

# Juvenile Detention Center

Amazing Things Are Happening Here!

## April 2022

### Greeting Cards at Our Newest Location!

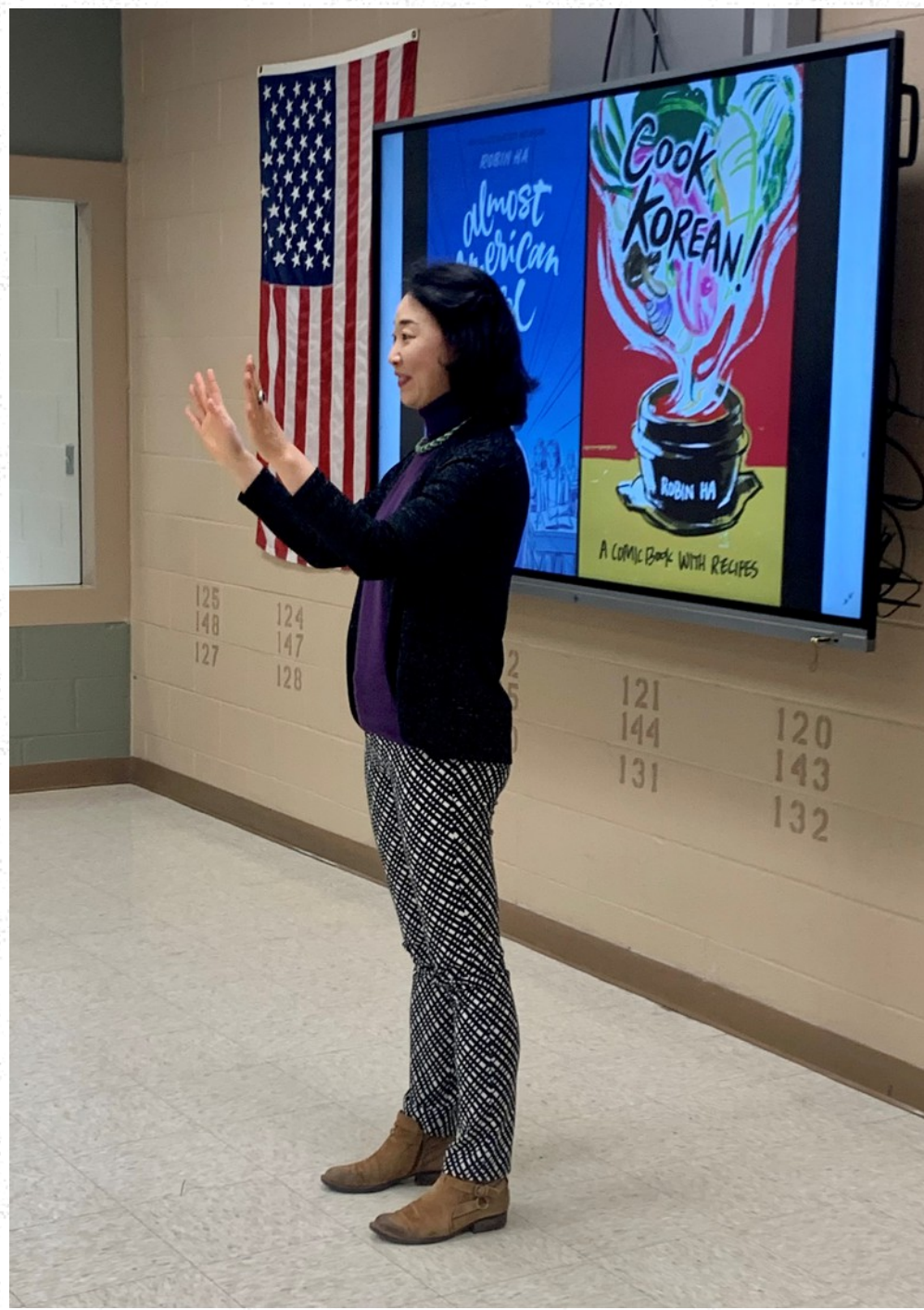
Are you familiar with the The Grande Cafe and Roastery here in town? If you aren't, their mission is more than just serving great coffee. The Grande Cafe and Roastery is a paid work program for individuals with mental and/or physical disabilities, and brings multiple vocational programs for their employees and the community, offered through Medina Creative Housing.



Their Executive Director, Dianne DiPasquale-Haggerty (below), radiates support and dedication to the Roastery and her employees. Dianne was gracious enough to display our greeting cards to be "sold" through donations, with proceeds going directly to fund continued therapeutic art for our kids. We are so thankful for our partnership with, and support of, the Roastery! They are located at 4080 Creative Living Way (next to Home Depot) here in Medina.

[\(https://medinacreativehousing.com/grande-cafe-roastery/\)](https://medinacreativehousing.com/grande-cafe-roastery/)





## Special Visit From a Bestselling Author!

Thank you to the Medina County District Library for arranging a special visit to us - New York Times Bestselling Author, Robin Ha! Robin is an illustrator, writer and graphic novelist. Robin talked with our youth on April 23rd about her life moving from Seoul, Korea, to Huntsville, Alabama, at the age of 14. She spoke about the challenges she faced moving to America and the cultural obstacles that set her apart from other kids her age.

During her visit, Robin gave a live reading on her most recent graphic novel *almost American Girl: An Illustrated Memoir*. Each of our youth were able to read this book prior to her visit and had the opportunity to have a Q&A session with Robin. After the visit, they were able to keep their own copy to take home with them.



## Did You Know There are Approximately 500 Species of Bees in Ohio? Neither Did We!

So, what's the "buzz" on bees? Well, we recently had the pleasure of having Peggy Garnes, who is the President of the Ohio State Beekeepers Association, visit our facility to speak with our youth and staff alike about the joy of beekeeping. Peggy has over 20 years of experience, 140 hives of her own at her house, and she works with three universities to study bee breeding. Peggy brought some of her equipment to show and explain the uses of hive frames, a hive smoker, and a bee veil.

While Peggy was here she explained how important it is for people to care for bees and understand their significance, as honey bees are the number one pollinator in the world. Being so good at their jobs, honey bees are responsible for approximately 1/3 of all grown food that humans, and other creatures, need to survive. Peggy also explained the honey bee populations are on the decline, losing around half of their population every year. Bees are very versatile creatures who are able to live almost anywhere in the world as long as it isn't a frozen wasteland, but without human intervention and care, they will continue to decline.

On the lighter side, Peggy also talked to our youth about the different types of honey bees found in a hive. First, there is the queen who is responsible for laying eggs. Second, we have the workers who make up approximately 95% of the hive. The workers are all female and are responsible for collecting pollen and nectar, as well as raising the young and doing hive maintenance. Lastly, there are the drones. Drones are all male bees and are solely responsible for passing on DNA to the next generation.

There are several different breeds of honey bees that a beekeeper can have in their hives such as, Saskatraz bees from Canada, Three Banded Italian bees from Italy, and even local bees from Ohio and California. Each different bee breed has different capabilities from being great honey producers to bee-ing able to "over-winter" (being able to survive winter weather) better. Some hives can produce an average of 50-90 pounds of honey a year, and some of the better honey producers are able to produce approximately 150 pounds of honey. Depending on what

time of the year it is, honey may have different tastes and colors based off what is in bloom around the bees' habitat in that season. It is important to know what kind of pollinating flora is in the area for the bees to retrieve their pollen and nectar from and when those plants are in bloom.

Peggy spoke about how when a queen is old, the bees in the hive will recognize certain signs and the lack of pheromones and begin establishing a new queen. This is achieved when the worker bees feed a larva mostly royal jelly. Royal jelly is produced in special glands on a worker bee located between the abdomen and thorax. Worker bees get mostly what is referred to as "pollen bread" in their developmental stages. Peggy also said that the hive's temperament is based off the queen and if her attitude is undesirable, to eliminate her and the hive will do their thing and replace her, or you could also try to introduce another queen for the hive to accept. Bees, for the most part, are very docile and only sting in defense or if they feel threatened.

So, next time you see a honey bee, please let it do its thing and move on to the next plant it wants to pollinate, and "Bee" a good human!

- *Officer Austin Clemens*



*Peggy with her bee equipment.*



*Peggy explaining different types of honey.*

## Re-entry

Writers in Residence teaches creative writing to incarcerated youth and assists in their re-entry into their home communities. They work with youth throughout Ohio, helping them to build self-esteem, self-awareness, and self-efficacy. WIR has dreamed for a long time about aiding youth in their re-entry process, and are very excited to have launched their Re-entry Mentorship Initiative this year. They provide volunteer adult mentors in and around the home communities of youth from their Creative Writing Workshops. Their goal is to provide youth with a stable and consistent adult who can help their mentee achieve their goals, have a valuable connection to community resources, and build confidence through the mentoring relationship with a trusted adult.

Writers in Residence currently leads Creative Writing Workshops at the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center, and we have had a number of youth express interest in working with a mentor in the Medina area. We are looking for individuals in the Medina County Community who are looking to make a difference in the life of a young person who is preparing to reenter their home community. If you are passionate about assisting one of our youth in gaining vital self-esteem, developing life skills, and reentering the community successfully, please let us know. This is a work in progress to see how feasible this may be. You can find out more on Facebook and Instagram, or by visiting website [writersnresidence.org](http://writersnresidence.org), or by contacting Reentry Community Outreach, and Advocacy Director, Spencer Dolezal at [sdolezal@writersnresidence.org](mailto:sdolezal@writersnresidence.org) or 419.740.0229.

*- Spencer Dolezal  
Writers in Residence Advocate*

## National Child Abuse Prevention Month

As we noted last month, April is National Child Abuse Prevention month. On Sunday, April 24th, staff from our detention center assisted in planting 696 pinwheels at the Medina Library, representing the 696 cases of child abuse opened by Medina County Job & Family Services in 2021. Pictured below are Executive Director Ashley Krause of The Children's Center of Medina County, and Debbie Kiley, Director of Medina County JFS making opening remarks at this year's Pinwheel Walk. The weather was beautiful and brought about 200 people to the event. Our hope is that someday this event, the pinwheels, and all related matters regarding neglected and abused children will be unnecessary!

[www.mcjfs.com](http://www.mcjfs.com).

[www.medinacountychildrenscenter.org](http://www.medinacountychildrenscenter.org).







## Another Honoree!

Our latest Honoree is a 17 year-old female. She has been with us just over four weeks now and has been a model resident. She gets to wear a different colored uniform which readily and noticeably sets her apart from our other residents. As we have noted in the past, our Honoree level is all about being a positive role-model for everyone else in the building, and she told us she is proud to have reached Honoree. Pictured is a note Superintendent Stollar wrote to her upon her realizing this achievement. *Please also note the backside of the card!*

*And a quick mention that one of our male residents achieved Honoree status on February 22nd and is STILL an Honoree! He is doing VERY well!!*

# HONOREE

DATE: APRIL 30, 2022

**HONOR: TO REGARD WITH GREAT RESPECT, TO HOLD IN HIGH ESTEEM.**

HONOREE [REDACTED]

CONGRATULATIONS ON BECOMING AN HONOREE!

WE APPRECIATE ALL THE EFFORT YOU HAVE PUT INTO  
YOUR GOOD BEHAVIOR, AND FOR YOUR INTEREST AND  
WILLINGNESS TO BE A ROLE-MODEL FOR OTHERS.

ENJOY YOUR ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGES!!

SUPERINTENDENT JELLAR

*"I would prefer to fail with honor than win by cheating." - Sophocles*

## THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON YOU WILL EVER MEET

When your time on earth ends, and you have your inevitable appointment at the entrance to the Pearly Gates (or wherever you believe your afterworld may be), there will be someone there to greet you. That someone is going to ask you one single question. How you answer that question is going to determine the rest of your eternity; because you see, that one person holds the key to the Gates, and person alone decides whether or not you get in.

The only catch is this; that person is going to be the exact opposite of you in every way. They are going to be short if you are tall; weak if you are strong; they are going to have blond hair if your hair is dark; they are going to be heavy if you are thin; that person is going to be black or Asian if you are white, or perhaps Middle-Eastern if you are Hispanic. They are going to have a lot of tattoos or body piercings if you don't have any; they are going to be an immigrant if you are an American. They are going to be Muslim, or Atheist, or Hindu, or Jewish if you are a Christian. They are going to be a nerd if you are athletic; a Democrat if you are a Republican, or vice-versa. They are going to be poor if you are rich. They are going to be the opposite sex of you.

And when you arrive at this entrance to Heaven (or whatever afterlife you believe in), the person you meet there is going to look you squarely in the eye and ask you one question, and one question only; **"How did you treat me?"**



## Outreach Opportunities

Superintendent Stollar was invited this month to speak to a couple groups of folks about our detention center and the work we do here. Ron spoke to the Rotary Club of Brunswick (pictured to the left with Brunswick City Manager Carl DeForest), and also to The Oaks Family Care Center. Ron was the keynote speaker at the Oaks' annual fundraising dinner, with the theme being about honoring one another from the book of Romans, chapter 12:10. Approximately 150 people were in attendance. Stollar's presentation was well received, with several people approaching him afterward expressing their willingness to volunteer for us.

## Access The Arts

As we continue to enjoy our special partnership with Access the Arts, please check out this flyer on a benefit concert to be held this Sunday, May 1st. The concert will be held at Highland High school, and you can attend their dress rehearsal for FREE!

Access the Arts is proud to host a benefit concert by  
**The Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus of North America**



**SUNDAY, MAY 1ST**  
**AT HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL**

4150 Ridge Rd, Medina, OH 44256

11:00am - 11:45am - Open Rehearsal

Public is welcome to enter quietly to witness a rehearsal for their upcoming Severance Hall performance

12:00pm - 1:00pm - Performance

followed by Question/Answer Session from Oleh Mahlay, Artistic Director and Conductor

**SEATING IS FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED**

For over 100 years, the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus has been the guardian of the majestic 60-stringed musical instrument - the Bandura.

100% of the proceeds from this fundraiser will support the humanitarian efforts and musicians in need in Ukraine.

\*Suggested free-will donation of \$10

Feel free to scan the QR Code below or contribute to the cash collection at the event.



The Friends of the Ukrainian Bandurists Chorus is a 501(c)3 charitable, non-profit organization, registered in the State of Michigan. Federal Tax ID 38-1574297. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



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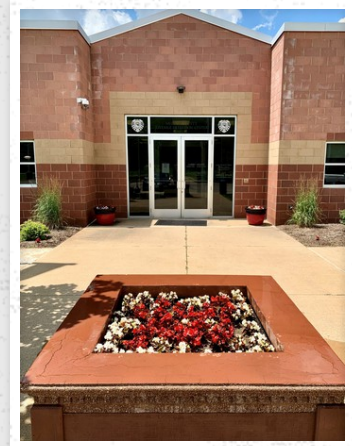
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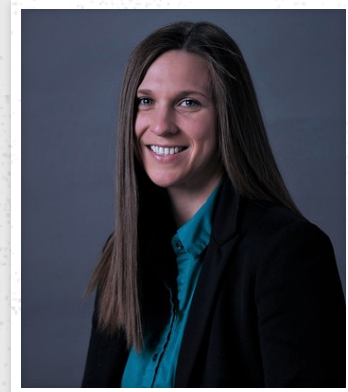
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**Judge Kevin W.  
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**Ron Stollar;  
Superintendent**



**Megan Millikin;  
Assistant  
Superintendent**

*"We are making the Medina community a better place by inspiring troubled youth to become responsible, productive citizens."*

