The Indiana State Prison held a Red Cross Blood Drive, collecting 18 pints of blood with the potential of saving 54 lives.

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An offender work crew from the Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF), along with IDOC Construction Services staff, helped remove 50 ash trees from the Indiana War Memorial in downtown Indianapolis. The trees had been severely damaged by destructive emerald ash borers and needed to be removed. (photo below)

The Moody Bible Institute Basketball team came to the Indiana State Prison and played the offender basketball team. The game was very exciting going into overtime, but the offender team held on for the victory. The Indiana State Prison appreciates the constant community relationship the facility has established with Moody Bible Institute.

Pendleton Correctional Facility's minimum security Outside Dorm has implemented a new Toastmasters program. Weekly meetings will be held on Monday nights. Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that operates clubs world-wide for the purpose of helping participants improve their communication, public speaking, and leadership skills. Toastmasters is one of several new projects recently implemented at the Outside Dorm in an effort to expand program opportunities for these level one offenders.



Congratulations to the winners of the Correctional Professionals Assistance Fund of Indiana Fall 2013 Scholarships! Katherine Weber-Fischer, Wabash Valley Correctional Facility, won the prestigious \$5000 Commissioner's Scholarship. Shad Rice, Plainfield STOP (GEO), won the \$4000 Public Safety Scholarship; and Bettina West, Putnamville Correctional Facility, won the \$2000 Public Service Scholarship. Six \$1000 supplies scholarships were awarded to Brent Bagley, son of Miami Correctional Facility employee; Maria Williamson, daughter of Correctional Industrial Facility employee; Jonathon Sikorski, employee at the Indiana State Prison; Caitlin Gaub, daughter of Plainfield Correctional Facility employee; Aaron King, son of Evansville Parole District office employee; and Erin Viou, employee at Camp Summit Juvenile Correctional Facility.

Rockville Correctional Facility Superintendent Julie Stout is proud to announce the promotion of Correctional Officer Kristi Cobb and Correctional Officer Shawn Clover to the position of correctional sergeant. Sergeant Cobb began her career with the Department in 2006 at the Rockville and has served in many capacities including extradition officer, personal protection adjunct instructor and field training officer. Sergeant Clover served in the United States Navy as an Air Traffic Controller prior to beginning his career with IDOC in 2011. Following a tour of duty in Afghanistan in 2012, Sergeant Clover returned to RCF last year. Sergeant Clover has served as a Quick Response Team instructor, CPR instructor and member of the Emergency Squad.

Tim Greathouse, Superintendent of Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility (MJCF), is pleased to announce the promotion of Cindy Jones to Correctional Lieutenant. Lieutenant Jones began her career in 1994 at Muscatatuck State Developmental Center as a Developmental Skills Technician. In 2002, she joined the Department at Madison Correctional Facility. When Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility opened in 2009, she promoted to a sergeant at MJCF.

IREF's Inside Reaching Out Program donated loads of food to the Gleaners Food Bank. IREF residents who want to make sure poor Indiana families always have enough food to eat started the Inside Reaching Out Program. Residents donated food items from their commissary orders, and called on staff to donate non-perishable items to help stock the food bank shelves. (photo right)



Pendleton Correctional Facility Assistant Superintendent of Reentry Andrew Cole reports that Caseworker Sarah Peckham (pictured left) has been promoted to the position of Correctional Casework Manager. Ms. Peckham began her career at Pendleton as a correctional officer in 1996 and was promoted to caseworker in 2000. Everyone at the facility offers congratulations to Sarah as she begins her new role and responsibilities.

Wabash Valley has four new Correctional Sergeants with over 37 years of combined safety and security experience at the maximum-security facility. "Drew Carter, Michael Jones, Sean Robbins and Tracy Cobb are role models, positive additions to our supervisory team and committed to the successful reentry of our population to society," said Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Frank Littlejohn. Littlejohn added they are proven leaders, able to react to any situation in a professional manner.

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Students from Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility (MJCF) participated in a unique training opportunity. In cooperation with Madison's Kings Daughters Hospital, 17 students were able to achieve their CPR/AED certification. The training took one week to complete, and then each girl had to demonstrate their knowledge and skill to earn their CPR/AED certification. Some of the students want to use this training in assisting them in finding employment but most thought it is good knowledge to have. The CPR/AED training is scheduled again to take place in May 2014.

The Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) answered the call of the Red Cross for

blood donors in a huge way by donating 47 units of blood during a two-day drive. The Red Cross is in dire need of donations to help fill the void caused by the recent Polar Vortex that hit Indiana and cancelled many drives. The facility would like to thank all the employees who donated, covered posts so that others could participate and those that tried but could not donate. (photo right of Officer Rheid Herrington)

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) staff rolled up their sleeves for a good cause, helping to curb the critical need for blood donations! 43 much needed blood donations were supplied to the Indiana Blood Center during their WVCF stop. The recent bad weather put a damper on giving and donors like Jennifer Gardner were happy to help replenish supplies. The Indiana Blood Center needs 550 donors a day to keep up with demand!

Special recognition and gratitude goes out to volunteer Mike Tichenor for his dedication in bringing the Inside/Outside Dads program to Westville Correctional Facility. Tichenor's unyielding efforts were put into perspective as he completed his 16th Dad's class. During each class Mr. Tichenor takes a survey of the number of children of each offender, and so far the average number of children in each class is 62. This many children being reached by the program shows the vital importance of volunteers.

Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility Sergeant James Washington received a letter of commendation from Superintendent Kathy Griffin for his quick action in assisting an offender. On January 13, Sergeant Washington was assisting in the control post when an offender began choking on an apple. Sergeant Washington took swift action performing abdominal thrust and dislodging the item from the offender's throat, possibly saving the offender's life. Superintendent Griffin stated, "Sergeant Washington's actions show his care and concern for human beings. I am truly delighted to have him on my team." (photo left)



Madison Correctional Facility donated \$2500 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Indiana to sponsor each child (little) to participate in a trip to King's Island. Big Brothers Big Sisters is a great cause that provides, "children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever."

WTHR-TV Reporter David MacAnally and Pendleton Times-Post Reporter Amanda Matlock visited the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) to do a story on the facility's K9 Cell Phone Detection Program and the Department's ongoing efforts to address cell phone trafficking. The reporters observed a K9 search demonstration and interviewed PCF Correctional Police Officer Tom Francum, PCF K9 Field Commander Lieutenant Donald Mockler, and K9 Handler Officer Brantley Ferguson. These were excellent opportunities to share with the public the tremendous job IDOC employees do on a daily basis to maintain security and ensure public safety.

Edinburgh Correctional Facility is proud to announce the promotion of Correctional Officer Joseph Neace to Correctional Sergeant. Sergeant Neace began his career with the Department in July 2010 at Putnamville Correctional Facility. He transferred to Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility in February 2011, Correctional Industrial Facility in June 2012 and Edinburgh in July 2013. Sergeant Neace has been trained in Quick Response Team, Sexual Assault Response Team, count/control, fire arms, segregation, offender transportation, and keeps all other mandatory training requirements current. Sergeant Neace will be a valuable asset to the facility's management team.

Reception Diagnostic Center Superintendent Jim Wynn is pleased to announce that Nathaniel Hester has been promoted to Lieutenant. Lieutenant Hester began his career with the IDOC in 2003 as a Correctional Officer at the Plainfield Correctional Facility. He was promoted to Correctional Sergeant in 2006 and transferred to the Reception-Diagnostic Center in 2007. Congratulations Lieutenant Hester!

The Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) conducted a Staff Assembly. During the assembly, Officer Richard Tweedy was presented a flag case with a folded Indiana State Flag for his years of service and pending retirement. Plaques were presented to Correctional Sergeant Wayne Mays for Supervisor of the Quarter, Maintenance Foreman Scott Riggs for Employee of the Quarter, Assistant Food Service Director Brandon Miller for Contract Employee of the Quarter, Grace College Teacher Roger Krynock for the Extra Mile Award and Officer Betty McCullough for Officer of the Quarter. The program concluded with Representatives from Special Olympics Indiana, Paul Philhower and Stephanie Stewart, speaking to the staff. Philhower who is a Special Olympian himself told staff, "When you are having a bad day, go watch Special Olympians compete and you will find your smile again." CIF will be participating in the upcoming Special Olympics Polar Plunge at Ball State University.



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Commissioner Bruce Lemmon presented FitBits to Indiana Department of Correction staff who placed as top participants in the Healthy Lifestyles Walking Challenge sponsored by Invest in Your Health in 2013. Out of 626 active participants, Ryan Mapes (Putnamville), ranked third in team participation with 340,429 steps, and in the individual competition, Carol Foster (IWP) ranked first with 1,259,680 steps and Christopher Meredith (Miami) was fourth with 938,975 steps.

Back by popular demand, puppies! The Indiana Women's Prison Indiana Canine Assistance Network (ICAN) program received nine new bundles of puppy joy. All the puppies will be

named with a 'J' name with the exception of one that is being given Nelson Mandela's tribal name, Madiba. The puppies will receive their first leg of training on potty-training. This will be a big undertaking and very time consuming for the offenders and staff. Several offenders say they don't mind at all because they know that their labor will eventually help someone in need. (photo right)

Edinburgh Correctional Facility Correctional Officer Justin Butler presented a check for \$200, earned through offender fund raisers, to United Services Organization (USO) of Indiana representative Frankie Miller. The USO of Indiana provides high-quality programs and services to the men and women in uniform, and their families in Indiana.

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility staff said goodbye and good luck to Human Resources (HR) Generalist Terry Tackett. Tackett has led the Wabash HR team for over three years and was the 2011 IDOC Human Resources Employee of the Year. Tackett will be based in Indianapolis as a State Personnel Human Resources Director, handling HR needs for nine agencies. Congratulations! (photo left)

Staff at the Rockville Correctional Facility reluctantly said farewell to Human Resources Generalist Amber Hughes. Ms. Hughes has accepted a position with State Personnel in the Small Agencies Division where she will share her expertise and guidance with various government offices such as the Department of Agriculture, Professional License Agency and the office of the Lieutenant Governor, among others. Ms. Hughes began her career with IDOC as a Clerical Assistant at the Putnamville Correctional Facility in November 1997. After promoting through several positions throughout the Department, Ms. Hughes was promoted to Human Resources Generalist at Rockville in May 2010. Ms. Hughes will be missed by all those who benefitted from her wealth of knowledge and expertise in her field, but she leaves with warm wishes in this new and challenging opportunity.

The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility held a GED graduation ceremony for 25 students. Two of the students were recognized as honors students scoring over a 620 average, and one student scored a perfect 800 on the math portion of the test. This is the last group of GED graduating students that will come from the facility as it transitions into the new high school equivalency exam test which will focus on developing higher order thinking skills.

A Staff Assembly was conducted at the Pendleton Correctional Facility. Training Officer Jill Savage was named as the facility's Employee of the Quarter and Sergeant Brandon Grubbs was named as the facility's Supervisor of the Quarter. During the assembly the facility also recognized three employees who are retiring this week; Correctional Officer Nila Hague, Correctional Officer Debbie Shelton, and Correctional Officer David Tesdal. Everyone at the facility would like to congratulate these employees, thank them for their service, and wish them well during their retirement.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility held their Quarterly Assembly. Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven David spoke at the assembly about the great job that correctional staff are doing and the collaboration between communities, courts and corrections. Superintendent Linda Commons recognized staff for perfect attendance, going the "extra mile", years of service and quarterly awards: Youth Development Specialist of the Quarter Adam Paxson, Non-custody Employee of the Quarter Tyler Mason and Supervisor of the Quarter to Sergeant Hathcock. Lieutenant Runyon received Employee of the Year. Nancy Riley, Director of Staff Development and Training, presented Tyler Mason with a Staff Development and Training Coin for his instrumental role in implementing Joint Understanding and Cooperation Program. (photo right) A GED graduation was held after the facility assembly. Justice Steven David spoke to the graduates regarding continuing their education and establishing goals. Students and their families enjoyed a reception following the graduation.

Staff at the Westville Correctional Facility (WCC) showed their support of the Red Cross at a facility sponsored blood drive where 41 pints of blood were donated. Amid the cold, blistery January weather, staff trekked over to the donation center to do their part in saving lives. Because the Red Cross deems WCC such a successful donation site, the blood drives will be held consistently at the facility on the mandated 60 day donation cycle.



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If you or a dependant member of your household is currently a full-time college student during the Spring 2014 semester, visit www.cpafi.org for an application for scholarship opportunities ranging from \$1000 to \$5000. Apply today! Questions may be directed to lsalinas@cpafi.org.

Staff from the Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) participated in the 2014 Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. Twelve staff including Superintendent Wendy Knight and Assistant Superintendent Bill Hyatte made up the CIF "Duck Dynasty" team complete with camo clothing and breads (photo right). The team received the Best Costume Award



for the second year in a row, and also for the second year in a row, the team raised the most money with a total of \$3,435. Superintendent Knight commented, "Special Olympics is very special to CIF, we also participated in the Torch Run and Plane Pull Challenge. It is a great way for CIF to come together as a team for a good cause and have fun at the same time."

Putnamville Correctional Facility has implemented new programs to enhance offender services and the reentry process. The HELPS program (Helping Everyone Live Purposefully through Service) is structured to provide offenders with debilitating physical issues living assistance in their dorm and academic tutoring from graduates of the PLUS program. The facility also started a service center where staff aid offenders in obtaining documentation needed for release, such as birth certificates and social security cards. They also developed Specialized Case Management System designed to improve staff efficiencies and quality assurance efforts, and to meet the daily needs of the offender population.

Representatives from Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Paws Inc., a non-profit organization located in North Carolina that trains and places service and diabetic assistance dogs, visited the Pendleton Correctional Facility to observe the facility's Indiana Canine Assistant Network (ICAN) program. Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Paws Executive Director Maria Ikenberry and Program Director Deb Cunningham were accompanied on their visit by ICAN Director Sally Irvin. The organization is interested in replicating the concept of the ICAN Program by possibly utilizing North Carolina Department of Correction offenders to train dogs for their agency.

Westville Correctional Facility welcomed world renowned chef and Chicago Tribune food critic Dave Pang, who spent two days touring the facility. Mr. Pang is authoring an article for the "Lucky Peach" gourmet food magazine and wanted to get the scoop on what offenders eat. He and his crew enjoyed a luncheon presented by the Culinary Arts program, interviewed offenders making treats from commissary items, dined with offenders in the dining halls and witnessed dinner being served in the maximum control unit. His theme referenced that most people take their food choices for granted, but inmates lose that freedom. He admitted his days at the facility were the most enlightening and interesting of his career.

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility thanked two long time staffers for their dedicated service during retirement ceremonies. Correctional Officers Cathy Brock and James Thomas finished their tours of duty with receptions held in their honor. Officer Thomas was on the job for over 11 years and Officer Brock for 15 plus years. Both were past recipients of Employee of the Month honors and will be sorely missed.

The Plainfield Correctional Facility is pleased to announce the promotion of Gary Ballard to Correctional Lieutenant. Lt. Ballard was hired on November 28, 1988 as a Correctional Officer. Pursuing a position in the private sector, he left in 1995, but returned to IDOC in 2010. The Custody Department looks forward to adding his knowledge and experience to the shift supervisor's office. Please take the opportunity to congratulate Lt. Ballard on this accomplishment!

The Indiana State Prison would like to congratulate Dylan Cabanaw on his promotion to Correctional Lieutenant. Lt. Cabanaw began his career at the South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility as a Correctional Officer in May 2006. He transferred to the Indiana State Prison in December of the same year. Dylan is married with three children and enjoys fishing. He resides in LaPorte County and has served his community as a Pop Warner Football Coach.

Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility (MJCF) held a ceremony for the facility's final group of GED graduates. The ceremony looked very similar to any other high school graduation ceremony, with cap and gowns, family and friends in attendance, and guest speakers. The students were given an opportunity to present a small speech reflecting on their time at MJCF, recognizing the staff that assisted them, and commenting on their future. One student hopes to obtain a career as a probation officer helping young people in doing what is right. Beginning this year, the GED test will be replaced by the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) test, which is more cost effective and easier to administer.

Camp Summit Boot Camp was re-accredited by the American Correctional Association at their Winter Conference in Tampa, Florida. The Facility attained a perfect score of 100 percent on 34 mandatory standards and a remarkable 100 percent on 359 non-mandatory standards.

Social Work and Law students from the Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis campus toured the Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF) and discussed with staff and residents the avenues by which they may meet the legal needs or be of assistance to IREF residents.

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IDOC Central Office received a special visit from some new recruits in the Indiana Canine Assistance Network (ICAN) program at the Indiana Women's Prison. The very cute and tired puppies, Jasmine and Angel, spent the day traveling around the city of Indianapolis to deliver special Valentine's to ICAN supporters, including Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann who was given the honor of naming one of the puppies, Angel. (photo below)

Correctional Industrial Facility's FIDO program will be featured on the Pet Pals television program on WISH-TV this Saturday morning at 5:30am and

again on WNDY at 9:30am. Tune in and watch! In partnership with The Animal Protection League, FIDO (FIDO (Faith+Inmates+Dogs=Opportunity) pairs inmates with local shelter dogs to prepare them for adoption.

Students in the Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility's CLIFF and PLUS units assisted the Salvation Army with their weekly meal offering and pantry supplies. The facility has been assisting the Salvation Army for several years providing assistance for meals, supply organization, vegetable gardens, and Christmas basket and coat program.

The parenting classes at Madison Correctional Facility made Valentine's Day cards for their children as well as cards for the 96 residents at the Waters of Clifty Falls Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

The Indiana Blood Center conducted a blood drive at the Pendleton Correctional Facility resulting in ten units donated by staff. In appreciation of their participation, donors were presented with a five dollar Wal-Mart gift card.



NewsBarb, a Greene County based on-line news service, paid a visit to the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF), taking away lots of ideas for future stories. Heather Rogers, NewsBarb editor/reporter, (pictured left) termed WVCF "a fascinating place!" Rogers learned how offenders prepare for a successful return to society, why the facility has gone "green" and how custody staff keep the peace. Public Information Officer Rich Larsen said giving reporters a firsthand look at the operation gives them a better perspective and balance when writing about the maximum-security facility.

Offenders in the Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) PLUS program are once again giving back to the community; this time through the Knot Blanket Project. The project provides fleece blankets to the children of St. Mary's School, where a large number of its students are poverty stricken. The program is funded by an outside agency that provides the material and coordinates with IWP for

the blankets to be completed and taken to the children. 2013 marked the first year of the project, in which 150 blankets were provided to children in need and were described as "gifts wrapped with thoughtfulness and tied with love!" (photo right)

Congratulations are in order for the Westville Correctional Facility (WCC) recycling team for their impressive annual figures. In 2013, the team effort produced 680,557 pounds of recycled material for total revenue of \$85,811.60. At WCC, one officer and seven level one offenders are responsible for the entire recycling operation.

Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF) is proud to announce the promotion of John Nelson to the position of Warehouse Supervisor. Mr. Nelson began his career at IREF as an officer in March 2012. Prior to working at IREF, Nelson worked in the warehouse industry for many years. He received an Associate's degree from Kaplan College, and will graduate from Indiana Tech with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice this May. (photo below)



Correctional Industrial Facility staff were entertained at a talent show put on by the offenders under the guidance of the facility's recreation department. A variety of musical talents were displayed and preformed by the offenders to the enjoyment of staff. Superintendent Wendy Knight said, "This is just the first of many talent shows we will be conducting throughout the year. Offenders will also hold monthly concerts for the offender population beginning in February."

Friends and family gathered for a graduation ceremony at Westville for 29 trainees from WCC, Indiana State Prison (ISP) and Camp Summit Boot Camp who completed their four week-long training at the Pre-Service Academy. Two graduates received special awards for their hard work. Michelle Martin of ISP received the Professionalism Award, and Ebony Stevenson of WCC received the Teamwork Award. ISP Superintendent William Wilson, who was the keynote speaker at the event, shared a small portion of his wealth of knowledge about the Department of Correction along with a few personal stories with the graduates.

Martin University began their Spring Semester at IWP. Fourteen classes are being offered to the offenders. One class offered is State and Local Government; the professors are State Representatives Karlee Mercer and Judson McMillin. The offenders are thankful for Dr. Kelsey Kauffman and James Patterson for spearheading this college opportunity. All professors donate their time and efforts.



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The Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF) barbershop, The Shop, became a registered donation site for Locks of Love, and collected its first donation. Resident Anthony Pflug was the first donor-participant. Pflug's donation and the hair donations of other residents signing up to donate their hair will benefit Locks of Love, a public non-profit organization that provides vacuum fitted hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. They meet a unique need for children by using donated human hair to create the highest quality hair prosthetics. (photo right)



Twenty staff endured biting winds and cold temperatures to give the gift of life

during a blood drive held at the Putnamville Correctional Facility.

Tonya Morris coordinated the event when representatives from the Indiana Blood Center (IBC) contacted the facility for assistance explaining that due to severe weather conditions many of the high school drives have been cancelled. High school blood drives account for approximately 20% of IBC's blood donations.

The Rockville Correctional Facility (RCF) CLIFF program is once again providing community service for the Parke County Maple Fair. Eligible RCF offenders assist in set-up, clean-up and tear down for many Parke County events throughout the year including the Covered Bridge Festival and the Parke County 4-H Fair.

Love on a Leash volunteers brought eight retriever puppies to Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility. Students learned how to handle puppies and also received instructions on beginner training skills. Students and volunteers enjoyed the experience as several puppies did not follow instructions immediately and ran around the room.

Westville Correctional Facility (WCC) is piloting electronic filing of inmate lawsuits with the Northern Indiana Federal District Court. They are fortunate to mirror the process initiated by Wabash Valley and the Southern District last year. Electronic filing significantly reduces copying and postage costs for the courts, the facilities, the Attorney General's Office and ultimately the taxpayers. If successful in both districts, it will be replicated throughout IDOC facilities.



Parole Agent Paul Rains and Assistant District Supervisor Erik Kruper from the Gary Parole District partnered with staff from Lake County Community Corrections, for the second year in a row, to participate in the 2014 Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics of Indiana. The team raised close to \$1,000. It was a balmy 20 degrees outside with a slight wind when they took the "plunge." Staff are already looking forward to the 2015 Polar Plunge and this summer's Plane Pull Challenge. (photo left)

Miami Correctional Facility encouraged staff to "Go Red" for Women to recognize the American Heart Association's campaign to attack heart disease by wearing red as a public symbol of the fight. This is the number one health threat for women in the United States. Staff wore red clothing, or picked up a red dress or shirt pin to signify their support of the fight. This initiative was facilitated by Miami's Wellness Committee.

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) Superintendent Richard Brown welcomed eight new Correctional Officers on board during the WVCF staff re-call meeting. Graduation is set for February 28, and Superintendent Brown encouraged the group to make a difference as they work to protect the public and prepare offenders for re-entry. Superintendent Brown also congratulated former Wabash Correctional Officer Tim Tanner on his new assignment as facility Chaplain. Chaplain Tanner earned his Master of Divinity/Chaplaincy from Liberty Baptist Seminary and Graduate School.

The Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility (COLCF) is proud to announce the promotion of Correctional Officer Jason Brooks to Casework Manager. Jason Brooks began his career with Chain O'Lakes in March 2001. During his time at COLCF he has served as a shift supervisor, facility grievance specialist, security threat group coordinator, and an instructor for personal protection/security skills. Mr. Brooks is a 2012 graduate of the IDOC Leadership Academy and a 2013 graduate of the Experienced and Emerging Leadership Program. Mr. Brooks is also a member of the city of Albion Police Department.

The Indiana State Prison (ISP) would like to congratulate Kenneth Braun on his promotion to Security Telecomm System Director and Sergeant John Hurt on his promotion to Correctional Sergeant. Kenneth Braun began his career at ISP in November 1993 as a Recreation Leader. He transferred to the Physical Plant Department in June 2001 as an Electronics Tech. Sergeant Hurt began his career in corrections at the facility in September 2010 as a Correctional Officer.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility conducted a Black History Month Program in the Chapel that was attended by approximately 130 offenders. The featured speaker of the event was Alphonso Bailey, founder and Executive Director of Down But Not Out-Freedom-A New Perspective. Mr. Bailey is a top rated former USA Boxing Junior Middleweight. Mr. Bailey received a football scholarship to Kentucky State University and a series of poor choices led to incarceration. While in prison he took up boxing which helped him turn his life around. As the result of these experiences he established the Down But Not Out ministry to help adult and juvenile offenders, ex-offenders and at-risk youth overcome personal challenges through programs designed to provide character training skills that promote self-awareness, self-control, and spiritual encouragement.

Shannon Vaughn, Aramark Food Service Supervisor at the Indiana Women's Prison (IWP), was awarded Aramark's IN2Work Program award for her dedication, commitment and top quality development of the students through the program at IWP. Congratulations Shannon!

February 28, 2014

Weekly Views

Officer Hieng Mao from Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility (COLCF) delivered over 70 pounds of aluminum pop can tabs to Mrs. Hughes' classroom at the Mary Daly Elementary School in Elkhart, IN. Children at the school have been collecting pop can tabs throughout the school year, with all proceeds going to the Memorial Children's Hospital of South Bend. Staff and offenders at COLCF have been saving the tabs and were pleased to be able to assist the school with their fund raising efforts. (photo right)

Alternatives Incorporated Residential Services

Manager Amy Bond visited the Pendleton Correctional Facility to accept a donation from offenders enrolled in the Inside Out Dad Program at the facility's level one minimum security housing unit. As part of a community service project, the offenders made ten fleece blankets for the clients served by this outstanding agency located in Anderson. Alternatives Inc. offers a variety of services to victims of domestic violence including emergency shelter, transitional housing, crisis advocacy, information and referral services, and other forms of support to victims.



The GRIP (Growth, Responsibility, Integrity, Purpose) parenting program at Madison Correctional Facility hosted a PREP workshop for offenders and their significant others. The workshop focused on developing and maintaining healthy relationships through communication enhancement. Participants completed personality assessments, role playing activities, and learned how the four safeties, physical, emotional, commitment and community, are vital for successful relationships.



The Indiana University American Juvenile Justice System class went on the road to the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF). The WVCF Youth Incarcerated as Adults (YIA) unit day room became the classroom for Robert Bingham's group. Students took part in question/answer sessions with YIA teachers, unit team staff and an offender involved in the program. Many of the IU students plan careers in the juvenile justice field. They said the event showcased youth reentry efforts and ways they can more effectively work with youth in crisis. (photo left)

Pendleton Juvenile conducted Family Fun Night. With the help of Culinary Arts teacher Christy Leavitt, the students prepared and served their families a meal. The meal consisted of a tossed salad, spaghetti with garlic bread and sugar cookies. After eating, students presented their families with a Thank You card and bracelet they made. There

were approximately 30 family members that participated in the event. Everyone seemed to enjoy and have fun.

The Putnamville Correctional Facility held its annual Black History Month program. Coordinated by Chaplain Johanna Amefiakoffi, events included offender recitation, spirituals, African-American history, and "Reel Talk", a movie night followed by discussion.

Miami Correctional Facility promoted two staff to lieutenant. Out of 18 applicants, those selected were Craig Stoll and Jake Kieninger. Lieutenant Stoll began his career with the Department in May 1999 at Plainfield Correctional Facility as a correctional officer and worked at Chain O'Lakes. Stoll has served as the Emergency Squad Leader, a field training manager for the Field Training Officer Program, security camera coordinator and One Call Now administrator. During his time at MCF, he has been a housing sergeant and an assistant shift supervisor on all four custody brackets. Jake Kieninger was hired as a Correctional Officer at MCF in November 2001. He is qualified as a Master Firearms Instructor for the state and worked as a coordinator for out of facility trips. Kieninger was one of the first officers to be trained in the Glock Handgun program, became a Firearms Instructor and has been a housing sergeant for night and day shifts.

The Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF) is proud to announce that Reentry Coordinator Officer William Phipps is undergoing training to become a Training Officer. Officer Phipps will work under the direction of current IREF Staff Development and Training Instructor and Coordinator Mike Enzinger. In addition to fulfilling the responsibilities as a custody officer, Officer Phipps' new responsibilities will include conducting new employee orientation, and classroom workshops, seminars, and in-service training to increase IREF and contractual staff's knowledge and skills in accordance with the requirements specified by IDOC.

The Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) is proud to announce Aramark Food Service Director Chris Kosegi received the Food Service Director of the Year award. Aramark held their annual recognition last week to recognize their front line managers from all of IDOC and Division of Mental Health and Addiction facilities. Chris has been at CIF since October 2011 and has always been appreciated for his dedication to the facility his employees and peers.

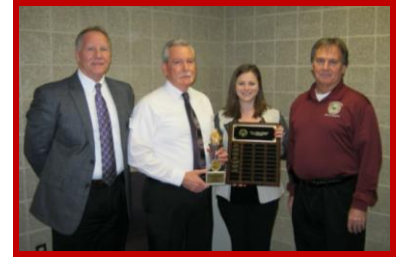
Grace Community Education Inc. Horticulture Instructor Philip Greenburg gave a presentation on the Aquaponics System at Pendleton during an Advanced Master Gardener Training Program conducted in Alexandria, IN that was attended by 180 people. Aquaponics is the raising of fish and growing plants in the same closed system. The fish produce fertilizer for the plants and the plants clean the water for the fish.

March 7, 2014

Weekly Views

New Castle Correctional Facility (NCCF) Director of Support Services Kevin Jackson was chosen as the 2013 Spirit of Special Olympics Officer of the Year. Kevin has been part of the Indiana Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Indiana (SOI) for over 20 years and has been responsible for countless volunteers and funds. His dedication has shown through numerous top fundraising spots over his years in the program and last year NCCF brought home to the First Annual Commissioner's Cup Award at the Plane Pull. Commissioner Bruce

Lemmon and Superintendent Keith Butts joined Stephanie Stewart from SOI to present Keith with the award. (photo right)



Edinburgh Correctional Facility staff took the plunge for Special Olympics Indiana in the Polar Plunge at Eagle Creek Reservoir.

The facility was able to donate \$500 to this great organization. (photo left)



More than 20 Rockville Correctional Facility staff, outfitted in full plunger regalia, braved the frigid temperatures and freezing water at Eagle Creek to show their support for Special Olympics Indiana! The Rockville Plungers raised over \$1700 thanks to the generosity of their fellow staff. Not a bad day's work for a warm-hearted community on a bitterly cold morning in March.

The Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) hosted a baby shower sponsored by Angel's Wings for 25 offender moms-to-be. Since January 2005, IWP has conducted approximately 28 showers for almost 700 pregnant offenders. Each mother receives a brand new diaper bag containing everything that moms or the care givers may need for the new bundle of joy, including baby clothes, a baby book, diapers, wipes, baby wash/lotion, baby bottle, pacifier, and a handmade quilt or crocheted blanket. The offender moms also receive a hygiene gift bag for herself and an opportunity to get her picture taken for her baby photo album. All of the games, items, and food for the shower are donated by volunteers, churches and companies who are passionate to the cause.

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) is helping provide much needed meals to children in Sullivan County. The WVCF Community Involvement Fund presented a \$500 check to Reverend Michael Irvine of the Carlisle United Methodist Church for their Outreach Program. The program helps feed 51 school children on weekends, vacations and holidays. Another \$1,500 from the fund will help the Sullivan County Brown Bagger Program provide after school meals to 161 needy youngsters. Both programs provide the children with nutritious and easy to prepare foods.

Four more canines have successfully graduated from the Prison Greyhounds Program at Putnamville Correctional Facility. Meade, Jazzy, Ranger and Williston underwent three months of socialization and training by their offender handlers (pictured right) in the hope that these retired racing dogs will be adopted by lucky families. These deserving dogs are bound to make strides to learn and develop just as much as the offenders who embarked upon this journey in Prison Greyhounds.



Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) is donating \$1,500 toward the Department's efforts to raise \$50,000 for the Fuller Center for Housing which is spearheading the project to rebuild a block on historic Jackson Street in Gary, IN. The donation by PCF includes \$608 from the American Legion, \$608 from PLUS, and \$284 from the Community Involvement Fund.

The Correctional Industrial Facility hosted an Aramark Job Fair for current offenders, ex-offenders and juvenile job candidates. Refreshments were provided by current IN2WORK students. The applicants were given feedback on their interview and resume strengths and weakness. The fair yielded two potential employees from the field of applicants.

An Indianapolis couple addressed residents of the Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF) Reformative Residential Reentry Program (RRRP). The speakers were the first in a series of talks scheduled by the Religious Services Department's Victims Impact class. The husband and wife team spoke about the offenses made against them by their transgressors and their transitions from victims to victors. Next week, IREF Chaplain Blackburn and his victim, Misty Wallace, will tell their stories about the strength of forgiveness. All IREF and IDOC staff are invited to attend. The Victims Impact talks will take place on Wednesday evenings at 5:00.

Congratulations to Westville Correctional Facility (WCC) Sergeant Sherri Washington on her promotion to lieutenant! Lt. Washington began her IDOC career in 2007 and has been a valuable member of the custody team and serves on the WCC Honor Guard. As a member of the Indiana National Guard, she is a veteran of the campaigns in Afghanistan and serves as the Public Affairs representative for the La Porte Armory. During Lt. Washington's promotional process, it was discovered that in her capacity as a guardsman, her commanding officer is IDOC's own Brigadier General Michael Osburn.

Central Office held a Staff Assembly where IDOC Policy Director Andy Dunigan gave a presentation on the upcoming American Correctional Association (ACA) reaccreditation audit. Chief Communications Officer Doug Garrison shared a video from the recent ACA Winter Conference where Jonathan Towers, Executive Producer of Towers Productions, accepted the Outstanding Journalism award for *Parole Diaries*. During the assembly, Bryan Pearson was named Leader of the Quarter; Debbie Braun, Team Player of the Quarter; and Sheila Razor, Support Staff of the Quarter. Congratulations to these outstanding employees!

March 14, 2014

Weekly Views

Students from the Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility provided assistance to the Grissom Air Museum in Bunker Hill, IN. Six students assisted the museum staff in relocating memorabilia and office items to new locations within the museum. The community service provided to the Grissom Air Museum is a continuing involvement with the Air Museum for the past 12 years. The facility has adopted three museum aircraft and assists in maintaining the exhibits.

The finest talents of Madison Correctional Facility performed a tribute to Motown and Rhythm and Blues to celebrate Black History Month. Acts were introduced by members of the Toastmaster International Correctly Speaking Club. (photo right)

History was made at the Indiana Women's Prison. Six offender students, enrolled in the Martin University program presented their research finding on the history of Women's Prison in Indiana. The Indiana Association of Historians annual conference was held at Anderson University, and the research titled "Women, Sexuality, and Punishment in Late 19th Century Indiana", was presented through Polycorn by the offender's. Three papers were presented with a question and answer session at the end.



Despite the snow, wind and closed roads, the American Red Cross showed up at Westville Correctional Facility for another blood drive. The facility was able to free up 47 volunteers, and 37 units of blood were collected. Thanks to all who not only made it to work, but then volunteered.



The American Legion presented Post #398 with their charter but with a different twist. This charter was presented at the maximum-security Wabash Valley Correctional Facility by District Commander Kevin Hinton. The facility worked for over a year and a half to make the post a reality for offender veterans. Wabash Post 398 is already hard at work discussing fund raising events, dues and appointing officers. Community Services Director Michele Lincoln said, "They are in prison but they are still veterans who love their county and their new post, dedicated to helping others, is a wonderful rehabilitation tool." She said they will meet once a month and have already expressed a strong interest in creating a scholarship fund for area students. (photo left)

William K. Wilson, Superintendent of Indiana State Prison (ISP), is pleased to announce the addition of Lauren Huffman to the Training Department as a Training Officer. Ms. Huffman began her career in December 2005 as a Correctional Officer. In October 2011, she was promoted to the position of Correctional Caseworker. Everyone at ISP offers congratulation to Lauren as she begins her new role and responsibilities. Superintendent Wilson states that, "Ms. Huffman will be a valued member of our training team".

Putnamville Correctional Facility is pleased to announce that Aramark has award 2013 Assistant Food Service Director of Year to Putnamville's very own Brandon Hester! Brandon has been with the company for approximately five years and Putnamville is blessed to have him!

The Pendleton Correctional Facility conducted a ceremony to recognize the facility's most recent graduates of the PLUS program. Forty-eight offenders were honored during the event for successful completion of this faith and character based re-entry program. Clete Ladd who serves as School Director for the Excel Center in Indianapolis spoke at the event that was also attended by IDOC Religious Services Director David Liebel. (photo right)



The Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility held its quarterly staff recall meeting in which several staff were recognized for meritorious years of service and presented with certificates for recognition as outstanding employees including: Irene Stalling, five years; Mark Pitcher, ten years; William Brown, 15 years; Barbara Clifford, 20 years; Conray Wright, 30 years; Michael Sparks, Supervisor of the Quarter; Bryan Ball, Officer of the Quarter; Tim Zendian, Employee of the Quarter; and David Hannah, Enabling Others to Act

Staff Development and Training conducted multiple specialized training events at the Correctional Training Institute (CTI) for the field. The Parole/Unit Team Retreat was attended by over a hundred staff on March 11. Public Information Officer (PIO) Training was conducted on March 12 and 13, for over 50 plus PIOs in the field. Lastly, CTI hosted a Correctional Fatigue to Fulfillment Instructor Program on March 11 through March 14. A total of twelve staff attended this specialized training.

Since November 2013, Logansport Juvenile staff and students have been collecting jars of peanut butter for Real Hope for Haiti (RHFH) Child Rescue Center. Recently Reverend Ken Smith, the local representative for RHFH, came and spoke to the students about how their peanut butter donations help have the lives of Haitian children dying of protein malnutrition. The facility will continue collecting donations through the first week of April. So far 71 jars of peanut butter have been donated by staff and students!

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The Miami Correctional Facility Polar Bear Plunge team raised \$825 for Special Olympics Indiana. Hitting the icy cold water at Crossroads Community Church in Kokomo were Jason Kochensparker, Denver Nettifee, Douglas Nelson, Craig Stoll and Jake Kieninger. (photo below)

Rockville Correctional Facility staff answered a call from the community by raising \$120 for a Rockville High School student who has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. Supervisors from the facility's J-Bracket volunteered to take a pie in the face to help raise the funds. The event was the brainchild of Officers Michelle Boetjer and Amanda Burleson, and staff were eager to take part to support this cause. (photo left)



Recreation Coordinator Lisa Ash announced that the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) and Pendleton Art Society (PAS) are working together to enhance the Arts and Crafts program for offenders at Pendleton. Five volunteers with PAS will be coming to the facility to conduct classes in various mediums from basket weaving to water colors. Additionally, PAS has extended an invitation to all PCF offenders to have their art work displayed in the PAS Gallery Show that opens April 4 in Pendleton, IN. By June, PAS hopes to have enough participation to do an entire Gallery Show of offender art work. "This is a unique and beneficial way to merge the facility and the community it inhabits", expressed Mrs. Ash. "The possibilities for change are exponential for our population and we are quite excited about the future of this collaboration."



Susie Mack, mother of slain Indiana college student Jimmy Mack, was the latest speaker in the Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF) Reformatory Residential Reentry Program's (RRRP) Victims Impact Series presentations. Ms. Mack (pictured right) recounted the days leading up to her son's murder, the struggles both she and her family suffered following his death and the healing power of forgiveness. The Victim's Impact Series is part of the RRRP's curriculum, which allows residents to see the gravity of their crimes and the lasting impact made on their victims. Next week, an IMPD Officer will talk about the violent crime committed against him when he was a young officer. IREF and IDOC staff are invited to attend on Wednesday evenings at 5:00.



The offender PLUS program at the Indiana State Prison donated the proceeds from its Free-Throws for Muscular Dystrophy event to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). The event raised over \$600 for Muscular Dystrophy! During the event, each PLUS participant shot ten free-throws. The money was raised through sponsorships from offenders, staff and facility volunteers obtained by the participants for each made free-throw.

The Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) is off to a fast start raising money for the March of Dimes! Wabash Valley March of Dimes Division Director Nikki Simpson was presented with a \$500 check during the staff re-call meeting thanks to the facility Fatherhood and PLUS programs. (picture left) The 2014 March for Babies is set for April 26 in Terre Haute with WVCF set to field a strong team of fundraisers. Simpson marches to Wabash every year to drum up support and awareness about premature birth. She said the March of Dimes is inspired by all babies, those born healthy and those who need our help to survive and thrive!

At Westville Correctional Facility's Quarterly Awards Assembly, the following staff were recognized for their outstanding contributions: Correctional Officer Richard Escobedo, Sergeant Kurt Sizemore, Supervisor Sleuth Valentin Covarrubias, Payroll Accountant Jason Haynes, Classification Supervisor Mark Newkirk, and Contract Employee Vicky Buzalski, RN. Grace College instructors Adam Brown, Bill Frazier, and Dave McLiver were named Ambassadors of the Quarter for assisting a citizen who slid off the road in front of them into a ten foot ditch while they were on the way to work.



Seven staff from IDOC's Central Office Fiscal Division attended the weekly Culinary Art's luncheon at the Indiana Women's Prison (IWP). Every Wednesday, the Culinary Arts class, taught by Marcella McMaster, presents a luncheon for IWP employees and guests for a nominal fee. Compliments to Ms. McMaster and her students on a job well done!

The Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) celebrated Black History Month with three diverse programs. During February, a seminar on Black History was conducted by Islamic Chaplain Aleem, "Islam in the African American Community", and a concert was performed by "Heart on Fire" from the House of Prayer in Bloomington. CIF continued the Black History programs into March with a service and concert by Faith Tabernacle Church in Anderson.

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The Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) donated corn-hole boards to Helping Hands for Freedom. Madison Correctional facility made the boards, and they are going to be the center piece for a charity corn hole tournament fund raiser. The boards will be on display at Indiana Grand Casino in Shelbyville April 12 for the "Heroes Gala". For more information, visit www.helpinghandsforfreedom.org.

The Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) unit at the New Castle Correctional Facility donated \$2,500 to the New Castle Henry County Animal Shelter.

Members of the Indiana State Police Hostage Negotiation Team from the Northern Region visited the Westville Correctional Facility and Indiana State Prison. During tours of each facility the group met with SITCON, E-squad, Administrative and Internal Affairs staff.

Pendleton Correctional Facility received training from Metrasens representatives on the use of the Cellsense, which was recently purchased for use by the facility. Cellsense is a portable full body scanner that detects for cell phones, whether turned on or off, as well as other contraband. The scanner can screen inmates from anywhere, even behind walls. After completion of the training, company representatives and facility staff tested the Cellsense on offender line movements. Within an hour, the Cellsense detected contraband on an offender and a search of the offender resulted in the confiscation of a cell phone.

Camp Summit Boot Camp staff and selected students performed community service at the LaPorte Salvation Army. Some of the volunteer work included filling bags with donated food items for children at elementary schools in the LaPorte area for consumption on the weekends. The program started as a result of the Salvation Army personnel learning that some students from the elementary schools do not have food or meals to eat on the weekends and in some cases the only cooked meals they may get is provided by the schools during the week.

The Correctional Industrial Facility, working with the Indiana Blood Center (IBC) for a two-day drive, donated 41 units of blood. As a treat to the donors, and to welcome them to IBC, donuts and cupcakes were provided to the morning donors and subway and pizza to the lunch time donors. Each donation results in multiple usable components for patients at Indiana hospitals and CIF is proud to help fellow Hoosiers in need.

MTV and ABC camera crews were busy at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF), focusing on youth behind bars. MTV is launching a show called "One Bad Choice" about a teenager's split second decision that resulted in a 55-year prison term. ABC is preparing a Nightline report about two of the so called "Elkhart 4" housed at WVCF. The story will center on how the teens were charged and convicted of felony murder after a home burglary gone wrong. Both shows will air later this year.

IMPD Officer James Hornaday was the last speaker in the Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF) RRRP Victims Impact Series presentations. Officer Hornaday's story was one of perseverance, determination, and strength. He told the audience the story about his journey from being the victim of gun violence to his remarkable recovery from injuries sustained as he tried to serve a warrant at an Indianapolis home. Officer Hornaday's session marked the end of RRRP's eight week class which focuses on the power of forgiveness, and encouraging responsible thinking and behavior.

Members of the Madison Correctional Facility Unit Team participated in the 11th Annual Jennings County Bowl for Kids Sake. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Indiana raised over \$16,000. Madison's team raised the most money.

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility is pleased to announce the promotion of Daniel Cooper to Maintenance Foreman. Mr. Cooper began his career with Logansport Juvenile in April 2007 as a Maintenance Repairperson. Before he began his career with IDOC, he worked as a maintenance technician, house framer and is currently a firefighter with the Walton and New Waverly Fire Departments and holds Hazardous Materials certifications.

Several staff members were recognized as excelling in their positions at Putnamville Correctional Facility during a staff assembly lead by Superintendent Stanley Knight. Congratulations to Employees of the quarter Vicki Stewart and Joshua Kingery, as well as supervisors of the quarter Elesha Hidalgo and Sergeant Casey Harder!

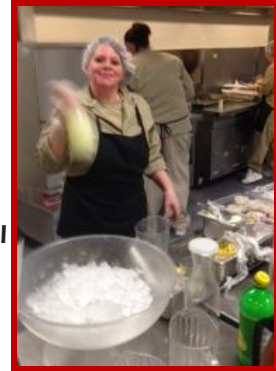
Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility (COLCF) held its quarterly staff recall meeting recognizing Officer Yolanda Jones as Employee of the Quarter. Also recognized was Maintenance Supervisor Bob Beckley for his 40 years of dedicated service to the town of Albion as a volunteer firefighter. The facility also conducted its semi-annually Community Advisory Board meeting in which Noble County Food Bank Director Bonnie Brownell presented Superintendent Kathy Griffin with a certificate for the generosity and assistance shown for the less fortunate in the community. COLCF staff and offenders most recently assisted Noble County Food Bank with a monetary donation and canned goods after a fire destroyed most of their in stock items.

Students at Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility (MJCF) enjoyed a music filled weekend. Artists from Broken Chains entered MJCF with enough musical power to be heard wherever students were located. Broken Chains, an Indianapolis based Christian group, brings a mixture of street music including rap, hip hop, soul, poetry, and testimony. A strong message of hope and expressions that they were not forgotten played through the music that reverberated throughout the facility. The musical adventure took another turn as the Elnora Bible Institute Choir made the last stop in their spring 2014 tour at Madison Juvenile. This 42 member choir, accompanied by only a pitch pipe, brought a more traditional sound to the facility. Both events gave the musicians and MJCF students an opportunity to meet, making a connection that just may change a life.

April 4, 2014

Weekly Views

The Indiana State Fair came early this year at the Indiana Women's Prison. The Culinary Arts program prepared a full fair menu that included elephant ears, corn on the cob, waffle fries, Italian sausage with green peppers and a lemon shakeup. (photo right, a culinary student preparing a lemon shakeup)



The New Castle Correctional Facility (NCCF) donated \$500 to the Riley Children's Foundation Fund in tribute to Candace Pollitt, an NCCF employee who died in an ATV accident last year.

Two groups representing the University of Notre Dame conducted special programs for the inmates at Westville Correctional Celebration Choir performed for over 200 general population inmates in the facility's auditorium. The second group were professional actors from London on a grant through Notre Dame who presented a workshop and performance of "As You Like It" for minimum security, PLUS and TC Unit offenders.



Commissioner Bruce Lemmon came to Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) bearing special gifts for deserving staff. Commissioner Coins were presented to Accountant Nelda Spears and Maintenance Foremen Leon Stuller and Tim Squire, both expert carpenters. Spears received thanks for her diligence in processing special procurements for Executive Director of Construction Services Kevin Orme. Her efforts put parts needed for major project equipment repairs on the fast track, shortening downtime and saving man hours. Stuller and Mitchell earned their Commissioner Coins for designing and producing two custom, all wood, portable, collapsible podiums for the Office of Governor Mike Pence. The podiums will be used by Governor Pence when he goes on the road for special events. (photo left)

The Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) would like to welcome new Caseworker Elisha Smith. Ms. Smith was previously employed as a Correctional Officer at the Indiana Women's Prison. Everyone at the facility would like to wish Ms. Smith the best as she begins her new duties and responsibilities in Unit Team 3.

Putnamville Correctional Facility and Superintendent Stanley Knight would like to congratulate Sergeant Jackie Walker on his promotion to Lieutenant and Lieutenant Bettina West on her promotion to Captain! They consistently show that they are willing to work hard and commit to above and beyond actions at Putnamville! Congrats!

Staff members from Madison Correctional Facility (MCF) joined MCF Superintendent Jan Davis and Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility Superintendent Tim Greathouse at the 2nd Annual Heroes Campaign Luncheon benefitting the Jefferson County Chapter of the American Red Cross. David Sanderson, a survivor of the Miracle on the Hudson flight, was the keynote speaker. After the luncheon, the facilities donated a total of \$2500 to this worthy cause.

Following a two-day audit conducted by the American Correctional Association (ACA), the Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF) was recommended for reaccreditation. A team of independent auditors spent both days at the facility reviewing policies and file documentation, evaluating facility operations and programs, and observing and interviewing staff and residents to make the determination as to whether IREF was in compliance with ACA standards. IREF achieved a score of 100 percent on 33 mandatory standards, and 99 percent on non-mandatory standards. (photo right)



Please join Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) Superintendent Sevier in congratulating the Scarlett Graves, Jason Nero and Tamara Sterling on their promotions to Correctional Caseworker. Scarlett Graves began her career at MCF as a Secretary in April 2012, working for the Training Department. Prior to her employment here, she was a Media Specialist Instructor at Fairlawn Elementary. She has a Bachelor of Liberal Studies Degree with a specialization in Behavioral Sciences from Barry University in Florida. Jason Nero was hired in October 2012 as a correctional officer (CO). He came to MCF after 12 years of experience with the Michigan Department of Correction as a CO, a resident unit officer and a drill instructor. He attended Kellogg Community College. Tamara Sterling was hired at MCF in October 2005 as a correctional officer. She promoted to Sergeant in December 2011. Prior to her employment at MCF she worked at Subway and Sara's Gardens in Florida. She is a graduate of Palm Beach Lakes Community High School.

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility staff members Lindsay Pounds, Program Coordinator, and Judy McIntosh, Youth Transition Specialist, participated in a national webinar with the National Evaluation and Technical Assistance Center for the Education of Children and Youth who are Neglected, Delinquent or At-Risk (NDTAC). NDTAC serves as a national resource center to provide direct assistance to states, schools, communities and parents seeking information on the education of children and youth who are considered neglected, delinquent or at-risk. Logansport Juvenile is part of the pilot program for the Divisions of Youth Services.

Parole Agent John Hosler from the Indianapolis Parole District was presented with a certificate of completion for the Mental Health Certified Treatment Specialist Program. Mr. Hosler stated, he was very excited about utilizing the program in a parole setting and enjoyed the opportunity to be one of the participants to receive the training.

April 11, 2014

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"Ooh's" and "Aah's" could be heard throughout the Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) when two new puppies, Justice and Jaeger, (pictured below) joined the Indiana Canine Assistance Network (ICAN) program. The puppies are a mixture of Golden and Labrador Retrievers, extremely smart and just too cute to resist. They will begin their training immediately with specially selected offenders who have themselves gone through training to learn how to interact and train the dogs. Using only positive reinforcement, the offenders teach basic commands,

how to walk on leash, not to be afraid of a wheelchair and many other needed skills for working with disabled individuals. After completing five to six months of training the puppies will leave CIF and begin more extensive training at another IDOC facility.



Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) staff talked jobs with Indiana State University (ISU) students during the 2014 ISU Criminology Fair. Terre Haute Parole, Central Office, Putnamville, Rockville and Wabash Valley Correctional Facility personnel joined forces, encouraging graduates to consider a meaningful career with the IDOC. Many undergraduate students expressed strong interest in internships and all were surprised about the types of jobs available within the Department. ISU students who visited the IDOC booth also learned more about our commitment to programming as offenders prepare to re-enter society. Over 30 agencies from across the state participated in the well attended job fair on the ISU campus.



Miami Correctional Facility will spend April recruiting staff at four job fairs in the area. The first one was April 7 at Ivy Tech in Marion, IN. Human Resources and other staff will be attending job fairs at IU Kokomo/Ivy Tech on April 15; IU Kokomo Law Enforcement Career Day on April 17 and the Heroes for Hire at the VA Medical Center in Marion, IN on April 24. (Pictured below are Lieutenant Craig Stoll and Lieutenant Lori Barkas who represented the facility at the Ivy Tech Job Fair in Marion.)

Nathaniel Grandberry and Amanda Kisse were at the Indiana Women's Prison to administer the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) to 18 offenders. This was the first of many occasions they will perform this service. They gave the offenders the Career Exploration version of a test that the military uses to place new recruits. This will be a valuable asset to the offenders in their future job searches.

Representatives from the State Budget Agency spent time walking through the Westville Correctional Facility's (WCC) physical plant. During their review, (pictured below, L to R) IDOC Executive Director of Construction Services Kevin Orme, WCC Engineer Mark Wilson, WCC Physical Plant Director Ray Nornes, WCC Engineer Corey Simic, and State Budget Agency Director Brian Bailey recognized Wilson and Simic with Cash Spot Bonuses for saving Indiana over a quarter million dollars on a recent extensive power plant repair project.

The Pendleton Correctional Complex conducted its annual Easter Egg Hunt for employees and their families. Easter egg hunts were organized for different age groups for children ranging in age from 1 to 13. The event drew over 200 people including approximately 80 children. Easter egg baskets donated by Aramark were given away as prizes and coloring books were given to each child in attendance. The Easter Bunny was present for the event and approximately 1,500 eggs were prepared by staff for the hunt that was conducted at the Complex Recreation Area located at the quarry.



Aramark held an employee recognition luncheon at the Indiana State Prison. Superintendent William K. Wilson and Assistant Superintendent Dan McBride were present and spoke to the staff. Aramark Supervisor Wayne Peeples gave coins to the long-time employees.

The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility held a "Peanut Butter for Haiti" Drive at the facility that staff, students and their families participated in. The facility was able to collect 164 total jars of peanut butter for the project. Out of the collection there were 131 jars donated by staff and 33 by students and their families. The donations were given to Real Hope For Haiti representative Rev. Ken Smith.



Four new Sergeants have joined the supervisory ranks at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF). John Wolfe, John Crusie, Preston Swick and Levi Sims will complete their on-the-job training requirements and be assigned their new shifts. Assistant Superintendent/Operations, Frank Littlejohn noted the group possesses strong leadership qualities and will enhance the safety and security of WVCF.

April 17, 2014

Weekly Views

Six PEN Products staff and Deputy Commissioner James Basinger attended the National Correctional Industries Association (NCIA) National Training Conference in New Orleans, LA. Mike Herron, Becky Deeb, Doug Evans and Christi Griffin were presenters in workshops at the annual training conference. In 2015, IDOC and PEN will host the NCIA national training conference in Indiana.

Staff Development and Training (SD&T) and Wabash Correctional Facility (WVCF) staff presented the Peer Mentor Training to nine offenders at the facility. This program was co-presented with IDOC Staff and Peer Mentors

identified by the facility. A special thank you goes to Lieutenant Stephen King, Amy Eickmeier and Dr. Julie Hoepfner for presenting the course with SD&T staff (photo right)

National Geographic Magazine Associate Editor Jeremy Berlin visited the Pendleton Correctional Facility to observe the facility's Shakespeare Program in conjunction with a 12-part online series that is being developed titled "The Innovators Project". One of the segments will focus on the work of Indiana State University Professor Dr. Laura Bates who introduced the Shakespeare Program in the IDOC at Wabash Valley Correctional Facility several years ago.

Four Custody Shift Brackets at the Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) competed in the IWP Bracket Buster Competition (BBC) from February 1 through March 31 in the interest of wellness and good spirited competition. Each bracket shared one pedometer attempting to log as many steps as possible. Congratulations go to Captain Maxi, whose bracket totaled 571,590 steps to finish in first place in the IWP BBC. Individuals were also recognized at the facility as leading "steppers" from each bracket.



Proceeds from a cookout for staff at Putnamville Correctional Facility will benefit the Correctional Professionals Assistance Fund of Indiana (CPAFI). The menu included grilled cheeseburgers and hot, fresh fries prepared by veteran staff members. The CPAFI aids in our fellow staff receiving funds in times of need and the staff at ISF are always happy to assist! (pictured left Physical Plant Foreman Greg Nichols and retired Training Officer Mike Shouse)

The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility held a family day for its PLUS and CLIFF units. Activities for the event included an open house for the Vantage Pointe Learning Center, the facilities school, Open Treatment teams, family reunification activities, games and prizes and a tour of the students units. There were a total of 33 parents that attended the events.



Miami Correctional Facility offender band and choir put on a couple spring concerts for staff and offenders. They played a variety of music from Rock and Roll to Christian and Country, and even a Beatles tune. The band and choir practice year-round and usually hold concerts in the spring and winter. (photo right)

The Guiding Responsible Action Creates Empowerment (GRACE) Unit at the Indiana Women's Prison is receiving special self-help programming from Chaplain Andrea Lewis. Chaplain Lewis is offering a volunteer bible study session with the offenders participating in phase two of the program. The GRACE Unit includes three phases, and a variety of classes are offered for all phases by the unit team and program staff.



The Employee Appreciation Committee at the Indiana State Prison held a bake sale with the proceeds going to the Michigan City Police Department's annual "Easter Egg Hunt" to help fill 30,000 plastic Easter eggs with candy.

The 2014 Indiana Special Olympics (SO) Summer Games are just around the corner and Wabash Valley staff are talking Bocce Ball! Last year the maintenance team made 12 new Bocce Courts with many staff volunteering to help out during the competition at the Summer Games in Terre Haute. Special Olympic representatives are hoping even more will take part in the fun and excitement during the 2014 games. WVCF has also invited folks from the Putnamville and Rockville Correctional Facilities to volunteer for Bocce. Superintendent Richard Brown is also looking for company for this year's Torch Run. "It is an experience you will never forget as you watch these courageous men and woman do their very best to excel while at the same time cheering each other on. They are inspiring to watch and they are all winners!" See you in June at the Summer Games!

The Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) conducted a "Reality Check" Program for at-risk youth from the Muncie area. The program was established at PCF in August of 2008 and provides the opportunity for participants to hear offenders communicate the factors and circumstances that led to their incarceration with the goal of deterring young people from a life of crime.

Miami Correctional Facility hosted 19 students and their teacher from Lafayette Jefferson High School Thursday for a Straight Talk program. The students are a part of a Social Studies Class. Students were brought into the facility's Visitation Room and had to go through pat down.

April 25, 2014

Weekly Views

Westville Correctional Facility Superintendent Mark Levenhagen presented a check for almost \$14,000 to the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA) during their 2014 Conference to End Sexual Violence. The money was raised through offender programs and fundraisers from 15 IDOC facilities across the state.

The Branchville Correctional Facility, through a partnership with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), planted approximately 6,000 trees on the grounds of the facility. Earlier in the year, Branchville underwent an extensive energy upgrade, which included new bio-mass

boilers to provide heat for the facility's dormitories. The new planted Red, White and Black Oak trees will ensure that the facility is able to maintain a sufficient fuel supply for the boilers. DNR supplied the trees and a tree planter, while Branchville supplied the offender labor to plant the trees.

A staff member and four students from Camp Summit Boot Camp lent a hand at the Kingsford Heights Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Fish Fry in LaPorte County. The work included assisting the firemen with cleaning, set-up and tear-down of the dining room facilities. The fire department hosted the Fish Fry as part of their annual fundraising activities to purchase equipment for the firehouse.

Madison Correctional Facility's Montgomery Beauty School participated in the first annual "Share Your Passion, Follow Your Dreams" hair show. Former graduates, who have been released, returned to Madison to tell their success stories and give demonstrations. Current students presented a runway show featuring hairstyles that highlighted their skills as well as their style.

Miami Correctional Facility PLUS offenders helped deliver more than \$25,000 worth of groceries from Aldis and Kroger during a fundraising sale to benefit The Fuller Center for Housing of Gary. The sale kicked off a month ago, encouraging offenders to buy food to "Help Rebuild a Community". All of the proceeds will go toward this project.

Rockville Correctional Facility (RCF) received 80 bags of donated clothing from the Memorial Presbyterian Church of Rockville. In addition to the clothing, the church also presented RCF with a check for \$150 to purchase larger clothing or shoes that might be needed. Any clothing not suitable for the needs of the offenders leaving RCF will be donated to the Parke County Food Pantry. The church indicates that the goal is to make the clothing drive an annual spring event.

The Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) welcomed a group of international visitors from the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. The group included seven law enforcement officials and prosecutors from multiple European countries who toured IWP to learn about "Cooperative Efforts in Combating International Crime." All were astounded with the operation of the prison and many positive comments were made about the facility.

PEN Products staff member Mike Jones received the National Correctional Industries Association (NCIA) Central Region Staff Award in recognition for his development and implementation of the PEN Materials Management Group. Deputy Commissioner James Basinger, PEN Director Mike Herron and attending PEN staff accepted the award on his behalf at the 2014 NCIA training conference in New Orleans.

Congratulations are in order for Correctional Officer Joseph Browning and Sergeant Michael Ellis who have both been promoted to correctional caseworkers for Putnamville Correctional Facility. As the transition into re-entry begins, these two will be integral parts of the unit team and are well needed!

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility Superintendent Linda Commons announced that Youth Development Specialists Bridgette Chatot and Steven Daniel were promoted to Psychiatric Social Services Specialists. Superintendent Commons stated, "These individuals will be a great addition to our treatment staff."

It is almost the end of another college semester, and Westville Correctional Facility (WCC) has been busy with students from local universities. 89 students and instructors from five criminology classes were given tours of WCC this spring. In addition, 13 students are completing over 1000 hours of practical internships assisting classification and nursing staff.

The Kairos Prison Ministry began a four-day program at the Pendleton Correctional Facility that involves participation by 36 offenders and 48 Kairos volunteers. This represents the 14th time this program has been conducted at Pendleton. Kairos is an international Christian faith-based ministry that addresses the spiritual needs of offenders and their families.

Prison Fellowship Ministries provide a special concert by inviting the group "HIS Promise" to perform during their service at the Correctional Industrial Facility. The ensemble, made up of H.D. Hollinseed, Robbie Shuck and Dr. Baranosky sang several songs, provided an inspirational sermon and a few laughs for the offenders. Dr. Baranosky, a concert pianist who is originally from Russia, entertained the offenders with several exceptional piano pieces.

Class was in session at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility! House Enrolled Act 1006 was the subject with Jack Hendrix, IDOC Classification Director, and Randy Short, Director of Offender Placement, instructing multiple facility and parole staff during a regional training session. Directors Hendrix and Short spoke about the changes in how new sentences will be calculated along with the six levels of felonies to factor in.

Classification Departments will be working with three sentence structures when the law takes effect July 1.

May 9, 2014

Weekly Views

Staff at Westville Correctional Facility found a way to have fun on the job while helping out the Kingsford Heights Girl Scouts. As part of this year's Correctional Employees Week activities, staff had the opportunity to celebrate with some chocolate cream pie. Seven intrepid (or gullible) staff members volunteered to collect donations to support the Girl Scouts. Those who collected the most would get their own special pie – in the face! Staff and offenders donated a total of \$927.16. They then watched Correctional Caseworker Jessica

Linscott as the winner and Administrative Assistant David Leonard as the sit-in for runner up Assistant Superintendent Michael Scott receive their just rewards. (photo right)



The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility honored staff during Correctional Employees Week with cookouts, daily drawings, staff awards and a two-day blood drive for the American Red Cross. During the festivities, Psychiatric Social Services Specialist Rick Hinkle was honored for a recent act of heroism. On his way to work, Mr. Hinkle witnessed a serious car accident involving a fellow coworker at the entrance of the facility. He tended to all the accident victims and assisted in evacuating three children from an overturned vehicle. He was presented with a super hero cape and a staff created caricature drawing. (photo left)

2014 marks the 22nd year of proud service for the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF). The milestone was noted during Correctional Employees Week festivities at the facility. Superintendent Richard Brown also honored four staffers for outstanding achievements over the past year. Honorees included: Teresa Littlejohn (Employee of the Year), Lieutenant Christopher Nicholson (Supervisor of the Year), John Crusie (Officer of the Year) and Nathan Lyday (Rookie of the Year). Assistant Superintendent Kevin Gilmore received special recognition for 30 years of dedicated public service.

To promote health and wellness for National Wellness Month, staff on Miami Correctional Facility's K-Bracket completed in a Push-up/Sit-up Challenge during their weekend on duty. Each participant had to complete ten push-ups every half an hour from 10:00 pm until 4:30 pm each night. A total of 18 staff signed up the first night and completed 130 pushups per person for a combined 2,340 pushups. On the second night the challenge expanded to include sit-ups for those who couldn't do push-ups. The combined total of push-ups and sit-ups completed for the weekend was 4,360. Participants challenged each other by doing one-handed, leg-lift and cross-legged pushups. The competition boosted morale and was deemed a success by the K-Bracket supervisors. Participants were rewarded with a pop and a candy bar for their efforts. (photo right of Officer Bingaman)



The Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF), in collaboration with Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), hosted a graduation ceremony for the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program. The IUPUI Inside-Out Program was launched at IREF during the summer of 2007 by the School of Public and Environmental and built around the premise that incarcerated individuals and college students might benefit from studying crime, justice, and related issues together as peers. Students met for 16 weeks inside IREF and focused on classical philosophers and contemporary thinkers, and the development of both theistic and non-theistic viewpoints of Western philosophy and its impact on modern life and living.

The Correctional Employees Week at the Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) was running full throttle including a Monday blood drive with participants receiving a walking taco. Tuesday and Thursday all staff have enjoyed an ice cream social and Wednesday was an IWP Italian Cafe Meal with spaghetti and garlic bread. Staff will close out the week with a health fair and cookout.



In conjunction with other Correctional Employees Week activities, the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) conducted a cookout to honor Pendleton retirees. Approximately 25 retired PCF employees participated in the event and those in attendance were presented with a facility coin by Superintendent Zatecky as a demonstration of appreciation for their years of dedicated service to the facility and to the Indiana Department of Correction. (photo left)

Offenders at the Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility have been busy volunteering in the community, assisting Habitat for Humanity, Central Noble Food Pantry, Noble County Fair Grounds, and many other area projects. In appreciation for their hard work, they were treated to a night of celebration. The offenders were entertained by the facility's choir and were treated to heartwarming testimony

and inspiring tale of change by Justin Massey. Mr. Massey spoke of his incarceration and personal struggles with addiction, his relationship with his wife and children and how faith in God helped him reach the total freedom he was seeking. The evening ended with all in attendance being served loaded baked potatoes and cupcakes.



To commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Victims of Crime Act, the students at Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility dedication of a Crime Victim's Rights memorial garden. The garden was created in the shape of heart with a Burr Oak tree in the center surrounded by flowers planted by the students. Each student was given a flag which they wrote a message to remember a victim of crime and their rights as a victim. Some wrote the names of a victim, some wrote about an incident but all were very touching and personal. Mr. Greathouse gave a dedication speech and a moment of silence was observed before each girl solemnly planted her flag around the perimeter of the heart.

Miami Correctional Facility celebrated Correctional Employees with all kinds of goodies for staff, including daily drawings, a baby picture contest, ice cream sandwiches, biscuit and gravy breakfast and chips and salsa. The week also was filled with recognitions of staff for years of service and perfect attendance. The facility also recognized the loss of two staffers and the retirement of several others. Three people were named Employee of the Year as well. Officer of the year went to Denver Nettifee; Supervisor of the Year went to Lieutenant Jason Tedder; and Employee of the Year went to Jennifer Fiscel.

Incarceration & the Family was the featured program topic for the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) Advisory Board. Dr. Jacquelyn Frank of Eastern Illinois University discussed her extensive research about the impact of incarceration on families. Additional input was provided by Offender Jon Omstead and his parents, Robert and Patricia Omstead. Mrs. Omstead said her son's involvement in programs at WVCF turned his life around. With 16 years served and eight to go, Jon Omstead said he has gone from someone his late brother described as "sorry for the person he had become" to someone his mother said today she is "proud of." Omstead, now 34, said he is working with his parents support on his return to society in a world he knows has changed dramatically. (pictured right, L to R: Superintendent Richard Brown, Robert and Patricia Omstead, Jon Omstead and Dr. Jacquelyn Frank)



Rabbi Menachem Fellig from Miami, Florida (pictured below) came to the Indiana State Prison's Prisoner Dining Area with a propane torch in hand, to make sure all was kosher through a process called torching. Torching is a common way to make stoves, pots, pans and other kitchen utensils kosher. The idea is to superheat the metal, burning away residue from non-kosher items that may have been cooked in them. "Preparing kosher meals in house will allow the Department to meet religious and nutritional needs in a financially responsible way," stated David Liebel, Director of Religious Services.



Several staff have been promoted at Westville Correctional Facility (WCC). Emily Kirk is leaving as the Director of the Therapeutic Community (TC) Unit to take over as the Department's Regional Substance Abuse Director. Allen Hines will take over as the WCC TC Director, assisted by Alecyia McCullough as the Assistant Director. Also, Matthew Pryor and Shawn Miller were promoted to Sergeant. Congratulations to all for recognition of their leadership and skills!

The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility held a Christian Concert in the outside recreation yard. Students voluntarily signed up to participate in the event, with 99% of the population attending. The event, sponsored by Warriors for Christ Ministries, was the second concert held in as many years and included six performers including a Christian rapper. Students enjoyed a picnic style lunch during the event.

The Indiana Women's Prison held a Mother's Day Luncheon in the Jerome Brewer Gymnasium sponsored by Carol Kornas and the Castleton United Methodist Church. 21 incarcerated mothers were able to spend quality time with their children. There were 38 children in attendance. Some of the activities included making rubber band bracelets, mother's day cards and tissue paper flowers for mom. The church provided free family photos to commemorate the event. (photo right)



A six-man work crew from the Indianapolis Reentry Education Facility volunteered their time to clean murals on East 10th Street in downtown Indianapolis. The East 10th Street Civic Association, in partnership with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. provided hoses, water, soap and brushes for the residents, who worked over three hours to clean four different murals underneath the Interstate 65 overpass. (photo left)



Members of the Pendleton Correctional Facility offender American Legion Post 608 presented a check for \$1216 to Pendleton American Legion Post 117 representative Monte Schneider in support of the "Wagons for Warriors Project". An additional donation of \$284 was presented by Superintendent Zatecky on behalf of the facility's Community Involvement Fund. Proceeds from the donations will be utilized by

Post 117 to purchase wagons and household items for wounded veterans receiving treatment for life altering injuries while housed at the Walter Reed Medical Facility.

May 16, 2014

Weekly Views

Several communities throughout Indiana suffered damaged this week from heavy rain and strong winds. Offender work crews from the Branchville Correctional Facility joined other volunteers in several locations, including Boonville and other parts of Warrick County clearing debris. The offenders started early each morning, working until dark, to clean up following the storms. Members of the community welcomed the offender and thanked them for their help. (photo right)



Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) staff are ready to help out at the Olympics, the Indiana Special Olympics! Wabash volunteers will be stationed at the 12 Bocce Ball courts for the upcoming Summer Games. Stephanie Stewart and Dave Breen (pictured left) of Special Olympics (SOI) briefed volunteers at the facility. Rockville and Putnamville Correctional Facility volunteers will also join in on the fun this year. WVCF Maintenance crews, who made all new courts for Bocce in 2013, will install them at Wolf Field on Indiana State University's campus. Superintendent Richard Brown, taking part in the Torch Run to launch the Games, said he will be joined by seven other runners this year, raising funds for SOI.



Putnamville Correctional Facility (ISF) welcomed a touring class of criminal justice students from Indiana University in Terre Haute. Professor Shannon Barton-Bellessa and seventeen of her current pupils studying corrections got to see many parts of ISF such as the restricted housing units, the Prison Greyhound Program dorm, the receiving areas, as well as the various activities and opportunities the offenders have to aid in their re-entry. They had a great educational experience!

Representatives from the Indiana Canine Assistant Network (ICAN) visited the Pendleton Correctional Facility to conduct an art project with service dogs currently being trained by PCF offenders. Works of

art created by the dogs with the assistance of their handlers are utilized as part of an annual charity fundraising event conducted by ICAN. (photo right)



The Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) held its annual Taste of CIF contest during Correctional Employees Week. The contest consists of teams that pick a theme and prepare food, props and costumes based on that theme. This year's theme was sitcoms. Entries this year were drawn from television series M.A.S.H., Cheers, The Adams Family, Alice, Batman, Hee-Haw and WKRP. The winning team, the Addams Family, served a buffet of food resembling eyeballs and fingers, dirt pudding, witches stew, roast beast, mice and witches brew. Superintendent Wendy Knight commented, "I look forward to this competition every year as part of our employee appreciation week, it's a great way for all staff to let their hair down and just have fun!" (photo below)



Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) Superintendent Mark Sevier announced the promotion of Tricia Pretorius to Assistant Superintendent. Ms. Pretorius began her career at MCF in 2000 as a Correctional Counselor. She then promoted through the ranks of Reentry to Unit Team Manager. She was instrumental in the start up of the PLUS Unit at Miami and is a member of the state committee overseeing the Inside Out Dads fatherhood initiative. Over the course of her career she has received numerous awards and been recognized by her peers for her commitment and her team-spirited attitude.

Sergeant Thomas Carte, Assistant Field Commander of Westville Correctional Facility's Emergency Squad, was selected as the facility's newest Correctional Lieutenant from among a very strong field of candidates. Congratulations Lieutenant Carte!

Two members of the Indiana Women's Prison Unit Team were recognized for their years of dedication and service, Dwight Graves, Correctional Case Worker with 30 Years, and Brenda Salinas with 20 Years as the Unit Team Secretary.

The Indiana State Prison (ISP), Westville and Camp Summit hosted a Community Advisory Board meeting at ISP. The topic of discussion was House Enrolled Act 1006. It was very helpful to have Tim Brown from Central Office, State Representatives Scott Pelath and Tom Dermody, and Senator Jim Arnold attending the board meeting to explain to the members the effect of the bill and what to expect in the future.

Pendleton Internal Affairs Officer and Correctional Police Officer Walter "Pete" Peterson was presented with a plaque by Superintendent Zatecky in recognition of over 30 years of service to the facility's Honor Guard. This accomplishment demonstrates the tremendous concern and compassion that Mr. Peterson has for IDOC employees and their families. Thank you Pete for your enduring dedication to this endeavor!

Correctional Employees Week sparked many smiles at Putnamville Correctional Facility. With everything from K9 demonstrations, golf scrambles, corn hole games, and an ice cream social in the courtyard, the staff were rewarded for being among the best correctional employees in the nation! A cookout and an awards assembly for the year were an added bonus to thank all the hard work that facility staff are responsible for! Thank you for the diligence brought to work every day!

May 23, 2014

Weekly Views

The final totals are in for the 2014 Trash Bash! Throughout the month of April, Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) work crews hit the pavement to clean up Indiana's roadways, highways and interstates. From the 13 facilities and parole districts that participated, 12,916 bags of trash were collected from 606 miles of roadside. The Department has partnered with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) in this endeavor since 1997. "This annual cleanup effort gives our offenders an opportunity to make a positive impact on the community and give back in a big way. Once again our work crews stepped up to the challenge and surpassed our hopes for this year's campaign.

We are thankful to INDOT for continuing to partner with us for this important public service," commented IDOC Commissioner Bruce Lemmon. (photo right)

The Indiana Protection for Abused and Trafficked Humans (IPATH) Task Force conducted a training seminar on human trafficking at the Indiana Women's Prison for approximately 50 IDOC employees throughout the state. Deputy Commissioner James Basinger introduced the panel members including Federal Bureau of Investigations Agent Michelle Cunnane, Homeland Security Agent Darlene Bradley and Keynote Speaker Tena Dellaca-Hedrick.



Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) had more than 100 runners and walkers participate in the 4th Annual MCF Prison 5K Run/Walk in Bunker Hill. The event is a fundraiser to help raise money for the Employee Appreciation activities. Several MCF staff helped with the event, setting it up, and several walked or ran in the event. (photo left, Race Director Ann Hubbard yells out times at the finish line. Finishing as the first female runner, at right, is her daughter, Emilie Hubbard, ending with a personal best time.)

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility hosted a school open house for students' families. The facility sponsored a cookout to thank family members for participating in their student's education. There was a terrific turnout for the event, as over 140 students, family members and staff enjoyed a day of conversation and celebration to recognize the terrific activities and progress taking place at the school. One mother stated, "It's wonderful to see how many people care about my son and his education." (photo below)

Mike Herron and Doug Evans of PEN Products joined 15 individuals from Purdue University's Human Resource Department and the Department of Workforce Development's HIRE program to discuss employment opportunities for ex-offenders.

On behalf of Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) offender American Legion Post 608, PCF staff members Wayne Scaife and Tom Francum presented five scholarships to students at Pendleton Heights High School during their Senior Awards Banquet. Two students were presented scholarship awards in the amount of \$608 each and three students were presented scholarship checks in the amount of \$203 each. The awards were presented in connection with a contest conducted by American Legion Post 608 in which the participants submitted essays relative to how the military has affected their lives. The money to support these scholarships was made possible by fundraising activities conducted at the facility sponsored by the offender American Legion Organization.



The Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) has received approved for a \$5,000 grant from the 2014 Library Services & Technology Application, "Empowerment through Technology". Grant applications were reviewed by a panel of outside reviewers and Indiana State Library staff. It was reported that IWP received high scores out of 49 applicants.

More than 60 people enjoyed a Poetry Ready Workshop at the Indiana State Prison. The attendees included aspiring poets, outside guests and the musical renderings of Captain Ambivalent (aka Dan Biemer), who delighted the crowd with his lighthearted humor through music. The workshop allowed some of the institution's poets to recite their works before an appreciative audience.

At its second blood drive of the year, Westville Correctional Facility had 37 volunteers show up for the American Red Cross, and 27 total pints were collected. Westville thought this was going to be their spring donation, but it felt more like winter with measurable snow in the Chicago suburbs!

The Red Cross Bloodmobile visited Camp Summit Boot Camp and collected 15 units of blood from staff who donated. The bloodmobile visit, coordinated by Camp Summit staffer Pat Kimmel, was part of the IDOC's Blood Drive Challenge. The Red Cross will return to Camp Summit in July.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility held a reception to honor veteran employee Captain Levi Stonebarger who will be retiring this month with 33 years of dedicated service to the Pendleton Correctional Facility and IDOC. Congratulations Captain Stonebarger!

May 30, 2014

Weekly Views

For the past few months, Commissioner Bruce Lemmon, Community Corrections Director Michael Lloyd and staff have been traveling across the state to present performance bonuses to the state's top performing Community Corrections agencies. Each agency was scored based on their achievements in diverting non-violent D felons and the use of evidence based practices. 19 counties received a Level 1 (A) and a check for \$20,932.18; 21 counties received a Level 2 (B) and a check for \$13,815.24; and nine counties received a Level 3 (C) and a check for \$6,907.62.

On Memorial Day, Camp Summit Boot Camp staff John Cosich and Patrick Cleary took 12 honor students to a South Bend Silverhawks baseball game

against the Lansing Lugnuts from Michigan. Both teams are Class A minor league baseball teams with the Silverhawks being affiliated with the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Lugnuts being affiliated with the Toronto Blue Jays. The home team won the game 9-2. Several students indicated that they had never been to a baseball game, let alone a professional game. The 12 honor students in attendance are near release and have maintained points in the top ten percent of all the students in the facility. Each month the honor students participate in a community, cultural or recreational activity.

Excited and anxious faces accompanied a group of 22 criminal justice students and their professor from Indiana State University in Terre Haute, IN as they toured inside Putnamville Correctional Facility (ISF). Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Dr. Sudipto Roy and his pupils enjoyed seeing how the facility is run daily, the differences between ISF and other facilities, as well as the commonalities with most penal institutions.

Staff Development and Training conducted the first week of the 2014 Leadership Academy at the Correctional Training Institute (CTI). A total of 27 staff throughout the Department participated in the week long training event. Superintendent Knight was the keynote speaker for the last day of training at the park. The second week of the Leadership Academy is scheduled for July 21-25, 2014 at CTI.

Central Office held a retirement celebration to recognize some of the Indiana Department of Correction's longtime employees who have reached their retirement "MRD" and will be leaving state service in the next few months. Among those who were recognized were SOMM Program Director Harry Miller, Southbend Reentry Superintendent Greg Cress, Pendleton PIO Neil Potter, Parole Southern Regional Director John Markham, former Superintendent Rich Clark and Internal Affairs Chief Investigator Willard Plank.

Pendleton Correctional Facility staff, department staff and retirees came together to celebrate, reminisce on old times and wish Neil Potter a healthy and prosperous retirement during a retirement party at the facility. "Throughout his 43 years of service, Neil's contributions to this facility were immeasurable. He inspired others to excel, has been a pioneer, icon, mentor and genuine friend to everyone around him," stated Superintendent Zatecky.

Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility (COLCF) Officer Kim Satterfield is retiring after 23 years of service in the Department. He began his career at Northeast Juvenile in 1991. He transferred to COLCF in 2010. During his time at COLCF, he has served as a shift supervisor and master count officer. Everyone at the facility would like to wish Mr. Satterfield the best as he enters a new chapter in life! Chain O' Lakes also promoted two staff to sergeant. Selected were Yolanda Jones and Michael Villarreal. Sergeant Jones began her career with the Department in October 1998 at the Indiana State Prison (ISP) as a correctional officer. She transferred in 2000 to COLCF where she serves as a reentry coordinator and facilitates job assignments. She is a 2013 graduate of Offender Workforce Development Specialist program and served on Miami Correctional Facility's SITCON squad. Michael Villarreal began his career with the Kansas Department of Corrections in 2009 then relocated to Indiana in 2011 where he continued to develop his skills at Branchville Correctional Facility. He served as a Field Training Officer and Quick Response Team member. Sergeant Villarreal also worked at ISP before transferring COLCF.

Miami Correctional Facility's American Legion Post 555 was presented with a 100 percent Membership Banner and plaque for reaching 100 percent membership. The banner will hang on the American Legion flag. Post 555 has received a banner and plaque every year since the Post was chartered in 2009, with this being the fourth year the legion has achieved this recognition. This achievement is something that is not seen by many posts, according to Post 555 Commander Earl Kimmerling. "It's hard to obtain, especially in this setting. And of the all the legions on the outside only three in the state have done it since they were chartered."

The 2nd Annual Indiana Women's Prison Big Wheel Race was a great success thanks to outstanding custody staff, team sponsors and a supportive audience! Over a month ago, approximately 84 offenders signed up and competed for the top five qualifying team positions. Each driver must have a good facility conduct history and meet the weight requirements. The course consists of eight total laps, and four individuals on each team raced two laps. In keeping with the tradition of the Indianapolis 500 and Brickyard 400, there is also a pace lap. With a dramatic come from behind win, Team Vogel finished in first place with a new track record time of 17:22. The facility would especially like to thank Mr. Rang for his wonderful rendition of "Back Home Again in Indiana", Ms. Schmalfeldt the Grand Marshal, Ms. Bowie the Pace Car driver, Mr. Horan event videographer, Mr. Medvescek event photographer, Superintendent McCauley for his outstanding race insight and Angels Wings for their donations!

June 6, 2014

Weekly Views

Staff Development and Training conducted a Joint Understanding Cooperation Program (JUCP) at Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility. IREF is the first IDOC adult facility to host JUCP, which was conducted at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility earlier this year. The JUCP's goal is to foster an environment of mutual respect and understanding between correctional staff and inmates through an improved cultural environment. Eight staff and eight residents participated in this program focusing on the three R's (role modeling, redirecting inappropriate behavior, and reinforcing positive behavior) from the

Indiana Justice Model. The first two of the three-day training consisted of staff and residents attending separate sessions. On the third day, the group attended class together, taught by resident facilitators and IDOC training staff. (photo right)



Miami Correctional Facility held its own Job Fair attracting about 15 people to apply for jobs with the facility. MCF is hoping to attract individuals who are interested in a career, not just a job, and are focusing on hiring those who are interested in working in the custody rank. Having the job fair at the facility enabled staff to work with candidates in submitting their application, as well as giving them a small tour of the facility. (Pictured left Joan Cooper and Sergeant Craig Stoll speaking with a candidate)



PEN Products staff members Doug Evans and Lisa Martin, as well as Logansport's Lindsey Pounds conducted a Career Path Planning workshop at Branchville Correctional Facility. The participants included 28 offenders and 12 staff representing IDOC, Martin County Community Corrections, Evansville Parole District, and Department of Workforce Development Hire Program. Topics covered were career theory and assessment, time management, decision making styles and introduction into career planning.

Westville Correctional Facility conducted another successful annual disaster. This year's scenario involved an explosive device at the facility's Main Gate Entrance. It required WCC to modify entry procedures for all facility vehicular and pedestrian traffic, including re-routing some of the external responding agencies. (photo right)



The first of six sessions of the Fatigue to Fulfillment training class was conducted at the Pendleton Training Center consisting of mid-level managers and supervisors from the Pendleton Correctional Facility, Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility, Indiana Women's Prison, Indianapolis and Bloomington Parole Districts. Fatigue to Fulfillment instructs staff on identifying common behaviors, conflicts and challenges faced by corrections staff and transforming the negative experiences into positive growth and increased job satisfaction.



A very scenic ride was on the agenda for several current and retired staff from Putnamville Correctional Facility who participated in the 9th Annual Promoting Positive Correctional Culture (PPCC) Mike Shouse Commemorative Employee Appreciation Motorcycle Ride. All donations throughout the day were donated to PPCC to fund future activities and rewards. Thanks to all for coming out and supporting Putnamville Correctional Facility! (photo left)

Staff from the Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF), Pendleton Correctional Facility, Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility and several other facilities gathered to wish well to one of CIF's longtime employees. Jeanie Cohn began her career with

the Department of Correction as a Personnel Secretary at Indiana State Prison in 1973. Through a commendable career spanning four decades Jeanie worked at Indiana State Prison, Indiana Youth Center and has spent the last 25 years at CIF. "We will really miss Jeanie and want her to know how much we enjoyed working with her. Her bright disposition and positive attitude will be sorely missed. Jeanie's wealth of experience and knowledge cannot be replaced," stated Superintendent Wendy Knight.

Five new staff members from the Rockville Correctional Facility completed the Pre-Service Academy at the Putnamville – taking all of the awards with them! Correctional Officer Trainee Crystal Noel received the Professional Award and Correctional Officer Trainee Michael Canfield took home the Teamwork Award. The entire group, also including Correctional Officer Trainees Joshua Farley, Samantha Faulkner and Michael Wilkey took home a special award for "Safety and Security" after participating in a shakedown of the horse barn area where they found a large amount of tobacco. RCF is proud to welcome this group to the team when they begin their shifts on June 29!

Staff Development and Training (SD&T) staff and Family Members participated in the Walk Now for Autism Speaks Families First event. A total of \$104,490 was raised for this great cause for this race. SD&T Training Enhancement and Support Committee donated money for this cause.

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Commissioner Bruce Lemmon attended an education graduation at Putnamville Correctional Facility. Various vocational programs such as Culinary Arts, Business Technology, Horticulture, and Automotive Technology were congratulated as well as Test Assessing Secondary Completion graduates with future plans for reentry. Families of the graduates also came out to enjoy the celebration and see the students' accomplishment. (photo right)

Several staff members from Reception Diagnostic Center (RDC) and members of their families volunteered at the

Special Olympics Summer Games in Terre Haute, IN. RDC staff members volunteered at a food booth and helped serve bananas, bottled water, granola bars, popsicles, smoothies, popcorn, and snow cones to athletes and spectators. More than 2,500 athletes participated in the games, while nearly 1,200 volunteers helped make the games possible. In the last two years, RDC staff have donated over \$4300 to Special Olympics Indiana (SOI) by participating in the Plane Pull and Polar Plunge. This year, RDC staff have already raised over \$2400 for the Plane Pull in September.



The Wabash Valley and Rockville Correctional Facilities teamed up for the annual Special Olympics Torch Run, which marked the official start of the Special Olympic Summer Games on the Indiana State University campus. Wabash Valley (WVCF) Superintendent Richard Brown helped set the pace before joining volunteers from both facilities at the Bocce Ball courts. "We thoroughly enjoy taking part in the run and interacting with these very special athletes competing in Bocce Ball," noted Superintendent Brown. WVCF Maintenance staff made 12 new courts last year for Special Olympics Indiana, funded by offender donations. (photo left)

Pendleton Correctional Facility hosted a Job Fair at the Pendleton Complex Training Center attracting several applicants. Custody staff were present to answer questions about the facility and to assist individuals with the application process.

Following the application and interview process, qualified applicants were provided a tour of the facility to give them the opportunity to experience a prison environment.

Twenty-three offenders who graduated from the PACER Extended Learning Program at Indiana State Prison (ISP) were honored at a luncheon prepared by the Grace Culinary Arts class. The PACER Extended Learning Program is an outreach ministry offered by Grace College. Speakers included ISP Superintendent William Wilson and Grace College staff and administrators Paul Petroff, John Teevan, Dennis Duncan, Steve Klosowski, and Jack Volkers.

Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility was proud to host a graduation ceremony for four students; three recently passed the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) and one completed her high school graduation requirements. Madison's Mayor Damon Welch delivered a touching address to the students, sharing many of his own life experiences and focusing on the fact that everyone experiences difficulties in life. The graduates also delivered a message of their own. One student expressed her feelings that everything happens for a reason and if she hadn't made the mistakes she made to come to MJCF, she would never have had the motivation to finish high school. Another student said she has chosen to live each day in "the dash", that time between life and death dates on a tombstone, so that everyone will remember her love of music and how she worked hard and made good grades. All of the graduates have plans to continue their education. Several family members were able to make the trip and share the day with their children. All enjoyed a reception and some visit time following the ceremony.

Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) hosted its fifteenth Kairos weekend. The weekend worship included forty offender participants, forty volunteers, previous Kairos participants and many additional guests. The weekend program is followed by monthly reunions. These reunions bring volunteers and offenders back together to share their journeys. Reunions also keep both offenders and volunteers focused upon spiritual and practical growth.

The Rockville Correctional Facility (RCF) welcomed the Revival in Prison Ministry for an old fashioned tent revival that included three services of prayer, music and fellowship on each of the three days with an open invitation to the offender population. Roughly 600 offenders participated in the revival each day sharing their laughter, tears, reflections on the mistakes they've made, and inspirations and aspirations for current and future self-improvement. The Revival in Prison Ministry is based in Sullivan, IN and is led by David and Debbie Brewer. David retired from IDOC after serving the religious needs of the offender population at Wabash Valley. Joining David and Debbie were 19 volunteers who were instrumental in making this, the fourth consecutive tent revival at RCF, a resounding success. Additionally, an offender volunteer work crew from the RCF Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) Program assisted with setting up the tent and chairs and assisting with various other errands throughout the weekend. (photo above)



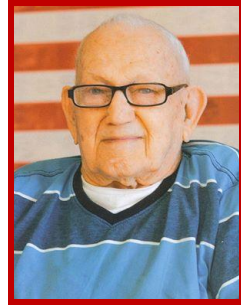
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Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner Bruce Lemmon, Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) Commissioner Don Snemis, BMV Deputy Commissioners Kevin Garvey and Carol Branstetter, Governor's Policy Director Dan Schmidt and PEN Products Director Michael Herron and Sales and Marketing Manager John Rardin came to the Indiana State Prison to tour the Digital License Plate (DLP) Building. Everyone was impressed with the operations of the DLP, which produces an average of 2.5 million registered vehicle license plates per year.

Students from the Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) Unit conducted a birthday card drive for Cecil

Rankin (photo right) of Brookston, IN. Cecil is a resident of the Indiana Veterans Home, located in West Lafayette, IN, and is a World War II veteran. On July 6, he will turn 102 years old. The students learned about Mr. Rankin's past, World War II and the sacrifices that soldiers, like Rankin, made to protect the freedoms that are enjoyed in our county today. All the students made birthday cards for Mr. Rankin, wishing him a Happy 102nd birthday and thanking him for his service to our country.



The Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) PLUS Program and American Legion Post 608 presented a check in the amount of \$2000 to Bill Farrar, Founder and Director of Fountains of Hope International. The number one cause of death in developing countries is contributed to contaminated water. Fountains of Hope provides education on water solutions, installs safe water systems, and deploys short term disaster relief teams in these countries when catastrophes occur.



Celebrate education 2014 was a big success at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility! The caps and gowns event made the grade for 188 high school equivalency, vocational and U.S. Department of Labor apprenticeship graduates. Family members were also on hand for their loved ones reentry milestone. Oakland City University President, Dr. Ray Barber, told the graduates they had good reason to celebrate. He said it is the beginning of a new journey in their lives, a new path, with new choices. Dr. Barber urged the Class of 2014 to continue making good choices in their lives and continue using their minds. (photo left)

Branchville Correctional Facility hosted its most recent PLUS graduation ceremony. Volunteers of the PLUS program, Branchville staff, and family and friends came to the facility to show support and encouragement for the 140 offenders who received their certificates for completing the program.

Madison Correctional Facility hosted its semi-annual graduation ceremony. More than 150 offenders graduated from various programs including Therapeutic Community, RRRP, IN2WORK, U.S. Department of Labor apprenticeships and Business Technology. Nine offenders also passed the newly implemented Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) test. Commissioner Lemmon, Assistant to the Commissioner Gil Peters, Program Director Jerry Vance, Jackie Burroughs and Jeff Cardwell from the Governor's Office, and Mayor Damon Welch attended.

The Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility hosted a talent show in which participants displayed a number of gifts and talents ranging from rapping, singing, spoken word, dancing, and performing. Featured acts expressed the show's theme of making positive choices, personal awakening, and turning from antisocial behaviors. (photo right)



The Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) Volunteer Coordinator Tammy Atwood and community outreach workers show off the handmade quilt donated to Gospel Echoes in appreciation for their years of service. (photo left)

Neither wind, nor rain, nor thunder could deter Westville Correctional Facility from enjoying its annual Family Day activities. The field was alive with hundreds of staff, parents, children, grandchildren and retirees. Special thanks go to the staff cooks, recreation staff, E-squad and K9 units who persevered through the weather.

The Indiana State Prison (ISP) held their annual Family Day, serving about 600 people meals and elephant ears. Tours of the facility were provided so that family members could enjoy the history of the oldest prison in Indiana and see where their loved ones work. The facility gave away five bikes to staff's children, and extra funds were raised by having administrators take a turn in the dunk tank (photo right). There were demonstrations by emergency teams. This was a great day and displayed the team work of ISP staff.

Superintendent Zatecky is pleased to announce the promotion of David Mason to Correctional Captain at the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF). David began his career in March 1988 and has served in the capacity of Correctional Officer, Correctional Sergeant and Correctional Lieutenant. David currently serves on two statewide focus groups and is involved with the facility's Employee Appreciation Committee. Congratulations David!



June 27, 2014

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Doug Evans, PEN Reentry/Operations Manager, joined Francina Carter, National Program Director for the National Institute of Correction (NIC), (photo right) at the 69th Annual International Correctional Education Association conference in Washington D.C. to present a workshop to unveil NIC's latest reentry initiative, The Employer-Driven Model and Toolkit. Doug was part of an eight person work group that developed this model last summer. The model and toolkit presents today's most effective practices in preparing



offenders to meet the expectations of employers. The official release will be in conjunction with the "Champions of Change" program at the White House on Monday, June 30. During the conference, U.S. Department of Labor Assistant Secretary Gerri Fiala spoke to the attendees on the value of Registered Apprenticeship inside the correctional system and singled out the Indiana Department of what can be accomplished by offenders during incarceration. She cited several statistics and praised the program for the difference it is making in individual lives.

Chris Stilwell, Principal at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility's Providence Jr. /Sr. High School, has been selected as Principal of the Year by the Center for Educational Excellence in Alternative Settings. Mr. Stilwell was recognized for his leadership in the improvement and expansion of educational opportunities at the facility, which includes seeking input from students and their families.



Bikers gathered around the flag pole at Miami Correctional Facility (photo left), ready to set off on the annual Employee Appreciation Ride. The ride attracted 20 bikes and 29 riders. The 2014 Ride went on a scenic route southwest to Whitestown, IN, taking riders to Kokomo Harley Davidson, Adams Mill and on various scenic roads. The ride was 103 miles, ending at LA Cycles and the LA Café for Dinner & Prizes before heading home.

New creations are underway in Putnamville Correctional Facility's newly remodeled greenhouse! A fully functioning classroom and hot house has allowed Teacher Brenda Gullett to instruct her horticulture class on not only growing various plants, vegetables, and trees, but also how to turn no longer usable items into fantastic art pieces! New Birdhouses, ladybugs, and standing flower beds are just a few of the items made by

offenders in this program, displaying fantastic artwork and growth! (photo below)

"We could not do it without your help!" That's the word from Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) Community Services Director Michele Lincoln, talking about facility volunteers. Wabash said "Thank you!" during the 17th annual Volunteer Banquet. Among the award winners were Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) volunteers Dan Ashby and Mike Freeman. They, along with 373 other volunteers, devote countless hours to the offender re-entry process, helping in such areas as substance abuse, programs and religious services. Both are also featured in a nationally distributed documentary about volunteers called "Through the Door." WVCF Recreation Coordinator Mike Miller was also honored with the Special Thanks for Program Assistance award.



Last week several Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility staff received recognition for outstanding service and work ethic. Captain Angela Blakey was awarded the Supervisor of the Quarter recognition. William Brown received Officer of the Quarter. Training Coordinator Michael Enzinger was nominated Employee of the Quarter, and Officer Craig Lovins was awarded the Enabling Others to Act distinction.

The Indiana Women's Prison hosted an Oakland City University semi-annual graduation ceremony in the facility's chapel. The students recognized during the graduation earned certificates in Business Technology, Culinary Arts, Problem Solving, High School Equivalency Diploma, and Bachelor of Arts. There were a total of 116 students recognized with family and friends attending the ceremony.

Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility held a Staff Assembly meeting and Employee Appreciation Dinner, which had to be rescheduled during Employee Appreciation Week due to bad weather. Everyone enjoyed BBQ ribs, chicken and hotdogs with baked beans, potato salad, green beans, rolls, pies and cupcakes. During the meeting, Eddy Ortiz, Executive Director of Human Resources, gave a presentation about the new Wellness Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP). Sergeant Jeffry Smith, Sergeant Renisea Hoffman, Officer Anthony Ruse and Rebecca Cornett were each awarded a Cash Spot Bonus for exemplary service. Marysol Serrano, Aramark Food Service Director, was selected as the Employee of the Quarter.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility (PNJCF) Superintendent Commons announced the promotion of Youth Development Sergeant Eric Coffin to Youth Development Lieutenant. Lieutenant Coffin started his employment at Pendleton Juvenile in December 2006. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2012.

Superintendent Commons states, "We are looking forward to the leadership and impact you will have on the staff and students at our facility."

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July 3, 2014

They gathered at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility, then mounted their motorcycles and rode hard, taking in the beauty of southern Indiana, before stopping at the Golden Corral in Bedford! Assistant Superintendent of Operations Frank Littlejohn organized the ride, but not just for the good food and company. "This is a great way for us to connect even more as a facility and team," he said. Facility 'bikers' also learned more about the Promoting Positive Correctional Culture and the Employee Appreciation Committee with donations accepted after lunch. Littlejohn said he hopes to make the ride a regular event. (photo below)

Since January 2014, 453 pounds of fresh produce consisting of herbs, collard greens, lettuce, green beans, onions, peas and radishes were grown at the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) and donated to the Pendleton Methodist Food Bank for distribution to local residents. Offenders from inside the facility and who reside at the Outside Dormitory (OSD) are instrumental in the daily tending and harvesting of crops from several locations throughout the facility grounds. "The offenders take pride knowing that the crops they grow will offer a healthy alternative to processed foods for those families who need assistance in providing food for their families," stated Superintendent Zatecky.



The Attorney General's 2014 annual summer intern tour was a great success at Putnamville Correctional Facility. IDOC Legislative Services Director Tim Brown was the sponsor for 24 fresh interns from all walks of life. The group was very interested in seeing such aspects as the law library, internal affairs department, the disciplinary restricted housing units, the Prison Greyhound program, as well as stopped to eat a wonderful lunch prepared and served by the culinary arts Department of Labor program! (photo left)



Archbishop Joseph Tobin of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis came to the Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) to perform mass and administer confirmation in front of the offender population, volunteers and employees. This is the first Catholic Mass held in the Pam Cline Memorial Chapel since the chapel reopened on June 26, 2013. (photo below)

Correctional Officer Kathi Kirk is moving on, after 18 dedicated years of service at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF). Commissioner Bruce Lemmon presented Officer Kirk with a Commissioner's Coin, joining Superintendent Richard Brown and Assistant Superintendent Frank Littlejohn in congratulating Kathi on her well deserved retirement. After receiving a commendation letter, certificate of excellence and service commemoration plaque, along with a retirement quilt, Kathi said, "Thank you all, I have loved this journey; now it's time to explore the next one!"

Fall 2014 CPAFI scholarship applications are now being accepted! New this semester are \$500 scholarships for part-time students. Spring 2014 Scholarship winners include: Thomas Creamer, Parole Agent at Indianapolis Parole District, Commissioner's Scholarship; James Thompson, employee at the South Bend Community Reentry Facility, Public Safety Scholarship; Joseph Townsend, caseworker at the Miami

Correctional Facility, Public Service Scholarship; and Amy Anderson, daughter of Central Office employee; Brittany Duffer, daughter of Rockville Industrial Facility employee; Bridget Elston (photo left), daughter of Madison Correctional Facility employee; Nathaniel Shanklin, step-son of Wabash Valley Correctional Facility employee; Victoria Gregory, daughter of contractual staff (Corizon) at the Putnamville Correctional Facility; Amanda Wright, employee at Plainfield Correctional Facility; Thelma Nornes, employee of contractor (GEO) at the New Castle Correctional Facility; Cheyenne Powers, daughter of employee at Wabash Valley Correctional Facility; Billy Wharton, parole agent at Reentry Parole District 1; and Valerie Herron, daughter of PEN Products employee, Supplies Scholarships. Please contact lsalinas@cpafi.org with questions or to submit an application for the Fall 2014 Scholarships.



July 10, 2014

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The first Parole Career Resource Center has opened at the Bloomington Parole Office. Ten parole agents who attended the Fall 2013 Offender Workforce Development Specialist (OWDS) training program developed a plan that included putting Career Resource Centers in Parole offices across the State. Parole has worked closely with PEN Product's Reentry Division in pulling together all the necessary components to launch this initial center. With strong support from Supervisor Justin Noblitt, clients are now being served by the district's two OWDS Parole Agents, Cara Johnson and Mitch Donick.

The Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF), along with the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles mobile unit, which was set up on IREF grounds, processed 265 resident applications for Indiana identification cards. Of that number, 250 residents were successful in obtaining valid state IDs.

Crops are sprouting at Putnamville Correctional Facility's greenhouse and they are in abundance! 475 pounds have been donated to local shelters so far this year, such as the Putnamville County Food Pantry and the Cunot Community and Senior Center in Poland, IN. The facility predicts a steady stream of donations will be given throughout the summer and fall and looks forward to contributing produce to those in need!

Through a fundraiser sponsored by the offender PLUS Program, the Plainfield Correctional Facility raised enough money to donate to two Hendricks County programs. Working in collaboration with Marco's Pizza, the facility sold over 1000 pizzas to the offender population. Totaling over \$3000, a portion of the proceeds earned was donated to both the Sycamore Services Inc. and the Hendricks County Animal Shelter.

Chef Jeff Vaughan of the U.S. Army visited the Indiana Women's Prison and demonstrated different cutting styles, safety practices and cooking tips for the Aramark IN2work class. While showing the class cutting skills he had fun with some fruit and vegetable decorations and was very encouraging to the culinary students.

Representatives from the University of Notre Dame and Holy Cross College have made several presentations to over 150 offenders at Westville Correctional Facility. Offenders listened intently as the representatives spoke concerning the Westville Education Initiative (WEI) and the expectations for the program. Approximately 110 offenders are expected to participate in the application process, consisting of an essay and a follow-up interview. The WEI is a collaboration between Notre Dame and Holy Cross and is jointly conceived and guided by the Department.

Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility is pleased to announce that they have achieved level 4 from Performance-based Standards (PbS), a program for juvenile justice facilities to identify, monitor and improve conditions and services to youth using national standards and outcome measures. This is the second time in a row that the facility has achieved this goal. Madison Juvenile is committed to providing quality programming in the safest environment to assist young ladies committed to the Indiana Department of Correction in becoming productive members of society.

The Correctional Industrial Facility held a job fair to attract potential employees. Attendees were able to meet with administrative and custody staff to have any questions or concerns addressed about potential positions. There were interviews conducted with 16 prospective employees with eight individuals being recommended for hire.

The American Red Cross held a blood drive at the Indiana State Prison where a total of 38 pints of blood were collected. With the generosity of the staff at the Indiana State Prison, potentially 114 lives may be saved.

A Rockville, Indiana man is alive today thanks to IDOC training and the quick actions of a Rockville Correctional Sergeant. While shopping in downtown Rockville, the RCF Sergeant, who wishes to remain anonymous, answered a call for help on his volunteer fire department radio to find a man in cardiac arrest. This Sergeant stepped up and began administering lifesaving CPR. The Sergeant expressed his gratitude to IDOC for providing the CPR training that led to his quick actions.

Several Camp Summit Boot Camp staff and facility students volunteered at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds for the Relay for Life initiative sponsored by the American Cancer Society. In addition to assisting in the preparation and helping during the event, Camp Summit staff and students have been busy raising money for Relay for Life over the past several months. Staff have held food fundraisers and students have donated money from their Trust funds to raise money for the cause. This is the second year Camp Summit has participated in this event. The facility plans to continue supporting this cause as an inspirational, meaningful, and a positive way to give back locally and globally.

Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) staff would like to congratulate Officer Thomas Johnson on his retirement. Mr. Thomas began his career at the facility on July 21, 1986 and served with distinguished service as a correctional officer. "On behalf of everyone at the facility we want to express our best wishes to Tom as he retires and thank him for his many years of service to the state," expressed Major Cathy Elliott.

Westville is pleased to announce several staff promotions. Correctional Officers James Bowen, James Dragoo, Kevin Halloran and Kevin Kotras have all been promoted as new sergeants. Also, Re-entry Coordinator John Riggs has been named as the Chaplain to replace Joe Asher. Asher and his wife are leaving Indiana to be missionaries in Turkey.

Ten residents from the Indianapolis Reentry Facility volunteered their time for a local Habitat for Humanity build, cutting siding and wood for the rehabilitation project.

July 25, 2014

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Aggression tactics and narcotic, tobacco and cell phone detection skills were demonstrated by members of the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) K-9 Unit and their canines during the annual Indiana State Police Summer Youth Camp at Anderson University. During the demonstration 53 kids in grades 7 and 8 looked on as K-9 handlers showcased their canine's abilities to search for contraband enclosed in offender property boxes and other receptacles masked by other scents such as coffee and clothing. The highlight of the demonstration was canine Kasey's ability to defend her K-9 Handler and subdue the aggressor into submission. "We would like to thank Sergeant Slocum of the Indiana State Police for giving

us the opportunity to perform at the Indiana State Police Summer Youth Camp. We enjoy participating in demonstrations like this in the community and with other agencies," stated K-9 Field Commander Donald Mockler. (photo right)

Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) volunteer Dr. Bliss leads a weekly movie documentary at the IWP library for approximately 10 offenders. Each documentary revolves around relevant social issues and includes a follow-up discussion. The most recent documentary shown was "Born into Brothels". The film is about a photographer who worked with the children in the Calcutta brothels.



Pendleton Juvenile students participating in the Future Soldiers Program were invited to post the colors for the opening ceremony of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) conference. The four students were presented with certificates of appreciation for coming and presenting the colors. Representatives at the JDAI conference stated that this was a great way to start of the activities. (photo left)



Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF) staff are hosting several events to raise money for the FedEx Plane Pull Challenge to benefit Special Olympics Indiana. So far through pledges and online donations, IREF has raised more than \$823 of a \$1,200 goal, \$100 of which was raised during a pulled-pork cook-off competition between several staff members. The competition will culminate in a team effort with IREF, Corizon Health, and PEN staff at the Plane Pull on September 6.

Cops Cycling for Survivors (CCFS) made a memorable stop at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF). Wabash Valley casework manager Tammy Mark joined the ride this year, cycling nearly 300 miles from Mishawaka, IN to the facility in Carlisle, IN. A ceremony took place at Wabash with the names of Indiana Department of Correction Fallen Hero's read. The list included that of WVCF Correctional Officer Tim Betts. Officer Betts died of a heart attack on August 26, 2012 while escorting an unruly offender to segregation. His family presented a \$500 check to Cops Cycling for Survivors and WVCF Superintendent Richard Brown also made a \$500 donation on behalf of the facility Inside Out Dads & PLUS (Purposeful Living Units Serve) programs. CCFS president Rich Crawford said the Wabash welcome was the largest they had encountered during their 13 day, 1,000 mile bicycle tour of Indiana.

Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) celebrated the life of a former Corizon Nurse Karen Cummings, RN, who worked at MCF from October 2002 to August 2013. Cummings was killed in a car accident while on her way to lead a training event for Corizon. A plaque will be placed outside of MCF's Infirmary dedicating it as the Karen Cummings Health Services Unit. The plaque states: "Let all who work here endeavor to reach the levels of dedication, professionalism and compassion that Karen demonstrated during her too short time with the Indiana Department of Correction and Corizon." (photo right: Superintendent Mark Sevier, Cumming's daughter Amber Cassidy, and Christopher Duffy, Corizon Vice President of Operations.)



Correctional Industrial Facilities (CIF) American Legion Post 503 was joined by a special guest. Walter Lengel, the father of one of the offenders housed at CIF

joined them to talk with the 34 offenders in attendance about his experience in Europe during World War II. Mr. Lengel, who is now 92 years old, was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with five Bronze Stars for his service. Everyone enjoyed his story telling and sense of humor. (photo left)



The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility CLIFF unit presented its Students Talking About Recovery (STAR) program, to a group of visiting Ivy Tech Nursing students. The program has been an ongoing collaboration with Ivy Tech Community College.

Nineteen members of the 2014 Commissioner's Experienced and Emerging Leadership Program (EEL) were given a tour of the oldest prison in Indiana. The members came to the Indiana State Prison on a beautiful evening after spending the day completing team building activities at the Michigan City Beach.

Camp Summit Boot Camp Program Director Laura Gorbonosenko hosted a "Family Ties Workshop" which was attended by 18 student families, totaling 66 participants over all. Family members were treated to lunch, a healthy families workshop conducted by Mental Health Professional Kenneth Hicks and a Why Try informational session provided by Counselor Erin Viou and Teacher Lynette Collins. Facility tours were also included as part of the program. The goal is to engage and collaborate with families as much as possible while the students are incarcerated to enhance transition back into their homes and communities.



The Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility conducted a ceremony to recognize the facility's most recent graduates of the Thinking for Change (T4C) program. Nine offenders were honored during the event for successful completion. The graduates received certificates along with cake and ice cream. Sergeant Yolanda Jones, T4C Instructor held classes twice a week for thirteen weeks. (photo left)

The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility held a blood drive where 33 donors volunteered. This is the facilities second blood drive of the year. (photo below: Psychiatric Social Service Specialists Sally Stevenson and Heather Tucker and Youth Development Specialists Rick Rottet and Craig Rottet.

Miami Correctional Staff held its annual Family Fun Day. More than 200 staff and family gathered for hotdogs, hamburgers, snow cones, nachos and fun in the sun. There was a dunk tank, a K-9 demonstration with the facility's Emergency Squad and a corn hole tournament. Children enjoyed several bouncy houses and obstacle courses. It was a fun day for all! (photo below)



Putnamville Correctional Facility (ISF) is pleased to introduce three new supervisors that have been hired! Farrah Bunch has joined the facility from Plainfield Correctional Facility and will be the Director of Nursing at ISF! Rick Brown has come from the federal system to join the facility as the Safety Hazard Manager. Another addition coming from Plainfield is the new Physical Plant Director Dennis Taylor! The facility is pleased to welcome them!



Westville Correctional Facility held a graduation ceremony for 40 offenders who completed their PLUS programming. Kellie Bittorf, Director of Lake County Community Corrections, and perennial board member of the Indiana Criminal Justice Association was the guest speaker.

A film crew from Three Angels Broadcasting Network finished up filming at Miami Correctional Facility. The network has included Miami in its program called "Free Indeed" which focuses on Indiana prisons and the changes offenders make while in prison. A large crew came in to filming a Christian service along with the praise team. Then a two-person crew returned to film "B-roll" footage, including shots of the praise team singing in the Recreation Building and the prison yard, interviews of offenders and "beauty shots" of these offenders at different locations in the prison. (photo right)



Volunteers from the Pendleton Artists Society (PAS) held a gourd birdhouse painting class for the offenders at the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF). Once completed, the offenders will send the birdhouses home as gifts to their families. "The gourd birdhouse painting class is an ongoing partnership between PAS and the facility that will benefit both the offenders and PAS," stated Lisa Ash, Recreation Coordinator. PCF has been working with PAS volunteers since March on various projects. Additional classes such as watercolor, oil and acrylic painting as well as drawing and sketching classes will be taught in the future by volunteers from the PAS.

Madison County 4H came to Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility (PNJCF) to judge the Pendleton Clever Clovers, the facility's new 4H club, on their cupcake decorating. Fourteen students presented to the Madison County judges. The students were judged on creativeness, what their cupcake represented for them and presentation. The cupcakes will be displayed at the Madison County Fair in Alexandria, Indiana during the 4H week. PNJCF Aramark Food Service Director Belinda Stamper, Pendleton Correctional Facility Secretary Tina Gibson and Correctional Industrial Facility Unit Team Manager Delana Ritchie are the group leaders for the Pendleton Clever Clovers and are proud to be a part of a wonderful 4H group and to be given the opportunity to educate these young men.



Congratulations to Officer Kirk Shuppert and Recreation Leader Lisa Ash who were recognized as the Employee of the Quarter and Supervisor of the Quarter during the Pendleton Correctional Facility's (PCF) Quarterly Staff Assembly. In addition to the Quarterly Awards, staff were recognized for their Years of Service and completion of the Certified Specialists Training.

August 1, 2014

Weekly Views

Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) Commissioner Bruce Lemmon and Kevin Orme, Director of Construction Services, visited the Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) to present Commissioner Coins to the entire CIF maintenance staff. They were being recognized for the multiple projects including roof resurfacing, security screens, LED perimeter light replacement and replacement cell house windows just to name a few. Their efforts have saved the department tens of thousands of dollars by completely the majority of the work themselves. (photo below)

Offenders from Indiana State Prison Medium

Minimum Security Unit and Westville Correctional Facility have been working together on a project for the Fuller Center for Housing of Gary Indiana Inc. This project involves renovating dilapidated homes in the Gary area.

The offender work crews completely gutted the inside of the two homes, removing window frames, plumbing, wiring, and support walls and cleaning out the crawl spaces. Pastor Chet Johnson, the project organizer, sent a letter to the Commissioner Lemmon expressing his sincere appreciation for the work performed by these two crews. (photo left)



Saturday was the perfect day for the Pendleton Correctional Facility's (PCF) 3rd Annual Back to School Fair hosted by the Employee Appreciation Committee (EAC). 150 children and grandchildren of PCF employees, grades pre-school to college, participated in games, drawings for gift cards and enjoyed a sit-down lunch before back packs filled with school supplies were distributed. Holly Gibson EAC Event Chairman stated, "It was a pleasure and a golden opportunity for me to help out staff members with school supplies. All of the children that attended had smiles on their face during the whole fair, especially for the face painting and the cake walk. I am already looking forward to 2015 Back to School Fair."

Several Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF) staff traded their IDOC custody uniforms for prison garb all in the name of Special Olympics Indiana. IREF correctional police and custody officers placed Captain Angela Blakey, Officer Sonya Phipps, and Training Coordinator William Phipps (pictured right) under arrest at their respective offices, handcuffed, then escorted the 'staff-residents' to the Risk Management Unit where they were made to dress in a red jumpsuit and await bail.

IREF staff, contract workers, volunteers, and residents came to their aid and contributed \$140 for their release from lock-up. The Jail and Bail event is just one of many events the facility has held over the last few weeks to raise money to benefit Special Olympics. The goal is to raise at least \$1,200 by September 6, 2014. To date, IREF has raised \$913.



Football season is just around the corner and the turf is up...actually down, at North Central High School in Sullivan County. Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) minimum-security labor line offenders teamed up with North Central football players to spread sod on the playing field. The no huddle offensive effort took several hours to complete. The North Central Thunderbirds will put the field to the test August 22 when they take on White River Valley. Deputy Commissioner Jim Basinger will be on hand cheering the team's fullback and inside linebacker! Go Basingers! (photo left)

The Logansport Juvenile Correctional facility held the first session of the Joint Understanding and Cooperation Program (JUCP) training at the facility. The JUCP program is designed to improve communication and the working relationship between

staff and students. Two separate instructor/facilitator sessions will be held. For first session, Logansport staff participated in the training with members of the facility and Correctional Training Institute training departments. The Student Facilitator session will follow. (photo right)

Commissioner Lemmon attended the Quarterly Assembly at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility to present Commissioner Coins to Principal Chris Stilwell and English teacher Amanda DeHart. Mr. Stilwell received Principal of Year from Center for Educational Excellence in Alternative Settings (CEEAS), and Mrs. DeHart was nominated for Teacher of the Year for CEEAS. Staff were recognized for perfect attendance, going the "extra mile" and years of service. Superintendent Linda Commons presented quarterly awards to Youth Development Specialist of the Quarter Frank Bohannon, Non-custody Employee of the Quarter Robert Guffey and Supervisor of the Quarter to Sergeant Joseph Roe.



Miami Correctional Facility's American Legion Post 555 presented the Veterans Committee from Howard County with 226,000 Pop Tabs during its monthly meeting. The pop tabs were collected by the Legion and offenders in the facility's PLUS Unit. Jerry Paul, President of the Veteran's Committee, said the committee turned in 3.5 million total tabs to the Ronald McDonald House and was thankful for the amount that was given by MCF. This is the third year the legion has donated pop tabs, making their total contribution more than 750,000 tabs.



The Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) is partnering with the Girls Scouts Behind Bars (GSBB). The Girl Scout program has enabled the incarcerated mothers at the facility, who meet the criteria, to bond with their daughters each month.

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile had a very successful visit to Camp Summit. The successful visit was due to the participation of many employees who donated blood. The total number of units collected was 23! According to the American Red Cross, the drive potentially helped to save over 65 lives. The Red Cross Bloodmobile visit, which was coordinated by Camp Summit Staffer Patricia Kimmel, is part of

the IDOC's Blood Drive Challenge for 2014. "The Facility has done an outstanding job with our blood drives this year which is partly due to the promotional efforts of Pat Kimmel. She's really committed to the efforts to raise awareness of the need for blood and participation of staff," commented Superintendent Davis. (photo right)

Miami Correctional Facility held its IDOC Blood Drive Challenge donating 31 good units to the American Red Cross. Of those who donated, six employees gave double red cells.



Putnamville Correctional Facility was host to a fantastic Kairos Retreat! Approximately 77 offenders participated in this spirit and faith building day, as well as 15 volunteers from outside the facility. Kelli Searing, program coordinator and re-entry transition instructor for ISF was an avid leader and was pleased to see so many partakers involved!



Reception-Diagnostic Center (RDC) Superintendent Jim Wynn is pleased to announce the promotions of Jeremiah Jones, Robbie Johnson and John Dudash to Correctional Sergeant (pictured left) and Chris Callihan to Program Coordinator, where he will "oversee Internal Affairs and Security Threat Groups for RDC. Congratulations to each of you on your hard work and dedication!"

Indiana Women's Prison Superintendent Steve McCauley is proud to announce the promotion of former Internal Affairs Investigator Nicole Wilson for her new position as Captain! (photo right)



It is with appreciation that Plainfield Correctional Facility announces the retirement of Officer Donald Edwards. Officer Edwards began his career with the Department of Corrections as a Correctional Officer on June 22, 1992 at Plainfield Correctional Facility. In his 22 years at Plainfield, Officer Edwards worked both day and night shifts in a variety of Officer Posts. Most recently, Officer Edwards has been a member of H Bracket serving as a regular trip officer. He worked as part of the regular custody team for the Arthur Campbell High School program from approximately 1995 through approximately 2004. He has no current plans for his retirement other than rest.



Commissioner Bruce Lemmon was on hand to wish retiring Wabash Valley Correctional Facility casework manager Steve Robertson the very best! Robertson retired this week after 32.5 years of dedicated service to the Department. During a cake reception in his honor Steve was presented with a letter of appreciation, a distinguished service plaque and a retirement quilt. Not that he will be using it anytime soon as sources indicate a Hawaii trip is in his future. Robertson spent 26 years with the Indiana Department of Correction, 22 at Wabash as counselor and casework manager, four at Putnamville as an officer and counselor, plus six and a half years with Child Protective Services. The Indiana State University Criminology graduate has also been an active, long term member of the Indiana Criminal Justice Association. Congratulations Steve! (photo left)

Miami Correctional Facility's Therapeutic Community program was one of two Therapeutic Community programs that earned a 100% score in its recent audit by Central Office staff. The audit involved staff and offender interviews, a tour of the unit, and documentation. There are eight Therapeutic Communities in the state and all were audited.

Westville Correctional Facility's Therapeutic Community, the largest in the nation, received their recent audit score of 97%, while Grace College for the combined Westville and Indiana State Prison site received an A+ rating for the past quarter.

August 8, 2014

Weekly Views

The heartbreaking loss of Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) Officer Perry Renn still lingers over the City of Indianapolis. Reception Diagnostic Center staff came together to support IMPD and the Indianapolis community by purchasing 50 Officer Renn Memorial T-shirts. Their purchases mean hundreds of dollars will go to the Indianapolis Police Foundation. A fellow Officer that worked daily with Officer Renn designed the shirt to honor his fallen brother. Shirts are available at the FOP Lodge 86 (1525 S Shelby St) Mon-Fri 9-5 or they can be purchased online by visiting www.fop86.com. (photo below)

The Indiana Blood Center (IBC) visited the Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) for a two-day blood drive, which allowed both custody shifts to participate. 62 potential donors volunteered, and 45 units of blood were successfully collected. IBC also brought their special machine that allows for double red cell donation, and four staff participated in that procedure. Superintendent Wendy Knight, one of the donors, said, "We had a great turnout for the drive and plan on doing another drive as soon as we can all give again. This is a need we are happy to help fill."



Someone needs blood every three seconds in Indiana and Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) staff rolled up their sleeves to help! Staffers like Correctional Officer Debra Moore (pictured below) took part in the most recent WVCF drive, in partnership with the Indiana Blood Center. 38 silent heroes donated blood, with 149 total so far for 2014! Each donation can potentially help save three lives. And if that doesn't make you feel great, consider that 25 percent of all blood products go to help people suffering from cancer or leukemia, or those who need bone marrow transplants.



Five residents from the Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility spent a day working for the East 10th Street Civic Association in Indianapolis, helping the group prepare for their National Night Out. The residents worked on two different green areas, picking up trash and weeding. (photo below) They also helped decorate Legacy Plaza, a future green and park space at 10th and Oakland. They painted a larger-than-life "Twister" board on the pavement, along with a hop-scotch board in preparation for the event.

Parole Agents from the Terre Haute Parole District participated in the local National Night

Out at Fairbanks Park. The Parole District was able to donate over 135 bags of school supplies to local children ranging from Kindergarten through sixth grade. The items included backpacks, lunchboxes, pencils, paper, scissors, glue, crayons, etc. Terre Haute Parole has been gathering items over the last month through donations from agents as well as local businesses in the community.



Artwork from paintings, pastels and even creations made from toilet paper were showcased during a gallery showing at the Pendleton Artists Society (PAS) featuring items from offenders at the Pendleton Correctional Facility. Connie Rector, PAS Member, volunteers at Pendleton and instructs courses on Mandalas and Meditation. Meditation in a male maximum-security prison would seem like an unusual combination to most outsiders and to many staff, but Ms. Rector is on a quest to change perceptions and enrich the lives of offenders at the facility. Offenders involved in the program participate in a six week class on the art of meditation, allowing the offenders to calm their minds and become more focused. After meditation exercises, the offenders express their experience through art. "We appreciate the time and effort dedicated to the art classes offered by volunteers from PAS. Art programs allow those offenders, who do not participate in religious or recreational activities, another avenue to focus their attention in a positive manner. Without the efforts of volunteers, many programs throughout the facility would not be available to the offender population," stated Superintendent Zatecky.



Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility held a 5K Color Run/Walk to culminate its successful Fitness month. The event was held on the grounds of the Logansport State Hospital and included staff from that facility. 39 participants competed in the event with everyone enjoying the wonderful weather at the time of the event.

Mike Barber's ministry program returned to the Westville Correctional Facility. Nearly 500 offenders attended one of the three daily sessions; 35 took part in the Christian Leadership Seminar, while 29 volunteers walked throughout the complexes talking and dining with the offenders.

Commissioner Bruce Lemmon and Chief of Staff Randall Koester presented Senators Tom Wyss and Lindel Hume (pictured below) with certificates, making them honorary correctional professionals. The awards were to commend over 30 years of continuous service and support of the IDOC in the General Assembly through passing legislation and forwarding the agency's agenda amongst lawmakers and their constituency.



Graduates of this year's Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility (COL) Master Gardener class have been working hard all spring, planting and caring for various fruits and vegetables in the facility's garden. The produce from the garden is donated to the Central Noble Food Pantry. Since the end of June, COL has made weekly donations every Friday, as the produce ripens. Donations have included snow peas, wax beans, turnips, potatoes, cucumbers, onions, zucchini, okra, green beans, jalapeno, bell and banana peppers. With over 170 tomato plants growing, recipients at the food pantry were asked if they would be interested in receiving green tomatoes, and the response was overwhelming as they shouted out different recipes they could make. Next week's delivery will included 75 lbs of green tomatoes. (photo right)

Madison Correctional Facility has donated over 2,500 pounds of produce to the River Valley Clearinghouse and the Salvation Army of Jefferson County. Offenders are harvesting green onions, yellow squash, zucchini, cucumbers, potatoes, green beans, and various other vegetables. One of the offenders stated, "It feels good to take care of the garden and to know that we are giving back to the community."

Carol Kornas (pictured right) from the Castleton United Methodist Church donated 75 backpacks with school supplies to the Indiana Women's Prison (IWP). The backpacks were donated to the facility for the offenders participating in the Family Preservation Program to give to their children during their special visits. "The offenders are very appreciative for the kindness displayed by Ms. Kornas and the Castleton United Methodist Church", stated Tammy Atwood, IWP Community Involvement Coordinator.



The Bureau of Motor Vehicles made a recent appearance with their mobile unit at the Putnamville Correctional Facility! In the goal of seeing as many as possible, approximately 279 offenders were processed for state identification or driver's licenses to aid their reentry into society. Thank you for coming out and helping our offenders in their path to success upon release! (photo right)



The Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) is pleased to announce the promotion of Wade Wargny to Correctional Lieutenant. Wade is a 28-year veteran of the Department of Correction having served in various capacities in both custody and food service. Over the past 15 years, Wade has been a member of the Central Regional SITCON Team and currently serves as the Central Regional SITCON Team Leader. "Wade brings a wealth of expertise and experience to this position. We wish him the best as he assumes the duties and responsibilities of his new position," stated Superintendent Zatecky.



Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility (PNJCF) Superintendent Linda Commons announced the promotions of Youth Development Specialists Jake Berry and Eric Royal to Youth Development Sergeants. Superintendent Commons states, "We are excited about these promotions and the impact they will have on the culture of our facility." (photo right)

The Plainfield Correctional Facility (IYC) is pleased to announce the promotion of Allyson Lodics to the position of Correctional Caseworker 4. Allyson began her career on June 28, 2010 at the Putnamville Correctional Facility, where she worked on A and O dorm, assisting Unit Team with the orientation of new offenders. She transferred to

IYC in March 2011. In July 2011, she was trained as a back up Control Room Officer and within a few months she was trained for the Count Room where she predominantly works and does an outstanding job.

Staff Assembly was conducted at the Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF). During the assembly, CIF Superintendent Knight was proud to announce the promotion Sergeant Lester Coats to the rank of Lieutenant. The program concluded with plaques being presented to Correctional Officer James Hunt for Officer of the Quarter, Caseworker Wesley Clark for Employee of the Quarter, Recreation Coordinator Bill Graham for Supervisor of the Quarter, Education Director Evelyn Hicks for contractual employee of the Quarter and Case Manager Dawn Rice for the Extra Mile Award.

August 15, 2014

Weekly Views

The Indiana Women's Prison held its annual Rib Fest. Volunteers Benny Polin and Pam Bagby (pictured below) sponsored the program through GOSPEL PRAISE N THE PRISON (GPNP). The offender population and volunteers participated in a Rib-filled meal, followed a concert and two worship services including liturgical dance.

Two Rockville Correctional Facility (RCF) staff donated not just their time on a rainy weekend, but also their personal profits by donating all yard sale proceeds to the RCF Animals Depending On Prison Time (ADOPT) program. Virginia Pollard

and Sherrie McRoy, both Addiction Counselors-In-Training with Repucare and former RCF Correctional Officers, set up an area at the recent Town of Rockville Community Yard Sale and donated all of their proceeds to ADOPT. Both animal lovers and wanted to do something to assist in the program's success in any way they could. Rockville is proud of our dedicated and giving staff!



A Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) offender written play, "A Matter of Time", received rave reviews! Under the direction of Dr. Jacquelyn Frank the "players" riveted their audience with their drama about life in prison. Their message, presented to offenders, staff, family members and the news media, was gripping. While many offenders going home are prepared and focused on living a life where drugs, hustling and crime do not play a role, others are not. "Actor" Miles Folsom said "A Matter of Time" comes down to never giving up, no matter what, no matter how far life pushes you. The cast of 12 worked nearly six months to write and rehearse for the production. (photo left)



Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility hosted a graduation ceremony for eleven graduates of the U.S. Department of Labor program. Each graduate was able to invite up to four family members to attend the ceremony, and more than 30 family members and friends attended this joyous occasion. Superintendent Kathy Griffin opened the ceremony with a speech acknowledging each offender's dedication to the program. "These men have worked very hard to complete their programs. This Department of Labor certificate is recognition of many hours of hard work and will be one more step towards their success in the community," stated Superintendent Griffin. After the graduation everyone enjoyed pizza and cupcakes.

The Organic Garden at the Indiana State Prison donated 309 pounds of food to three local charities. The charities were the Salvation Army, Sand Castle Shelter for Children and Families, and Stepping Stone Shelter for Women, all located in Michigan City. (photo right)

The vegetable garden is up and running again this year at Plainfield Correctional Facility. The facility offenders have worked hard and the first donations of the season have been delivered to Sheltering Wings. Over 19 pounds of cucumbers and zucchini were dropped off at the local community shelter in Hendricks County. A second load of tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, zucchini, squash, and peppers totaling 271 lbs were delivered this week. Last year, the facility donated over 8000 pounds of vegetables to Hendricks County programs. Sheltering Wings provides housing for women and children suffering from domestic violence as well as offering additional programs.



Pendleton Correctional Facility Superintendent Dushan Zatecky is pleased to announce the promotions of Shannon Schott from Secretary 3 to Administrative Secretary 2 and Michelle Rains from Secretary 3 to Administrative Assistant 2. Superintendent Zatecky stated, "We feel extremely fortunate to have both Shannon and Michelle as members of our team. Everyone at the facility wishes her the best as she pursues her new duties and responsibilities."

The Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) wished farewell to several long-term employees who had over 204 years of combined service to the state. Officer Larry Foster – 39 years, Secretary Genia Juroff – 36 years, Mailroom worker Carleatta Wright – 34 years, Officer Doyle Nesbitt – 24 years, Maintenance Foreman Dewey Bennett – 22 years, Officer Robert Green – 21 years, Officer Robert Leatherman – 18 years and Chaplain Alan McCraine – 10 years. Cake, punch and snacks were served to staff, visitors and past retirees. Superintendent Wendy Knight commented, "I would like to wish everyone well on the next phase of their lives and thank you all for your years of dedicated service to the State of Indiana, CIF and the IDOC."



The August 2014 Community Advisory Board Meeting was a success at Putnamville Correctional Facility! Many local community members were present for the discussion involving the new House Bill 1006, new procedures critical with offenders in restricted housing, and some new reentry programs underway. The new mental health unit SNAP was discussed for the special needs offenders along with an emphasis on staff health. Lunch was served by the facility's culinary arts program with an air of hospitality and highlighted the facility's 4000 pounds of garden product donated so far this year. Thank you to all who came out to better the local area!

PEN Products facilitated the Offender Workforce Development Specialists (OWDS) training at the Correctional Training Institute that culminated in the graduation of 31 participants earning their OWDS certificates. The certified graduates included IDOC staff, IDOC parole, community corrections, county probation, and PEN staff as well as staff from Department of Workforce and Work One offices.

August 22, 2014

Weekly Views

The Indiana Department of Education has named Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility's Providence Jr/Sr High School as one of the Indiana schools to receive the Indiana Gold Star School Counseling Award in 2014. Gold Star schools undergo a rigorous process to raise student achievement by creating local community advisory groups that review student data, set specific student goals, and commit to maximizing the time and skills of the school counselor. The official award presentation will be at the Indiana School Counselor Association (ISCA) fall conference in Indianapolis on November 7, 2014.

Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility (MJCF) is a finalist for the 2014 Barbara Allen Hagen Award. This award, presented by the Performance based Standards (PbS) Learning Institute, recognizes some of the best juvenile facilities in the nation. The winner will be selected October 2, 2014 and honored at an awards ceremony held in Chicago, Illinois.

Several students and a staff member from Camp Summit Boot Camp performed community service at the Washington Park beach in Michigan City. The group assisted in setting up and taking down tents and fences and provided other labor for the Lakefront Art Festival sponsored by The Lubenik Center. Opportunities like this allow the students to give something back to the community and increase their overall sense of self-worth.

Pendleton Correctional Facility's (PCF) American Legion Post 608 and PLUS Program donated \$500 to Adalyn, a local 6-year-old girl who has been diagnosed with mitochondrial disease, to help her family cover the cost of ongoing tests, therapies, equipment and medical supplies.

Reception Diagnostic Center and Plainfield Correctional Facility staff teamed up to support both the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and the Indianapolis community by purchasing an additional 40 Officer Renn Memorial T-shirts. Combined with their previous purchase, staff have bought 90 of the memorial shirts – totaling \$1,350 donated to the Indianapolis Police Foundation!

Miami Correctional Facility held its 8th Annual Miami Scramble Golf Tournament, hosting the largest number of teams since it began with 29 foursomes. This year the tournament was held at Green Acres Golf Course outside of Kokomo. Lots of door prizes, food and goodies were given out to all of the teams. Commissioner Bruce Lemmon's team consisting of: Lemmon, Matthew Rains, Dave Burch and Troy Keith was the winning team this year and will have their names engraved on the permanent plaque.

Madison Correctional Facility has donated over 2,500 pounds of produce to the River Valley Clearinghouse and the Salvation Army of Jefferson County, including green onions, yellow squash, zucchini, cucumbers, potatoes, green beans, and various other vegetables. The offenders enjoy taking care of the garden and knowing that they are giving back to the community.

The Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) held a five week Summer Staff Step competition (SSS). 15 IWP custody and non-custody staff competed in the contest. First place was awarded to Sergeant Sharon Parks who earned over 20,000 steps per day. She received a special medal, gift card, and a wellness snack. Her total was more than double the second place finisher, Officer Joe D. Williams who happened to be her teammate.

The Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) held a food fundraiser through Papa John's Pizza in Pendleton, Indiana. Inmates were able to order some pizza and help two worthy organizations at the same time. \$2800 was raised to help fund the Animal Protection League in Anderson and the Indiana Canine Assistance Network.

A Freedom Rally was held in the chapel at the Indiana State Prison (ISP). The program consisted of gospel music, testimonials and preaching. The offenders were served a picnic lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, Whoopie pies, and lemonade, all prepared and served by the volunteers from Gospel Echoes. The program was well received and appreciated by the 318 offenders who were in attendance.

Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF) held an appreciation dinner to honor the many volunteers who provide more than 40 different programs and services to residents. More than 55 volunteers, along with IREF staff, enjoyed entertainment provided by the facility's Toastmasters and Gospel choir and dinner prepared by culinary arts students. Former resident and current IREF volunteer and mentor Minister William Alexander served as the guest speaker.

Westville Correctional Facility Assistant Superintendent Mike Scott will be retiring this month after 39 years of service to the IDOC. Mike began his career as a correctional officer at ISP in 1975. He has served in many positions including counselor, casework manager, trainer and administrative assistant. Scott also became the CTI and DOC Training Director from 1984-1990 and helped open WCU in 1990. He served as Superintendent at Medaryville, Lakeside and Camp Summit. He has been a board member of the Indiana Criminal Justice Association for 26 years in every position, including president. His leadership and experience will be sorely missed.

Greene County native Robert Storm has joined the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) Internal Affairs Department! Storm, a 17 year veteran of the maximum-security facility, has been part of the WVCF Emergency Squad, trained staff in CPR/First Aid and Personal Protection/Security Skills, and was a drug screening officer and trip officer. Storm's experience as a reserve Officer with the Jasonville City Police Department for seven years as a patrolman and undercover officer will also serve him well in his new assignment.

August 29, 2014

Weekly Views

Several Reception Diagnostic Center Trip Officers stepped up to participate in the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Ice Bucket Challenge. Trip Coordinator Sergeant Glover challenged his staff to participate, and several trip officers each braved a cooler of ice water and raised almost \$100 for ALS!

Eleven staff from Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility participated in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge with the Logansport State Hospital. The group was doused with water from the Cass County Fire District 1 and their Ariel ladder Truck.

Putnamville Correctional Facility (ISF) was blessed with a visit from the Break Loose Outreach Softball Ministry! The organization is geared at ministry outreach, all while having fun with a friendly game of softball! The game was held between the Outreach team and an "All Star" team of offenders from ISF. The game ended with a quick sermon and prayer with the offenders. The outreach team travels to three states per year, this year hitting Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio. The inmates won the game 21-18. Thank you to Program Coordinator Angela Taylor for helping organize this event!

The Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) held a special seminar in the Pam Cline Memorial Chapel. Approximately 120 offenders witnessed a 'Mind Empowerment' seminar presented by guest speaker Jeannine Sanderson. Jeannine Sanderson is a Board Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist.

Pendleton Correctional facility donated 160 lbs of produce to the Pendleton Methodist Church's Food Bank. Several gardens both inside the facility and outside grounds are tended by offenders to grow food for the local food bank and distributed to area residents.

The Wabash Valley Correctional Facility hosted a Job Fair, keeping three interview boards busy interviewing applicants most of the day. A whopping 48 area residents applied for 20 available Correctional Officer positions. Human Resources Generalist 1 Brittany Kirton said she was thrilled by the response. Once final selections are made classes for the new officers will begin at the maximum-security facility in early September.

The Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF) hosted a Back-to-School Picnic for more than 50 children of 24 IREF resident fathers actively participating in the Family Education Department's Inside Out Dads program. The children enjoyed a picnic style lunch which included hot dogs, chips, punch, popcorn, and other treats. The IREF barbers were on hand to provide hair cuts to any child that had custodial parent permission. IREF presented each child with a backpack filled with ink pens, pencils, markers, crayons, calculators, notebooks, and other items.

Four Miami Correctional Facility custody staff were recognized with Commissioner's Coins from Commissioner Lemmon for assisting in a tragic fatal car accident near the facility. Commissioner came to the facility to show his appreciation for their bravery and willingness to act in a situation where many would keep driving by. Those recognized included: Officer Zachary Armfield, Officer Joseph Schlosser, Sergeant Larry King and Officer Michael Arthur. All offered first aid and assistance to law enforcement responding at the scene.

Robert Taylor from the Maintenance Department at Indiana State Prison was awarded a Commissioner's Coin by Commissioner Lemmon and Director of Construction Services Kevin Orme. The recognition was for his superior performance in returning the facility's Field House to operation following structural repairs. Taylor worked with Prison PEN Products to designed and fabricated brackets to be installed in the Recreation Field House to repair the structural damage. With his expertise, the brackets were installed in three weeks. This project could have taken a couple of years to complete with an outside contractor.

Madison Correctional Facility celebrated the retirements of three employees, Nancy Branstetter, Administrative Secretary; Joy Sedam, Correctional Training Officer and Lisa Dryden, Stores Clerk. These ladies will be greatly missed.

Edinburgh Correctional Facility celebrated the retirement of Accountant Monica Kozar for her 22 years of state service. Staff pitched in for pizza and a fruit tray that was enjoyed by all. Monica started her state service in 1992 at Edinburgh. In May 2002, she left the facility to work for the Family Social Services Administration. She returned to Edinburgh in March 2007 to finish out her career. Monica's experience and cheerful personality will truly be missed.

In recognition of 20 years of service as members of the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) E-Squad, Superintendent Dushan Zatecky presented Kenny Hysell and Louie Baker with plaques in appreciation for their continued service. "We are fortunate to have long standing members such as Kenny and Louie on our E-Squad. Their experience in various types of situations enhances the Squad's ability to lead and guide those with less experience during an incident," stated Superintendent Zatecky.

The Indiana State Prison held a reception honoring staff who were retiring from the prison. Cake was provided for the reception in the Indiana Room with Assistant Superintendent McBride giving a brief statement about how each person was going to be missed. Commission Lemmon gave a certificate and Commissioner's Coin to the retirees. The listing of retirees with their years of service are Sharon Weiler, (41), Lt. George Chism, (36), Donna Spencer-Cross, (28), James Brad Cox, (26), Officer Robb French, (26), Lt Clevon Ficklen, (24), Cindy Buchanan (24) and Dorothy Jones, (19) years of service.

October 3, 2014

Weekly Views

The South Bend Community Reentry Center (SBCRC) saw a successful outcome for the facility's first "Meet Me at the Zoo" event. The event was held in partnership with SBCRC and the Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend. Residents from the facility who previously worked at or are currently employed by the zoo had the opportunity to meet with friends and family in a wholesome family atmosphere. South Bend Reentry residents showed their friends and family the pride in workmanship, personal investment, and excellence in public service that they have provided to the community through their hard work and dedication. The Potawatomi Zoo has been in partnership with the SBCRC Center since 1995. In nearly 20 years, work crews have constructed, rebuilt, re-roofed, or painted nearly every structure in the zoo, saving taxpayers millions of dollars for maintenance and renovations.

Three Rockville Correctional Facility (RCF) staff provided aid to victims of a motor vehicle accident. On September 4, Correctional Officers Mike Adams and William Jones along with Corizon Registered Nurse, Brenda Garibaldi were en route from the facility following the end of their respective shifts when they came upon an accident involving a motorcycle and two passengers. The passengers had been thrown from the motorcycle suffering injuries. The three staff members immediately began providing aid to the victims and assisting the responding emergency staff. It is thanks to their training, skills and experience that these RCF staff members were able to respond efficiently and without hesitation to assist those in need.

It's not every day you get to screen an Academy Award nominated documentary about a maximum-security hospice care program. Edgar Barens, the director of "Prison Terminal: The Last Days of Private Jack Hall", brought his film to staff and offenders at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF). Wabash Valley Compassionate Care Program participants had a front row seat for the documentary. They called it "Spot On!" Barens filmed the compelling and emotional documentary over a six month period at the Iowa State Penitentiary. Rockville Correctional Facility staff and offenders also hosted Barens and his award winning film. He is encouraging facilities around the country to adopt similar end-of-life programs. The documentary will be shown to WVCF offenders soon via the facility's cable TV system. (photo right)



The Correction Industrial Facility (CIF) held a ceremony to celebrate receiving their permanent charter from the National American Legion. The American Legion Andrew Cummins Post 503 was named for Indiana hero, Andrew Cummins who received the Medal of Honor for assisting in the rescue of wounded soldiers while under enemy fire during the Spanish-American War. Post 503 will focus on community service and assistance to veterans, in keeping with the over-90-year tradition of the American Legion by holding food sales and other fundraisers at the facility. Donations have already been made to several organizations including Champions League baseball teams, American Legion Sharpshooters program and the Veterans Stand Down which will be held in Anderson, IN on October 17.

Great Curve Films producer, writer and cinematographer conducted interviews at the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) to gain a realistic perspective on prison life from the viewpoint of both offenders and staff. With information gained from the interviews, the film company will be writing an original screenplay featuring fictional characters, which highlights the story of an older offender who has been incarcerated since his teens or 20s and is expecting an imminent release date. The story will be of the character's final year(s) of incarceration, his hopes and fears before he returns to society. To encounter the full experience of prison life, the film crew was treated to an offender meal in the offender dining room, toured housing units and various areas throughout the facility during the day and evening hours.



Fourteen teams comprised of IDOC staff, friends and family came out to the former Indianapolis Airport to pull a Boeing 757 in the annual FedEx Plane Pull Challenge. Through this event, the Department raised almost \$35,000 for Special Olympics Indiana (SOI). Stephanie Stewart, Manager of Community Partnerships for SOI, stopped by the Awards Luncheon during the Indiana Criminal Justice Association Fall Conference to thank all of the teams for their support and announced this year's winner of the coveted Commissioner's Cup. (photo left) Taking it home for the second year in a row was New Castle Correctional Facility. Wabash Valley was also recognized as runner up, receiving Special Olympics Coins for their efforts.

The Naptown Knitters from the Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF) donated more than 30 knitted caps to the St. Vincent Peyton Manning Children's Hospital. The hats will be given to families of premature infants on their neonatology unit. Amber Neese, a representative from the hospital, thanked the knitters for the donation and assured them the caps will be put to good use.

The Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) is opening up a new wellness workout room in the program building to benefit all staff to keep in line with the new wellness push for state employees in Indiana.

A visiting committee from the American Correctional Association, made up of the Chairman, Charles Albino, and members Kathy Montag and Greg Knowlin, has recommended the Indiana State Prison (ISP) for re-accreditation. After a thorough tour of the facility and detailed examination of electronic files, the committee gave ISP a 100% on mandatory and 98.4% on the non-mandatory standards..



The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility had 32 students and 12 staff members participate in a friendly competition by seeing who could pull an 8000 pound New Waverly Fire Department Grass Truck the fastest over a distance of 150 feet. At the end of the completion there was a pull off for the fastest student time and the fastest staff member time. This combined with other activities raised over \$1200 for Special Olympics Indiana.

Various Putnamville Correctional Facility offenders donated 19 drawings to the Pet Sitters International Charity Auction benefiting The Prison Greyhound Program and it was a HUGE success. The auction was held at the Alexander Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. The Prison Greyhound sponsors shared their story with a nationwide audience of 225 pet sitters and vendors. A white binder containing the drawings was the highest bidding item and closed for \$7000 to an individual from the Carolinas! The total raised to help the program was \$21,000. (photo below)

Members of the Addiction Recovery staff from Miami Correctional Facility attended the annual Indiana Recovery Month Symposium (In-Arms Conference) on September 29 and 30, located at IUPUI, Indianapolis. Members of the addiction staff were able to attend several breakout sessions which included Substance Use Disorders & Post Traumatic Stress Disorder: Working with Veterans, Intervention for Criminal Thinking and Substance Abuse, Supporting Recovery and Methamphetamine Labs, to name a few. Staff look forward to this each year, as the conference introduces the latest evidenced-based practices in the addiction field.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility held its first 4H meeting of the 2014-2015 year. The Pendleton Clovers are starting out with 25 students and learned the 4H pledge, as well as the behavior expectations and the benefits of becoming a 4H member. During September, the students will be learning about rabbits. They are learning about the different breeds of rabbits, what the judges look for in the different breeds, and the proper care and maintenance. Students met and learned about "Sparky", an 8-year-old Netherland Dwarf rabbit. The students practiced showing him to a "judge."



The Indianapolis Parole District#3 Office participated with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department's Southwest District and their Community Outreach Teams in a specialized training on the recognition of opiate overdose and proper protocol for safely administering intranasal Naloxone (Narcan). In the event of an overdose, Naloxone gradually reverses the symptoms compromising the victim's respiratory rate and level of consciousness. Each parole staff attending the training will receive a dose of Naloxone and is authorized to carry this drug in order to carry out life-saving measures in the event of an emergency until Emergency Medical Support arrives. Naloxone is currently being used by law enforcement officers and probation departments in other communities in the country experiencing a rapid increase in opiate overdose.



Camp Summit Boot Camp staff and students performed community service at the Salvation Army in LaPorte for the Back Pack Program, packing over 400 bags of food for needy students from four elementary schools in the LaPorte area. These bags of food go home with the students on Friday so that they have food to eat over the weekend as they may not eat if the bags are not sent home. The facility has been participating in this community service event every other week since March of this year. (photo left)

The Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) provided a unique backdrop for the Employee Appreciation Committee's (EAC) first ever Cruise In. The event, which was open to the public, showcased 55 vehicles from classics and muscle cars to GEO Metro converted into an alien spaceship. Participants were presented with a PCF dash plaque. The vehicles were judged and trophies presented for the Superintendent's Choice, EAC Choice and Kid's Choice Awards. All proceeds from the event will help fund future EAC functions. (photo right)

Author Rhonda Hunnel addressed members of the Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility RRRP program as part of a panel of speakers of the Bridges to Life Program. Ms. Hunnel discussed the stories included in her book, *Snake in the Grass*, and also recalled her experiences of rape and molestation, physical abuse, and the molestation and murder of her sixteen-year-old daughter. The Bridges to Life Program focus is to bring healing to victims of crime, reduce recidivism among offender graduates of the program, and to help make communities a safer place. The Bridges to Life panel meets at IREF Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. IDOC staff are invited to attend.



Ashly Burmeister, a popular yoga instructor from A Peaceful Heart Yoga Studio, started a program called "Mommy & Me" yoga in the Wee One's Nursery (WON) at IWP. The sessions are for all WON moms, babies and nannies who are on the unit. They have found it to be a relaxing method of relieving stress and tension; it also provides a great opportunity for special bonding between mothers and babies. (photo left)



October 10, 2014

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During the Indiana Criminal Justice Association's fall conference in Indianapolis, three law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice were honored for their service as the 2014 Law Enforcement Officers of the Year. Memorial plaques were presented to the family members and fellow officers of Officer Jacob Daniel Calvin, Tipton County Sheriff's Department; Officer Perry Renn, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department; and Officer Jeffrey Brady Westerfield, Gary Police Department.

The annual IDOC Commissioner's Awards and ICJA awards were announced during the ICJA fall conference. Among the Commissioner's Award winners were: Ken Davenport, Human Resources Employee of the Year; Mary Ann

Jobe, Industries Professional of the Year; Jennifer Sims, Parole Agent of the Year; Johanna Amefia-Koffi, Chaplain of the Year; Jeff Pyle, Physical Plant Employee of the Year; Christine Smith, Reentry Employee of the Year; Shirley Starkey, Administrative Support of the Year; Drew Adams, Supervisor of the Year; Tony Gray, Rising Star Award; Pam Ferguson, Correctional Professional of the Year; Tammy Prewitt, Employee of the Year; Randy Koester, Distinguished Service Award; and Debbie & Sonny Faulkenberg, Commissioner's Award of Valor. The ICJA Award winners included: Allen County Superior Court Judge John Surbeck, Judge of the Year; Indiana Sex Offender Management & Monitoring Program, Program of the Year; Juan Andrade, Probation Officer of Year; Roger Hayward, Volunteer of the Year; Dan Ward and Ryan Matthys, Parole Officers of the Year; Brandy Simpson, Support Services Staff of Year; Margie Wagner and Amanda Dehart, Correctional Educators of the Year; Doug Huyvaert, Correctional Manager of the Year; Ladonna Thorpe, Community Corrections Line Staff of the Year; and Sergeant Jonathan Hendrickson, Correctional Officer of the Year.

The South Bend Community Reentry Center (SBCRC) is pleased to announce the successful outcome of the facility's first "Meet Me at Potato Creek" event. The event was held in partnership with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Potato Creek State Park in North Liberty, IN. Residents from SBCRC, who were previously or are currently employed by the DNR, met with family and friends to enjoy nature and wildlife at Potato Creek State Park. For the past seven years, SBCRC residents have performed mowing operations, mechanical repairs, storm cleanups, repainted signs, reroofed structures, repaired park furniture, maintained trails, and replaced the pier on Lake Worster.

PEN Central Office hosted a Flu Shot Clinic. Twenty-nine staff from the Indianapolis Reentry Correctional Facility (IREF) and PEN participated in the clinic provided by Kroger Pharmacy. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) encourages all citizens to take action to protect themselves and others from influenza (flu), including taking the time to get a flu vaccine and everyday preventive actions to prevent the spread of germs.

The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility celebrated its 20th Anniversary. The celebration included a cookout, a commemorative book and the dedication of a memorial rock. The facility began training staff on October 3, 1994. There are 12 original staff members still employed at that facility.

The Therapeutic Community (TC) at Westville Correctional Facility is supporting Prevent Child Abuse America by donating more than \$450 to the organization. With over 600 inmates, Westville's TC is the largest such unit in the nation.

Forty members from the Covenant Choir which is a choir sharing God's love in prisons, rescue missions, retirement and juvenile centers came to the Indiana State Prison. The choir is from northern Indiana and is a group of individuals of various ages, vocations, and churches.

Miami Correctional Facility was recognized for donating the most money this year at the ICJA Conference's Fun Run/Walk. MCF's donation was almost half of the grand total raised, more than \$1,122. The facility received special recognition at the closing business meeting and a plaque which will be hung at the facility. Both the facility's PLUS Unit and the American Legion Post 555 donated a portion of the money raised. Sergeant Larry King challenged MCF staff to raise \$1,000 for the cause stating he would wear a dress at the annual Fun Run/Walk if it was done. Since the money was raised, King sported a dress at the festivities.

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) staff said goodbye and good luck to Sergeant Jack Harney. Sergeant Harney proudly served the Department for nearly 32 years, working at the Putnamville Correctional Facility (PCF) before transferring to WVCF in 1992. During a retirement reception in his honor, Superintendent Richard Brown said Sergeant Harney's commitment to the IDOC and WVCF has been exemplified by his diverse service. He was the first Wabash Valley training instructor, served as a CADRE, sergeant and most recently supervised operations in the armory. IDOC Executive Director of Public Safety Michael Osburn was among the many wishing Jack the very best upon his retirement.

Pendleton Correctional Facility is pleased to announce the promotion of Hubert Duncan to the facility's Chief Internal Affairs Officer. Known by his co-workers as Duncan, he began his career in July 1996 at the Correctional Industrial Facility where he served in several capacities, including correctional officer, sergeant, lieutenant and Internal Affairs Officer 4. In April of 2011, Duncan transferred to Pendleton.

Sergeant Pat Gibson from the Correctional Industrial Facility was awarded a scholarship during the ICJA conference by ICJA board member Kelly Bittorf. Sergeant Gibson is an eight year member of ICJA. Sergeant Gibson is attending Oakland City University and is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Justice.

October 17, 2014

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Resident volunteers from the South Bend Community Reentry Center (SBCRC) participated in a "Fall Clean Up" at the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVPS) of St. Joseph County. Residents from the SBCRC had the opportunity to help with landscaping and preparation for next year's Unity Gardens. Lunch was provided by St. Vincent de Paul in appreciation for the volunteers' hard work and selfless dedication. SVPS Volunteer Recruiter, Darlene Sweeney was very thankful for the outstanding work and professional work ethic that the residents demonstrated. The partnership between SVPS and SBCRC has been long lasting and mutually beneficial for both partners. Each year St. Vincent de

Paul donates clothing to the facility for indigent residents, and twice each year South Bend Reentry provides opportunities for residents to give back to the community by volunteering. (photo right)

Miami Correctional Facility celebrated the completion of the U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Program for 201 offenders with a graduation ceremony. Of the offenders who completed 177 were able to attend the ceremony along with nearly 100 family members. Special guests included Gil Peters, Assistant to the Commissioner, Doug Evans, PEN Director of Apprenticeship; and Misty Cline with Aramark. Graduates were presented with a certificate of completion and treated to cake and refreshments.



Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility won first place in three categories in Madison's 2014 Soup, Stew, Chili, & Brew Festival. Roni Rayburn's Homemade Chicken Noodle soup took first place in the soup category. MJCF's Lumberjack Chili made by Sergeant Jason Devey won first place in the chili category, and the facility won first place in the brew category with a hot apple cider drink. This is the facility's fourth year participating in this community event but the first time the facility placed in any category. The annual festival is hosted by the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce and is the only festival located on Madison's historical downtown Main Street. (photo left)



During the monthly meeting of the American Legion Post 130 at the Indiana State Prison, eleven offenders participated in a special program to donate their hair to the Locks of Love.

Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. (photo right)

Offenders in the Henryville Correctional Facility's U.S. Department of Labor Landscapers & Maintenance program have completed work on beautifying the area around the facility's flagpole. The offenders did a great job on this project and were tasked to perform all aspects of the project, including budgeting, pre-planning for problematic issues, locating utilities, assessing foundation structure, and obtaining materials at the best cost. They had complete control of the project and staff acted as consultants. (photo below)



Instructor Robert Bingham moved his classroom from Indiana University to the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) campus. Criminal Justice Department Probation and Parole students toured restrictive status and open population housing units. A visit to the Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) unit included a question and answer session with participants. The group also interacted with custody and education staff, learning more about effective offender re-entry programs in a maximum-security setting. (photo below)

Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) conducted a Staff Assembly. Superintendent Dushan Zatecky, Assistant Superintendent Duane Alsip and



Classification Supervisor Paula Dickson presented facility updates addressing recent events and activities that have impacted the facility. Employees were also recognized for promotions, years of service, retirements, and other achievements. Officer Charles Stoner was recognized as Employee of the Quarter, and Sergeant Mark Hahn was named the facility's Supervisor of the Quarter. Superintendent Zatecky thanked Lt. Steven Hill and Jill Savage for creating a peer support group, which allows staff to share experiences and is held on a monthly basis at the local library.

Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) Officer Timothy Cross earned the Certified Corrections Officer designation from the American Correctional Association. Prior to certification applicants qualify on the basis of their experience and accomplishments in the field of corrections. Then, they must successfully complete a comprehensive examination that tests their knowledge as a correctional officer. The certification process is designed to advance the overall knowledge level of correctional officers.



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October 24, 2014

Miami Correctional Facility's CLIFF unit made 250 purple draw-string bags, each containing coloring books, crayons and a stuffed animal. The bags were donated to the Indiana State Police Post District #16, Miami County Child Protective Services, Miami County Sheriff's Department and the Emmaus Center of Cass County. The bags will provide comfort to children who may be removed from a home due to a parent's substance abuse, child endangerment or homelessness. The color purple was selected for the bag, as it represents recovery and sobriety as a way of life. (photo below, Director of Addition Recovery Services Tracey Jones and ISP Lieutenant Jeremy Kelly)



The Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) Health and Wellness Committee will be holding a Wellness Walk from the facility to Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota. The trek will take place starting Veteran's Day, November 11 and finishing on President's Day, February 16. Teams of three staff will be tracking their steps on a pedometer during work hours, converting them to mileage and them on a map. The goal for each team is to make it to Mt. Rushmore by President's Day. Prizes will be given for destinations reached along the way.

The Pendleton Artists Society will be hosting a "Day of the Dead" showing where 22 pieces of artwork submitted by offenders from the Pendleton Correctional Facility will be on display. The event will take place gallery's new location at 119 W. State Street in Pendleton on Friday, October 24, from noon to 8:00 pm and on Saturday, Oct 25, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

You will not believe who won the challenge at Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) and took the top prize...a refreshing BUCKET OF ICE! Wabash Valley staff made the big splash through donations to the WVCF State Employee Community Campaign (SECC) Ice Bucket Challenge. Superintendent Richard Brown, Assistant Superintendent Frank Littlejohn and Assistant Superintendent Kevin Gilmore each had a container with their likeness displayed. The container with the most money donated by staff took the top prize. All funds raised go to the Correctional Professional Assistance Fund of Indiana (CPAFI). Superintendent Brown said the challenge was a fun way to bring attention to the SECC campaign. Unfortunately, Assistant Superintendent Gilmore was away from the facility for training. Gilmore won and PIO Rich Larsen was named his designee. Larsen simply said, "Let the chips fall where they may, it's for a good cause!"



A yearly goal of donating 16,000 lbs of produce to the local community was met by Putnamville Correctional Facility! 513 additional pounds were delivered to Cunot Community and Senior Center to make the grand total for the year so far 16,007 lbs of goods. The year is still not done as the facility is forecasted to complete a few more weeks of harvesting. Kale, turnips and green beans, kale, and mustard greens are still flourishing. Thanks to all involved to make this successful!

The Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) PLUS Unit has had another terrific year in the garden. Working under the instruction of three amazing Master Gardeners, the PLUS unit donated 8,260 lbs of fresh produce to six different food pantries in Madison County. The biggest producer at 3,500 lbs was cucumbers, but there were a total of 20 different vegetables grown this year. Seeds were donated by Lowe's in Anderson and Baker Seed Company and many were started at Pendleton in their greenhouse for CIF.

The Indiana State Prison congratulates Program Coordinator Donna Carneygee on her re-certification as a Certified Corrections Manager (CCE) by the American Correctional Association. Certified Corrections Professionals must complete a minimum of 100 Continuing Education hours in a variety of professional learning experiences and activities in corrections.

The following staff at Westville Correctional Facility were recognized at the latest quarterly assembly for their outstanding work: Facility Ambassador, Release Assistant Linda Jeffers; Custody Supervisor, Lt. Bradley Burkett; Non-Custody Supervisor, Tammy Wroblewski (Business Office); Non-Custody Employee, Case Worker Tracy Cornett; Officer Jason Parker; Contract Employee, Debby Reeger (CMS Medical Records); Field Training Officer, Officer Mark Woolum; Family First, Officer Alejandro Davila; Special Recognition, Officer Dennis Gulleeson and Sgt. Daniel Moynihan.

The Reception-Diagnostic Center is pleased to announce the promotions of Katie Hickey, Kristin Seneriz and Dwayne Critchfield to Classification Specialist. Congratulations to each of you on your hard work and dedication!

"Go Pink" was the theme for Miami staff who wore pink clothing and pink ribbon stickers to as a visual promotion of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The facility's Wellness Committee gave out pink ribbon stickers and pens to staff as they entered the facility. Staff were encouraged to get tested and have their loved ones tested. Early detection is the key. Breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women, except for skin cancers. About 1 in 8 women in the US will develop invasive breast cancer during their lifetime.

Pendleton employees Penny Eden, Fred McConnaughey and Doug Watson for successfully completing the Developing Professional Employees, Optimizing Heightened Effectiveness and Conquering Maximum Efficiency courses offered through CTI. Congratulations also go to Jason Earnest, Gregory Green, Jonathan Reed, Kayla Stiner and Chad Evans on their promotions to Correctional Sergeant.

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October 31, 2014

IDOC donated more than 1000 cell phones to First Lady Karen Pence's phone drive for HopeLine from Verizon. Throughout the month of October, no-longer-used cell phones and accessories from any provider were collected to be donated to victims of domestic violence. Phones donated to HopeLine are refurbished and provided, along with 3,000 minutes of wireless service and text-messaging services, to those in need through participating domestic violence agencies or sold for reuse, which generates funds for the program. Since 2001, HopeLine from Verizon has collected more than 10.8 million phones nationwide and has donated more than

\$21.4 million in cash grants to domestic violence organizations nationwide. (photo right)



The Department hosted its first annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at Pendleton Correctional Facility. More than 40 IDOC staff participated in the event, attended by family and friends. New Castle Correctional Facility's (NCCF) team won three consecutive games to make it to the final game. Playing against the undefeated Indiana State Prison (ISP) team in the first game, NCCF was able to force a second double elimination game, but ISP walked away as the winners. Congratulations to ISP and all the teams!



The Correctional Industrial Facility's (CIF) Building Trades class donated offender made doghouses to the Indiana Canine Assistance Network (ICAN) and the Animal Protection League. The doghouses were the final project for the 15 offenders in the building trade's class. The offenders were proud to show off their handiwork and to donate them to both of these well-deserving organizations. In the past, the Building Trades class has also built prefabricated homes for Habitat for Humanity. (photo left)

Camp Summit Boot Camp is partnering with Bugaboo Tattoo of Hammond, IN to remove unwanted tattoos from juveniles at Camp Summit. Project Erase is provided at no cost to the state or juveniles, who want to volunteer to have their tattoos removed. It gives the students an opportunity to "erase" past poor choices that would have affected them negatively when entering the job market, military, and society as a whole. Bugaboo Tattoo is currently working with seven juveniles participating in the program. Only visible tattoos, such as on their arms, hands and neck, are being removed through the project. The first Student to embark on Project Erase remarked, "I remember my dad coming to Parent Day at school covered in tattoos thinking the other kids' parents were better than mine. I don't want my daughter to feel that way, so I am having mine removed." (photo right)



Saturday was a warm and beautiful evening for ghosts and goblins to appear at the annual Pendleton Complex Halloween party. Each year the Employee Appreciation Committee (EAC) from the Pendleton, CIF and Pendleton Juvenile combined forces to host the anticipated family event. The annual party transforms the PCF farm building into an area for kids to play games and earn points towards prizes. Other festivities included a bounce house for the younger children, music, food, bonfire and the highly anticipated haunted hayride. (photo left)



Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility had two students who were recognized for their Art Work that was submitted in the National Art Contest held by the Emanuel Project. The students took 1st and 2nd place in the colored pencil category, and the 1st place drawing won the overall Grand Champion for all categories. Pictured with the students from left to right are Lori Harshbarger, Superintendent, Lisa Regalia, Art Teacher and Randy Minnick of the Emanuel Foundation. (photo right)



During October, the Clever Clovers, the 4-H at Pendleton Juvenile, learned about pigs. They learned about the different types, areas 4-H judges look at in each breed, and the intelligence of pigs. Students met "Charlotte," a piglet from a local farm. She was very friendly and played with the students.

Plainfield Correctional Facility and the Reception Diagnostic Center came together to "Think Pink." Facility staff including Corizon, Aramark, Oakland City University, and custody were given pink ribbons to show their support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. A special thank you to all staff who participated in this event.

Reception Diagnostic Center Superintendent Jim Wynn is pleased to announce the promotions of Justin Klinkerfuss to Correctional Sergeant and Jason Fedeler to Correctional Lieutenant. Congratulations to both of you!

The Rockville Correctional Facility (RCF) held its annual fall celebration for the Hope Center Parenting Program, welcoming 22 children to play games and make fun fall crafts with their mothers. They also enjoyed fruit, juice and cupcakes prepared by the RCF Culinary Arts Department and took advantage of the beautiful weather with outside play time. A wonderful time was had by all and Hope Center is looking forward to the Christmas Party! (photo left)



Madison Correctional Facility's Residential Reformatory Reentry Program (RRP) character elective class, "It Takes a Village", built a small village using very creative talents, popsicle sticks, construction paper and other materials. In working on the village they learned that everyone must work together to be successful in whatever the task is – in recovery, in reformation, family and community.

More than 50 Westville Correctional Facility (WCC) volunteers and spouses were recognized at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. WCC Superintendent Mark Sevier was impressed with the number of volunteers and variety of programs that were represented. Kairos alone brings in volunteers from a 100 mile radius around the facility. A special thank you goes to the Culinary Arts program who prepared the meal, as well as Training, Recreation, Custody and Classification staff who coordinated the activity.

Ice cream sundaes greeted both oncoming and off-going custody staff when the new Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) Superintendent Kathy Griffin scooped out greetings to her new staff. This was only Griffin's second week at the facility and she wanted to try and meet as many people as possible, both those working days and those working the night-shift. With the help of funds from the Employee Appreciation Committee, Griffin treated all to ice cream and toppings while saying hello and introducing herself to MCF staffers. (photo right)



Pendleton Juvenile held their Quarterly Assembly. Superintendent Alison Yancey recognized years of service, perfect attendance and staff that are "Making a Change". Superintendent Yancey presented quarterly awards to Youth Development Specialist of the Quarter Michael Baker, Non-custody Employee of the Quarter Karey Wall and Supervisor of the Quarter to Sergeant Templeton. A GED graduation ceremony and reception was held after the facility assembly. Education Supervisor Derek Grubbs spoke to the graduate regarding continuing education and professional goals.

The Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) American Legion Post has been officially renamed Kyle Snyder Post 398. The 21 year old Sullivan County soldier and three others died in Afghanistan when a landmine exploded under their military vehicle in 2005. Snyder was the first Sullivan County soldier to fall in service to his country during the conflict. Family members, including his Mom, Donna Snyder Hinton attended the ceremony along with high ranking American Legion dignitaries. Donna

Snyder presented the post with a picture of her son saying "It's an honor that they named the post after Kyle-he won't be forgotten-my son would be proud." WVCF Superintendent Richard Brown said he's pleased post members sincerely wanted to pay tribute to the fallen hero in this manner. "They are incarcerated but they are still veterans who have served their country and now look forward to continuing their public service to our community." (photo left)



Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF) residents, together with their spouses or longtime significant others, participated in a Prevention Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) seminar. Residents and their spouses discussed how lengthy incarceration periods strained their marriages and relationships, and participated in exercises designed to reintroduce them to each other and to help bridge the gap and build support with family after their release from prison.

Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) Superintendent Dushan Zatecky would like to congratulate Sergeant Mark Hahn, Case Manager Gerard Spears and Classification Supervisor Paula Dickson who graduated from the 2014 Experienced and Emerging Leadership (EEL) program. "EEL is an extensive and challenging program requiring participants to engage in numerous developmental activities. Our staff have worked hard to continue on their path to success. I would like to congratulate Mark, Gerard and Paula on this immense achievement," stated Superintendent Zatecky. (photo right)

Pendleton Juvenile is proud to congratulate Safety Hazard Manager Nakuma Stone in graduating from the Experienced and Emerging Leadership program. During this program, Mr. Stone received training in various areas of leadership and teambuilding. One part of the academy involves working on a cost savings project and presenting recommendations.

Miami Correctional Facility held its quarterly Recall meeting this week awarding several individuals with Employee of the Quarter awards. Receiving Employee of the Quarter was Steven Hamm; Supervisor of the Quarter was Sergeant Faith Rush; Officer of the Quarter was Christopher Wahl and a new award this quarter – Contract Employee of the Quarter went to Robert Short with Grace College. Also handed out at the meeting were the leadership awards. These went to: Sergeant Allen Burton, Challenge the Process; Yolanda Turner, Inspire a Shared Vision; Sergeant. Joseph Gatliff, Enabling Others to Act; Michael Hubler, Model the Way; and Michael Berry, Encourages the Heart.



Weekly Views

November 7, 2014

The Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) Culinary Art students have new aprons thanks to volunteer Mary Ruble and her spiritual based group called VICTORY. Mary Ruble volunteers weekly with the Outreach Program, and her group helps with the Special Needs Unit. They are also involved with other prison donations. (photo right)



The Indiana State Prison held its first ever memorial service in the chapel. The memorial included a candle light service of prayers and readings for the loved ones of offenders who have passed away during the past two years.

ISP also remembered three special men that worked at ISP; Saul Berkowitz (Jewish volunteer), Hank Adams (Kairos volunteer), and Paul Petroff (ISP GED Education). Approximately 60 offenders attended the service.

"Fright Nights in the Valley" was a spine tingling success at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF)! The first ever WVCF Halloween haunted house served a dual purpose; a fun family event for Wabash staff and to scare up support for local charities. Admission was free, along with the hot chocolate and cookies, but a donation of canned goods or toys was gladly accepted. Toys will go to the local Toys for Tots drive, and the canned goods will help supply area food banks. Over 550lbs of food was collected to be added to the upcoming WVCF holiday food campaign. Commissioner Bruce Lemmon was among the hundreds who dared to take the ghoulish tour. Thank you to all of the staff who donated their time and money to make "Fright Nights in the Valley" possible! (photo left)



Putnamville Correctional Facility has the pleasure of hosting four brand new retired racing dogs to participate in the Prison Greyhound Program. This program is designed to socialize and train these wonderful creatures for a loving family lifestyle after a life of racing. Chow, Chow, Barnum, Bailey and Pelican (pictured right)



are the newest arrivals, and two of them are already adopted out!

The Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) and the Indiana Blood Center (IBC) teamed up to host the final blood drive at CIF for 2014. IBC came to the facility for two days so staff on all brackets could participate. 32 units of blood were collected. Superintendent Wendy Knight, who also donated, said, "It is such a simple why to make a huge difference in someone's life. CIF employees were happy to help and we will continue next year making a difference.

The Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) awarded a total of \$5,100 to five charities as a part of its Community Involvement Grant. Kokomo Rescue Mission was given \$2,000 to replace existing cabinets and countertops in the kitchen of the facility's Open Arms shelter for homeless women and children. \$1,000 was awarded to the Carver Community Center in Kokomo to help fund a boxing program for pre-teen and teen youth from nearby counties. The River of Life Christian Church received \$1,000 to assist them in serving a traditional Thanksgiving Meal to local residents. Little Turtle Waterway received \$600 to excavate and replace poor soil and buy 22 trees for the waterway trail. Citizens for Change-Cause for Paws in Logansport will receive \$500. The group is moving their adoption center to the Cass County Humane Society.

Kairos held their 15th three-day weekend at the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF), which was described as a short course in Christianity. Led by Kairos Volunteer Jon Byrum, 33 volunteers ministered to 36 offender participants in song, prayer and shared life's experiences. During the closing ceremony a sense of calmness and brotherhood encompassed the Chapel as crosses were offered to all participants and offenders expressed their gratitude for the experience. Past Kairos graduates, outside volunteers and Assistant Superintendent Andrew Cole joined Sunday's closing ceremony festivities.

Westville Correctional Facility and Grace College held its annual graduation celebration. Families of 65 graduates joined in the gym for the ceremony and refreshments. For the 2013-14 fiscal year, there were 190 GED/TASC graduates, 46 Auto Tech, 56 Building Maintenance, 54 Business Tech, 48 Culinary Arts, and 53 Horticulture Vocational Education completions, for a total of 447 educational successes.

Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility proudly announces the promotion of Youth Developmental Specialist Jamilah Lewis (Chatham) to Correctional Sergeant. Sergeant Lewis has been with the Department of Correction since August 2011 working at Madison Juvenile and enjoys the opportunity to help young female juveniles change their life. She attended Madison High School and loves outdoor activities with her children.

Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) hosted a Therapeutic Community (TC) graduation for 61 members of the CLIFF (Clean Lifestyle is Freedom Forever) unit who recently completed the program. Emily Kirk, Regional Director of Addiction Recovery with Corizon, was the guest speaker. Also speaking during the event were Tricia Pretorius, MCF Assistant Superintendent of Reentry, and Tracy Jones, CLIFF Director, as well as Offender Jeremy Sharp who gave the graduate speech. Members of the American Legion Post 555 presented the colors, and the MCF offender choir entertained with a song.

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November 21, 2014

Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) Commissioner Donald Snemis and IDOC Inspector General Michael Osburn (pictured below) were on site at the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) with the BMV mobile unit to issue state identification cards to offenders prior to their release. A total of 182 offenders acquired state ID cards during the three-day event. "The supportive effort on behalf of the BMV with the Department of Correction continues to be a key partnership and process improvement in reentry services provided to the offender population prior to release. We appreciate the valuable time and effort demonstrated by BMV staff in assisting our facility in providing services to our offenders," stated PCF Superintendent Zatecky.



Indiana State Senator Randy Head and Colonel Douglas J. Schwartz, Grissom Air Reserve Base 434th Air Refueling Wing commander, toured Miami Correctional Facility's CLIFF Unit and Miami Accessible Media Program. The two arrived early for a Community Advisory Board meeting for the opportunity to take a look at some of the facility's most touted programs. After the tour, the Advisory Board was treated to a taco bar for lunch and informed of some of the facility's newest technologies. The group was also treated to a short performance by the facility's band and choir.

Plainfield Correctional Facility held its first graduation of the Bridges to Life Program. Originated in Texas, Bridges to Life program is a victim-based approach that works with incarcerated offenders that have been convicted of violent crimes and their victims. Its purpose is to foster healing and rehabilitation between the offender and their victim. 27 offenders graduated after 14 weeks of continued work under the direction of Indianapolis Regional Coordinator Misty Wallace. Plainfield and Bridges to Life are excited to offer this program again starting in January.

The Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) hosted the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) Apprenticeship Symposium in the Pam Cline Memorial Chapel. More than 70 Apprenticeship Supervisors and Coordinators from across the state attended the all day program. Commissioner Lemmon addressed the group thanking them for the valuable impact that is being made in offender's lives both during and after incarceration, and PEN staff Doug Evans and Kirsten Tisdale shared apprenticeship best practices. Aramark and the IN2WORK program provide a tasty home-style meatloaf dinner.



Members of the Lutheran Woman's Missionary and League (LWML) and 47 offenders in Madison Correctional Facility's Residential Reformatory Reentry Program (RRRP0 gathered in the visiting room to decorate stockings. The women of RRRP set at tables with markers, glitter, ribbons, glue, stickers and sang songs like "Silent Night" while decorating the stockings. 160 stockings will be filled by the Women of LWML and then returned to the facility on December 9 to be passed out to the offenders' children who visit throughout the holiday season. (photo left)

Providence Jr. /Sr. High School at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility held an Open House in which over 50 guests attended. Parents were able to spend time with their child while meeting with the students' teachers. Lunch was provided to the guests and students, allowing an opportunity for the families to spend time with their loved ones. Families also participated in games

provided by recreation such as, shooting baskets and ping-pong.

Miami Correctional Facility's Wellness Committee sponsored a Flu Shot Clinic with a total of 31 staff taking advantage of the free shots. The clinic was presented through an agreement between Kroger Pharmacy and the State Personnel Department. The shots were given free to staff carrying state insurance.

St. Mary of the Woods students interested in a career in corrections toured the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF). Corizon Psychologist Dr. Brad Huffey, a Psychology Professor at the "Woods," sponsored the tour, giving students a closer look at the correctional environment. The class spoke with offenders in the facility PLUS unit and then took part in a group discussion with the WVCF unit team, custody and medical staff. Dr. Huffey said thanks to the help from the Wabash team his students will be able to make sound decisions about their career goals in the challenging field of corrections.

The American Legion Post 130 held a ceremony at the Indiana State Prison for Veteran's Day. At the ceremony, Post 130 donated \$5,950 to multiple organizations. Groups who received checks were the American Legion Post 365 for food for needy families and their annual Children's Christmas Party, Michigan City High School Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Michigan City Salvation Army for Thanksgiving turkeys, Caps For Kids, South Bend Homeless Shelter, Judge Miller's Vets, Michigan City Boys and Girls Club, and Stepping Stones Women's Shelter. The funds were raised from donations from the offenders and from offender food sales. The men work very hard to raise the money and feel this is one way they can give back to the community!

Thanks to the generation donations of its many volunteer organizations, Westville Correctional Facility has received over 10,000 Christmas Cards so each inmate can send out three cards to his family and friends. The Therapeutic Community Unit will again be wrapping the toys and gifts that were also donated so the inmates can give their children a present when they come to visit their father over the Christmas Holidays.

The Rockville Correctional Facility has been recommended for re-accreditation by ACA auditors following a comprehensive review of facility programs, services, and procedures. RCF achieved scores of 100% on mandatory, and 98.2% on non-mandatory standards. Audit Team Chairman Bruce Denny said, "We were extremely impressed with the professionalism and courtesies of the Rockville staff, and the availability and approachability of the Superintendent and her staff by both offenders and line staff. You have a very good facility here and you should all be very proud of the hard work you're doing."



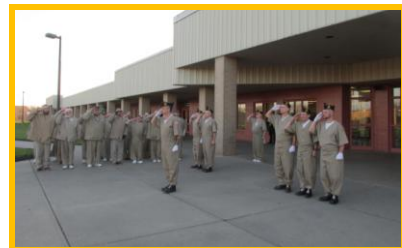
Edinburgh Correctional Facility conducted its annual Thanksgiving Staff Call-Out dinner. The facility provided ham and turkey through the Employee Appreciation Fund, raised through facility fundraisers, and staff brought a covered dish to add to the celebration. Several employees were awarded certificates for outstanding performance and Superintendent Osburn answered any questions staff may have had and communicated future goals for the Department and the facility. A good time of fellowship was had by all. (photo left)

Plainfield Correctional Facility was on hand for a Shopping Tour with Susie's Place. With locations in Bloomington and Avon, Susie's Place has grown to become a well respected organization that works with child abuse victims during a traumatic time. After receiving a tour and information about the organizations' collaboration with multiple agencies, the facility donated \$1000 to this worthy organization. (photo right)

The Indiana State Prison held their annual Volunteer Recognition luncheon. Approximately 40 volunteers attended along with staff. Volunteer Reverend Joel Taylor was given an appreciation award for his many years of service at the facility. A special program was performed for the volunteers by some of the talented offender singers. The program was very well received by all!

The Putnamville Correctional Facility in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor had 28 offenders participate in a graduation ceremony highlighting their hard work and dedication. Finishing programs centered on culinary arts, hospitality, housekeeping, and recycling were just a few of the opportunities successfully completed, as well as PEN being an avid part of their success. Congratulations!

The Pendleton Correctional Facility's (PCF) American Legion Post 608 hosted a Veteran's Day celebration. Post Representatives and Department Officers from the American Legion 5th District, along with family members joined the event to honor past and present veterans. During the ceremony Tom Francum, Tom Richardson and Wayne Scaife were presented with plaques in appreciation for their leadership as staff facilitators with the American Legion.



The Correction Industrial Facility (CIF) color guard and American Legion Post 503 joined together for a flag raising ceremony on Veterans Day. The color raised both the American and POW/MIA flag before a group of Legion members and staff while patriotic music played in the background throughout the camp. (photo left)

Camp Summit held a graduation ceremony to recognize students who passed the TASC (GED) test. The celebration included family members and facility staff. The students were issued diplomas and were congratulated by Superintendent Davis and Program Director Laura Gorbonosenko for their hard work and achievement. In addition to the TASC graduates, one other student was recognized for completing his High School diploma while at the facility. Camp Summit has a fully accredited school that provides juveniles with the opportunity to work on their high school credits or TASC depending upon their program eligibility.

Branchville Correctional Facility hosted its annual fall Kairos event, the 17th Kairos weekend Branchville has hosted. Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. is a Christian faith-based ministry which addresses the spiritual needs of offenders. The Kairos program incorporates curriculum designed to build and encourage pro-social character and behavior. In all, 42 Branchville offenders and 48 volunteers participated in the event. As the state's only faith/character facility, Kairos is a fundamental part of Branchville's mission. (photo right)

The ninth consecutive Kairos three-day weekend at Putnamville Correctional Facility was a grand success! The Kairos weekend was led by volunteer Jim Soots. 39 volunteers ministered to 36 offender participants. During the closing ceremony, crosses and a Bible were given to all graduating participants. The participants were also given the opportunity to speak in front of the group and share how the Kairos weekend affected them. Thank you to all!

The Correctional Industrial Facility would like to congratulate the facility's three new sergeants, Aaron Olvey, Bradley Roberts and John Redick!

The Pendleton Correctional Facility hosted a Job Fair at the Pendleton Complex Training Center. During the three hour job fair, 15 eager applicants applied on-line, were interviewed and received a tour of the facility as part of the hiring process. In October alone, PCF staff took part of four separate job fairs to recruit potential Correctional Officer candidates.

Miami Correctional Facility sold out two days in a row after just an hour during its annual chicken, noodles and mashed potatoes fundraiser. Made by Correctional Employee Appreciation Committee members using real homemade noodles, the yummy comfort food couldn't have been served on two better days with temperatures dipping well-below freezing. The committee made more than \$250 to go towards its appreciation day's events.



December 5, 2014

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Branchville Correctional Facility's Therapeutic Community raised more than \$620 to benefit the Prevent Child Abuse Indiana Fund through a Krispy Kreme fundraiser. Branchville offenders had the opportunity to purchase the delicious donuts. The event, which raised an amount far exceeding expectations, was led by Mr. Michael Rounds, one of Branchville's Addiction Recovery Specialists. Branchville is honored to support such a worthy cause.

The Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) offender organization at the Indiana State Prison has donated over 300 crocheted hats and scarves to crocheted hats and scarves to two local charities, the Northwest Indiana Catholic in Merrillville and the YWCA of North Central Indiana in South Bend. Additionally, each of these charities received monetary donations of \$500. (photo right)



Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) celebrated the first graduates of the U.S. Department of Labor's (USDOL) Animal Trainer program. Each offender went through a rigorous interview, background check and three months of training before dogs from the Indiana Canine Assistance Network (ICAN) were introduced into the facility. Everyone successfully fulfilled 288 hours of classroom training and 3600 hours of on-the-job training. Tommie Jones, program graduate, expressed his gratitude for the program and special bond between himself and his first dog, Claire, stating, "She saw something in me that I didn't see in myself."



Miami Correctional Facility's (MCF) Internal Affairs Director, Lorna Harbaugh, visited North Miami High School for a Career Day taking along Officer Montrel McGee and his K-9 partner. Harbaugh is invited every year to speak to the students about MCF and the different job opportunities. "It has been a pretty cool experience. Last year, I talked about contraband coming inside the facility, what contraband is and what we do as staff to stop it," stated Harbaugh. "This year I was able to take Officer McGee with me. We did demonstrations with the dog and discussed the ways we keep the facility and its staff safe." (photo left)

The Carlisle Ambulance Service (CAS) has received a helping hand from the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF). Superintendent Richard Brown presented CAS representative Jack Harney with a check for \$500! The hometown service is responsible for buying its own gear, recently staging fundraising events to cover much needed new equipment costs. The Carlisle Ambulance Service has been a big help over the years providing emergency transports for WVCF staff and offenders. The donation was possible thanks to Wabash PLUS and Fatherhood program participants. (photo right)



Members of the Northwest Jaycees, an offender organization located inside the Indiana State Prison, held a March of Dimes Walk-a-thon. The men who walked or ran had sponsors inside the prison that helped them raise the money. In the end, the Jaycees presented a check for \$2,342.14 to Mr. Victor Garcia, March of Dimes Division Director of Northwest Indiana.



Aramark conducted a job fair at the Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF). Ten members from the community and six IREF residents filled out applications and interviewed with Aramark Program Manager Melissa Hess for possible job opportunities within the food industry. (photo left)

Jason Rippe has been named as Westville Correctional Facility's (WCC) newest Lieutenant. Rippe began as an officer in June 2003 and made Sergeant just ten months later. He transferred to Camp Summit in November 2008 and returned to WCC in April 2012. He has been a member of E-Squad and was most recently in the lock shop.

Superintendent Ron Neal and the Indiana State Prison would like to congratulate Milton Williams on his recent graduation from the PEN Products Offender Workforce Development Specialist Program. Outstanding job!

Lemuel Vega and approximately 60 volunteers delivered Christmas packages filled with snacks and food items to the offenders at the Pendleton during the annual Christmas Behind Bars event. Prior to distribution, PCF staff inspected the packages and prepared dozens of carts to deliver the gifts to the housing units. The Christmas Behind Bars program reaches out to offenders throughout Indiana and the United States delivering their message of hope.

Jack Harney, recently retired WVCF Armory Sergeant, received special recognition from the IDOC! Superintendent Brown surprised Harney with the presentation of The State of Indiana Office of the Commissioner Certificate. Commissioner Bruce Lemmon extended his appreciation to Sergeant Harney for the dedication and professionalism displayed during his 32 years of service to the Department. Sergeant Harney served at the Putnamville Correctional Facility before moving to Wabash Valley in 1992.

Westville held a graduation for the Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) program. 55 came to the facility to show their support for the 42 offender graduates. Westville's culinary arts department made cake, coffee and punch for the event. This was the first PLUS graduation for Superintendent Mark Sevier since his arrival to Westville, and he was honored to be the guest speaker.

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December 19, 2014

Staff from Governor Mike Pence's office, including Deputy Chief of Staff John Hill, joined Commissioner Bruce Lemmon and members of his Executive Staff at the Indiana State Prison for a tour and to get a firsthand look at facility operations and offender programs. (Pictured below (L to R) John Hill, Allison Karns, Steve Simcox and Superintendent Ron Neal).

Edinburgh Correctional Facility donated 200 food items and \$700 to the Edinburgh Fire Department. The donations were provided by staff, offenders and the Aramark Community

Involvement Fund, to assist in preparation of food baskets that are delivered to less fortunate families during the holiday season through the annual Johnson County Good Cheer Fund.



Plainfield Correctional Facility (IYC) and Santa Claus made the rounds to local Hendricks County Schools to deliver presents again this year. For the past 17 years, IYC has paired with schools in Avon, Brownsburg, Clayton, Danville, and Plainfield to provide presents to some of the children. Through donations from staff, offenders, the facility sponsored 197 students from 19 schools. Plainfield would like to give a special thanks to Meijer and the Plainfield Wal-Mart Supercenter for their financial contribution and continued support to the facility and community as a whole. (photo left)



The Shifting Gears program at Putnamville Correctional Facility donated 30 refurbished bicycles to Cloverdale High School for assistance with the Future Farmers of America's 2014 toy drive for all Putnam county residents. Receiving the donated bikes was Chelsey Meluch the agriculture teacher at both the high school and middle school. (photo right)

The long awaited cookie pass out by members of the Gospel Echoes took place at the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF). 42 Gospel Echoes volunteers delivered 2760 bags containing five to six cookies each, a handwritten message on greeting cards and a scripture address booklet. Inside the housing units, Gospel Echoes volunteers passed out cookies, sang Christmas carols and



participated in prayer with many of the offenders. Each year, Gospel Echoes volunteers from the Goshen, Indiana area deliver the cookie packages to both the offender population and staff bringing extra joy during the holiday season.

Miami Correctional Facility stepped into Santa Claus' shoes this season by 66 children from 37 families for Christmas. Staff took ornaments off the "Shine the Light" tree for each child that told what their sizes, wants and needs were and then went shopping. The end result – a total of 461 packages were wrapped and set under the tree. The gifts were delivered by MCF staff to Healthy Families of Miami County which will then deliver them to the needy families. Each child received multiple gifts. Instead of exchanging gifts some of the departments chipped in and spent their money on the kids. Next year the facility is hoping to double the amount of children it adopts. Staff also chipped in more than \$450 in one day to make Christmas especially wonderful for a local 14 year-old-girl. (photo left)



Every child should feel special at Christmastime and be able to enjoy the festivities of the holiday season. That is why offenders at the Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility donated \$1500 to the Riley Children's Foundation Child Life Program, which will be used for a holiday celebration. The Riley Child Life Program uses therapeutic activities to engage kids and minimize the stress and anxiety they often feel during their hospital stay. (photo below)

The final 2014 Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) blood drive ended on a high note. 43 donations from giving staff like Officer Helen Corne (pictured left) are helping to supply the critical need for blood during the holiday season. Each unit of blood can help

save up to three lives. The 2014 IDOC Blood Drive Challenge is also drawing to a close and WVCF is hoping to remain the large facility champion with 232 donations for the year.

The Correction Industrial Facility (CIF) American Legion Post 503 donated \$250 to both the Read & Feed Program in Pendleton and the Methodist Church Food Pantry in Ingalls. Using funds from their most recent food sale with Nelson's BBQ, the Post voted to help with the increased strain put on food banks during the holidays.



A food drive was held at the Indiana State Prison with the goal to collect 1000 non-perishable food items. Staff surpassed that number by collecting 1174 items. Hats, gloves scarves and books were also collected to be donated to the Community. All the items were given to the local Salvation Army who serves approximately 800 families each month.



Camp Summit Boot Camp and both Logansport Juvenile Intake and Treatment Facilities have been awarded Level 4 by the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators for PbS (Performance Based Standards). Level 4 is the highest level possible in PbS and represents that the facility staff has a high degree of commitment to improving the lives of the youth they serve. Akin Fadeyi, PbS National Director/Coach congratulated both facilities on this highly remarkable and unprecedented recognition. (photos below)



The Third Annual Offender Workforce Development Specialist (OWDS) Symposium was held at the Indiana Government Center. Francia Carter, OWDS National Program Director from the National Institute of Corrections was the keynote speaker for the event. Dr. Robert Huckabee from Indiana State University (ISU) also addressed the attendees. OWDS is accredited through ISU. A three day OWDS "Train the Trainer" session was also held at the Correctional Training Institute, facilitated by Director Francina Carter. 26 individuals from various agencies who work in the field of offender participated in the 22 hour certification process.

The sixth OWDS graduation ceremony also took place in New Castle, IN as 34 individuals completed all requirements to earn their OWDS certification. The PEN facilitated OWDS movement in Indiana has now grown from one to 200 Certified Specialists. OWDS is making a difference as we see the lives of former offenders being rebuilt with meaningful employment as the foundation of change.

Wayne Scaife, Community Involvement Coordinator, and Captain Jerry Gilley led a group of 21 students and faculty from IUPUI on a tour of the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF). During the tour, students and faculty visited housing units, recreation, the health care center and were given the opportunity to speak with offenders. The students and faculty are part of the IUPUI Criminal Justice program. "Although the students are looking at careers in Law Enforcement, the students gain knowledge of the corrections system, which could lead to a career in the department," stated Wayne Scaife.

Offenders from Madison Correctional Facility volunteered their time to the Salvation Army. They helped sort gifts that were donated to the Angel Tree program and then gathered the necessary gifts when families participating in the program came to get their items. Both the offenders and the officer supervising the crew said how great it felt to be able to give back and assist those in need this holiday season.

Students from the Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility assisted the Salvation Army with their annual Christmas food basket and gift drive. The program puts together and provides food and gifts for families in need in the Cass County Indiana area. This year the program gave away frozen turkeys, chickens and dry goods along with dolls, games, bicycles, clothing and baby supplies to 240 needy families in the greater Cass County area. The student from the facility assisted in collecting and delivering the items to the selected families. (photo right)



It has been a busy and festive time of year at Miami Correctional Facility. Miami staff donated 20 units of blood during the annual Holiday blood Drive, and they were treated to Krispy Kreme donuts and milk as a thank you for all they do during the Christmas season and all year long. The



offender band and choir gave offenders and staff to a musical celebration during the annual Christmas concert, traveling to both sides of the facility. Offenders were also treated to cookies and pretzels from Gospel Echoes and Christmas Behind Bars. Each group sang hymns and Christmas carols to the offenders in the housing units while delivery the goodies. (photo left)

Check out the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) on Facebook! Wabash launched their page on December 10 the same date back in 1992 when the maximum-security facility received its first inmates. The page is designed to be fun, informational and timely. Throwback Thursday features a picture which included

a certain deputy commissioner and our superintendent. Try to identify them at www.facebook.com/wvcf1992, enjoy!

Staff Development and Training has launched a Facebook page to provide program participants with the latest information on weather related notices affecting training at the five Regional Training sites. This site will also be used to share information about upcoming professional development programs and training opportunities available. Check them out at www.facebook.com/IDOCTraining!

The Guard One system to record rounds has been installed on all housing units and in the recreation areas of Westville Correctional Facility. The system is operational, and staff will be trained in its use over the coming weeks to improve security and automatically log rounds in all those areas.

Plainfield Correctional Facility was in the spirit of #GIVINGTUESDAY. Partnering with the national movement of giving, the Hendricks County Community Foundation set up six community funds for each school system in Hendricks County to raise money. The top three funds received matching donations from Hendricks County Community Foundation. Plainfield Correctional Facility made a donation of \$300 to each of the competing funds including Avon, Brownsburg, Cascade, Danville, Plainfield, and Tri-West.