

# Juvenile Detention Center

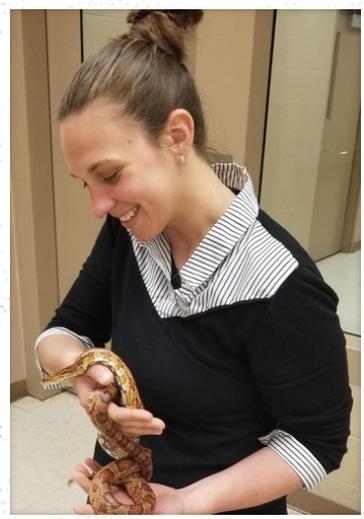
==== Amazing Things Are Happening Here! ====

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655 Independence Drive Medina, Ohio 44256

*"We, and our court, do our best to help our kids and their families get on the right track. Our philosophy is to leave no stone unturned in providing them with the resources they need to lead well adjusted, productive lives."*

*- Superintendent Stollar*



## Assistant Superintendent Megan Millikin

Welcome Readers!

Thank you for joining us for this month's newsletter. Summer is in full swing here at the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center and it is as busy as ever. We believe in exposing our youth to as many positive experiences as we can, which often times means thinking outside of the proverbial box. One never knows what might spark their interest or what "seed" could be planted. We take pride in providing our youth with knowledge and skills they might not receive otherwise. I hope you enjoy this month's edition!

Through The Lens

Friends and Newcomers; meet Nick Hoeller. Nick is a photographer based out of Medina, Ohio and has completed multiple projects. He has worked for companies such as Midwest Living Magazine, Cleveland Magazine and many more. He currently interns with Kalman & Pabst Photo Studio in Cleveland, Ohio where he assists and works alongside professional commercial photographers. He has shot weddings, landscapes, concerts and more. Nick firmly believes in not limiting himself to one specific category of photography.



Last month we had the opportunity for Nick to visit our facility and present to our youth about photography, how he got started and the projects he created such as, "The Police" and "Faces of Sacrifice". He specifically spoke about "Faces of Sacrifice". Nick went to different nursing homes and not only captured portraits of Korean, Vietnam and World War II veterans, but their stories as well. It was truly touching for everyone listening. One of our youths wrote the following after hearing Nick;

*"I found the presentation to be a very beautiful and inspiring thing for him to do. I was very touched by the depth in his photos with the Vietnam War Veterans. They show how much pride they have for this country and it is amazing to realize that just a simple photo can express that. I started to really get into photography last year after realizing how much it helped me get away from negative things in my life and it helped allowed me to look more into life and beauty in daily life. That is why I found his special presentation with us so touching, because he not only gave us great photos to look at, he showed us the dedication that our police give to our community and show people the risk they take for us with just simple photo taking."*

Check out some of Nick's work! <https://www.hoellerphotography.com/>

## **Grant Received!**

Our detention center recently received a generous \$500.00 check from a grant through the Medina County Arts Council, to be used for the purchase of art supplies for our ongoing Art Therapy. For those of you who have attended our annual Art Experience events you have seen firsthand the talent of many of our youth. Thank you Arts Council - you are touching lives in a tangible way!!



## The Check!

*Stollar receiving the check from Arts Council President, Dan Hostetler.*



## Appreciation

*This 8"x10" canvas was painted by a resident for Stollar as a thank-you for him believing in her. On the back she wrote, "Mr. Stollar, thank you for making me feel special just like these flowers".*

## Administrators Attend Conference

Superintendent Stollar and Assistant Superintendent Millikin attended the Ohio Juvenile Detention Director's Association conference recently. In addition to learning of new updates and mandates from the state of Ohio, they participated in a day-long workshop titled **Not By Chance Leadership**. Some of the areas covered in the workshop were:



Developing Your Why (If you don't know why you are doing what you are doing, you're in trouble!); Ownership of EVERYTHING You Are Responsible For; Success Is Not By Chance; How To Lead Intentionally; Inward vs Outward Mindset; The Power of Transparency; Leading Yourself!

Millikin said, *"Twice a year, detention directors around the state have the opportunity to come together and not only attend training sessions, but possibly more importantly, have a chance to discuss trends among our facilities. There is a great deal of value in learning how other facilities are handling difficult situations and what resources they are utilizing to help the youth in their care."* Stollar comments that it was one of the best trainings on leadership he has ever attended and that the, *"networking with so many other correctional administrators is invaluable."* The conference was attended by approximately 100 others from 23 detention centers around the state.

The training was conducted by Command Presence [www.commandpresence.net](http://www.commandpresence.net) (Brunswick, GA).

## New Mental Health Clinician

We welcome Alexis Lee as one of our newest additions to the detention center. It was only fitting that Alexis end up working here since she interned with us twice while attending college to earn her Bachelor's (Ashland University), and Master's (University of Akron) degrees to become a Licensed Social Worker. As a matter of fact, we were so pleased with her when she interned that we nominated her for 2017 Support Staff Worker of the Year through the Ohio Juvenile Detention Services Association and she received that award! She works well with youth, having worked for our juvenile court's Drug Court the past year. Note that Alexis is actually employed by Alternative Paths, Inc. We contract with AP to have her here. Alexis loves cats, donuts and running. And cats. Have we mentioned cats??



### Parenting Tip from Alexis!

*"Don't try to fix everything. Give young kids a chance to find their own solutions. When you lovingly acknowledge a child's minor frustrations without immediately rushing in to save her, you teach her self-reliance and resilience."*

## Because I Said I Would

When our Youth Fulfilment Coordinator began teaching the Because I Said I Would curriculum a few weeks ago one of our detained young men wrote a promise card that he would abide by our rules that are in place (to best keep everyone safe). The youth had been choosing to break several rules previous to the class. Superintendent Stollar then wrote a promise card to the young man promising to help him succeed in this. We are happy to report that this youth rose through our Behavioral Level System from Level 1 to Level 3 in short order. Stollar will continue to talk with, and encourage this resident to do well... **because he said he would.**

I PROMISE TO HELP TYLER  
KEEP HIS PROMISE.

because I said I would.

## Take Control

Millikin and Stollar attended on June 4th the ribbon cutting of the new Take Control driving pad behind the Medina County Career Center, sponsored in part by Juvenile Court Judge Kevin Dunn, along with many others. Take Control is an advanced driving program for teens conducted by trained law enforcement officers to help teens learn how to best maintain control of their vehicle in inclement weather and when sudden, and unexpected evasive maneuvers are required. Take Control began after the tragic deaths of several of our county's teens the last several years. Stollar's family knew one of those teens and he was pleased to see the efforts being made toward keeping our children safe on our roadways.



<http://montvilletwp.org/index.php/safety-services/police-department/take-control/>

## Reptiles and Amphibians!

On June 6th our residents experienced "Reptiles & Amphibians" through the Medina County Park District! Mark Ludwig was our educational presenter and he came equipped with a colorful, informative PowerPoint with slides that showed snakes, frogs, turtles, salamanders, and lizards (almost all of which are natives to Ohio). He offered informative tools regarding recognition, life duration, habitat, and any suggestions if anyone were to run into the above named friends in the wild. Each slide included sounds so our youth could have an additional layer of knowledge into recognizing the different species.



Mr. Ludwig also brought along Tucker the turtle to meet our kids. He is an Eastern Box Turtle which are commonly found around this area. After his introduction he was carried around so all of the residents could get a look up close and personal. Pretzel the Corn Snake was also able to make an appearance. He was a crowd pleaser with the staff as he is very friendly and likes to hang on tight! Artifacts such as a snake skin, a rattlesnake skull, a turtle shell, turtle eggs, and a bullfrog skeleton were passed around for each resident to handle. The presentation was met with enthusiasm and positive comments all around! We look forward to Mark returning with his "Feathers & Furs" travelling exhibit on December 4th!



## National Correctional Officer and Employee Week

*"No group of Americans has a more difficult or less publicly visible job than the brave men and women who work in our correctional facilities."*

- President Ronald Reagan

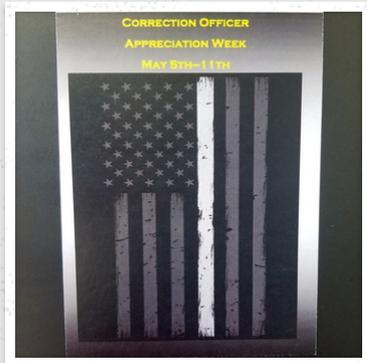
The history of National Correctional Officer Week began on May 5th, 1984 when President Ronald Reagan signed Proclamation 5187 creating "National Correctional Officers' Week." Each year, the first full week in May is recognized as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week, commemorating the contributions of correctional officers and personnel who work in jails, prisons, and community corrections across the country.



On April 30th, Medina County commissioners Pat Geissman, Bill Hutson, and Colleen Swedyk presented The Medina County Juvenile Detention Center with a resolution proclaiming May 5-11 as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week. A portion of the resolution reads,

*"...Correctional officers are trained law enforcement professionals dedicated to maintaining safe correctional facilities and ensuring the public safety, Correctional facilities across the U.S., both civilian and military, public and private, adult and juvenile, are run by highly qualified and experienced individuals with a deep understanding of the challenges within the profession..."*

National Correctional Officer Week recognizes individuals who take on the challenging task of working in the field of corrections. We thank our staff and employees for their hard work and dedication to the often thankless service they provide. We also want to thank Donut Land, located in Brunswick, OH for helping us celebrate the week by providing 3 DOZEN DONUTS! We hope to continue the growth of this celebration with community support in the following years to come.



## Remembering a Former Officer

As we approach the one year mark of the sudden passing of one of our officers, we fondly remember Officer Donald L. Schroeder. Don loved working in corrections (his words). We planted a tree in front of our building in his memory.



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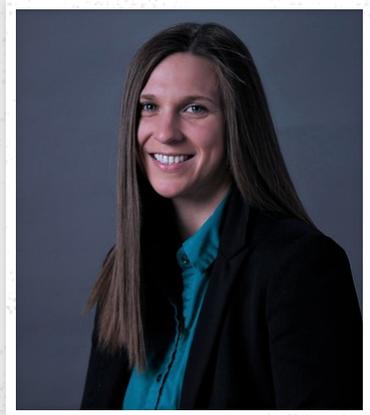
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**Judge Kevin W.  
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**Ron Stollar -  
Superintendent**



**Megan Millikin -  
Assistant  
Superintendent**

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