

Juvenile Detention Center

— Amazing Things Are Happening Here! —

November 2021

GOBBLE 'TILL YOU WOBBLE!



On a serious note, we wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving. And though we are living in some very challenging times, most of us have much to be thankful for.

Alla Boara Concert - Revisited

You may recall that we featured Alla Boara in last month's newsletter. Now we share part of an email we received from them after their time with our kids.

"Thank you for inviting us, it was truly the highlight of the week for all three of us and it impacted us on a deep level. PLEASE let those kids know that we were deeply impressed with their ability to hear the details in our music and to eloquently express themselves about it. It is our sincere hope that they enjoyed it and that this experience may even inspire them to think a little bit more about how they may involve more music/art into their lives as a way to communicate, express, and enjoy life's little moments."

The Alla Boara members enjoyed their time with our kids and vice-versa. This was a win-win.



Dan Bruce - guitar



**Amanda Powell -
lead vocals**



**Anthony Taddeo -
percussion**

WCTV Clapper Award Result

The competition was tough. We faced several worthy challengers. The stakes were high. Everything was on the line. EVERYTHING. The weeks leading up to Award Announcement Day were filled with anxiety; we held a watch party here at work so we could experience the announcements live (the anticipation for some had been wearing on their nerves). Finally the winners were revealed and we received an Honorable Mention! Not bad for our very first nomination, right? Thank you to everyone who voted for our Art Experience 2021 in this year's Clapper Award competition. *Congratulations to all the winners!*



Thank You to Two of Our Biggest Supporters

If you have been reading our newsletters for any length of time, you know that our partnership with Access the Arts is invaluable to us. They are SO supportive and helpful, and believe in our mission. Mr. Chris Johnson of Peak Auto Sales and Medina Collision is also one of our biggest and most generous supporters.

As you see below, Youth Fulfilment Coordinator Leann Vandever, and Superintendent Stollar are presenting tokens of our appreciation to Jane Back and Chris Johnson. They are so good to us!





Officer Joshua Kristek

As noted in last month's newsletter, Officer Joshua Kristek passed away following a brief illness. Admired and respected by all, some of our youth made cards for Joshua's wife and children, while one wrote two poems for them. Here are those poems:

NO TITLE

*A loss of a friend hurts
The lost of a best friend hurts more,
But it is never a true loss;
Every day you will see something that reminds you of them
This will being a memory;*



*A memory of the times you spent together
Followed by another;
A memory of how you went your separate way
They will always be in your mind;
They never really leave you.*

THE PAIN IS TOO MUCH

*A thousand grim winters
Grew in my head
In my ear, the sound of the coming dead
All seasons, all same
All living, all pain
No opiate to lock still my senses
Only left, the body locked tensor.*

**One of our kids painted the 8" x 10" canvas
below for Officer Kristek's family.**



Leadership Medina County

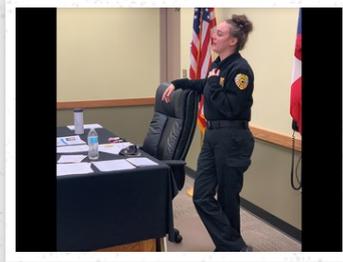
Leadership Medina County is a nonprofit organization that was developed to network talented and inspiring leaders who are educated on issues faced in Medina County. This organization educates our communities by generating events, professional development courses, leadership courses, and civic programs. They also assist in addressing those issues and how.

On November 8th, we were visited by forty of Medina County's inspiring leaders who came to listen about the history of juvenile law. Magistrate Sue Lewis (LMC class of 2014) from our juvenile court covered this with the class. Superintendent Stollar (LMC class of 1996) and Leann Vandever talked about our operations and the services we provide for our kids. They were also educated on the history of our building and the programs and steps taken to improve the environment of our facility. We discussed the importance of getting involved with our youth and connecting with our community. It is the reason we stay connected with amazing people within our community who come to offer therapeutic services to our youth.





**Chief Magistrate
Sue Lewis**



**Youth Fulfilment
Coordinator Leann
Vandever**



**Superintendent
Ron Stollar**

Yes, They Really Said That

Following are quotes our staff have heard from some parents over the years...

"School is tough - they need to unwind on the weekends - a little beer won't hurt anyone!"

"So he smoked some weed. Big deal. I smoke and look at me!"

"My boy's friends are all in trouble with the law but what am I supposed to do? They are his friends!"

*"He hasn't been taking his medication for a couple of months. He is old enough to remember!"
(At 12 years old.)*

While some may find these a little humorous, the reality is that they are just sad. We are not being unkind here but the truth is that some parents just don't get it. They do not understand why their sons and daughters end up incarcerated. We, of course, strongly advocate for parents to be parents to their children before being their friend.

Thanksgiving Humor

Why did mom's turkey seasoning taste a little bit off last year?

She ran out of thyme!! Haahaaa!!!



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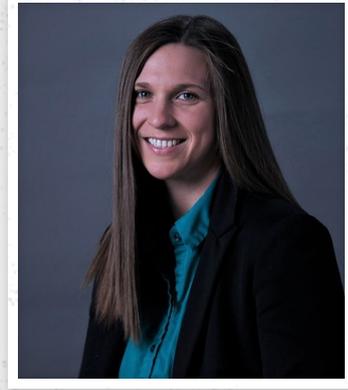




**Judge Kevin W.
Dunn;
Juvenile/Probate
Court**



**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."