

Juvenile Detention Center

Amazing Things Are Happening Here!

May 2022

Memorial Day

This Monday the 30th is a day we solemnly remember and honor all those who have died in military service for our country. The Medina County Juvenile Detention Center sincerely thanks all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country, we well as their families who are most directly affected by the loss of their loved ones. Please keep the men and women of our United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard in your prayers not only this weekend but always.



National Correctional Officer and Employee Appreciation Week

Since a presidential proclamation made it official in 1984, the first week in May has been set aside to remember the work and sacrifices of America's correctional officers and employees. This week, known as National Correctional Officer and Employee Appreciation Week, was first created by President Ronald Reagan.



This is truly a special week to celebrate and bring awareness to the importance and significance of our profession. Below is a brief excerpt from a proclamation created by the American Correctional Association, thanking the brave men and women who work within correctional environments day in and day out.

“Correctional officers and employees are capable, committed, patient, and persistent professionals. They serve admirably in correctional facilities all across the country as chaplains, teachers, counselors, supervisors, managers, and directors. They help keep our citizens and communities safe. Correctional officers and employees teach, train, mentor, preach, and care.

Though the job of correctional officers and employees is often very challenging and, at times, stressful, the thousands who work the correctional profession every day perform duties well and with great pride. They are brave, courageous, and tenacious individuals who put their lives and health at risk every day to keep the public safe and provide a multitude of services to the nation's offenders. They have a tremendous responsibility and are owed our nation's gratitude.”

Thank you to ALL in corrections who work tirelessly to keep our communities safe.

Making Music

When you hear the word music what comes to mind? Maybe specific songs or artists? Maybe a certain genre of music? Would you think of words such as creating, experimenting, recording, or producing? Well, this month we had four individuals from APG Audio Visual Mentoring spend an entire morning teaching our youth exactly those things in relation to music!

They discussed what an artist is and what all artists have in common - creativity! The instructors really emphasized that everyone is an artist because we all create, whether we recognize it or not. Our kids had the opportunity to express their emotions on paper, and work as a team to write song lyrics. Some of our youth were more interested in composing the actual music for the lyrics, so the instructors worked with them one-on-one to learn the basic features of the song-producing software. The instructors even recommended beginner software they could receive for free after their release from our care!

Click on the songs below to hear what our kids composed and recorded with the help of Eric Wagler, Pete Bishop, Brennan Griffin, and Luke Tomich. This project was possible because of a grant that covered all costs to make the music happen!

Medina County Juvenile Detention Center. "Tear Down The Walls".

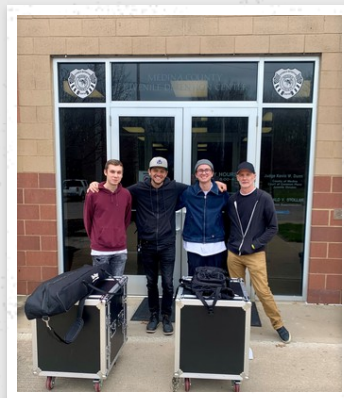


Medina County Juvenile Detention Center
"TEAR DOWN THE WALLS"

Medina County Juvenile Detention Center. Lost But Now I'm Found.



Medina County Juvenile Detention Center
"LOST BUT NOW I'M FOUND"

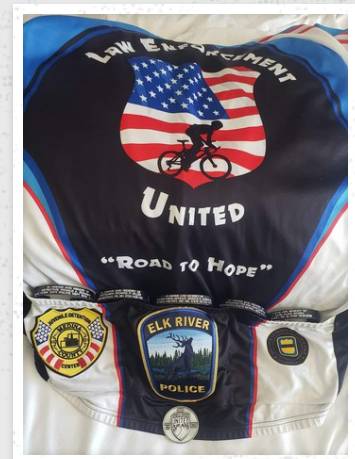


Pete, Eric, Brennan, and Luke.

National Police Week

On May 10th, Police Officer Mark Edlund, from the Elk River Police Department (Minnesota) began a 250-mile bicycle ride with thousands of other police officers called the Road to Hope. Their journey began in Chesapeake, Virginia and over three days they completed the ride on their bikes, ending in Washington, D.C. Why, you might ask?

Mark is a six-year member of Law Enforcement United (LEU), which is a national organization that consists of members who are current or retired law enforcement officers. LEU is an all-volunteer organization that raises funds to "Honor the Fallen", and "Remember the Survivors". Each year LEU kicks off National Police Week with a 250-mile ride to honor the fallen officers of the previous year. As many of our readers know we lost one of our own, Officer Joshua



Kristek, in 2021. This year Officer Edlund rode the 250 miles in remembrance of Joshua and his family. He learned of Officer Kristek's passing through the Officer Down Memorial Page.

Assistant Superintendent Megan Millikin traveled to Washington, D.C., on May 13th to watch Officer Edlund cross the finish line. *"It was my honor to attend the memorial ride and personally meet Mark. I stood and watched the officers ride into the park where the atmosphere was one of somber remembrance, but still celebrating the lives of the people we love and care for. I could clearly see the riders and LEU make it their mission to ensure the survivors know they will always have a family,"* said Millikin. Mark rode with a Medina County Juvenile Detention Center shoulder patch, a bracelet bearing Officer Kristek's name, and a memorial flag, all of which were passed on to Joshua's family. Officer Edlund and Millikin were able to share stories of Officer Kristek, the 250-mile ride, and other survivor stories. Mark said, *"When the hills get tough, I know it isn't anywhere near the pain and loss suffered by all of the officers we ride for. Their memory helps us get over each hill."*

www.leunited.org

www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org

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Bracelet and Law Enforcement United challenge coin



Officer Mark Edlund and Megan Millikin



The flag Officer Edlund flew on his bicycle

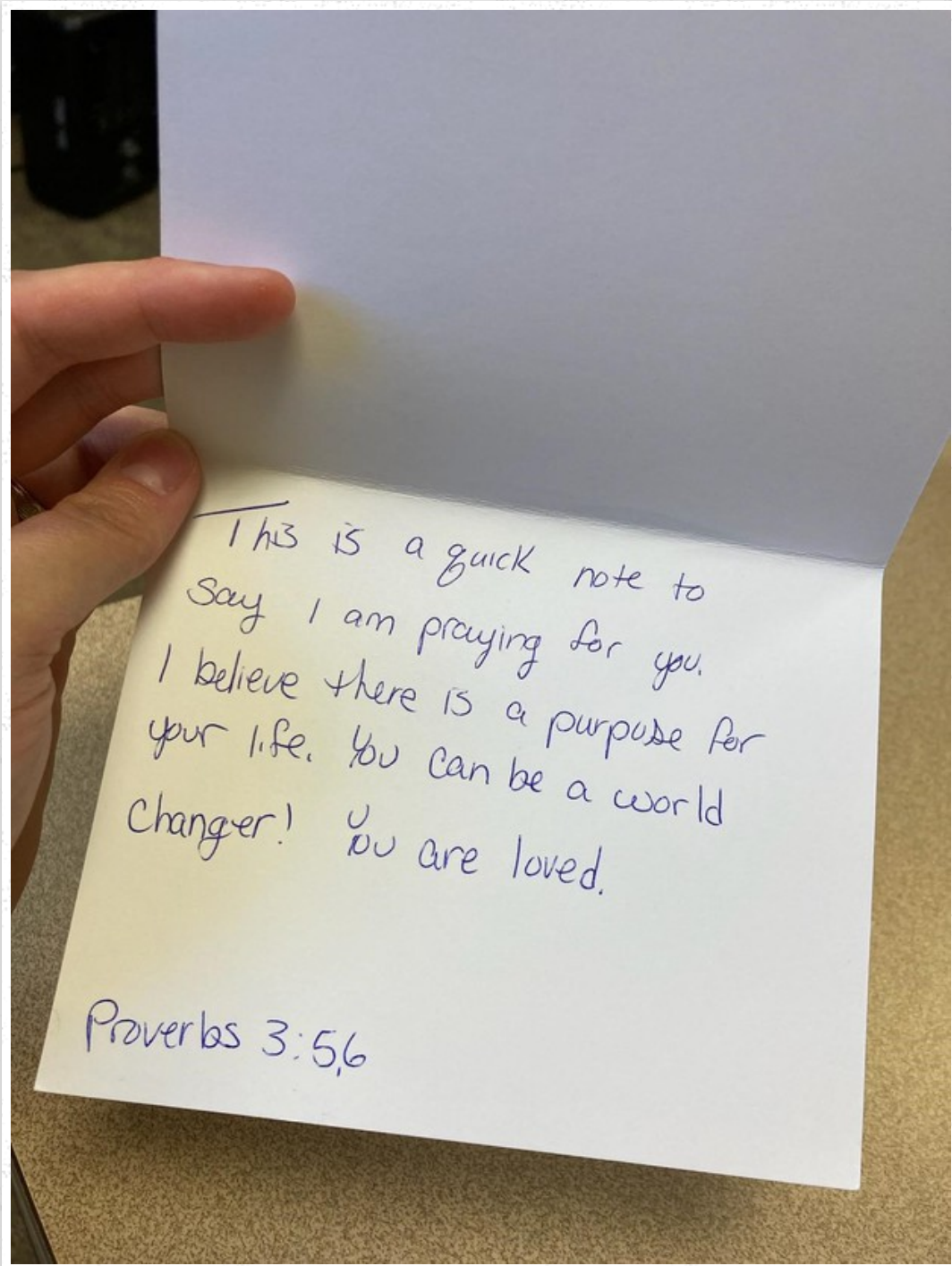
Police Wives of Ohio

The Police Wives of Ohio nonprofit strives to provide emotional and financial support to law enforcement families throughout Ohio. They presented us with a thin grey line memorial stone honoring one of our former officers, Joshua Kristek. Pictured below are Area Director Heather Neal, and Superintendent Ron Stollar. We are grateful to these wonderful people who went out of their way for one of ours. (There is more information about Officer Kristek in previous newsletters.)



Surprise Card

As many of you know, we collect donations for our greeting cards at two locations; Grand Cafe and Roastery as well as, Coffee in the Valley. Upon our visit to Coffee in the Valley, we found this card in our donation box from an anonymous person. We appreciate and cherish your kind words for our kids!



Word of the Week

As many of you know, we have a Word of the Week here. That word is changed every Saturday night so that our residents see the new word when they wake up Sunday morning. The purpose of this word that is to inspire hope and encourage our residents to seek a better future and walk a better path than the one they are currently walking. Accompanying the word of the week, there is a quote of the week (which contains the word of the week) written on a white board which is located in our dining area.

Last week's word was **Enthusiastic**, which is defined as "Intense interest or liking; something that arouses keen interest." The quote of the week that accompanied it was, "All we need to make us happy is something to be **enthusiastic** about" – Chris Kingsley.

Here are a few more examples of our word of the week that are coming up.

Happy.

- Fortunate.
- Having, expressing or enjoying pleasure or contentment.
- Pleased.

"I just find myself **happy** with the simple things. Appreciating the blessings God gave me."

- DMX

Forever

- For all future time.
- Continually.

"Life is about choices. Some we regret, some we are proud of. Some will haunt us **forever**..."

The message – we are what we chose to be."

- Graham Brown

Invincible

- Unconquerable.

"Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an **invincible** host against difficulties."

- Helen Keller

Hopefully this article makes you **enthusiastic** about our next newsletter!

Thank you!

Firestorm Gear of Medina donated a Corrections flag, decals, grey line wristbands, and challenge coins to us this week. Thank you Dan Stilla for your benevolence, generosity, selflessness, and support of all things public safety!

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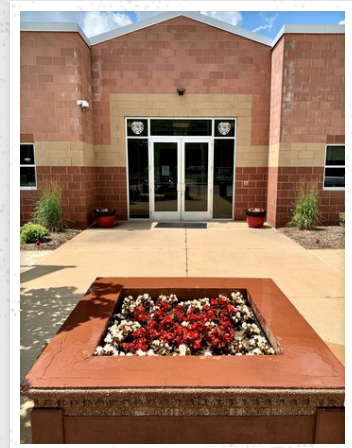
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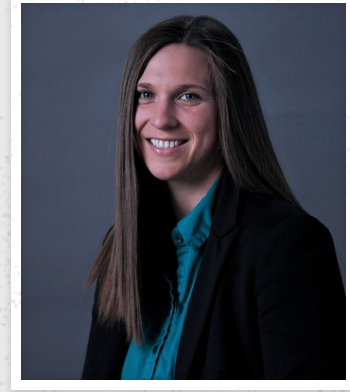




**Judge Kevin W.
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**Ron Stollar;
Superintendent**



**Megan Millikin;
Assistant
Superintendent**

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