



Weekly Views

Indiana Department of Correction

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ROCKVILLE WALKS AWAY FROM THE COMPETITION! Last Saturday, approximately 13 RCF staff, family and friends participated in the 9th annual Zoom Town Covered Bridge 5K Run/Walk. The event, sponsored by the Montezuma Covered Bridge Festival Volunteer Committee raises money Autism Awareness. RCF Superintendent Julie Stout won the plaque and medal for overall female walker and finisher and RCF Intake Classification Supervisor David Manson won the medal for finishing in the Top 3 in the walk.



EDINBURGH STAFF NOT WINGING IT WHEN IT COMES TO PREPARING FOR SPREAD OF AVIAN FLU: Edinburgh Correctional Facility partnered with State of Indiana Board of Animal Health to train 51 offenders and four staff members on managing a crisis of Avian Flu. Staff and offenders were trained on euthanizing large populations of fowl if Indiana were to experience an outbreak. The risk from avian influenza is generally low to most people because the viruses do not usually infect humans.

CHRISTIAN HIP-HOP ARTISTS TURN UP THE BASS TO BRANCHVILLE!

Last Saturday offenders at the Branchville Correctional Facility were treated to a performance by Christian hip hop artists Charis, Dominique Cosby and Jonathan Boettcher. The artists are a part of Evansville record label, NKOSI. NKOSI's mission is: "To lead the Evansville hip hop community into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. To equip hip hop artists through encouragement, accountability and resourcing; to provide opportunity and a biblical based world



view for those persons desiring to use hip hop culture to reach Evansville for the glory of Jesus Christ." As the State's only Faith and Character facility, events such as this are a fundamental part of Branchville Correctional Facility's mission.



LOGANSVILLE JUVENILE STAFF TURN PINTS INTO LIVES! Employees of the Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility participate in a Red Cross Blood Drive held at the facility. At the time of this release, there were 19 donors who had

participated with 15 units of blood accepted. **Fun Fact:** One donation can help save the lives of up to three people; if you began donating blood at age 17 and donated every 56 days until you reached 76, you would have donated 48 gallons of blood, potentially helping save more than 1,000 lives; Only 7 percent of people in the U.S. have O-negative blood type. O-negative blood type donors are universal donors as their blood can be given to people of all blood types; Forty-five percent of people in the U.S. have Type O (positive or negative) blood. This percentage is higher among Hispanics – 57 percent, and among African Americans – 51 percent.

WRTV TOUTS EFFECTIVENESS OF PUTNAMVILLE'S CLIFF PROGRAM: It's been 10 years since the Indiana Department of Correction began the CLIFF program for meth-addicted offenders. Recently, Indianapolis ABC affiliate WRTV visited Putnamville Correctional Facility to see the program at work. Click [here](#) for the video.



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IDOC EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT



Known for his excellent verbal judo, 29-year-old Christopher Boggs backs it up with his 2nd degree Black Belt. Originally from Richmond, IN 'Triple B' (Black Belt Boggs) this single father of four does have a soft side, when he's not keeping the peace at the New Castle Facility with his under-the-radar martial arts skills, he may entertain you with a brief opus on his violin – yes this deadly killing machine can leave you totally incapacitated then play Claire De Lune until the ambulance arrives.

As a 12-year veteran of the DOC, Christopher originally joined the IDOC because he needed a job. Now that he's be around for a while he's glad he did. "My co-workers are the best thing about my job." When asked what he would changed if he was Commissioner for a day, "Definitely the uniforms." Sensei Boggs said immediately. As if by magic he produced a set of sketches from his pocket, "Check out these designs." I wonder to myself how many other talents this man is going to spring on me before the interview was over.

As he sat and meditated before his workout, I asked him that as a Sensei, what wise sayings does he share at the dojo. Without opening his eyes he whispered, "A loud mouth is often nothing more than an echo from an empty head." He rose to his feet and began to stretch and practice his Kihon Waza. I continued my questions, this time focusing on his most memorable day on the job. He paused in mid pose, muscles tense, and steely gazed in the distance before replying "The day of... the Disturbance." He didn't go into detail and I didn't ask lest he chop me into tiny whimpering pieces.

Triple B did admit that he's looking forward to asking the Commissioner Lemmon how can we create more opening lines of communication for all staff - beginning with line staff to corporate leaders. In five years, he expects to be up for Lieutenant and according to his co-workers and supervisors, "He'll make a darn good one." He paused then added, "And then maybe he'll share his recipe for his world famous grilled cheese sandwiches."

As he rosined his bow, I asked him my last question - what advice would he give to those thinking about a career in correction. "Talk with your family." He replied as he placed his violin under his chin. "They will be as much a part of your job as you will. If they're like me, it will end up being how they'll like to spend their free time along with friends."

He then performed a Bach piece that made everyone is the Yard pause as if in a trance until he had finished. He seemed to read my face slowly nodded then with a slight smile said. "Yes Grasshopper it is good to be me." He then turned and sauntered back to his post.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!