

Juvenile Detention Center

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

October 2021

Alla Boara Concert!

The nacchere, chitarra batante, mandolina, maranzanu, tamburello, and organetto are all traditional Italian instruments used in their folk music. Well, guess what? Three of the members of the Italian folk music band, Alla Boara, visited us this week and played a number of songs for our kids while talking with them about the history and heritage of this music. Those three members were Anthony Taddeo, Amanda Powell, and Dan Bruce. (*Amanda has sung for the well-known group, Apollo's Fire!*) This trio explained the different instruments they used and demonstrated how they all work and sound.

Our kids were engaged and inquisitive during their time meeting and listening to Alla Boara, asking them thought-provoking questions. Here are some comments by some of our kids:

- *"I really liked the presentation today and how much I learned about different cultures, and how to improvise with instruments to make melodic songs."*
- *"Listening to other cultures' music helps me to better understand music."*
- *"They did a fine job of explaining the origin of the music and different instruments - very well organized."*
- *"Alla Boara was a fantastic group of friends that have dedicated their careers to Italian folk music and are doing a great job in making sure this genre of music does not fade away."*

The nonprofit, Ohio Regional Music Arts and Cultural Outreach (ORMACO), was key in bringing Alla Boara to us. Their music includes lullabies, laments, hymns, and festival songs to name a few. A huge thank you goes out to ORMACO's executive director, Tom Sigel, for this most enjoyable event!



Dan Bruce - guitar



**Amanda Powell -
lead vocals**



**Anthony Taddeo -
percussion**

The new single from Alla Boara "C'Avanti C'è" will be available on Bandcamp 7.24.21



ATHENA Award

Assistant Superintendent Megan Millikin was the recipient this month of the annual ATHENA Young Professional Leadership Award! This award goes to those women who demonstrate excellence and initiative in their profession, improve the quality of life for others, and serve as role models for other young women. Megan has been with our detention center for nine years, advancing through the ranks quickly because of her natural leadership abilities. She is innovative and does not back down from a challenge

Ms. Millikin was presented with this prestigious award at the annual empowHER conference where she commented, *"I hope in the next five years I will be part of getting another young woman to receive this award - that is my goal"*. True to form, she invests in others. This honor is well-earned. Congratulations Megan!!



Art With a Heart

Our partnership with The Children's Center of Medina County continues! Their 7th annual Art With a Heart Auction & Benefit will be held this coming Thursday, November 4th, at the Blue Heron Event Center. Previews, cocktails, music, and hors d'oeuvres beginning at 5:30pm, with the auction at 7:00pm.

A variety of original multi-media art from local artists will be on display. The piece to your right was created in charcoal by a youth at the detention center and will be auctioned off during the event. As a reminder, a portion of the proceeds from this event are donated to our detention center to fund continued art services for our youth. We hope to see you at Blue Heron this Thursday!

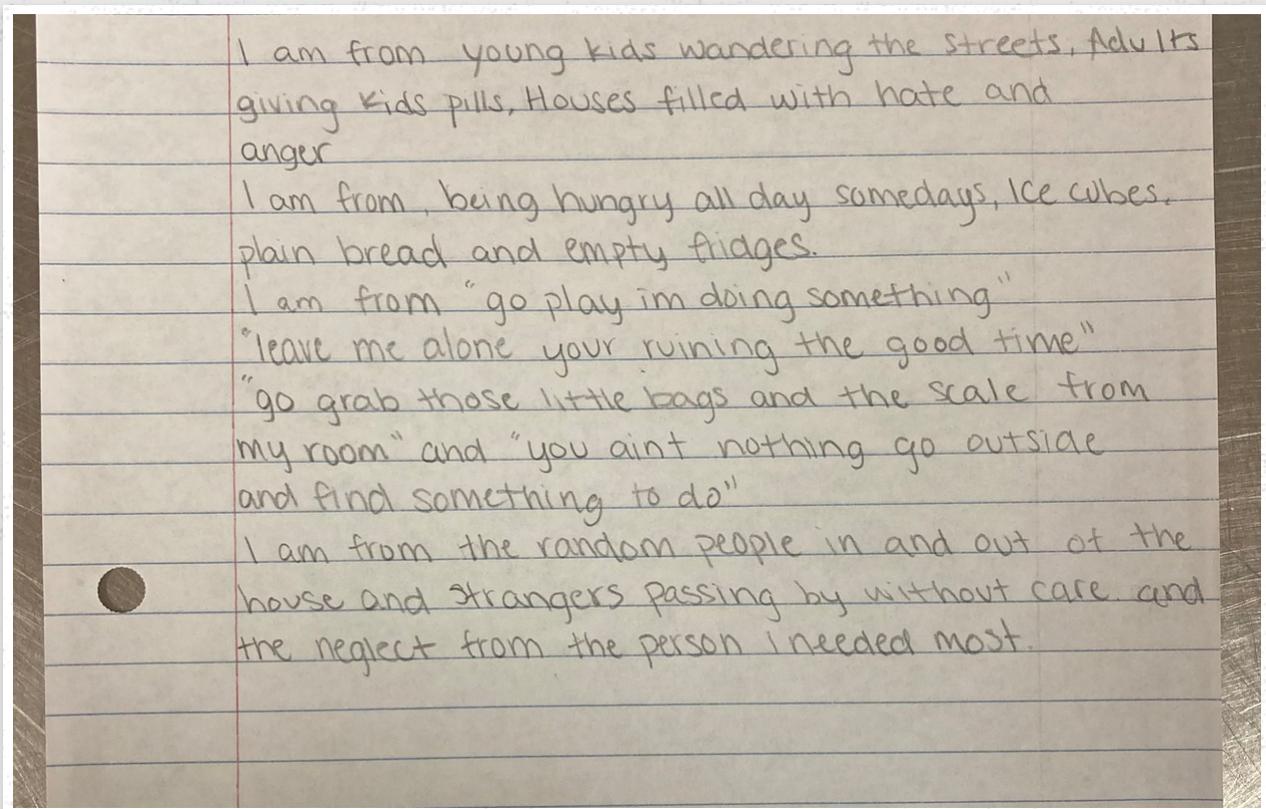


Poetry

Jasmine Myers began introducing poetry to our residents last month. Jasmine teaches our residents several different types of poetry, as well as different writing skills. Each week she comes into our facility with a new topic to discuss and write about.

One writing style in particular that Jasmine focuses on is 'spoken word poetry' which is often performed aloud with much emotion. Each one of our residents are given the opportunity each week to tell their stories by expressing themselves through 'spoken word poetry'.

Below is a piece one of our residents wrote.



WCTV Clapper Award Nomination

In case you were not aware, our detention center's Art Experience 2021 was nominated for the City of Wadsworth's WCTV 'Best Promotional Program'. The winners will be announced November 18th.

Upon finding out that our detention center was being nominated, we were honored. Our Art Experience is an annual event our detention center truly enjoys putting together. We love showcasing the amazing art our kids create each year and sharing it with the community. We are thankful, in advance, to all of those who supported us by voting! And please note that one of our partners, Brush Tips Studio in Wadsworth, was also nominated for an award. *We are pulling for you Cheri Smith of Brush Tips!*

NOTE: As adults, when our young people are overcome by their strong emotions, it is our job to share our CALM, not join in their CHAOS.

Relationships

We, of course, establish relationships with our kids during their detentions - some more than others depending on how long they are with us. Early this year we had a young man who spent 122 days here. He was well behaved and was an Honoree (aka Trustee in most other correctional facilities) for quite some time. He is intelligent and personable. He invited me to his baptism this month and I attended. It was so good to see him outside of our building, living a new and better life these many months later. I count it an honor that he wanted me present for this momentous occasion, and much credit goes to our chaplain Susan Jarvis.



- Superintendent Stollar



Officer Joshua Kristek

Our detention center family is saddened by the passing of Corrections Officer Joshua Kristek on Sunday, October 24th. Officer Kristek was 44 years old, and worked with us for a little more than three years before falling ill recently. We miss his work ethic, his loyalty, and his infectious laugh. Several of our kids have expressed their own heartfelt condolences by writing notes and letters to his family members.

Medina County has lost one of its greatest assets in Joshua. While we are supporting his wife and three children as much as we can, your prayers are also appreciated.



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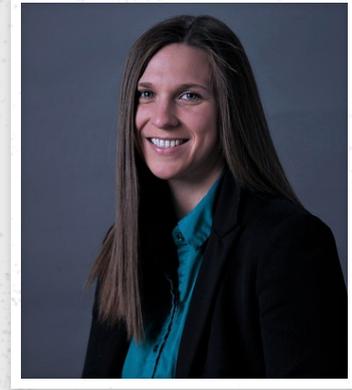




**Judge Kevin W.
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**Ron Stollar;
Superintendent**



**Megan Millikin;
Assistant
Superintendent**

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