

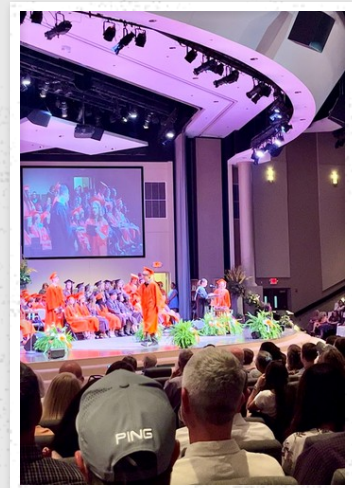
Juvenile Detention Center

Amazing Things Are Happening Here!

May 2023

Congratulations to E.C.!

After one of our kids left our custody, Superintendent Stollar received an email from her inviting him to attend her high school graduation ceremony (Buckeye High School), so he did. We will call her E.C. Such an invitation has happened only one other time here. Stollar attended the ceremony to show our support of her as she begins adulthood. She actually began life as an adult when she left us on her 18th birthday. This young lady is full of potential and we wish her all the best.



Read a little more about her in the next article.

MCJDC Still Has Talent

If you read last month's newsletter you may recall an article about one of our girls who put on a "concert" for the rest of our kids and staff. She played keyboard and sang several songs, one of them an original she wrote. Well guess what? She performed twice more for everyone, and as she ended her last song in her last concert she surprised everyone when she asked if she could play a special song she wrote. The surprise was that the song was an original she wrote in recognition of Superintendent Stollar's encouragement of her. The lyrics are below.

*"I know you, you're a special one
Some see crazy where I see love
You fall so low but shoot so high*

*Big dreamers shoot for open sky
So much life in those open eyes
So much depth, you look for the light
But when your wounds open, you will cry
You'll cry out now and you'll question why...*

*I can see a rainbow
In your tears as they fall on down
I can see your soul grow
Through the pain as they hit the ground
I can see a rainbow in your tears
As the sun comes out*

*I am here and I see your pain
Through the storms, through the clouds, the rain
I'm telling you you cannot escape
You can do it just feel...*

*I can see a rainbow
In your tears as they fall on down
I can see your soul grow
Through the pain as they hit the ground
I can see a rainbow
In your tears as the sun comes out*

*As the sun comes out
Here comes the sun
Smiling down
Here comes the sun
Smiling down
Here comes the sun
Smiling down
Smiling down."*

Youth Performing "All is Found"



Our Musically Talented Young Lady Warming Up

Quick Click Challenge!

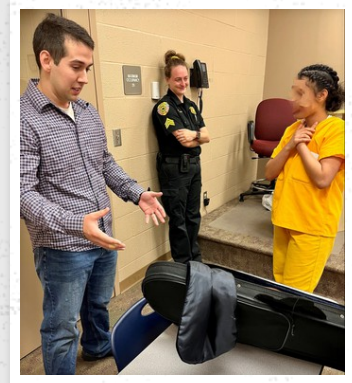
On Friday, May 19, Assistant Superintendent Millikin participated in the "Quick-Click Challenge," event organized by the Medina County Safe Communities Coalition and local law enforcement agencies. Each year the coalition chooses a different school district in Medina County to participate and this year it was Highland High School. These events are designed to promote safe driving and wearing your seatbelt to teen drivers because they have the lowest seat belt usage rate.

First thing Friday morning, when students pulled into the parking lot arriving at school, if found to be wearing their seat belts they were given coupons for a free burger from a local McDonalds. Later that morning was the "Quick-Click Challenge" Millikin helped with where teams of four students faced off in seat belt challenges to determine who could buckle their seat belt the fastest. The kids seemed to enjoy the event and their competitive side really came out. Thank you to Jessica Miles with the Medina County Health Department for spearheading this and the Buckle Up For a Burger events!



Thank You Woodsy's Music!

We cannot possibly thank Woodsy's Music enough for their support of what we do for our kids. They unhesitatingly lent us a violin and neck rests for E.C. to use while she was with us. They also donated a Sustain Pedal to us for our keyboard, and on a different note (get it - "note"?), they gave E.C. her very own violin to keep upon her release from us. That's right, when Woodsy's Blake Johnson found out that our young lady plays violin but has never owned one he brought her one on her 18th birthday, which was also her last day with us.



Note that Mr. Johnson used to work at a juvenile detention center and he felt compassion for E.C. He said that giving her a violin to keep simply felt like the right thing to do. E.C. cried with joy when she received it. And please know also that Blake attended all three of E.C.'s concerts here to show his support for her and our kids. He told everyone that such an event would never have happened where he used to work due to the chaos and fights they dealt with on a daily basis. He was surprised at the orderliness and positive environment he experienced here. THANK YOU TO BLAKE AND WOODSY'S MUSIC!

www.woodsystmedina.com



Evolve Academy Graduation

Evolve Academy's principal, John Leatherman, invited Superintendent Stollar to be the keynote speaker at their high school graduation ceremony this month. Several of our residents and former residents attend Evolve so of course we know those kids. Stollar spoke on Living a Life of Meaning with the key tenets being:

- 1) **Clear** your life of things that don't help you.
- 2) **Communicate** from your heart.
- 3) **Connect** with others.

Principal Leatherman very graciously commented, *"We were super excited to have Ron as our speaker this year. He has been an asset to our program serving as a mentor for the past five years to one of our graduates"*.

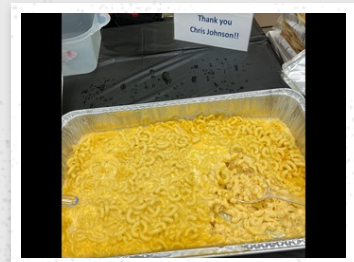
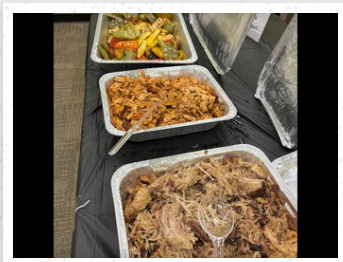


**Graduate Gabrielle
Muncy with
Principal
Leatherman, and
Stollar**

National Correctional Officers and Employees Week

May 7-13 was National Correctional Officers and Employees Week, and we appreciate Chris Johnson of Peak Auto Sales for generously donating food to our staff as a thank-you to them for the work they do. Chris is a long-time supporter of us and our kids, and has donated to us in the past. Because of his kind-heartedness, we were able to have Buehler's cater meals for our folks who serve Medina County in a special way. Thank you, Chris!

[\(<https://peak-autosales.com>\)](https://peak-autosales.com)



Sandstone Coffee House

The owners of Coffee in the Valley (in Valley City), Sean and Stephanie Miller, offered to display our greeting cards at their new location in Amherst. They recently opened Sandstone Coffee House there. It is located in an old fire station and is VERY cool. Donations for these cards that some of our kids created go to fund ongoing therapeutic services for our kids. Thank you Sean and Stephanie! See Stephanie below.

www.sandstonecoffeehouse.com

www.coffeeinthevalley.com



King Street Café

The newly opened Kings Street Café in Wadsworth also has our cards by donation. We appreciate their support of our kids! Doesn't Joy make a great Vanna White?

<http://kingsstreet.cafe>



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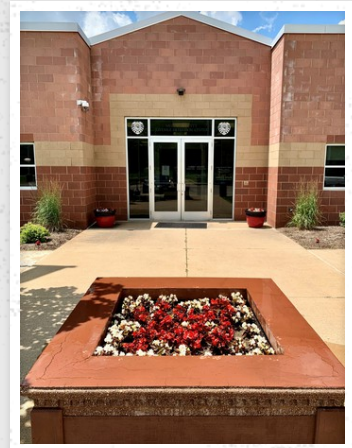
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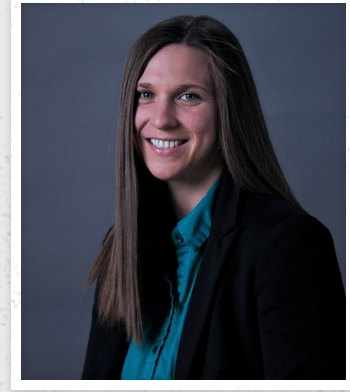




**Judge Kevin W.
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Juvenile/Probate
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**Ron Stollar;
Superintendent**



**Megan Millikin;
Assistant
Superintendent**

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