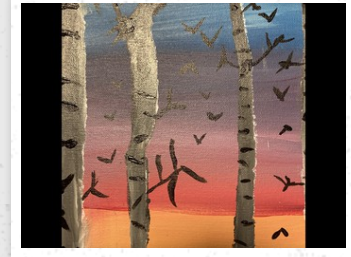


# Juvenile Detention Center

— Amazing Things Are Happening Here! —

## August 2021



## Art Experience 2021: It's a Wrap!



### Back to School!

On August 17th, our youth began their normal schooling again, after following a summer school schedule for the past several weeks, which means they have schooling for half days. Our school schedule aligns with the Medina City Schools schedule since our teachers are part of that school district.

This year, for the first time, we were able to provide education through Apex seats which is an online learning platform. Fifteen seats were purchased through Apex Learning from Title I funds. Title I funds are distributed through our state to help ensure all children meet academic requirements.

Using Apex Learning allows our youth to earn credit for their schooling. Not all of our youth can earn credit if they are not able to get school work from their school. By using Apex Learning, we can ensure that our youth are earning the credits needed so they do not fall behind in their schooling!

## Sharon Fall Fest

Save the Date! On **Saturday, September 18th**, from **9am to 4pm** the Sharon Women's Club will be holding their annual Fall Fest on the Sharon Center circle! Nearly 60 vendors will be selling produce, handbags, honey, home-made soaps, etcetera. There will also be food trucks and raffles. (Did we mention food trucks??)

***Our detention center will be present with a sneak peek of some of the art that will be on display at our own upcoming event on September 23rd. In addition, we will have information about what we do here, and what opportunities and services we provide for our kids.***

Proceeds from Fall Fest go right back into our community! This fundraiser raises money for scholarships that are given to Highland High School seniors, and seniors of the Medina County Career Center. Scholarship money is given to approximately five to eight seniors from Highland, and about \$10,000 in scholarships are offered to the Career Center.

The money is not only offered as a scholarship, as the Sharon Women's Club helps with housing, supplies and transportation needs. Beyond this, they even support families in need within the district and with our County Home.

It is going to be a fun-filled day, and we look forward to meeting you there!!

## Parenting Tip!

### Give Your Child Appropriate Praise!

Instead of simply saying, "You're great," try to be specific about what your child did to deserve the positive feedback. You might instead say, "Waiting until I was off the phone was difficult, but I really appreciated your patience."



## Oaks Family Care Center

We are thankful that the Oaks Family Care Center has been able to come back into our facility to bring their non-denominational faith-based services to our youth! The Oaks provides a wide range of services to our communities as well, such as a food pantry, parenting classes, and material goods for new parents, and individual and family counseling!



Volunteers from the Oaks Family Care Center come in each week to speak with our kids, from a Biblical perspective, current events and the daily challenges our kids (and the rest of us) face. Their volunteers also engage in optional prayer - *all our faith-based services are optional* - with our kids!

(Pictured below are volunteers Keith Herzing and Deb Wilson. [www.oaks-family-care.org](http://www.oaks-family-care.org).)



## Guest Speaker

Some of you may remember a good friend of ours, Mr. Mike Pistorino, who has visited us and spoken to our kids in the past. He was able to return recently and again spoke from his heart about the troubled past he experienced as a child and young adult. After spending several years in prison and re-entering life, he many years ago now finally figured out that, as he likes to say; he was allergic to criminal activity. Mike told everyone that every time he committed a crime, he would break out in handcuffs!

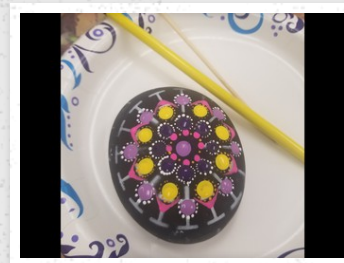


Mike owns his own specialty concrete fastener business in Cleveland and travels the country speaking out against child sexual abuse, and encouraging youth to make smart decisions with their lives. He always makes an impact on our kids, and we are grateful to him for volunteering his time.



## Mandala Rocks!

We were so excited to bring Nirali Shah into our facility to teach our youth dot painting on rocks! Each youth painted a mandala on a rock and they turned out awesome! Nirali has taught this unique style of painting to our youth in the past but had to do so through Zoom. It was so nice to have her fun, upbeat personality here with our kids in person!



***A BIG thanks to Nirali for coming in for this art session!!***



## Meet Sgt. Cleckner

Meet our new Sergeant, McKensi Cleckner! She has been with us, at the Detention Center, for two and a half years. McKensi grew up in Wadsworth and has been there since. She had always been interested in law enforcement, she commented. She even comes from a family, who most, are in public service. McKensi commented, *"I am so appreciative of this opportunity, I look forward to working with my new team!"*



When a sergeant position opened in July, McKensi was immediately interested. Sergeant Cleckner holds all the qualities

excitement. She commented, "I am excited to step into this leadership role. I have learned a plethora of knowledge from my previous sergeant and I am excited to implement my strategies to my team and the kids that are here."

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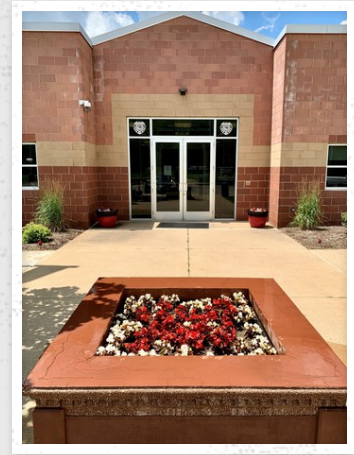
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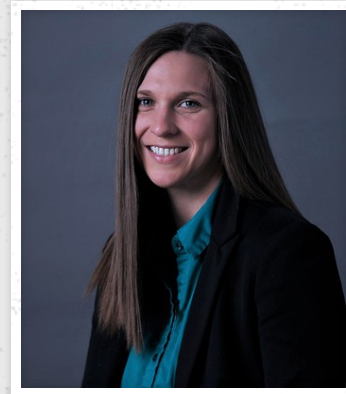
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