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Proposal Updates

Ice Cream sales on yard	6/5/18	Denied
Drink (coffee Bar) area in visiting room	6/5/18	Submitted
Email kiosk notification system	6/5/18	Submitted
Incentive Level 3 fundraiser "NON- A-Block"	6/5/18	Submitted

LIFERS' Featured Member

Name: Michael Wille

Handle: "willie"

Age: 58

Date of Incarceration: 1989

Sentence: Life w/30

Books or Movies: Books

Top 3: **Mans' Search for Meaning** By: Viktor Frankle, **The Covenant** By: James Michner, and any and all **Ernest Hemingway** books.

How do you do your time? *How I do my time now is completely different as how I did it before. I was totally immersed into sports and athletics when I fell, Prison Industries and education. Now I'm still working on my education, but I watch sports on TV, eat chips and volunteer for the club every now and then.*

What do you like about the Lifers' club: *I like that the Lifers' club tries to put us first.*

What direction would you like to see the club go? *Expand our voice, let others see the thing we do. Always champion the cause of those that have no voice.*

Parting Shots: *Shared Wisdom for those that are in need: don't be afraid to break your time up. Set goals 3-5 years down the road. Obtain them and keep doing it. Always try to complete something in these time periods for the parole board. It's important to show growth. Save everything, and keep good records of these accomplishments.*

Announcements/Upcoming Events

2019 Meeting Dates

April 11th Eating Contest

May 9th Dog Show – **Approved!**

June 13th Lifers' Fundraiser – **Still accepting Ideas!**

July 11th Animal Show – **Birds of prey**

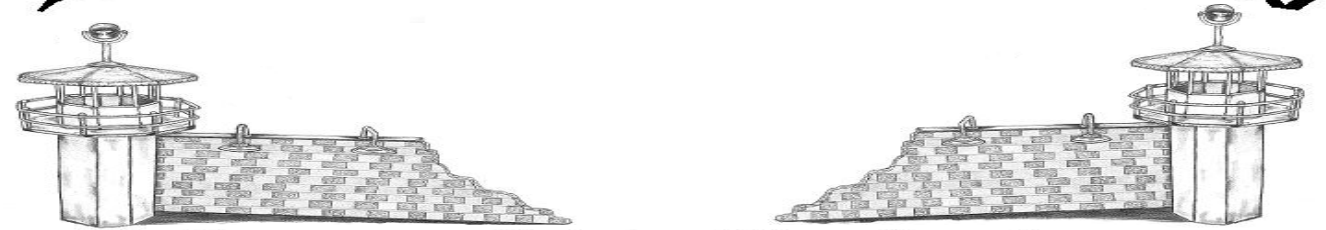
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-Annual Eating Contest Continued-

Gentlemen, as all should know by now, the Lifers' Unlimited Club Annual Eating Contest is next month. Everything should be ready, I'm putting in the order with culinary today. The menu is now locked in. There will be Hot Dogs with Buns, Cottage Cheese, Hard Boiled Eggs, and Chicken Nuggets. The Championship round will consist of one random item form Culinary where the two top teams will compete against each other for first place.

Your V.P – Brian

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Gentlemen,

As you know we're working on a lot of ideas that will benefit the livability of our environment. I know, I have said this many times... however; I truly thank you for your patience with me. I know I get short sometimes when I am busy. I truly enjoy serving this club and looking out for every member in it. We are stuck with each other. I never want to be a jerk to any of you. As Rob says, "Bills old and grumpy" We have Juan "Nike" up here as our clerk, and helping out now. So with any luck, things will settle down soon.

In closing, There is talk around changing the club Logo. As you can see some of the clubs have made a few changes and updated their look so to speak. We are looking at doing the same and instead of just arbitrarily doing something like that we invite your input. Also if your so incline to be artistic... lets see what you have.

Thank you for listing to me rant!

Your Treasure - Bill

From Your President

A Quick Update!

Starting with our next seniors day I have gotten approval for stair restricted VIP to use the elevator. I believe this to be great news as this allows all our seniors to have a chance to come up and enjoy the event, get some extra social time and even enjoy a couple doughnuts. I look forward to sharing more good news with you soon.

Lifers' Unlimited Club President

Rob Kelly

Lifers' Club Presents Tuff-Enuff Long Rain Coats **\$14.50 ea**



48in LONG CLEAR 20 mm PVC 100 % WATER PROOF
Available in XS thru 3XL, the one in the photo is 2X
Submit CD-28s to Lifers #2430. Write your sizes selection on the back of your CD-28

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Lifers' Unlimited Club is to unite the incarcerated men of OSP with a goal of improving the quality of life for those inside and outside of these walls. The club will work with charity programs, informational services, youth speaking panels and other positive programs. We cannot change the past, however, we believe through rehabilitation and pro-social behavior we can create a more productive future.

MEETING MINUTES 3/14/19--- LEGAL SEMINAR

- 1) The meeting began with introductions at approximately 6:20pm.
- 2) The following attorneys were present: Alex Megit, Micha Cone, Alex Fisher, Laney Ellisor, Lisa Ludwig, Jessica Albies, Maya Rinta, Jessie Merrithew.
- 3) There was a handout passed out regarding the exploding prison population under measure 11.
 - a. We heard about the term “super-predator” in the national context, and the local version that originated from three African American youths charged with assaulting a white man at Lloyd Center in the early 90’s.
 - b. We learned that Kevin Mannix was instrumental in the founding of measures 10 and 11.
 - c. The facts indicate that measures 10 & 11 were originally sold as a way to challenge labor unions, and eventually did by creating cheap labor through mass incarceration (inmate labor).
 - d. There was only \$750 raised to oppose measure 11.
 - e. Oregon’s prison population doubled under measure 11.
- 4) Attorney Jessie Merrithew spoke on the juvenile lifer issue and asked that any/all juvenile lifers contact his office.
- 5) At approximately 7:00pm the meeting ended with everyone breaking into smaller groups to discuss specific issues and interest with the attorneys in the individual areas of expertise.

FOR A COPY OF THE HANDOUT CONTACT “BILL” IN THE LIFER’S OFFICE.

Lifers’ Unlimited Club Secretary - Bear

Lifers' Club Presents

ARM & HAMMER Spin-brush Classic Battery Toothbrush


- An oscillating head and multi-level bristles help remove more plaque.
- Ergonomically designed handle for a more comfortable grip. Comes in a variety of color choices
- 2 AA batteries required (trial batteries included)
- The affordable way to get a precision spin-brush clean
- Boasts an ergonomically designed handle for a more comfortable grip

Replaceable Brush Head will be available Long term

\$12.00

Brushes and Heads can be on the same CD-28

Submit to **Lifers #2859**. NO LIMITS



2pk Replacement Electric Toothbrush Heads

\$11.00 Per pk

Lifers' Club Presents

For the man that has it all...

Fityle Men's Grooming Tools Set with Shaving Brush and Bowl, 100% Synthetic (Animal Free) Soft Brush,



Shave Soap

1.75oz bar

6pk bars for \$8.00



\$8.00

PLASTIC

Please submit separate cd-28s for each Fundraiser.

Write your selection on the back of your CD-28, and Submit to Lifers #2859.

In case any of you have run into problems with your friends or family members having trouble with Telmate the official Customer Service Number is 866-516-0115

What’s up fellas?! These are some poems that where either written by lifers or pertain to maturing ourselves as we are doing our life sentences. I hope you find them as encouraging as I have. – M. Botting

I’ve Found Today - Unknown Author

I’ve shut the door on Yesterday,
Its sorrows and mistakes;
I’ve locked inside its gloomy walls
Past failures and heartaches.
And now I throw the key away
To seek another room,
And furnish it with hope and smiles
And every springtime bloom.

No thought shall enter this abode
That has a hint of pain,
And worry, malice and distrust
Shall never therein reign.
I’ve shut the door on Yesterday
And thrown the key away-
The Future has no doubt for me,
Since I have found Today.

[From Wise Words and Quotes, by Vern McLellan]

A Rose By Any Other Name
By, Michael Botting

If a rose can grow without thorn
Blasphemers can scoff without scorn
Can’t label things that you judge quick
Can’t see the petal past the prick
But people are judged for their worse
Slander’s the truth, they’re guilty first

When all the good’s gone with one blame
A rose is called another name
They still do well, they still smell sweet
Typos wrote they couldn’t delete
You got thorns, but planted a rose
Fertilize. Hope a flower grows

L. Thomas Holdcroft once said,
“The past is a guidepost, not a hitching post”

Springtime Quotes:
-He who wants a place in the sun should expect blisters.
-It takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow.

New Flavors

Lifers' Club Presents: BHU Fundraiser DaVinci Flavored Syrup



25oz Plastic Bottle

- Classic Strawberry
- Caramel
- Banana Flavor (Sugar Free Option Available)
- Classic Irish Cream Flavor
- Classic Cheesecake

\$10.00 Per Bottle

We still have a few of the old Flavors: Peppermint, Vanilla and Toasted Marsh

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Write your selection on the back of your CD-28 and Submit to Lifers #2430.

LIMITED TO 4 BOTTLES PER PERSON EVERY THREE MONTHS

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P.O. Box 70092, Henrico, VA 23255

Lifers' Club Presents

BREW YOUR OWN COFFEE IN THE CELL



- Place this over your favorite cup or mug - \$6.00



- Melitta cone Coffee filters 100ct - Now Only = \$5.00

Lifers' Club Presents

BREW YOUR OWN COFFEE IN YOUR CELL

Coffee \$10.00



- Drip Cone: **\$6.00**



- Coffee filters **\$5.00ea**



\$25.00
1 Lb Bags



\$17.00

While supplies last

Pumpkin – 9
Mocha Flavor - 11
Blueberry – 16

- Cameron Choc. Car, Brownie
- Kauai Coconut Car. Crunch
- S.B Morning Joe DARK
- S.B Pike Place Med. Roast
- S.B Colombia
- NEC Toasted Hazelnut
- S.B Blonde Med roast
- Archer S'mores Light Roast

March 2019

NEC French Vanilla 11oz

\$7.00 EA

Please submit separate cd-28s for each Fundraiser to Lifers' #2430

This is a continuous fundraiser for visiting room upgrades

Submit your cd-28 to Lifers #2430 writing your selection on the back of your cd-28.

Your coffee will be delivered to you, or you will be placed on call out **once your cd-28 has cleared.**

By Ben Conarck @conarck **Posted Feb 19, 2019 at 9:41 AM**

The Florida Department of Corrections is facing a potential class action over recently forcing inmates to forfeit millions of dollars worth of mp3 and other multimedia files purchased under a since-axed media player contract. **William Demler, a 74-year-old incarcerated man at South Florida Reception Center is the lead plaintiff in the case, which was filed in the northern U.S. District Court on Tuesday with the backing of the nonprofit legal firm, the Florida Justice Institute.**

In 2012, Demler first bought an MP3 player while incarcerated at Hamilton Correctional Institution in Jasper. Over the next few years, he purchased about 335 songs, spending nearly \$700 all told on the player and accessories. He is seeking to form a class with similarly situated inmates.

Demler’s grievance about losing his music was first reported by the Times-Union in August after inmates sent scores of letters with similar complaints to the newsroom.

Over the course of the Access contract, which dates back to 2014, more than 30,299 media players were sold and 6.7 million songs downloaded — about \$11.3 million worth of music.

The department ditched the contract in 2017 in favor of a more lucrative multimedia tablet deal with JPay, rendering all past purchases irrelevant.

The complaint details the rollout and advertising of the Access program. It quotes ad copy directed toward inmates promising, “Once music is purchased, you’ll always own it!”

“These men and women relied on representations made by the FDOC and its vendor that, once purchased, they would own these songs and books for the duration of their incarceration,” Josh Glickman, an attorney for the Social Justice Law Collective, also backing the suit, said in a statement.

Glickman continued, “The FDOC’s confiscation of these individuals’ lawfully purchased property — for no reason other than to turn a profit — is simply unconscionable.”

The Times-Union has asked the Department of Corrections for comment on the pending lawsuit.
The Florida Justice Institute has a lengthy track record of mounting class actions against the department over prison conditions. The media player complaint alleges violations of the Takings and Due Process clauses of the U.S. Constitution.

If certified, the class could be sprawling in scale. Inmates filed grievances about the mp3 program so frequently that the Department of Corrections created a separate category in December 2017 to track hundreds of related grievance appeals at the administrative level.

The fallout from the media player contract is one example of how inmates are often on the losing end in the Department of Corrections’ various dealings with the private companies that do profitable business in state prisons.

The department, meanwhile, has positioned itself to generate more cash than ever. Commissions from its JPay contract are spiking and its prison canteens are bringing in about \$35 million or more per year.

Securus Technologies, the department’s former phone vendor, sued the agency last month, claiming it was going around the Legislature to collect a “wish list of goodies” from its new phone contract rather than negotiate for lower calling rates.

The Department of Corrections published numerous ads and posted them in various institutions, the lawsuit claims, in an effort to encourage prisoners to purchase digital media players, files, and accessories.

Besides touting the media player’s memory capacity, operating power, and screen size, at least one widely distributed advertisement, which appeared on the digital media player order form, promised that inmates would always own the music they purchased.

“Notably, the same advertisement that promised participating FDOC prisoners that they would ‘always own’ the digital media files they had purchased listed only one restriction,” the lawsuit said, “that each FDOC prisoner was only permitted to possess one digital media player at any given time.”

A user guide informed inmates that they were allowed to delete and re-order digital media files they had purchased from a cloud-based library at any time, with no additional cost, according to the lawsuit.

“You will never be charged for a song that is ordered from the Re-Order manager,” the guide said. “After all, you have already paid for the song once, we don’t think you should ever have to pay for it again.”

Attorneys were unable to uncover any written warnings or suggestions that purchases made through the Access program would only be available for use during the span of the contract, according to lawsuit.

Media players were first sold in 2011 under a different vendor, according to the lawsuit. When the department signed its contract with Access in 2014, it ensured that inmates would be able to transfer the music purchases they already made.

“It is the intent of the department that the implementation of the new digital player program have little or no financial impact on inmates presently participating in the department’s current program,” the old contract language said, according to the lawsuit.

The latest round of media player negotiations with JPay included no such protections, the lawsuit said.

The Department of Corrections officially terminated its contract with Access in April 2017, entering that same month into a new agreement with JPay that would bring the Florida-based company’s multimedia tablets to every facility.

Beginning in January 2018, inmates lost access to their cloud-based libraries, preventing them from downloading previously purchased music and books, according to the lawsuit.

Prisoners who chose not to receive a JPay tablet were given a deadline of January 23, 2019 to surrender their digital media players, the lawsuit said.

Inmates who are forced to give up their digital media players and files were given the option to mail the player back to Access Corrections to have its security timer removed and mailed to someone outside of the prison for a fee of \$25, or have the files from the player transferred to a CD and mailed to someone outside prison for the same fee.

“The option to send the player and/or files to someone outside of prison does not cure the problem,” the lawsuit claims. “... Prisoners purchased the digital players and music to listen to them and enjoy them while in prison — not at some unspecified time in the future.”

Beyond that, many of the inmates who purchased media files were serving life sentences or equivalent sentences, the complaint said. Others have no family or friends outside prison who would be able to receive a player or CD, it continued.

“For these prisoners in particular, the option to mail out the player is completely illusory,” the complaint said.

Demler, for example, is serving a life sentence, and remains in contact only with his 92-year-old uncle, “who has no use for Mr. Demler’s digital music player and/or files,” according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit emphasizes that state prison inmates don’t have internet access, and many don’t have access to AM/FM radios, or meaningful work assignments.

In a 2017 grievance filed with the Department of Corrections, Demler complained that the agency “promoted the MP3 Program and encouraged participation to ensure a larger share in the profits made by Access Corrections.”

“Discontinuing the program and forcing inmates to give up their players without compensation amounts to an act of fraud,” he said.