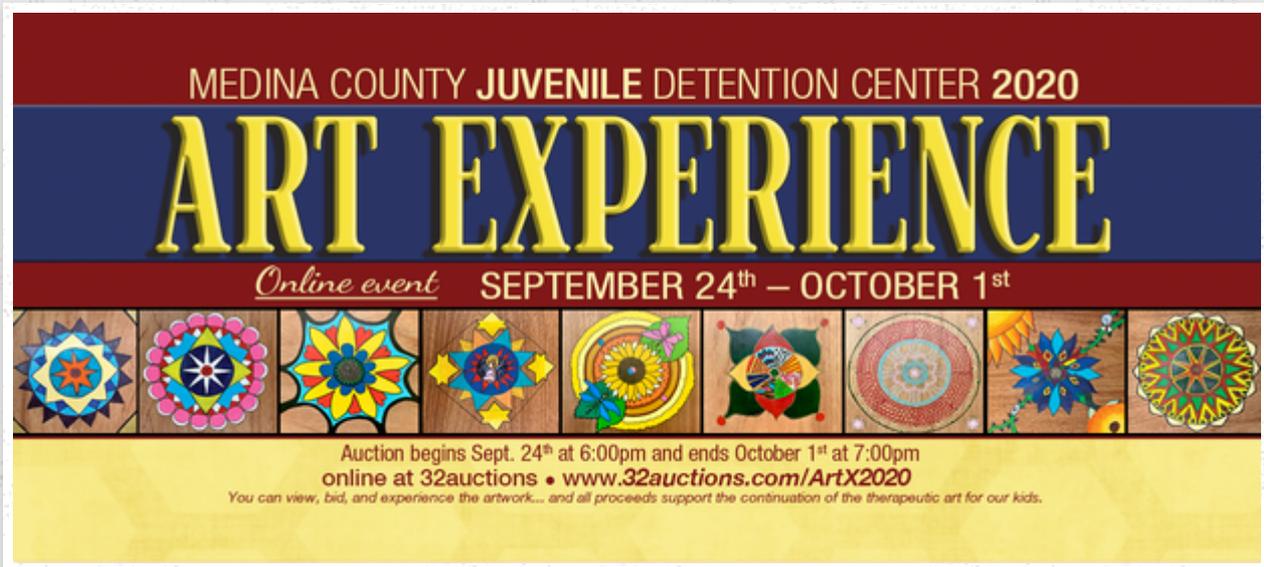


Juvenile Detention Center

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

September 2020



MEDINA COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER 2020
ART EXPERIENCE
Online event SEPTEMBER 24th – OCTOBER 1st
Auction begins Sept. 24th at 6:00pm and ends October 1st at 7:00pm
online at 32auctions • www.32auctions.com/ArtX2020
You can view, bid, and experience the artwork... and all proceeds support the continuation of the therapeutic art for our kids.

Art Experience 2020 is Here!!!

Starting today (Sept. 24th) at 6:00pm, our first ever virtual art show is going live! Go to www.32auctions.com/ArtX2020 to view, bid, and experience 100 pieces of artwork created and donated by our youth. The auction will run through **next Thursday (Oct. 1st) until 7:00pm** when all of the bidding will be final. There are 15 Mandala Tiles up for *sponsorship* that were created under the direction of the Akron Bomb Brigade (www.akronartbomb.com). They will all be displayed together in one large mural at the Medina County Juvenile Court. If you choose to sponsor any of them, you will have the name you choose (personal or business/organization) engraved on a plaque next to the mural. All of the proceeds go directly to the continuation of our Therapeutic Art program!

Item pick up...

If you purchase an item, it can be picked up at the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center (655 Independence Dr. Medina 44256) on **Tuesday Oct. 6th** from **12:00pm - 5:00pm** or on

Thursday Oct. 8th from 2:00pm - 6:00pm. We will also have last year's artwork on display at this time and it will be available for purchase by donation. Anyone who purchases an auction item will receive a complimentary pack of 5 blank greeting cards that were created with our kid's art on the front of it. Those who sponsor a Mandala Tile will receive a complimentary pack of 10 blank greeting cards. Additional cards will be available during pickup times for sale. If you are unable to make the above dates or times, please contact Jaclyn Balliet at jballiet@medinaco.org to make other arrangements!

We are continuing our partnership with The Children's Center of Medina County for the event. So what is this partnership? Some of our youth donate their art pieces to The Children's Center for their annual Art With a Heart fundraiser this November 12 - 20 (online at www.32auctions.com/ArtWithAHeart2020). Of our pieces donated, The Children's Center returns 50% of those proceeds back to the detention center for continued therapeutic art while retaining 50% for the needs of the kids they serve. Talk about a win-win!! See <http://www.medinacountychildrenscenter.org/> for more information.

We thank you sincerely for your interest and support of our kids and their future!



Access the Arts and Us!

Access the Arts (www.accesthearts.net) is a non-profit group in Medina County. Their purpose is hosting events that unite the community and offer a platform for those who like to share their talents to inspire others. They strive to provide an exposure to the arts and interactive opportunities for the elderly, disabled, and underprivileged. Throughout this past year they have provided supplies, services, music, art therapy, instruments, and their sponsorship for our annual Art Experience. We are grateful for their support and their passion for wanting to help our kids!



Brush Tips Studio and Us!

Brush Tips is an Art Studio filled with a great team that loves to teach people how to paint and be creative in a unique fun way. Founder Cheri Smith, husband Nick and family of four children

bring fun and love into each class. Her passion is to provide an environment where everyone can express their creativity in their own way. We have fun and everyone leaves with an amazing creation. They take folks (to include our kids) who say they can't paint and turn them into artists! THEY CREATE ARTISTS!!



Cheri Smith volunteers her time every week to teach the kids how to create a work of art. With every new theme she utilizes different techniques so our youth not only get the pleasure of painting, but they also learn new ways of being creative. Her relationship with the kids is so positive that they ask for her art class regularly. We are honored to have her teaching, even though it is currently only virtually, and we look forward to seeing her in person again!

<http://www.brushtips.studio>



Temporary Home

What follows is a poem written by one of our youth. We leave you to reflect on it.

**This is my temporary home,
It's a drug free zone.
I reside in cell 146,
the one with light brown bricks.**

**My toilet and sink are connected,
and it always gets inspected.
Once a day I go to gym,
I move around this place like a Sim.**

**Twice a week I get to see Mrs. Jarvis,
and her lessons are always marvelous.
I get cake at eight every night,
and I smile with every bite.**

**During the school day Mrs. Chasar helps me with math,
and when someone makes her mad we hear her wrath.**

**I enjoy my talks with Mr. Stollar,
even though when he sees me in here he wants to holler.**

**I've been coming here since I was fourteen,
and I know the whole week's routine.
Even though I complain every day,
at least I don't want to run away.**

Soon I will age out of here,
and I will probably shed a tear.
I know these people better than my own family,
and being here makes me somewhat happy.

My temporary home is called MCJDC,
and it will always be a part of me!

Feel free to email us with any thoughts you might have at
rstollar@medinaco.org.

Medina Light Ministries

Medina Light Ministries is a non-denominational, faith-based ministry, run by Larry and Sue Jarvis who have been serving our kids since we opened in 1999. (Sue is the person referenced in the above poem and the pic below.) Here are some words from her:

"I am still Skyping with the teens on Thursdays and Sundays. We have worked really hard on a few themes in the past couple of months.

Evolution vs creation

How the Bible was put together

Why bad things happen

What does it mean to be saved?

We did a series we called, 'Who Are You?' . It dealt with the fact that you are created by God for a purpose. He loves you and you are valuable in every way to Him. We spent time discussing the five myths by which people in the world define themselves:

I am what I do

I am what I feel

I am what I have

I am what others say I am

I am what has happened to me

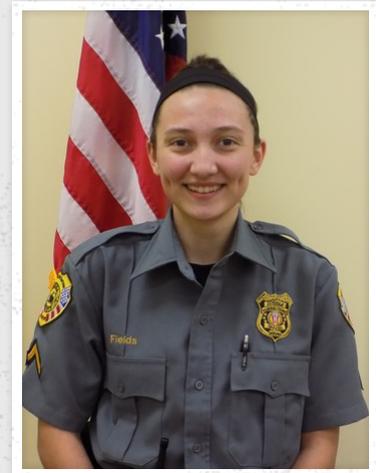
Please pray that the teens 'heard' these lessons!"

Note that all faith-based services are optional for our kids. **A big THANK YOU to Medina Light Ministries for all their years of *volunteer* service to our kids!!**



Meet Officer Fields!

Joining us this month as a Corrections Officer is Eliza Fields. Eliza is a graduate of the Criminal Justice program at the Medina County Career Center and still works with new students in those classes. Officer Fields enjoys keeping busy with her hands and hanging out with her friends. Disgustingly, however, she is addicted to unsweetened tea!! We will keep her regardless of that because she is learning quickly and tells us frequently, "I love it here!"



Lesson For Our Kids (and all of us)

If you had \$86,400 in your bank account and someone stole \$10 from you, would you be so upset that you would throw all of the remaining \$86,390 away in hopes of getting back at the person that took your \$10? Or would you move on? *Right, you'd move on.*

We have 86,400 seconds in each day, so don't let someone's negative 10 seconds ruin the rest of your 86,390.



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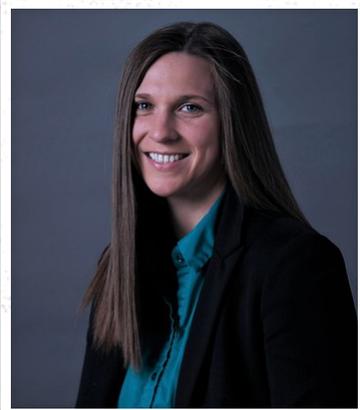




**Judge Kevin W.
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Juvenile/Probate
Court**



**Ron Stollar;
Superintendent**



**Megan Millikin;
Assistant
Superintendent**

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