

Juvenile Detention Center

Amazing Things Are Happening Here!

December 2022

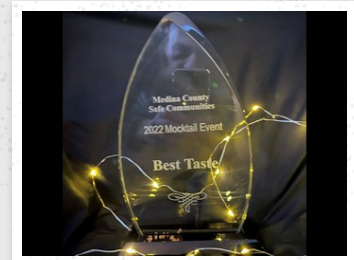
We Wish Everyone a Blessed and Joy-Filled 2023!

What is a New Year's resolution?

Something that goes in one year and out the other!

1st Annual Mocktail Event

This year the juvenile detention center (JDC) staff participated in the Medina County Health Department's 1st Annual Mocktail event which was held at The Lodge at Allardale in Hinckley. The health department's purpose for the event was to promote safe driving during the holiday season and was free to the public.



So what exactly is a mocktail you might ask? A mocktail is a *non-alcoholic* mixed drink meant to replicate the presentation and complexity of craft cocktails. There were six participating organizations that crafted their very own mocktail. Each participant was judged on the taste of their drink, presentation of their booth, and best overall. The participant who scored the highest in each category would win. The JDC presented our mocktail which we called the *Jingle Cell Rock*. It contained Minute Maid Lemonade, Minute Maid Berry Punch, an Ocean Spray White Cran-Peach juice garnished with a small amount of Cotton Candy. We then poured a splash of Raspberry sparkling water over the cotton candy to create a nice fizzing touch. Once the judges tasted each participant's mocktail, they determined a winner for each category. We are pleased to announce that the JDC staff took home The Best Taste Award! We look forward to supporting this event in future years and continuing to support safe driving. Thank you to the judges who felt our mocktail was the best tasting drink there! To see

what else the Medina County Health Department is up to check out their website (<http://medinahealth.org>).

Pictured below are the JDC staff who participated in this year's Mocktail Event.

(From left to right: Ron Stollar, Alexis Lee, Jackie Maddox, Megan Millikin, Lauren Rohal)



Christmas Stockings

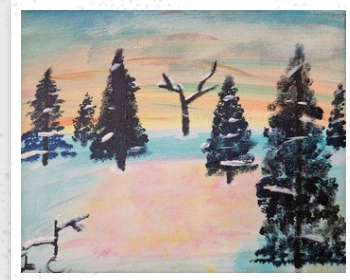
During the month of December, through our ongoing partnership with Access The Arts (ATA), we were able to bring some holiday happiness to our kids. Jane Back (ATA president) coordinated with a friend of hers and others from The Church Of Latter Day Saints (Medina) to donate Christmas stockings to our kids. Each stocking contained writing utensils, puzzle books, a game, a pair of socks, gloves or hat, and some candy. All of the kids were happy to be receiving a Christmas stocking this year that they will get to take home with them.

Art with Abbey

Long time volunteer for Access the Arts, Abbey Swigert, came to visit us! Abbey spent time helping our kids design a landscape of winter trees. The kids really enjoyed using art to

express themselves and did a fantastic job. Check out some of their pieces below.

Thank you Jane and Abbey for your continued support of our detention center and going out of your way to help touch the lives of our kids during the holidays! Check out Access the Arts website to see future events (<https://accessthearts.net>).



Christmas Program

Each December, The Oaks Family Care Center puts on a Christmas program for our kids. (They are here weekly throughout the year but they always do something special for us at Christmas time.) Pastor Keith Herzing from Faithwalk Church, and members of their congregation sang songs, told the Christmas story, and helped our kids write cards to their loved ones. One of them also gave his personal testimony of how he went from a life of drugs and alcohol to now owning a successful business and living a drug/alcohol free life. We always appreciate these folks doing something special for our kids.

Additionally, our chaplain, Sue Jarvis, always comes in on Christmas day and shares the Christmas message with our kids. She also brings donated gifts for them to take home with them upon their release. Sue has been with us since we opened in 1999, and has touched the lives of countless kids over the years. We are blessed to have her!

(The Oaks folks below: Samantha, Deb, Pastor Keith, and Fred.)



New Activity For Our Kids

Some of you may recall a couple of years ago us receiving a karaoke machine from an anonymous donor who goes by Mr. Simon. Our mental health clinicians have used that with our kids both as something fun to do at times, as well as using it as a therapeutic tool for them. Mr. Simon just gifted us a ping-pong table, paddles, and balls for our kids. (He has done this for several other detention centers in Ohio as well.) Mr. Simon has a passion for helping troubled youth and is an accomplished ping-pong player himself. At times he visits the facilities he has donated to and sings and plays ping-pong with their kids! We are grateful for Mr. Simon and folks like him to simply want to help other less fortunate than themselves.



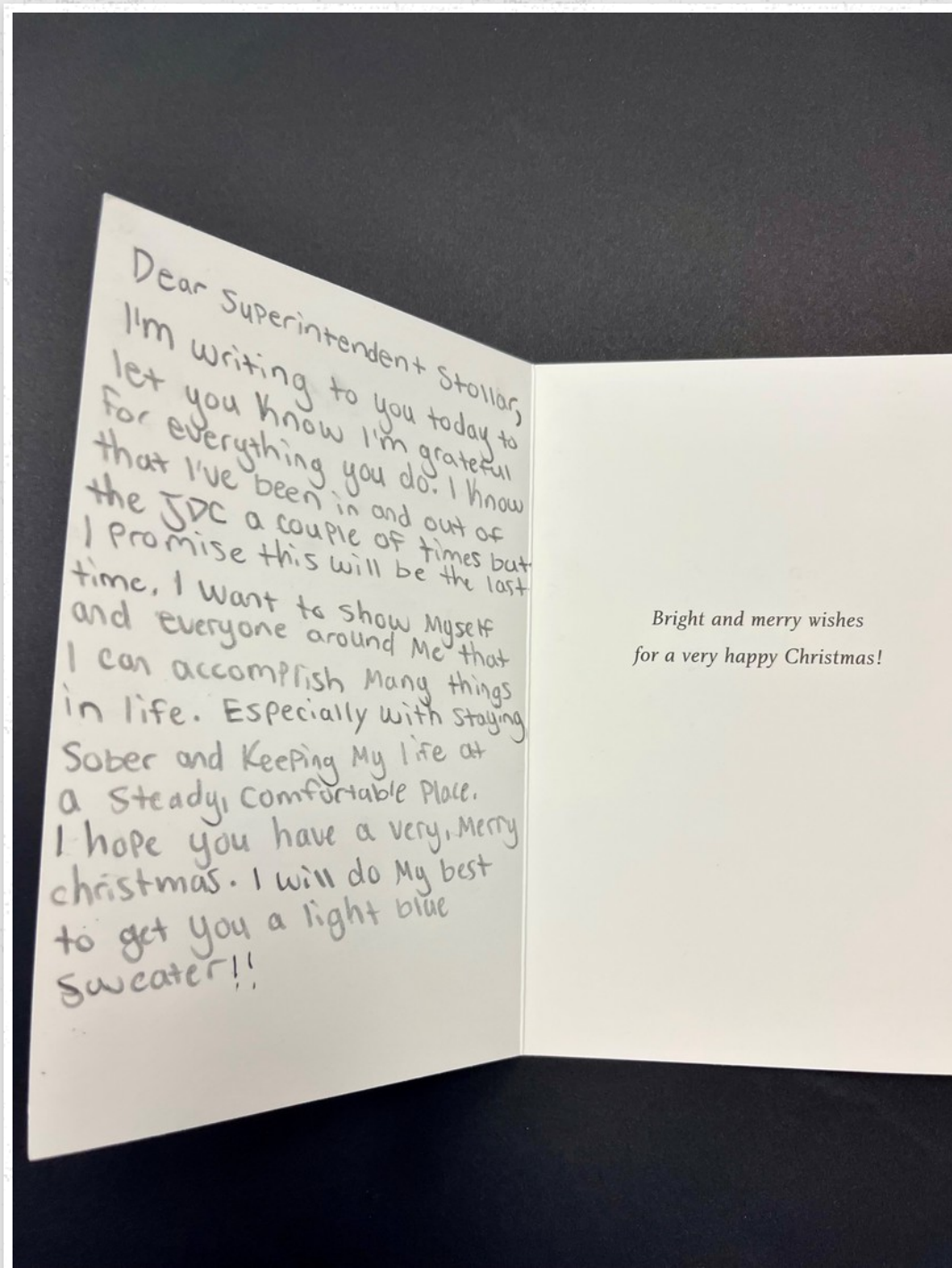
Cully!

Cully was back again this month! Ashley Krause, the Executive Director of The Children's Center of Medina County brought Cully to visit with our kids this month. Ashley is Cully's owner and handler. Cully is a certified therapy dog and canine advocate. Cully joined The Children Center's team in December of 2021. Since joining them she has positively impacted 432 people in her role by reducing stress and anxiety for children and families during their time at the Child Advocacy Center. We are grateful for the partnership we have with The Children's Center.

(<https://medinacountychildrenscenter.org>)

A Christmas Card

Superintendent Stollar was surprised with a Christmas card from one of our residents. As with all our kids, we are pulling for this young lady who has tons of potential. *(Please note that the comment about the sweater was a joke.) :-)*



Dear Superintendent Stollas,
I'm writing to you today to
let you know I'm grateful
for everything you do. I know
that I've been in and out of
the JDC a couple of times but
I promise this will be the last
time. I want to show myself
and everyone around me that
I can accomplish many things
in life. Especially with staying
sober and keeping my life at
a steady, comfortable place.
I hope you have a very, merry
Christmas. I will do my best
to get you a light blue
sweater!!

Bright and merry wishes
for a very happy Christmas!

A New Year Prayer

To those who partied around the world
Or those that lay in bed and curled
up to the one they hold so dear
I wish you all Happy New year.

The homeless sleeping on the street
feeling the hunger and defeat,
May these few words fill you with cheer
may you do well this brand New Year.

Those Women fearing for their lives
battered girlfriends, battered wives

Husbands, boyfriends, living in fear
pray Lord protect them this New Year

For Nurses with devoted ways
caring for someone's final days,
Stay strong no matter how severe
love is your gift in this New year.

For Police protecting us each day
hand them the torch to light our way,
To face the foe showing no fear
we wish them all a safe New Year

That Fireman risking life and limb
Daily, facing scenes so grim,
those burning buildings hold no fear
May God be with them this New year.

Those soldiers in the line of fire
living life close to the wire
From Private to the Brigadier
May God protect you this New Year.

For those alone, without a friend
I hope your darkness soon will end,
Your guiding light is close - so near
may friendship find you this New Year.

Talk to your friends don't text them all
speak face to face without a phone call.
Make pals feel wanted, keep them near
make them happy this brand New Year.

Those people who've lost faith, like me
who have no other Deity
May church folk comfort them - endear
restore their faith in this New Year.

Around the World we should link hands
North, South, East, West to all God's lands,
Should learn to live in love - not fear
let's make this year a brave New Year.

- by Eric R. Harvey



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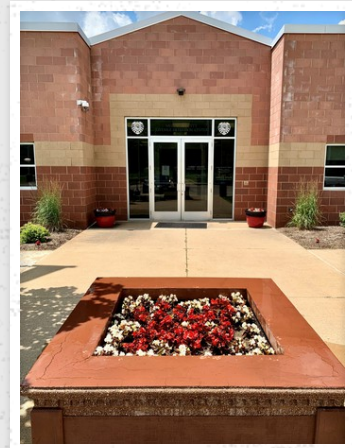
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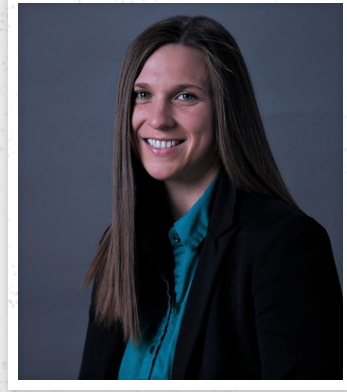




**Judge Kevin W.
Dunn;
Juvenile/Probate
Court**



**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."