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# Weekly Views

Parole Services completed its first-ever ACA audit and is being recommended for accreditation with 100% compliance on mandatory standards and 95% on non-mandatory. All who participated are to be commended for their excellent work.

Over \$4,600 has been donated by IDOC facilities to the Indiana Women's Prison Wee Ones program. Facilities who have donated so far include the Indiana State Prison, Correctional Industrial Facility, Pendleton, Putnamville, Miami, Westville, Wabash Valley, Madison, Plainfield, and Edinburgh.

Major Robert Cabanaw from the Indiana State Prison will be retiring after 34 year of service. Staff had a luncheon in his honor.



Wabash Valley PLUS participants presented a Fallen Hero Memorial Quilt to Gene and Dona Griffin, the parents of Sgt. Dale Griffin, killed in Afghanistan last October. The Griffins, who also volunteer at WVCF, termed the quilt presentation as "overwhelming."

Pendleton Juvenile held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Volunteers were served by the Culinary Arts students and entertained by the Future Soldiers and Boy Scouts.

GEO Group and the New Castle Correctional Facility were presented an award by the Henry County United Fund as Henry County's "Company of the Year" for their 142% increase in giving to the United Fund for 2009 and 2010.

Offenders at Branchville Correctional Facility raised money to purchase roller coasters for a 6th grade class at Marengo Elementary. According to the teacher, the roller coaster project had an extremely positive impact on the students who are studying motion.

The first Indiana Correctional Peace Officer Fund (ICPOF) Golf Open raised over \$32,000 for ICPOF.

Westville Correctional Facility held a disaster drill to see how well outside responders and prison staff could coordinate a response to an emergency.

Ball State University held a graduation for 50 offenders at New Castle Correctional Facility. 29 Associates Degrees & 21 Bachelor Degrees were awarded.



Members of the Pendleton Correctional Facility Offender American Legion Organization conducted a Memorial Day Ceremony.

Lt. Ryan Harrison at the Indiana State Prison partnered with South Bend Juvenile Facility and spoke at Goshen High School. They spoke about the general life of an adult and juvenile offender in the Department of Correction.

Purdue North Central held a graduation at the Minimum Security Unit at the Indiana State Prison. Students received Bachelor degrees, Associate degrees, and certificates. One student was recognized for receiving the Highest Distinction Award. Students were also recognized for being honor students for the term.

Correctional Police Officers Mavis Grady and Captain Cathy Elliott from Pendleton Juvenile and Hubert Duncan and Tom Francum from the Correctional Industrial Facility successfully completed handgun qualifications at the recently constructed range at the Pendleton Correctional Facility.

Profound honesty, openness and treatment occurred at Westville's Therapeutic Community family seminar project. Eight offenders along with thirteen family members participated, where they talked about addiction and the impact and toll addiction takes on the family. The event was made possible by the Justice Assistance grant.

Indianapolis Re-entry Educational Facility's Employee Appreciation Committee hosted a nacho sale fundraiser. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the facility's SITCON team.