

Juvenile Detention Center

==== Amazing Things Are Happening Here! ====

February 2021



Ahh February...

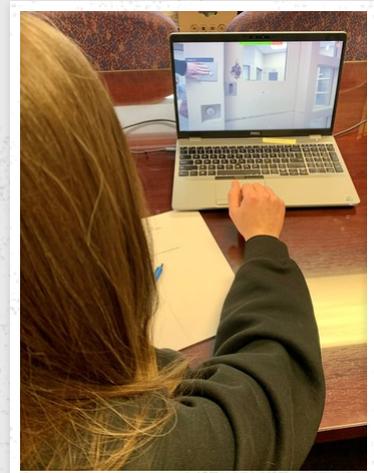
What is the definition of February? Those three months between January and March!

What is the official cereal for the month of February? Frosted Flakes!

Caesar Augustus throws down his pen in disgust, exclaiming - "I can't believe it's mid-February and I'm still writing B.C. on all my checks!" (Get it... get it??)

Junior Leadership Medina County

On February 2nd and 4th, we presented (virtually) to both of this year's classes of Junior Leadership Medina County. JLMC director, Carrie Park, facilitated each event. Assistant Superintendent Millikin and Superintendent Stollar educated 74 high school students on the structure, operations, and services that are provided to our youth to help them get on the right path. The students asked some solid questions on our mental health services, meal service, and other topics. This photo shows Ms. Millikin presenting a video tour of our building to the JLMC class.



Millikin and Stollar also visited each class in person at 111 Bistro as the kids were enjoying lunch there. This served to provide additional opportunity to get to know the kids better and answer even more questions.

Ms. Park reported to us after the two leadership days that many of the students commented that learning about our facility had been their favorite JLMC experience to date! Here are just a few of their remarks:

- *"I had assumed all juvenile detention centers ran like the ones on TV. Much to my surprise, the MCJDC is very focused on rehabilitation to promote a successful re-entry into society."*

- *"It makes me feel that those kids will hopefully come out of the center with a better perspective on life."*

- *"The different programs like art therapy, music therapy and journaling proved how much they care for each of their residents. This made me very proud of our JDC!"*

- *"Learning about (JDC) changed my perspective about how I thought of juvenile delinquents. Instead of just seeing the detention center as a way to get juvenile delinquents away from society, I can see it now as more of a way to change their behavior and try to make them better people so that they can return to society and not cause problems."*

On February 9th, Superintendent Stollar also presented (virtually) to the signature class of Leadership Medina County. Medina City Schools' Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Kristine Quallich, facilitated this event. We received positive feedback from that class as well - here are a couple of examples.

- *"Hearing about the detention center – had no idea about this in Medina County. It's wonderful to shine a light on these things in Medina."*

- *"Unique challenges the Detention Center faces...and how they manage to run a great program."*

If it seems that we are bragging about how we help our kids here, it's probably because we are!! :-)



Good Morning Cleveland

Cleveland's News Channel 5 visited us again this week and will be airing another story very soon. Reporter Taneisha Cordell talked with Superintendent Stollar about a nonprofit he is creating to help troubled youth. The name of this 501(c)(3) is **Medina County Youth Uplifted**. Ms. Cordell also met with Sandi Piper (left), owner of Sand and Lace Fine Art & Gift Gallery, who is selling greeting cards with art printed on them created by our youth. Proceeds from those cards will go to the nonprofit.

Watch our social media outlets for details on this story!

www.sandandlacegallery.com

Mural 2020



Our Art X 2020 Mural has finally found its permanent home in Judge Dunn's Probate and Juvenile court room! It was a very collaborative project last year due to the complexities that the pandemic brought us. Access the Arts funded the Akron Art Bomb Brigade to virtually facilitate this week long project. Our residents learned the art of mandalas, how to create their own, and then they brought their individual works together to create one final and amazing piece of acrylic on wood tile. Although a mural is created every year for the Art X show, this mural is unique in that it had to be made with social distancing in mind. *Judge Dunn said he sees it as a symbol for the effort needed by all to achieve a common goal.*

Check out the article in the Medina County Gazette to read more!

<https://medina-gazette.com/news/251953/mural-created-at-juvenile-detention-center-display-in-juvenile-court/>

Veteran Officer Returns!

Veteran Officer Regina Hogg wanted to share the following with you;

"I have been a part of the MCJDC family for a little over 15 years now. I experienced a separation from them going on a year ago (nothing bad!), but have recently returned. I really couldn't wait until I could put the uniform back on, hold my head high and be proud of what it stands for. I really missed all the time I had, which I can now continue again interacting, assisting, and



learning the residents and co-workers. The best part is knowing you helped someone by receiving acknowledgment that at least one more resident is doing well and is continuing on a positive path. It makes me even more encouraged to continue doing better.

As for working here at the MCJDC, you become part of the Medina family. We assist, encourage, acknowledge, and protect not only the residents, but the community as well as each other. The work environment here at the JDC is pleasant, helpful, and inviting, and I'm proud to say, "I'm a part of it!" I really appreciate all the opportunities to be reacclimated with the duties/responsibilities, co-workers, and most of all the residents. Again, I am proud to be part of the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center Family!"

We warmly and enthusiastically welcome Regina back!!

Blanket Donation for Covid Patients



Donielle Finding (Director of Nursing) and Jaclyn Balliet (MCJDC Youth Fulfilment Coordinator)

Another amazing collaborative project that we are honored to be a part of! All of you, out there in our community, donated fleece fabric which was then organized by *Access the Arts*, cut by

members of *Highland's Highschool VOFT - Volunteer Opportunities for Teens*, and then tied by *our residents* to create Fleece Tie Blankets. We donated 15 blankets (20 more are completed and on the way) last week to Medina Hospital in hopes of bringing comfort to patients who are alone and suffering. It is difficult to come together in times of social distancing and isolation, but we can offer our support and compassion to those who are sick and need it most through showing them we care. Help us continue this project by donating fleece material (cut 48in. x 60in.) or a financial donation so material can be purchased. Not only can we help others, but we have the opportunity to teach our kids the importance of taking care of those in need. If you are interested in donating or have any further questions please contact Jaclyn Balliet (jballiet@medinaco.org.)

Youth Art Month on Medina Square!



**A CELEBRATION OF
YOUTH ART MONTH**

STUDENT ART SHOW
MARCH 5th - 28th
Medina's Historic District

View artwork created by Medina County students.
Their works of art will be on display in local
businesses in and around Medina's Historic District
in celebration of Youth Art Month.

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For the past three years, Medina City Schools has partnered with Main Street Medina and the Medina County Arts Foundation to bring a student art show to the Medina historical Square. District art teachers at all grade levels select student artwork to display in at least 37 businesses on and around the Square for all of March. We are very excited to be a part of this

amazing art celebration! There are a total of 6 boards ordained with our residents' artwork that will be displayed. Don't miss out on viewing the talent and expression that our kids portray.

If you are interested in purchasing any of the detention center's pieces, your donation will be given to fund the continuation of our therapeutic art program for our kids. Just take a picture of which piece you would like, email it to jballiet@medinaco.org, name your donation price, and the highest bidder will be awarded a gem to take home!



Want to Win a Pack of Our Greeting Cards??

Our building is approximately 35,000 square feet in size. It is comprised of youth living areas, kitchen, medical department, classrooms, a gymnasium, and other spaces.

For the three readers of this newsletter who guess closest to the number of doors we have in our building (interior and exterior), we will send you a ten-pack of greeting cards/envelopes created by our kids!

Please email your answer to Jaclyn Balliet - jballiet@medinaco.org.



Citizen Excellence Council

We met (virtually) this month with some of the members of our advisory council. We talked with them about our staffing, that thus far we have had no known cases of Covid-positive youth, our new records management system, and a host of other topics. We meet every other month and appreciate their strong support and belief in what we do here!!



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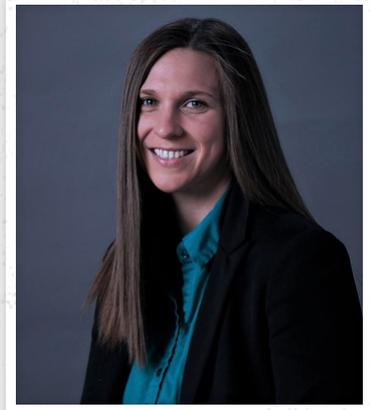




**Judge Kevin W.
Dunn;
Juvenile/Probate
Court**



**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."