



# Weekly Views

Indiana Department of Correction

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**DID YOU EVER WANT TO BE PART OF THE "COOL KIDS" IN SCHOOL? NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!** Join your facility's [Special Olympics' 2016 Polar Plunge](#) team! Sign up using the link above today and get yourself ready to wow your classmates at your next high school reunion! You will bask in glory knowing that as you pose in waist-high water no one will ever be able to deny your coolness anymore!

**ENTER THE FLEX ZONE!** Special Olympics has a great opportunity for you to compete with in the **SHOWDOWN OF THE SHIELD**, a weightlifting competition featuring exercises where the participants compete as many repetitions as the can in one minute according to the percentage of their body weight. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** February 25, 2016. The first six teams to register will be eligible to compete, contact Indiana State Trooper Tommy Walker @ 812-350-4638 to register or questions. **COMPETITION DATE:** March 12, 2016 10am @Fairoaks Mall, Columbus, IN.



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

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



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



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



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



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