

# *Medina County*

## *Board of Developmental Disabilities*

*The Mission of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to promote and empower individuals with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work, and socialize as citizens in the community.*



**March 27, 2023**

*The MCBDD Board Meeting will be held in Board Conference Rooms 1 & 2.*

*Attendees are requested to follow all posted safety guidelines.*

**Regular Board Meeting: 5:00pm**

**Executive Session: Following General Session**

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**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
**Regular Board Meeting Agenda**  
**March 27, 2023**

- I. Call to Order (5:00 p.m.)**
- II. General Session**
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance**
  - B. Mission Statement Affirmation**
  - C. Approval of Minutes**
    - 1. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, February 27, 2023
  - D. Presentation (no attachment)**
    - 1. Committed to Inclusion-Pam Hunt
  - E. Discussion Items (no attachment)**
    - 1. Performance Audit Update
  - F. Old Business-No Old Business**
  - G. New Business**
    - 1. Abolishment & Creation of Positions Resolution #09-23 (ACTION)
    - 2. Approval of 2024 MCBDD Agency Calendar and 2023-2024 Windfall School Calendar (ACTION)
  - H. Reports Review**
    - a. Superintendent's Report
    - b. Financial Reports:
      - Revenue
      - Expenditures
      - Cash Balance
      - Cash Flow
    - c. Voucher Reports & Resolution #10-23 (ACTION)
    - d. Enrollee Statistics Report
    - e. Personnel Control Report
    - f. Action Plan Progress Update
- III. Open Forum (Board Policy Ch. 2, Sec. 4 D)**
  - The Board maintains discretion to hold an Open Forum
  - Five (5) minutes allotted per speaker
  - Forty-five (45) minutes, total of (9) speakers
- IV. Executive Session**
- V. Adjournment**

**The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2023**

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# Meeting Minutes

**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 27, 2023**

**I. Call to Order**

The MCBDD Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Board President Wayne Carroll at 5:05 p.m. Other Board Members present included the following: Dave Hartman, Andy Olah, Ann Salek, Sandra Thomas Fain, and Lisa Dreaden. Mark Gryskiewicz was excused.

Staff present included the following: Stacey Maleckar, Annie Finnerty, Shannon Lees, Diana Davis, Bobby Richards, Patti Hetkey, Sabrina Johnson, Carey Bates, Ed Dryer, Celeste Bajorek, and Pam Hunt.

Others present included the following: Keisha Thomas.

**II. General Session**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**B. Mission Statement Affirmation**

The Mission Statement was recited.

**C. Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of the Minutes from the Nominating Committee Meeting, January 23, 2023

A Motion was made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Olah, to approve the Minutes from the Nominating Committee Meeting on January 23, 2023. There was no discussion. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the Annual Organizational Meeting, January 23, 2023

A Motion was made by Ms. Thomas Fain, seconded by Ms. Dreaden, to approve the Minutes from the Annual Organizational Meeting on January 23, 2023. There was no discussion. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, January 23, 2023

A Motion was made by Ms. Thomas Fain, seconded by Mr. Olah, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on January 23, 2023. There was no discussion. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

**D. Presentation**

Ms. Maleckar distributed a fact sheet regarding the DSP Crisis. The following was shared with the Board:

- Statistics regarding the impact of low rates
- What we can and cannot do in regard to assisting with rates
- How to advocate for rate increase to legislators



- Governor's DeWine's budget proposal includes a 16.5% rate increase for HPC/On-Site-On-Call/Shared Living/Respite/Behavior/Medical/Complex Care & Competency-Based add ons and a 10% rate increase for ADS/Voc Hab/Employment Supports-Career Planning/NMT.

Ms. Maleckar presented a Resolution to the Board for signature. The Resolution states that the Medina County Board of DD recognizes that people with developmental disabilities cannot get the care they need due to the workforce crisis, caused by low wages. It states that the Board formally requests State of Ohio Legislators to protect the health and safety of people with developmental disabilities by supporting a historic investment in service reimbursement, allowing providers to recruit and retain quality DSPs. Mr. Olah made a Motion to accept the Resolution, Mr. Hartman seconded the Motion. Mr. Hartman stated we need to push the state to think outside the box with this DSP crisis. Mr. Olah stated that DSPs do not have incentive to stay on with no advancement opportunities. He stated the program needs re-structured to establish incentives. Ms. Thomas Fain stated that DSPs with additional certification, such as Med Pass, should be paid more. Ms. Dreaden stated that at this time, the most important action we can take is awareness. All Board Members signed the Resolution. Ms. Lees stated this is not an official agency Resolution, and Mr. Olah withdrew his Motion.

Ms. Maleckar also stated that in addition to the Resolution, March 1 is Advocacy Day and there will be activities at the MCAC from 9:30am-12pm. There are about 45 participants so far who will be attending and watching the livestream of the event taking place at the State House. Board Members are welcome to attend. There is also a Legislative Breakfast on March 13; several legislators have been invited. Ms. Maleckar stated it would be great to have at least one or two Board Members present.

## **E. Discussion Items**

### **1. Board Member Self Evaluations**

Mr. Carroll reviewed the results of the 2022 Annual Board Member Self Evaluations. There were two areas that he feels need addressed. They are the Board's understanding of legal requirements and the Board's understanding of Board Programs and Services. He requested that Ms. Maleckar provide some additional training in these areas for the Board. Ms. Salek stated that due to the volume of information and the fact that it is always changing, she is not confident that the Board will every fully understand the entire legal aspect. Ms. Maleckar stated that the Board does not necessarily have to understand all of the legalities, as we are able to consult with the Prosecutor's Office for any legal issues or questions. Mr. Carroll stated that overall, the results of the Self Evaluations were positive.

## **F. Old Business – There was no Old Business**

## **G. New Business**

### **1. Ohio Schools Council Resolution #05-23**

A Motion was made by Ms. Salek, seconded by Ms. Thomas Fain, to approve Resolution #05-23 to grant the Superintendent of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities the authority to modify, amend, or supplement Ohio Schools Council Policy 1.1 Section 10 Agreement, Policy 1.3 Section 11 Bylaws, and any other Agreements requiring Ohio Schools

Council Assembly approval. These modifications, amendments and supplements may occur at any regular or special meeting of the Ohio Schools Assembly at which a quorum is present. Approval of a modification, amendment or supplement requires a simple majority vote of the quorum. Ms. Bates stated that this resolution simply gives the Superintendents authority to approve policy changes to the Ohio Schools Council Governance Policy, rather than having to take it to the Board. She stated that Ohio Schools Council is one option we can use for purchasing, but is not required. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

## **2. Revision to 2023 Board Meeting Calendar Resolution #06-23**

A Motion was made by Ms. Salek, seconded by Ms. Dreaden, to approve the following revision to the current 2023 Board Meeting Calendar: The Ethics Committee Meeting will be moved from April 24, 2023 to May 15, 2023. In the future, the calendar will state that some meeting dates may change in order to avoid having to take these types of changes back to the Board for approval. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

## **3. PERS Pick Up for Superintendent Resolution #07-23**

A Motion was made by Mr. Olah, seconded by Ms. Salek, to approve Resolution #07-23 for the Medina County Board of DD to pick up the statutorily required contribution to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System for the Superintendent of the Medina County Board of DD. Mr. Carroll stated that this was already approved at the last Board Meeting; however, the Director of HR informed Mr. Carroll that specific language needs to be used on this type of Resolution. Mr. Hartman asked if this Resolution is replacing a previous one. Ms. Lees stated that the previous Resolution included the salary increase along with the PERS pick up. Ms. Davis stated that this Resolution is simply clearing up the language. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

## **G. Reports Review**

- Superintendent’s Report – Ms. Maleckar reviewed the Superintendent’s Report and addressed questions from the Board.
  - The Board extended their congratulations to Aktion Club for all the great things they do.
- Financial Reports – Ms. Bates reviewed the following:
  - Revenue
    - Ms. Bates reviewed the worksheet to explain the contents.
    - \$6,541.77 – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2022 sales tax received.
    - \$820.00 received for federal grants (school lunch program).
    - \$68,145.00 - ODE subsidy (three payments).
  - Expenses
    - Ms. Bates reviewed the worksheet to explain the contents.
    - General reserve revised 1/17/23 – 40% of prior year expenses (decreased by \$282,499.00).
    - \$81,665.00 – Second quarter Admin fees, FY23.
    - \$147,198.00 – Contract services (prior year expenses).
    - \$19K – Contract Projects – DSP Retention/Employee Referral.
    - \$10,500.00 – Replacement copier for Education.
    - \$1.1M – Match for third quarter FY23.

- \$32K – Four individuals in a DC (soon to be five individuals).
- Enhanced EFMAP is in a winddown period:
  - 6.2% will be paid through 3/2023
  - 5% to be paid through 6/2023
  - 2.5% to be paid through 9/2023
  - 1.5% to be paid through 12/2023
  - Normal EFMAP % begin 1/1/2024
- Cash Balance
  - Revised Capital Improvements and General Reserve to 2023 amounts.
- Cash Flow
  - \$2.4M of fund balance used.
  - Will be in deficit spending every month except for the two month we received tax payments.
- Voucher Report
  - Mr. Hartman asked Ms. Bates if the Donated Funds Committee should be a Donor Scholarship Committee since that is the reason they meet. Ms. Bates stated that the Donated Funds Committee is also used to determine how to spend funds that are donated to the agency but not designated for a specific purpose.

A Motion was made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Ms. Dreaden, to approve Resolution #08-23 to approve the Financial Reports for January, 2023. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

- MCBDD Enrollee Statistics Report
  - No questions or comments.
- Personnel Control Report
  - Ms. Maleckar stated that all agency positions are filled.
- Performance Outcomes
  - Ms. Bajorek address a question from Mr. Carroll regarding the PBIS Performance Outcome. She stated that while schools are required to have a PBIS program, Windfall School wanted to tweak the program to offer a multi-tier program.

Mr. Carroll stated that the Board is very impressed with the Community Relations outreach. They also like the new Table of Organization and requested one with the names of Management staff.

### **III. Open Forum**

No speakers from the audience. Mr. Carroll stated that he would still like to see a forum for live viewers to submit question or comments. Ms. Maleckar stated that we have a form on our website for submission of questions or comments.

### **IV. Executive Session**

No Executive Session was held.

### **V. Adjournment**

A Motion was made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Ms. Thomas Fain, to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

**FOR APPROVAL**

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Board Chair  
Medina County Board of DD

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Board Secretary  
Medina County Board of DD

# New Business



## **RESOLUTION #09-23**

**March 27, 2023**

### **MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

#### **ABOLISHMENT & CREATION OF POSITIONS**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ :

Administration respectfully requests permission to abolish the following positions:

- Director of Community Services
- Director of Community Development

And create the following position:

- Director of Community Supports and Development
- Community Projects Supervisor

#### **Explanation:**

As a result of an unforeseen resignation from the Director of Community Development, we are proposing changes to job titles and responsibilities that more closely align with the future direction of the department. This resolution will result in a cost savings of approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year.

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED AND ASSIGNED RESOLUTION #09-23.**

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Board Chair  
Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities



\*Calendar is subject to revision\*

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## 2024 MCBDD Yearly Calendar

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1/1 New Year's Day: 1/15 MLK Day

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2/19 President's Day

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5/27 Memorial Day

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3/8 In-Service Day: 3/29 Good Friday/OEA Only

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6/19 Juneteenth/AFSCME & Non-Bargaining Only

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7/4 Fourth of July

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9/2 Labor Day

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10/11 In-Service Day

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11/28-29 Thanksgiving

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12/24-12/25 Christmas Eve/Day

12/31-1/1 New Year's Eve/Day

1/1 New Year's Day (observed)-Agency Closed

1/2 Return from Winter Break in 2024

1/15 Martin Luther King Day-Agency Closed

2/19 Presidents' Day-Agency Closed

3/8 Inservice Day-Agency Closed

3/29 Good Friday (OEA Union Staff Only)

5/27 Memorial Day-Agency Closed

6/19 Juneteenth (SSA & Non Bargaining Staff Only)

7/4 Fourth of July-Agency Closed

9/2 Labor Day-Agency Closed

10/11 Inservice Day-Agency Closed

11/28-11/29 Thanksgiving-Agency Closed

12/24-12/25 Christmas Eve/Day-Agency Closed

12/26, 12/27, 12/30 Winter Break-Agency Closed

12/31-1/1 New Year's Eve/Day -Agency Closed

1/2/25 Return from Winter Break in 2025



# 2023-2024

## Windfall School Calendar **DRAFT**

Approved:

\*Calendar Subject To Revision

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First Day K-12: 8/24 - Preschool: 8/28

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9/4 Labor Day

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In-Service Day 10/13

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11/23-24 Thanksgiving

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12/20-1/2 Winter Break

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Return 1/3; 1/15 MLK Day

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2/19 Presidents' Day

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In-Service 3/8; 3/29 Good Friday

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4/1-4/5 Spring Break

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5/24 Graduation  
5/27 Memorial Day  
5/30 Last Day for K-12/Preschool  
5/31 Teachers' Last Day

June '24						
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July '24						
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7/4 Fourth of July

	Holiday/School Closed
	Graduation Day
	First Day for Students: K-12
	First Day for Preschool
	Teachers' Last Day

	Return to School/Work
	Last day for K-12/Preschool
	In-service Day-No School
	Teacher Work Day - No School



# Monthly Reports

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT****March 2023****SSA**

- The SSA Department has welcomed Lisa Sopko as our newest SSA. This addition has all positions in the department filled and a total count of 29 SSAs. She has completed her training, started creating relationships, and is working towards building up her caseload.
- We have successfully started submitting the new Ohio ISPs electronically through Brittco's software system. The SSA management team will continue to host lunch & learns to provide additional trainings and supports through this transition.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month – 3/1 was promoted countywide as “Wear Blue for Inclusion.” The Wadsworth Chamber of Commerce display window for March features the MCBDD and people with developmental disabilities. Articles were in local news and social media.
- We held an Advocacy Day on Wednesday, 3/1, at the Achievement Center. Attendees were able to watch the livestream of activities in Columbus, as well as take part in advocacy activities centered around the DSP workforce crisis.
- We attended the St. Ambrose Health Fair on Sunday, 3/12, to promote Early Intervention and developmental milestones.
- We held a DD Discussions: Legislative Breakfast on Friday, 3/17, for state and local officials to learn about the impact of the current DSP crisis. Several providers, DSPs, and families joined the panel discussion to tell their stories and ask for help from state legislators.
- We attended the Hinckley Buzzard Buzz event on Saturday, 3/18, to promote general agency awareness.
- We promoted the 2023 MCBDD Camperships which help with some costs associated with individuals attending summer camps and the Leadership Academy for individuals interested in expanding their advocacy efforts into leadership roles in our community.
- The MCBDD Donor Scholarship application deadline is Friday, 3/31. All local school districts have been provided with information to pass along to their students. This year's scholarship amount is \$1,500.00.

**EARLY INTERVENTION**

- Megan Palasik, one of our E.I. Speech Language Pathologists, will be presenting at the Ohio Libraries Council conference on 3/30 for Ohio librarians on early literacy, speech development, and what public librarians can do to promote this in story times.

**SCHOOL AGE AND PRESCHOOL**

- Windfall School students will be participating in the Medina County Schools Track and Field Day on 5/9. All students (except preschool) will be participating and will begin their training now.
- Two of our school-age classes will be visiting the Cleveland Aquarium on 3/15.

**COMMUNITY SUPPORTS & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT****Community Employment**

- The number of individuals receiving Community Employment Services the past month:
  - Job Development: 5

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Job Coaching: 2
- 90 Day Job Retention: 2
- Community Based Assessment: 2
- Work Adjustment: 1
- Pre-ETS: 5

Past Trainings and Presentations

Date	Title of Training	Presenter	Target Audience
2/1/2023	How to Become an Independent Provider	Courtney Jordan, MCBDD Tab & John Kelly, Independent Providers	Those looking to become independent providers <i>3 attended</i>
2/9/2023	Legislative Advocacy for Beginners	Pete Moore & Christine Touvelle, Ohio Provider Resource Association	Providers, Families, Individuals <i>27 attended</i>
2/16/2023	What to Do and What to Say: Creating Respectful Relationships in a Community Setting	Reinhild Boehme, OhioGuidestone	Families of multi-system youth, providers <i>31 attended</i>

Upcoming Trainings and Presentations

Date	Title of Training	Presenter	Target Audience
3/15/2023	Ohio ISP	Jim Bennett, DODD	Providers
3/23/2023	Epilepsy & Seizure First Aid	Nicole Richter, Training Specialist, MCBDD	Providers, Families, Individuals
4/4/2023	Ohio ISP	Jim Bennett, DODD	Individuals/Families

Self-Advocacy

## Ongoing:

- 16-week Advocacy Curriculum Train-the-Trainer Program continues at local Medina County high schools/7 classrooms. Total participants: 96.

## Completion of 16-week Advocacy Curriculum Training:

- On 3/6 and 3/22, Highland High School students received their certificates for completing the training.
- On 3/7 and 3/26, Wadsworth High School students received their certificates for completing the training.

## February Advocacy Meeting:

- During the February Advocacy meeting, seven Advocates participated and received information on the upcoming Leadership Program.
- News was also shared that the People Together program will be resuming and how they can get involved.
- The next Meeting is Tuesday evening, 3/21.

**Leadership Academy:**

- Congratulations goes out to the Advocates who were chosen to be participants in the first round Leadership Academy. The first class will be held on 4/18.

**Provider Support**

DSP Spotlight	Agency Spotlight
Jamille Hill was recognized for the March DSP Spotlight. Jamille works for Enhance Ability and was nominated by one of MCBDD SSAs. Jamille has gone above and beyond assisting an individual with transitioning from one agency to another, along with working and communicating with the team. Congratulations Jamille!!!	Enhance Ability, LLC has been serving individuals in Medina County since 2017. The agency promotes quality care and companionship for individuals with disabilities, while always encouraging those individuals to expand their horizons through friendship, learning experiences, and participation in community services. Thank you, Enhance Ability LLC, for all you do.

**OPERATIONS****Construction and Building Update**

- The fire alarm system started being switched to the new system on 3-16. This is a slow process that we anticipate will be done at the end of the month.
- We are in the last phase of the security door project: will be completed the week of 3-20.
- We are receiving final quotes for the 2023 Capital Projects.

**Aktion Club**

- Aktion Club is prepping for spring with the ordering of seedlings for the lettuce grow tower kept at The Link.
- Aktion Club is prepping to help with the Race for Glory entry and covering the cost.

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS OHIO MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DD**

**S.O. Ohio has recommended local programs to follow local guidelines for COVID 19.**

**185 Athletes total**

- 140 Bowling Athletes (114 Athletes; 26 unified partners)
- 30 Basketball Athletes
- 15 Swim Athletes

**Bowling**

- Nationals Bowling was held in Reno, Nevada on 2/28-3/3; Medina took two unified teams (four doubles teams) to compete; they earned two Gold, two Silver, and a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Place finish.

**Basketball**

- Two full Basketball teams – Division 4 (all male) and Division 5 (co-ed).
- State Indoor Winter Games was held and the Division 4 Medina FLASH Basketball won the State Championship (12 Basketball Athletes on this team).
- The Basketball Banquet is scheduled on 3/16.

Swim

- State Indoor Winter Games was held and eight Athletes competed; 7 Gold, 10 Silver, and 5 Bronze medals were earned.
- The Swim Banquet is scheduled on 3/9.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Wadsworth YMCA Pickleball continues on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30pm weekly (schedule will change as YMCA class schedule changes); no cost to Athletes; 12 Athletes are currently participating. (2 non-athletes – support people) TOTAL: 14 enrolled.
- S.O. Young Athlete program will be promoted with all Medina County schools and at Field Day on 5/9 at Cloverleaf High School; tentative start is 6/14.
- Donation received to take both Basketball teams to Cleveland Cavaliers home game scheduled on 3/17. Athletes participated in early access to watch warm-ups and in the high five tunnel to welcome players onto the court before the game started. Eighty-four people attended this game (Athletes/families).
- Candy sales continue (World's Finest Chocolates).
- Medina County Field Day meetings will continue until day of the event on 5/9, in collaboration with Special Olympics Medina County. Amy Smith, Special Olympics Coordinator, and Paula Majoros, Facilities/Activities Manager, will attend future meetings to support organizing the Field Day event. The location is Cloverleaf High School; next meeting scheduled on 4/17.
- Medina Athlete Lea Wilson is leading a 6-week program through S.O. Ohio called Winter Wellness. It is for all Athletes and partners to jump start health goals. Lea's title is Health Messenger; weekly emails and zoom sessions will be held. The program began on 1/31.
- Spring Sport sign-up email and link has been sent; spring sports are scheduled to start on 4/11.
- The Raymond Biegel Memorial Tournament is scheduled for 5/13.
- Fiona's Car Show is scheduled on 6/10 (rain date 6/17).
- The Medina Invitational is scheduled on 6/3-6/4.
- The State Summer Games are scheduled at Ohio State University on 6/23-6/25.

**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
**MONTHLY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS**  
**ALL FUNDS**  
**2/28/2023**

					VARIANCE ANALYSIS				
ACCT	TITLE	BUDGETED RECEIPTS	JAN	FEB	YTD RECEIPTS CURRENT YEAR	YTD RECEIPTS PRIOR YEAR	INCREASE (DECREASE)	% INCR. (DECR.)	% OF BUDGET RECEIVED
									16.67%
2856-40008	SALES TAX REVENUE	23,200	6,542	-	6,542	5,482	1,060	19.33	28.20
3300-40001	REAL ESTATE TAX (3)	17,418,121	-	-	-	-	-		-
3300-40009	ST PYMT IN LIEU OF TAXES	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
3300-40011	ROLLBACK/HOMESTEAD TAX (2)	2,154,183	-	-	-	-	-		-
3300-40250	FEES	3,600	650	500	1,150	1,000	150	15.00	31.94
3300-40420	GENERAL REIMBURSEMENTS	804,600	76,795	96,332	173,126	71,199	101,927	143.16	21.52
3300-40435	MEDICAID SETTLEMENT (7)	980,000	-	-	-	-	-		-
3300-40438	TARGETED CASE MGT (5)	904,000	84,500	70,154	154,655	142,380	12,274	8.62	17.11
3300-40439	WAIVER INCOME (5)	39,000	-	-	-	10,148	(10,148)	(100.00)	-
3300-40440	MAC	556,000	-	-	-	-	-		-
3300-40599	OTHER REVENUE	10,000	5,770	578	6,348	7,994	(1,646)	(20.59)	63.48
3300-40601	GRANTS - FEDERAL (4)	118,938	820	1,512	2,332	14,205	(11,873)	(83.58)	1.96
2855/3300-40602	GRANTS - STATE (4)	313,500	519	743	1,262	20,569	(19,307)	(93.86)	0.40
3300-40606	OOD	280,000	11,405	11,285	22,690	20,651	2,039	9.87	8.10
3300-40612	DEPT OF ED SUBSIDY	510,000	68,145	50,462	118,608	85,147	33,460	39.30	23.26
3300-40710	RENT	116,000	9,322	9,262	18,584	14,310	4,274	29.87	16.02
3315/3300-40712	REFUNDS	2,000	503	-	503	-	503		25.17
3300-40799	OTHER NON-REVENUE (9)	-	70	-	70	91	(20)	(22.48)	
3315-40072	DONATIONS (6)	10,000	-	-	-	1,050	(1,050)	(100.00)	-
3315-40503	INTEREST	2,000	-	-	-	-	-		-
	<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>24,245,142</b>	<b>265,041</b>	<b>240,828</b>	<b>505,869</b>	<b>394,226</b>	<b>111,643</b>	<b>28.32</b>	<b>2.09</b>
check:			265,040.96	240,828.43	505,869.39	394,226.17			
2855-40450	TRANSFERS (8)	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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Footnotes:

1. This report combines all funds for MCBDD (General, Capital, Capital SalesTax and Donated).
2. Rollback/ Homestead is the portion of Real Estate Taxes that are paid by the State twice a year.
3. Real Estate taxes are received twice a year typically in April and August or September.
4. Grants - Federal (Title XX, National School Lunch, Title VI), Grants - State (RAP, Capital Assistance Grants (Housing), Other State Grants)
5. Medicaid payments (Waiver & Targeted Case Management) - 2023 waiver revenue is Transit NMT waiver billing and Supported Employment for previous CY22 quarter.
6. Donations received (3315-40072):
7. Medicaid Settlement - cost report and waiver match reconciliations. For CY23, we expect FY21 waiver match reconciliation and CY19 cost report settlement (was expected in
8. Cash transfer from general fund to capital improvement fund - no cash transfers expected in CY23.
9. Other Non-revenue - insurance premiums PT staff (moved to 40420 general reimbursements in 2023)

**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
MONTHLY EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
ALL FUNDS  
FEBRUARY 2023**

							YTD VARIANCE ANALYSIS				UNSPENT BALANCE 2023	% SPENT
ACCT	TITLE	INITIAL BUDGET	BUDGET CHANGES	ADJUSTED BUDGET	JAN	FEB	YTD BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	YTD PRIOR YEAR	INCREASE (DECREASE)		
												8.33%
VARIOUS	SALARIES (5)	8,482,126	-	8,482,126	615,388	609,984	1,304,942	1,225,372	1,241,167	(15,795)	7,256,754	14.45
3300-50060	WORKERS COMP	84,648	-	84,648	6,106	6,100	13,023	12,206	12,412	(205)	72,442	14.42
3300-50070	UNEMPLOYMENT	66,170	-	66,170	1,532	-	10,180	1,532	1,721	(189)	64,638	2.32
3300-50080	PERS	960,177	-	960,177	70,668	70,368	147,720	141,036	142,656	(1,620)	819,141	14.69
3300-50081	MEDICARE	122,738	-	122,738	8,355	8,346	18,883	16,701	16,863	(162)	106,037	13.61
3300-50082	STRS	224,884	-	224,884	14,714	15,030	34,598	29,744	29,891	(147)	195,140	13.23
3300-50090	HOSPITALIZATION	2,586,539	-	2,586,539	173,904	174,443	397,929	348,347	362,178	(13,830)	2,238,192	13.47
3300-50091	DENTAL INSURANCE	120,040	-	120,040	10,213	10,185	10,003	20,398	17,895	2,503	99,642	16.99
3300/3315-50100	SUPPLIES	216,430	-	216,430	6,916	11,668	18,036	18,584	40,031	(21,447)	197,846	8.59
3300-50200	MATERIALS	20,300	-	20,300	1,306	303	1,692	1,609	2,880	(1,271)	18,691	7.93
3300-50230	REPAIRS	53,500	-	53,500	1,805	2,220	4,458	4,025	8,771	(4,746)	49,475	7.52
3300-50250	EMERGENCY RELIEF	25,000	-	25,000	-	-	2,083	-	-	-	25,000	-
3300-50450	FEES	379,100	-	379,100	81,665	1,294	31,592	82,959	73,759	9,200	296,141	21.88
3300-50515	PROPERTY & LIABILITY INS	54,450	-	54,450	-	-	4,538	-	21,646	(21,646)	54,450	-
3300-50536	VEHICLE INSURANCE	11,000	-	11,000	-	-	917	-	9,422	(9,422)	11,000	-
3300-50540	ADVERTISING	37,600	-	37,600	2,923	9,495	3,133	12,418	13,761	(1,343)	25,182	33.03
3300/3315-50541	PRINTING	7,550	-	7,550	-	-	629	-	4,534	(4,534)	7,550	-
3300/3315-50560	TRAVEL	120,950	-	120,950	9,546	6,023	10,079	15,569	4,751	10,817	105,381	12.87
3300/3315-50580	CONTRACT SERVICES	2,160,109	-	2,160,109	167,450	289,152	180,009	456,601	241,389	215,212	1,703,508	21.14
3300-50590	CONTRACT PROJECTS	540,000	-	540,000	19,745	-	45,000	19,745	26,100	(6,355)	520,255	3.66
3300-50600	GASOLINE	4,500	-	4,500	75	206	375	282	594	(312)	4,218	6.26
3300/3315-50610	OTHER EXPENSE (3)	105,515	-	105,515	55,074	4,559	8,793	59,633	38,535	21,098	45,882	56.52
VARIOUS	UTILITIES	247,700	-	247,700	20,482	23,262	20,642	43,744	15,690	28,054	203,956	17.66
3300/3315-50711	RENTALS	8,350	-	8,350	40	135	696	175	100	75	8,175	2.10
3300/3315-50780	EQUIPMENT	141,500	-	141,500	12,083	28,643	11,792	40,725	23,882	16,844	100,775	28.78
2855-50580	CONTRACT SERVICES (CI)	50,000	-	50,000	-	-	4,167	-	-	-	50,000	-
2855-50590	CAPITAL PROJECTS (CI)	734,800	-	734,800	245,512	25,854	61,233	271,366	153,848	117,518	463,434	36.93
2856-50590	CAPITAL PROJECTS (SALES TAX)	23,200	-	23,200	-	-	1,933	-	23,862	(23,862)	23,200	-
<b>SUBTOTAL - EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>17,588,876</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,588,876</b>	<b>1,525,503</b>	<b>1,297,269</b>	<b>2,349,074</b>	<b>2,822,772</b>	<b>2,528,336</b>	<b>294,435</b>	<b>14,766,104</b>	<b>16.05</b>
3300-50623	MEDICAID LOCAL MATCH (2)	6,779,000	-	6,779,000	1,168,142	33,765	564,917	1,201,906	1,212,281	(10,374)	5,577,094	17.73
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<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>		<b>24,367,876</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,367,876</b>	<b>2,693,645</b>	<b>1,331,034</b>	<b>2,913,990</b>	<b>4,024,678</b>	<b>3,740,617</b>	<b>284,061</b>	<b>20,343,198</b>	<b>16.52</b>
<b>PRIOR YEAR CARRYOVER (4)</b>				<b>483,766</b>	<b>90,167</b>			<b>573,933</b>	<b>639,862</b>			

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3300-50960	TRANSFERS (6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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3300-50981	RESERVE GENERAL (7)	8,948,387	(282,499)	8,665,888	-	-	8,665,888	-	8,867,406	(201,518)	8,665,888	-
2855-50981	RESERVE CAPITAL (7)	2,801,357	-	2,801,357	-	-	2,801,357	-	3,586,157	(784,800)	2,801,357	-

**TOTAL RESERVE AMOUNTS:** 11,749,744 (282,499) 11,467,245 - - 11,467,245 - 12,453,563 (986,318) 11,467,245 -

36,117,620

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**FOOTNOTES:**

1. This report combines all funds for MCBDD (General, Capital, Sales Tax and Donated); Initial Budget is the initial approved 2023 Budget. Budget changes are for appropriation transfers, increases or decreases that occur after the initial budget is approved. Adjusted budget is current budget net of budget changes.
2. Local Match includes quarterly payments plus 5th invoice to DODD for Medicaid match, as well as match for those individuals living in a DC. 6.5% provider retention match is also posted here.
3. Other Expense includes one-time payments (e.g. professional memberships - OACBDD, OPRA, Chambers, etc.).
4. Prior Year Carry-over is 2022 expenses paid in 2023
5. Salaries - three pay months (June and December 2023).
6. Transfers- This is not an expense but is needed to transfer money from the general fund to the capital improvement fund (none needed for 2023)
7. Reserve - Designated reserve accounts covered by ORC 5705.222 (C)

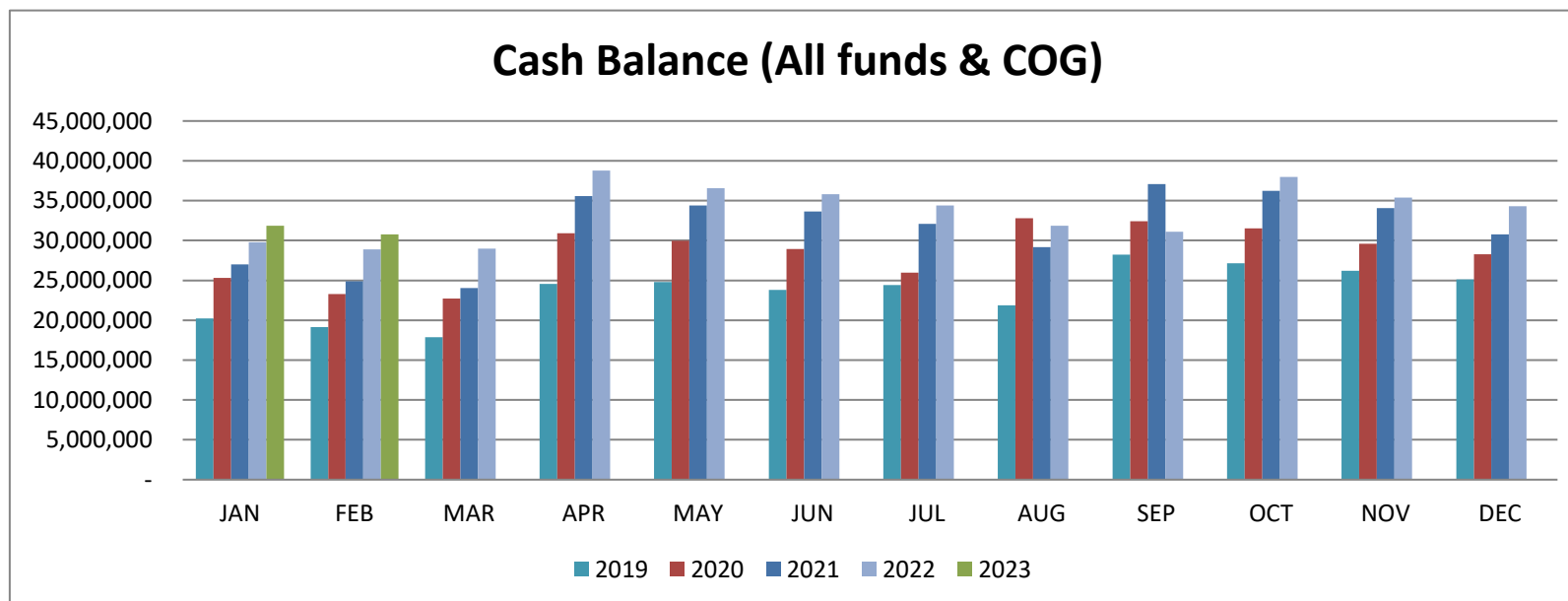
**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
**CASH BALANCE FOR MONTH ENDING:**

February 28, 2023

			CURRENT YEAR	PRIOR YEAR	NET CHANGE
<b>FUND #</b>	<b>2855</b>	Capital Fund	2,800,497.10	2,563,448.84	237,048.26
	<b>2855</b>	Capital Fund Reserve	2,801,357.00	3,586,157.00	(784,800.00)
	<b>2856</b>	Capital Sales Tax Fund	18,258.19	11,090.37	7,167.82
	<b>3300</b>	General Fund	16,334,367.80	13,682,995.68	2,651,372.12
	<b>3300</b>	General Fund Reserve	8,665,888.00	8,867,406.00	(201,518.00)
	<b>3315</b>	Donated Fund	92,145.24	109,830.49	(17,685.25)
	<b>NA</b>	Residential Fund- Held by NEON	76,353.68	92,773.51	(16,419.83)
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>30,788,867.01</b>	<b>28,913,701.89</b>	<b>1,875,165.12</b>
		<b>RESERVE TOTAL</b>	<b>11,467,245.00</b>	<b>12,453,563.00</b>	<b>(986,318.00)</b>
		<b>TOTALS LESS RESERVES</b>	<b>19,321,622.01</b>	<b>16,460,138.89</b>	<b>2,861,483.12</b>

Note 1: Cash held by NEON is used to pay Supported Living and Family Support Services

Note 2: Reserve accounts in accordance with ORC 5705.222



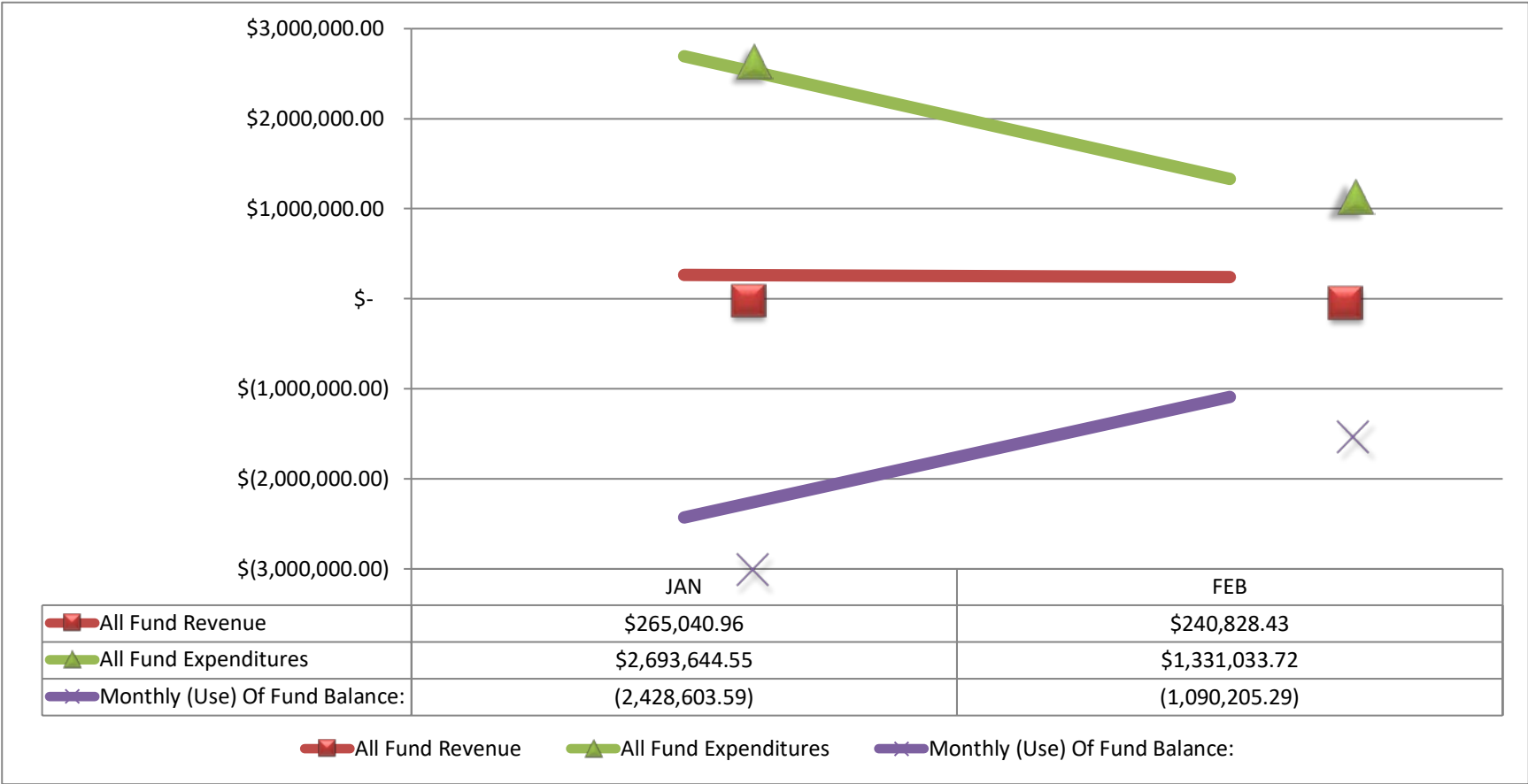


MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MONTHLY CASH FLOW 2/28/2023					
FUND	DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	JAN	FEB	YTD TOTAL
2855	Capital Improvements Revenue		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,873,220.57
2855	Capital Improvements Expenses		\$ 245,512.19	\$ 25,854.28	\$ 271,366.47
	Total Cash Available:	\$ 5,873,220.57	\$ 5,627,708.38	\$ 5,601,854.10	\$ 5,601,854.10
2856	Capital Sales Tax Revenue		\$ 6,541.77	\$ -	\$ 18,258.19
2856	Capital Sales Tax Expenses		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Cash Available:	\$ 11,716.42	\$ 18,258.19	\$ 18,258.19	\$ 18,258.19
3300	General Fund Revenue		\$ 258,499.19	\$ 240,828.43	\$ 28,752,051.46
3300	General Fund Expenditures		\$ 2,446,927.96	\$ 1,304,867.70	\$ 3,751,795.66
	Total Cash Available:	\$ 28,252,723.84	\$ 26,064,295.07	\$ 25,000,255.80	\$ 25,000,255.80
3315	Donated Fund Revenue		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 93,661.38
3315	Donated Fund Expenditures		\$ 1,204.40	\$ 311.74	\$ 1,516.14
	Total Cash Available:	\$ 93,661.38	\$ 92,456.98	\$ 92,145.24	\$ 92,145.24
ALL	All Fund Revenue		\$ 265,040.96	\$ 240,828.43	\$ 34,737,191.60
ALL	All Fund Expenditures		\$ 2,693,644.55	\$ 1,331,033.72	\$ 4,024,678.27
	Total Cash Available:	\$ 34,231,322.21	\$ 31,802,718.62	\$ 30,712,513.33	\$ 30,712,513.33
check			31,802,718.62	30,712,513.33	30,712,513.33

Monthly (Use) Of Fund Balance: (2,428,603.59) (1,090,205.29) (3,518,808.88)

FOOTNOTES:

(1) Funds held at NEON are not included here since money available is already included as a transfer from Fund 3300, earmarked for Supported Living and Family Support Services (NEON balance 2/28/23: \$226,688.76)



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Summary By Vendor

Sum of AMOUNT	Fund			
Vendor	2855	3300	3315	Grand Total
<b>4 IMPRINT INC</b>				
PR-SUPPLIES		\$ 2,217.01		\$ 2,217.01
<b>4 IMPRINT INC Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,217.01</b>		<b>\$ 2,217.01</b>
<b>ABLENET INC</b>				
SP-SUPPLIES		\$ 255.00		\$ 255.00
<b>ABLENET INC Total</b>		<b>\$ 255.00</b>		<b>\$ 255.00</b>
<b>AC PASSAGE ENTERPRIS</b>				
CRC-NMT-11/28/22-12/31/22		\$ 2,008.02		\$ 2,008.02
<b>AC PASSAGE ENTERPRIS Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,008.02</b>		<b>\$ 2,008.02</b>
<b>AIRGAS USA LLC</b>				
NU-OXYGEN TANK RENTAL FEES-01/01/23-01/31/23		\$ 26.04		\$ 26.04
<b>AIRGAS USA LLC Total</b>		<b>\$ 26.04</b>		<b>\$ 26.04</b>
<b>ALBRIGHT SECURITY CE</b>				
M-CONTRACT REPAIRS-SVC CALL/INSTALL LOCKS/CUT KEYS		\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00
<b>ALBRIGHT SECURITY CE Total</b>		<b>\$ 600.00</b>		<b>\$ 600.00</b>
<b>AMAZON</b>				
A-SUPPLIES		\$ 536.41		\$ 536.41
DF-AT-SUPPLIES			\$ 311.74	\$ 311.74
EI-SUPPLIES		\$ 355.82		\$ 355.82
ES-SUPPLIES		\$ 475.30		\$ 475.30
IT-EQUIPMENT (NETWORK BATTERY BACKUPS)		\$ 5,672.26		\$ 5,672.26
IT-SUPPLIES		\$ 469.88		\$ 469.88
M-SUPPLIES (VACUUM)		\$ 439.00		\$ 439.00
PBS-SUPPLIES		\$ 104.01		\$ 104.01
SA/ES-SUPPLIES		\$ 113.26		\$ 113.26
<b>AMAZON Total</b>		<b>\$ 8,165.94</b>	<b>\$ 311.74</b>	<b>\$ 8,477.68</b>
<b>AMERICAN RED CROSS H</b>				
CS-FIRST AID/CPR-01/30/23 (PW)		\$ 144.00		\$ 144.00
CS-FIRST AID/CPR-1/02/23, 2/01/23, & 2/03/23 (NR)		\$ 360.00		\$ 360.00
CS-FIRST AID/CPR-11/12/22-01/13/23 (PW/DH/NR)		\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
CS-FIRST AID/CPR-11/5,12/4,&12/21/22 & 1/5-1/19/23		\$ 282.00		\$ 282.00
CS-FIRST AID/CPR-12/9/22-02/13/23 (DH/NR/PW)		\$ 180.00		\$ 180.00
CS-SUPPLIES		\$ 58.89		\$ 58.89
<b>AMERICAN RED CROSS H Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,324.89</b>		<b>\$ 1,324.89</b>
<b>APOLLO PEST CONTROL</b>				
M-PEST CONTROL SVCS-01/31/23		\$ 88.00		\$ 88.00
<b>APOLLO PEST CONTROL Total</b>		<b>\$ 88.00</b>		<b>\$ 88.00</b>
<b>ARMSTRONG CABLE SERV</b>				
AT/M-INTERNET SERVICES-02/15/23-03/14/23		\$ 304.90		\$ 304.90
<b>ARMSTRONG CABLE SERV Total</b>		<b>\$ 304.90</b>		<b>\$ 304.90</b>
<b>B &amp; H PHOTO</b>				
BO/SSA/SSAS-EQUIPMENT (LAPTOPS W/ WARRANTY)		\$ 3,676.64		\$ 3,676.64
IT-EQUIPMENT (DESKTOP COMPUTER) (ZK)		\$ 1,167.90		\$ 1,167.90
<b>B &amp; H PHOTO Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,844.54</b>		<b>\$ 4,844.54</b>
<b>BIADA NICHOLAS</b>				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 106.24		\$ 106.24
<b>BIADA NICHOLAS Total</b>		<b>\$ 106.24</b>		<b>\$ 106.24</b>
<b>BOUNDLESS COMMUNITY</b>				
CRC-ADS-11/01/22-11/30/22 (CB/WC/JM/JM)		\$ 1,772.85		\$ 1,772.85
CRC-NMT-11/01/22-11/30/22 (CB/WC/JM/JM)		\$ 1,935.57		\$ 1,935.57
<b>BOUNDLESS COMMUNITY Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,708.42</b>		<b>\$ 3,708.42</b>

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Summary By Vendor

Sum of AMOUNT	Fund			
Vendor	2855	3300	3315	Grand Total
<b>BP</b>				
T-GASOLINE-01/24/23 & 02/02/23		\$ 48.75		\$ 48.75
<b>BP Total</b>		<b>\$ 48.75</b>		<b>\$ 48.75</b>
<b>BRITTCO LLC</b>				
IT-SOFTWARE MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION-FEB 23		\$ 3,550.00		\$ 3,550.00
<b>BRITTCO LLC Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,550.00</b>		<b>\$ 3,550.00</b>
<b>BUEHLERS FOOD MARKET</b>				
FSLP-CAFETERIA GROCERIES-01/30/23		\$ 42.70		\$ 42.70
<b>BUEHLERS FOOD MARKET Total</b>		<b>\$ 42.70</b>		<b>\$ 42.70</b>
<b>CALL JENIFER</b>				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 67.79		\$ 67.79
<b>CALL JENIFER Total</b>		<b>\$ 67.79</b>		<b>\$ 67.79</b>
<b>CARF INTERNATIONAL</b>				
A-2023 CARF STANDARDS MANUAL (ELECTRONIC DOWNLOAD)		\$ 293.00		\$ 293.00
<b>CARF INTERNATIONAL Total</b>		<b>\$ 293.00</b>		<b>\$ 293.00</b>
<b>CDW GOVERNMENT LLC</b>				
PS/SA-EQUIPMENT		\$ 9,705.53		\$ 9,705.53
PS-EQUIPMENT		\$ 938.97		\$ 938.97
<b>CDW GOVERNMENT LLC Total</b>		<b>\$ 10,644.50</b>		<b>\$ 10,644.50</b>
<b>CHUCK'S CUSTOM LLC</b>				
M-EQUIPMENT (PLOW W/ INSTALLATION)		\$ 7,481.38		\$ 7,481.38
<b>CHUCK'S CUSTOM LLC Total</b>		<b>\$ 7,481.38</b>		<b>\$ 7,481.38</b>
<b>COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO</b>				
M-GAS-01/01/23-01/16/23		\$ 705.69		\$ 705.69
M-GAS-12/14/22-12/31/22		\$ 705.70		\$ 705.70
<b>COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,411.39</b>		<b>\$ 1,411.39</b>
<b>CONSTELLATION NEWENE</b>				
M-GAS-DEC 22		\$ 1,356.31		\$ 1,356.31
<b>CONSTELLATION NEWENE Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,356.31</b>		<b>\$ 1,356.31</b>
<b>CONSUMER SUPPORT SER</b>				
CRC-NMT-12/01/22-12/29/22 (MH/CW)		\$ 819.60		\$ 819.60
<b>CONSUMER SUPPORT SER Total</b>		<b>\$ 819.60</b>		<b>\$ 819.60</b>
<b>CRITZER KELLY</b>				
OT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 112.79		\$ 112.79
<b>CRITZER KELLY Total</b>		<b>\$ 112.79</b>		<b>\$ 112.79</b>
<b>CROSS CREEK APARTMEN</b>				
CRC-RENTAL ASSISTANCE-MAR 23 (LM)		\$ 512.00		\$ 512.00
<b>CROSS CREEK APARTMEN Total</b>		<b>\$ 512.00</b>		<b>\$ 512.00</b>
<b>DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF</b>				
DENTAL PREMIUM-FEB 23		\$ 10,185.05		\$ 10,185.05
<b>DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF Total</b>		<b>\$ 10,185.05</b>		<b>\$ 10,185.05</b>
<b>DERGA ANDREW</b>				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 64.85		\$ 64.85
<b>DERGA ANDREW Total</b>		<b>\$ 64.85</b>		<b>\$ 64.85</b>
<b>DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPP</b>				
PS/SA-SUPPLIES		\$ 251.14		\$ 251.14
<b>DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPP Total</b>		<b>\$ 251.14</b>		<b>\$ 251.14</b>
<b>E.M. SERVICE</b>				
CI-COMPLETE TACO PUMPS & MOTORS FINAL PMT	\$ 17,631.28			\$ 17,631.28
<b>E.M. SERVICE Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,631.28</b>			<b>\$ 17,631.28</b>
<b>E.S. BEVERIDGE &amp; ASS</b>				
HR-COBRA ADMIN SERVICES-FEB 23		\$ 102.00		\$ 102.00
HR-COBRA ADMIN SERVICES-JAN 23		\$ 102.00		\$ 102.00
<b>E.S. BEVERIDGE &amp; ASS Total</b>		<b>\$ 204.00</b>		<b>\$ 204.00</b>

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<b>EASTER SEALS NORTHER</b>				
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/31/23 (MS)		\$ 252.69		\$ 252.69
<b>EASTER SEALS NORTHER Total</b>		<b>\$ 252.69</b>		<b>\$ 252.69</b>
<b>ENHANCE ABILITY LLC</b>				
CRC-ADS-11/28/22-12/02/22 (AP)		\$ 647.50		\$ 647.50
CRC-NMT-11/28/22-12/02/22 (AP)		\$ 204.90		\$ 204.90
<b>ENHANCE ABILITY LLC Total</b>		<b>\$ 852.40</b>		<b>\$ 852.40</b>
<b>FAIRLAWNGIG</b>				
M-BUSINESS STATIC 13/BUSINESS BASIC-02/16-03/15/23		\$ 630.00		\$ 630.00
<b>FAIRLAWNGIG Total</b>		<b>\$ 630.00</b>		<b>\$ 630.00</b>
<b>FIRST COMMUNICATIONS</b>				
M-TELEPHONE-FEB 23		\$ 2,782.16		\$ 2,782.16
<b>FIRST COMMUNICATIONS Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,782.16</b>		<b>\$ 2,782.16</b>
<b>FORTNEY MICHELLE</b>				
CS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 208.16		\$ 208.16
<b>FORTNEY MICHELLE Total</b>		<b>\$ 208.16</b>		<b>\$ 208.16</b>
<b>FULTON SAVANAH</b>				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 39.04		\$ 39.04
<b>FULTON SAVANAH Total</b>		<b>\$ 39.04</b>		<b>\$ 39.04</b>
<b>GEAR MICHAEL</b>				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 28.03		\$ 28.03
<b>GEAR MICHAEL Total</b>		<b>\$ 28.03</b>		<b>\$ 28.03</b>
<b>GENE PTACEK &amp; SON FI</b>				
M-FIRE SUPPRESSION INSPECTION-01/19/23		\$ 502.00		\$ 502.00
<b>GENE PTACEK &amp; SON FI Total</b>		<b>\$ 502.00</b>		<b>\$ 502.00</b>
<b>GOLD CARE SERVICES</b>				
CRC-RESPIRE SERVICES-JAN 23 (KB)		\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00
<b>GOLD CARE SERVICES Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>
<b>GORDON FOOD SERVICE</b>				
FSLP-CAFETERIA GROCERIES-01/30/23		\$ 310.89		\$ 310.89
FSLP-CAFETERIA GROCERIES-02/08/23		\$ 306.27		\$ 306.27
FSLP-CAFETERIA GROCERIES-02/16/23		\$ 300.45		\$ 300.45
<b>GORDON FOOD SERVICE Total</b>		<b>\$ 917.61</b>		<b>\$ 917.61</b>
<b>GRAINGER</b>				
M-MATERIALS		\$ 104.38		\$ 104.38
M-SUPPLIES		\$ 252.77		\$ 252.77
<b>GRAINGER Total</b>		<b>\$ 357.15</b>		<b>\$ 357.15</b>
<b>GRAPHIC ENTERPRISES</b>				
ASM-COPIER MAINTENANCE-12/23/22-12/31/22		\$ 24.50		\$ 24.50
COPIER MAINTENANCE-01/01/23-01/27/23		\$ 584.15		\$ 584.15
COPIER MAINTENANCE-12/28/22-12/31/22		\$ 64.91		\$ 64.91
CS-COPIER MAINTENANCE-01/01/23-01/22/23		\$ 69.72		\$ 69.72
PRINTER MAINTENANCE OVERAGE-10/01/22-12/31/22		\$ 267.93		\$ 267.93
PRINTER MAINTENANCE-01/01/23-01/31/23		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
PRINTER MAINTENANCE-02/01/23-02/28/23		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
<b>GRAPHIC ENTERPRISES Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,011.21</b>		<b>\$ 2,011.21</b>
<b>GREATER CLEVELAND AQ</b>				
SA-ADMISSION TICKETS-03/15/23		\$ 110.00		\$ 110.00
<b>GREATER CLEVELAND AQ Total</b>		<b>\$ 110.00</b>		<b>\$ 110.00</b>
<b>GREENLEAF FAMILY CEN</b>				
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-01/13/23 & 01/18/23 (RS)		\$ 220.00		\$ 220.00
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-01/26/23 (RS)		\$ 110.00		\$ 110.00
<b>GREENLEAF FAMILY CEN Total</b>		<b>\$ 330.00</b>		<b>\$ 330.00</b>

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<b>GRZYBOWSKI SAMANTHA</b>				
CE-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 185.30		\$ 185.30
<b>GRZYBOWSKI SAMANTHA Total</b>		<b>\$ 185.30</b>		<b>\$ 185.30</b>
<b>HOME DEPOT CREDIT SE</b>				
M-MATERIALS		\$ 198.91		\$ 198.91
M-SUPPLIES		\$ 198.22		\$ 198.22
<b>HOME DEPOT CREDIT SE Total</b>		<b>\$ 397.13</b>		<b>\$ 397.13</b>
<b>HUNTINGTON NATIONAL</b>				
PR-WEBINAR REGISTRATION FEE-02/07/23-02/08/23 (RS)		\$ 249.00		\$ 249.00
<b>HUNTINGTON NATIONAL Total</b>		<b>\$ 249.00</b>		<b>\$ 249.00</b>
<b>I AM BOUNDLESS INC</b>				
CRC-INTENSIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS-DEC 22 (MR)		\$ 5,417.00		\$ 5,417.00
<b>I AM BOUNDLESS INC Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,417.00</b>		<b>\$ 5,417.00</b>
<b>IMPACT GROUP PUBLIC</b>				
A-EXEC. COACHING-COMM. TRAINING & LEADERSHIP DEV.		\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
<b>IMPACT GROUP PUBLIC Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>
<b>INDEPENDENT EMPLOYME</b>				
CRC-NMT-01/01/23-01/07/23		\$ 717.15		\$ 717.15
CRC-NMT-01/08/23-01/21/23		\$ 1,372.83		\$ 1,372.83
CRC-NMT-01/22/23-02/04/23		\$ 1,598.22		\$ 1,598.22
CRC-NMT-12/12/22-12/24/22		\$ 1,393.32		\$ 1,393.32
CRC-NMT-12/25/22-12/31/22		\$ 450.78		\$ 450.78
CS-NMT GAS SUPPORT		\$ 151.89		\$ 151.89
<b>INDEPENDENT EMPLOYME Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,684.19</b>		<b>\$ 5,684.19</b>
<b>INTERVENTION FOR PEA</b>				
CS-HPC DSP RETENTION SUPPORT AGENCY PROVIDERS		\$ 5,700.00		\$ 5,700.00
<b>INTERVENTION FOR PEA Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,700.00</b>		<b>\$ 5,700.00</b>
<b>INVO HEALTHCARE ASSO</b>				
OT-COTA SERVICES-01/01/23-01/31/23		\$ 4,910.50		\$ 4,910.50
<b>INVO HEALTHCARE ASSO Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,910.50</b>		<b>\$ 4,910.50</b>
<b>JACK CONNIE</b>				
AT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 160.63		\$ 160.63
<b>JACK CONNIE Total</b>		<b>\$ 160.63</b>		<b>\$ 160.63</b>
<b>JAEGER AMBER</b>				
EI-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 104.15		\$ 104.15
<b>JAEGER AMBER Total</b>		<b>\$ 104.15</b>		<b>\$ 104.15</b>
<b>JOY OF MEDINA COUNTY</b>				
PR-ADVERTISING & PRINTING-MAR 23		\$ 245.00		\$ 245.00
<b>JOY OF MEDINA COUNTY Total</b>		<b>\$ 245.00</b>		<b>\$ 245.00</b>
<b>KAPTEIN MEGAN</b>				
PT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 108.47		\$ 108.47
<b>KAPTEIN MEGAN Total</b>		<b>\$ 108.47</b>		<b>\$ 108.47</b>
<b>KIRKPATRICK SHERRI</b>				
BO-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 50.57		\$ 50.57
<b>KIRKPATRICK SHERRI Total</b>		<b>\$ 50.57</b>		<b>\$ 50.57</b>
<b>KREBS JOHN</b>				
ASM-TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 10.48		\$ 10.48
<b>KREBS JOHN Total</b>		<b>\$ 10.48</b>		<b>\$ 10.48</b>
<b>LANGUAGE LEARNING AS</b>				
SP/OT/PT-THERAPY SERVICES-JAN 23		\$ 21,085.71		\$ 21,085.71
<b>LANGUAGE LEARNING AS Total</b>		<b>\$ 21,085.71</b>		<b>\$ 21,085.71</b>
<b>LAUREL HILL APARTME</b>				
CRC-RENTAL ASSISTANCE-MAR 23 (TG)		\$ 79.00		\$ 79.00
CRC-RENTAL ASSISTANCE-MAR 23 (WM)		\$ 231.00		\$ 231.00
<b>LAUREL HILL APARTME Total</b>		<b>\$ 310.00</b>		<b>\$ 310.00</b>

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<b>LAVOY CYNTHIA</b>				
PBS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 451.95		\$ 451.95
<b>LAVOY CYNTHIA Total</b>		<b>\$ 451.95</b>		<b>\$ 451.95</b>
<b>MAJKRZAK ASHLEY</b>				
EI-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 233.84		\$ 233.84
<b>MAJKRZAK ASHLEY Total</b>		<b>\$ 233.84</b>		<b>\$ 233.84</b>
<b>MAJOROS PAULA</b>				
DS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 41.40		\$ 41.40
M-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 80.96		\$ 80.96
SO-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 39.69		\$ 39.69
<b>MAJOROS PAULA Total</b>		<b>\$ 162.05</b>		<b>\$ 162.05</b>
<b>MALECKAR STACEY</b>				
A-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 39.96		\$ 39.96
<b>MALECKAR STACEY Total</b>		<b>\$ 39.96</b>		<b>\$ 39.96</b>
<b>MANSOUR GAVIN LPA</b>				
HR-LEGAL SERVICES-DEC 22		\$ 228.00		\$ 228.00
<b>MANSOUR GAVIN LPA Total</b>		<b>\$ 228.00</b>		<b>\$ 228.00</b>
<b>MEDINA COUNTY HEALTH</b>				
DS-FOOD SERVICE OPERATION LICENSE		\$ 417.00		\$ 417.00
<b>MEDINA COUNTY HEALTH Total</b>		<b>\$ 417.00</b>		<b>\$ 417.00</b>
<b>MEDINA COUNTY SANITA</b>				
M-WATER/SEWER-12/15/22-01/31/23		\$ 1,073.68		\$ 1,073.68
<b>MEDINA COUNTY SANITA Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,073.68</b>		<b>\$ 1,073.68</b>
<b>MEDINA CREATIVE ACCE</b>				
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/17/23-01/31/23 (BB)		\$ 191.22		\$ 191.22
CRC-ADS-01/02/23-01/31/23 (LJ)		\$ 908.25		\$ 908.25
CRC-ADS-01/03/23 (DG)		\$ 3.46		\$ 3.46
CRC-ADS-01/04/23-01/28/23 (JM)		\$ 302.75		\$ 302.75
CRC-ADS-01/10/23-01/11/23 (GC)		\$ 86.50		\$ 86.50
CRC-ADS-12/01/22-12/22/22 (BB)		\$ 216.25		\$ 216.25
CRC-ADS-12/01/22-12/22/22 (LJ)		\$ 821.75		\$ 821.75
CRC-ADS-12/02/22-12/30/22 (MW)		\$ 173.00		\$ 173.00
CRC-ADS-12/03/22-12/22/22 (JM)		\$ 389.25		\$ 389.25
CRC-ADS-12/13/22-12/28/22 (DG)		\$ 193.76		\$ 193.76
CRC-ADS-12/20/22-12/21/22 (GC)		\$ 62.28		\$ 62.28
CRC-NMT-12/01/22-12/22/22 (BB)		\$ 102.45		\$ 102.45
CRC-NMT-12/02/22-12/30/22 (MW)		\$ 163.92		\$ 163.92
CS-HPC DSP RETENTION SUPPORT AGENCY PROVIDERS		\$ 2,700.00		\$ 2,700.00
CS-NMT GAS SUPPORT		\$ 602.78		\$ 602.78
<b>MEDINA CREATIVE ACCE Total</b>		<b>\$ 6,917.62</b>		<b>\$ 6,917.62</b>
<b>MEDTOX LABORATORIES</b>				
HR-ANNUAL ADMIN FEE FOR RANDOM DRUG TESTING		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
<b>MEDTOX LABORATORIES Total</b>		<b>\$ 50.00</b>		<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>MICROSOFT</b>				
IT-AUDIO CONFERENCING FOR FACULTY		\$ 2,160.00		\$ 2,160.00
<b>MICROSOFT Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,160.00</b>		<b>\$ 2,160.00</b>
<b>MIDWEST INNOVATIONS</b>				
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/09/23-01/13/23 (JS/JH)		\$ 1,105.09		\$ 1,105.09
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/17/23-01/20/23 (JS/JH)		\$ 924.23		\$ 924.23
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/23/23-01/27/23 (JS/JH)		\$ 944.78		\$ 944.78
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/30/23-01/31/23 (JS/JH)		\$ 509.42		\$ 509.42
CRC-ADS & NMT-02/01/23-02/03/23 (JS/JH)		\$ 659.41		\$ 659.41
DS-FOOD SERVICES-01/01/23-01/31/23		\$ 130.00		\$ 130.00
M-CUSTODIAL SERVICES-01/01/23-01/31/23		\$ 429.00		\$ 429.00
<b>MIDWEST INNOVATIONS Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,701.93</b>		<b>\$ 4,701.93</b>
<b>MURAT TOBIE</b>				

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SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 53.19		\$ 53.19
<b>MURAT TOBIE Total</b>		<b>\$ 53.19</b>		<b>\$ 53.19</b>
<b>NEON</b>				
A-ROOT CONSULTING LLC & ADMIN FEE-JAN 23		\$ 129.60		\$ 129.60
CRC-2023 FSS SUBSIDY TRANSFER		\$ 65,622.00		\$ 65,622.00
CRC-2023 SUPPORTED LIVING EXPENSES		\$ 97,000.00		\$ 97,000.00
<b>NEON Total</b>		<b>\$ 162,751.60</b>		<b>\$ 162,751.60</b>
<b>NEWS-O-MATIC</b>				
AT- NEWS-O-MATIC ONE YEAR SUBSCRIPTION		\$ 425.00		\$ 425.00
<b>NEWS-O-MATIC Total</b>		<b>\$ 425.00</b>		<b>\$ 425.00</b>
<b>NORTHERN MEDINA COUN</b>				
CE-REGISTRATION FEE-02/15/23 (RZ)		\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
<b>NORTHERN MEDINA COUN Total</b>		<b>\$ 25.00</b>		<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>NURTURING HANDS AND</b>				
CS-HPC DSP RETENTION SUPPORT AGENCY PROVIDERS		\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00
CS-NMT GAS SUPPORT		\$ 147.91		\$ 147.91
<b>NURTURING HANDS AND Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,347.91</b>		<b>\$ 1,347.91</b>
<b>OHIO ASSOCIATION OF</b>				
A-REGISTRATION FEE-11/30/22 (KL)		\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
<b>OHIO ASSOCIATION OF Total</b>		<b>\$ 25.00</b>		<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>OHIO EDISON COMPANY</b>				
M-ELECTRIC-01/18/23-02/14/23		\$ 14,229.96		\$ 14,229.96
<b>OHIO EDISON COMPANY Total</b>		<b>\$ 14,229.96</b>		<b>\$ 14,229.96</b>
<b>OHIO GUIDESTONE</b>				
CS-TRAINING-02/16/23		\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
<b>OHIO GUIDESTONE Total</b>		<b>\$ 400.00</b>		<b>\$ 400.00</b>
<b>OHIO PROVIDER RESOUR</b>				
A-2023 PUBLIC ENTITY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION		\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
<b>OHIO PROVIDER RESOUR Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>
<b>ONEBRIDGE SUPPORT SE</b>				
CRC-ADS-01/03/23-01/26/23 (MW)		\$ 152.24		\$ 152.24
<b>ONEBRIDGE SUPPORT SE Total</b>		<b>\$ 152.24</b>		<b>\$ 152.24</b>
<b>PEACEWORKS INC</b>				
A-SUPPLIES		\$ 128.25		\$ 128.25
<b>PEACEWORKS INC Total</b>		<b>\$ 128.25</b>		<b>\$ 128.25</b>
<b>REINHARDT SUPPLY COM</b>				
M-SUPPLIES		\$ 1,118.07		\$ 1,118.07
<b>REINHARDT SUPPLY COM Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,118.07</b>		<b>\$ 1,118.07</b>
<b>REPUBLIC SERVICES IN</b>				
M-TRASH-02/01/23-02/28/23		\$ 597.17		\$ 597.17
<b>REPUBLIC SERVICES IN Total</b>		<b>\$ 597.17</b>		<b>\$ 597.17</b>
<b>RICHARDS ROBERT</b>				
IT-ZOOM RENEWAL FOR ADVOCACY GROUP REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 149.90		\$ 149.90
<b>RICHARDS ROBERT Total</b>		<b>\$ 149.90</b>		<b>\$ 149.90</b>
<b>S.A. COMUNALE CO INC</b>				
M-ANNUAL BACKFLOW INSPECTIONS		\$ 375.00		\$ 375.00
<b>S.A. COMUNALE CO INC Total</b>		<b>\$ 375.00</b>		<b>\$ 375.00</b>
<b>SAINT AMBROSE PARISH</b>				
CR-HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR BOOTH SPACE-03/12/23		\$ 35.00		\$ 35.00
<b>SAINT AMBROSE PARISH Total</b>		<b>\$ 35.00</b>		<b>\$ 35.00</b>



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<b>SANDICARE LLC</b>				
CRC-ADS-01/10/23-01/12/23 (MB)		\$ 388.50		\$ 388.50
CRC-ADS-01/17/23-01/18/23 (MB)		\$ 259.00		\$ 259.00
CRC-ADS-01/26/23-01/27/23 (MB)		\$ 259.00		\$ 259.00
CRC-ADS-01/31/23-02/02/23 (MB)		\$ 388.50		\$ 388.50
<b>SANDICARE LLC Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,295.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,295.00</b>
<b>SAXER SHEILA</b>				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 59.61		\$ 59.61
<b>SAXER SHEILA Total</b>		<b>\$ 59.61</b>		<b>\$ 59.61</b>
<b>SCHOOL NUTRITION ASS</b>				
DS-REGISTRATION FEE-03/14/23-03/15/23 (PM)		\$ 169.00		\$ 169.00
<b>SCHOOL NUTRITION ASS Total</b>		<b>\$ 169.00</b>		<b>\$ 169.00</b>
<b>SCOZZARO CHRISTINE</b>				
EI-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 95.63		\$ 95.63
<b>SCOZZARO CHRISTINE Total</b>		<b>\$ 95.63</b>		<b>\$ 95.63</b>
<b>SMITH AMY L</b>				
INT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 69.38		\$ 69.38
<b>SMITH AMY L Total</b>		<b>\$ 69.38</b>		<b>\$ 69.38</b>
<b>SMITH BENJAMIN</b>				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 13.62		\$ 13.62
<b>SMITH BENJAMIN Total</b>		<b>\$ 13.62</b>		<b>\$ 13.62</b>
<b>SNACK SANDRA</b>				
PT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 129.23		\$ 129.23
<b>SNACK SANDRA Total</b>		<b>\$ 129.23</b>		<b>\$ 129.23</b>
<b>SOCIETY FOR HANDICAP</b>				
A-OMBUDSMAN SERVICES-JAN 23		\$ 1,172.49		\$ 1,172.49
CRC-ADS-12/02/22-12/30/22 (BW)		\$ 855.25		\$ 855.25
CRC-NMT-12/02/22-12/30/22 (BW)		\$ 450.78		\$ 450.78
CS-HPC DSP RETENTION SUPPORT AGENCY PROVIDERS		\$ 12,150.00		\$ 12,150.00
CS-NMT GAS SUPPORT		\$ 868.43		\$ 868.43
<b>SOCIETY FOR HANDICAP Total</b>		<b>\$ 15,496.95</b>		<b>\$ 15,496.95</b>
<b>SOUTHPAW ENTERPRISES</b>				
PT-SUPPLIES		\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
<b>SOUTHPAW ENTERPRISES Total</b>		<b>\$ 25.00</b>		<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF</b>				
SO-SPECIAL OLYMPICS BUDGET-JAN 23		\$ 1,167.00		\$ 1,167.00
<b>SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,167.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,167.00</b>
<b>STATE INDUSTRIAL PRO</b>				
M-AIR CARE PROGRAM		\$ 316.68		\$ 316.68
M-WATER TREATMENT PROGRAM		\$ 485.39		\$ 485.39
M-WATER TREATMENT PROGRAM-WIFI		\$ 293.89		\$ 293.89
<b>STATE INDUSTRIAL PRO Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,095.96</b>		<b>\$ 1,095.96</b>
<b>SUMMA HEALTH CORP</b>				
HR-STAFF PHYSICAL-01/27/23 (LS)		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
<b>SUMMA HEALTH CORP Total</b>		<b>\$ 50.00</b>		<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>SUMMIT HOUSING DEVEL</b>				
CRC-RENTAL SUBSIDY-MAR 23 (AH)		\$ 225.00		\$ 225.00
<b>SUMMIT HOUSING DEVEL Total</b>		<b>\$ 225.00</b>		<b>\$ 225.00</b>
<b>SURVEYMONKEY INC</b>				
CR-ANNUAL TEAM ADVANTAGE PLAN		\$ 900.00		\$ 900.00
<b>SURVEYMONKEY INC Total</b>		<b>\$ 900.00</b>		<b>\$ 900.00</b>
<b>TALBERT'S COMMERCIAL</b>				
A/ES/ASM/SSAS/M-CENTRAL SUPPLY INVENTORY		\$ 3,093.05		\$ 3,093.05
<b>TALBERT'S COMMERCIAL Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,093.05</b>		<b>\$ 3,093.05</b>



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Summary By Vendor

Sum of AMOUNT	Fund			
Vendor	2855	3300	3315	Grand Total
<b>THE GEOPFERT COMPANY</b>				
CI-PIPING & LABOR TO CONNECT CHEMICAL COMPONENTS	\$ 8,223.00			\$ 8,223.00
M-CONTRACT REPAIRS (HEAT PUMP REPAIR-RM 330)		\$ 298.00		\$ 298.00
M-CONTRACT REPAIRS(BLOWER MOTOR REPLACEMENT-RM 330)		\$ 1,322.00		\$ 1,322.00
<b>THE GEOPFERT COMPANY Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,223.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,620.00</b>		<b>\$ 9,843.00</b>
<b>THE NISONGER CENTER</b>				
SSA-REGISTRATION FEE-03/17/23 (CL)		\$ 80.00		\$ 80.00
SSA-REGISTRATION FEE-03/17/23 (EB)		\$ 80.00		\$ 80.00
<b>THE NISONGER CENTER Total</b>		<b>\$ 160.00</b>		<b>\$ 160.00</b>
<b>THE POST NEWSPAPERS</b>				
PR-ADVERTISING & PRINTING		\$ 8,999.64		\$ 8,999.64
<b>THE POST NEWSPAPERS Total</b>		<b>\$ 8,999.64</b>		<b>\$ 8,999.64</b>
<b>T-MOBILE</b>				
M-TELEPHONE-12/29/22-12/31/22		\$ 1.69		\$ 1.69
TELEPHONE-01/01/23-01/28/23		\$ 1,684.18		\$ 1,684.18
TELEPHONE-12/29/22-12/31/22		\$ 125.08		\$ 125.08
<b>T-MOBILE Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,810.95</b>		<b>\$ 1,810.95</b>
<b>TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOL</b>				
A-COPIER MAINTENANCE-01/01/23-01/15/23		\$ 5.59		\$ 5.59
A-COPIER MAINTENANCE-12/16/22-12/31/22		\$ 5.17		\$ 5.17
<b>TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOL Total</b>		<b>\$ 10.76</b>		<b>\$ 10.76</b>
<b>TOYS FOR SPECIAL CHI</b>				
SP-SUPPLIES		\$ 271.90		\$ 271.90
<b>TOYS FOR SPECIAL CHI Total</b>		<b>\$ 271.90</b>		<b>\$ 271.90</b>
<b>TRANSITIONAL LIVING</b>				
CS-EMPLOYEE REFERRAL PROGRAM-DEC 22		\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00
<b>TRANSITIONAL LIVING Total</b>		<b>\$ 750.00</b>		<b>\$ 750.00</b>
<b>TREASURER STATE OF O</b>				
A-PERFORMANCE AUDIT		\$ 13,501.30		\$ 13,501.30
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-01/01/23-01/31/23 (JM)		\$ 10,907.66		\$ 10,907.66
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-01/01/23-01/31/23 (JW)		\$ 3,844.00		\$ 3,844.00
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-01/01/23-01/31/23 (KB)		\$ 10,907.66		\$ 10,907.66
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-01/01/23-01/31/23 (MD)		\$ 8,105.57		\$ 8,105.57
HR-BCI/FBI CHECKS & RAPBACKS-JAN 23		\$ 246.25		\$ 246.25
<b>TREASURER STATE OF O Total</b>		<b>\$ 47,512.44</b>		<b>\$ 47,512.44</b>
<b>TRNSFRM</b>				
IT-VEEAM BACKUP REPLICATION RENEWAL		\$ 3,135.00		\$ 3,135.00
<b>TRNSFRM Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,135.00</b>		<b>\$ 3,135.00</b>
<b>VIAQUEST DAY AND EMP</b>				
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/03/23-01/31/23 (ES)		\$ 1,407.64		\$ 1,407.64
CRC-ADS-12/01/22-12/22/22 (ES/JP)		\$ 562.25		\$ 562.25
CRC-NMT-12/01/22-12/22/22 (ES/JP)		\$ 563.30		\$ 563.30
<b>VIAQUEST DAY AND EMP Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,533.19</b>		<b>\$ 2,533.19</b>
<b>WADSWORTH AREA CHAMB</b>				
PR-WINDOW SPACE RENTAL FOR MARCH 2023		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
<b>WADSWORTH AREA CHAMB Total</b>		<b>\$ 100.00</b>		<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>WADSWORTH COMMUNICAT</b>				
PR-RADIO UNDERWRITING & ADVERTISING-FEB 23		\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00
PR-RADIO UNDERWRITING & ADVERTISING-JAN 23		\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00
<b>WADSWORTH COMMUNICAT Total</b>		<b>\$ 250.00</b>		<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>WE THRIVE TOGETHER</b>				
A-ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION-01/01/23-12/31/23		\$ 2,750.00		\$ 2,750.00
<b>WE THRIVE TOGETHER Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,750.00</b>		<b>\$ 2,750.00</b>

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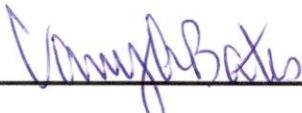
Sum of AMOUNT	Fund			
Vendor	2855	3300	3315	Grand Total
<b>WEX BANK</b>				
T-GASOLINE-JAN 23		\$ 157.52		\$ 157.52
<b>WEX BANK Total</b>		<b>\$ 157.52</b>		<b>\$ 157.52</b>
<b>WINDFALL INDUSTRIES</b>				
A-VARIABLE AGREEMENT-DEC 22		\$ 1,365.35		\$ 1,365.35
CE-VARIABLE AGREEMENT-DEC 22		\$ 345.84		\$ 345.84
CRC-ADS-DEC 22		\$ 1,124.50		\$ 1,124.50
CRC-INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT-DEC 22		\$ 159.60		\$ 159.60
CRC-NMT-DEC 22		\$ 3,626.73		\$ 3,626.73
M-VARIABLE AGREEMENT-DEC 22		\$ 407.08		\$ 407.08
<b>WINDFALL INDUSTRIES Total</b>		<b>\$ 7,029.10</b>		<b>\$ 7,029.10</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,854.28</b>	<b>\$ 420,757.08</b>	<b>\$ 311.74</b>	<b>\$ 446,923.10</b>

**Financial Statements for the month of February 2023**

The following financial reports are submitted for acceptance by the Board of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities:

1. Statement of Revenue for the period ending February 28, 2023.
2. Statement of Expenses for the period ending February 28, 2023.
3. Statement of Cash Balance for the period ending February 28, 2023.
4. Statement of Monthly Cash Flow for period ending February 28, 2023.
5. Voucher Reports for the month of February 2023.

By:



3/16/23

Carey A. Bates, Director of Business

Date

By:



3/17/23

Stacey Maleckar, Superintendent

Date

Note: There should be a motion and a roll call vote to accept the statements as presented.



**RESOLUTION #10-23**

**March 27, 2023**

**ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2023**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to authorize the Board to accept the financial reports for the month of February, 2023.

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED AND ASSIGNED RESOLUTION #10-23.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board Chair  
Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Personnel Control Report As of 03-15-23					
Non-union					
OEA Union					
AFSCME Union (SSAs only)					
Authorized Working Titles	Board Authorized Positions	Superintendent Authorized Positions	Number Positions Filled	Number of Openings	Comments Board Approved Resolutions
Administrative & Support Staff					
Superintendent	1	1	1	0	
Assistant Superintendent	1	1	1	0	
Executive Administrator	1	1	1	0	
Director of Business	1	1	1	0	
Director of Human Resources	1	1	1	0	
Conf Financial Data Specialist	1	1	1	0	
Confidential Business Clerk	1	1	1	0	
Human Resources Clerk	1	1	1	0	
Administrative Assistant	1	1	1	0	
Records Specialist	1	1	1	0	
Medicaid Services Manager	1	1	1	0	
Community Relations Manager	1	1	1	0	
Financial Waiver Data Specialist	2	2	2	0	
Community Relations Specialist	1	1	1	0	
Community Relations Associate	1	1	1	0	
Human Resources Specialist	1	1	1	0	
File Clerk	2	2	2	0	
SUB TOTAL	19	19	19	0	
Educational Staff					
Children's Services Director	1	1	1	0	
Assistant Children's Services Dir	1	1	1	0	
Early Intervention Coordinator	1	1	1	0	
Confidential Secretary	1	1	1	0	
Secretary	1	1	1	0	
Intervention Specialists	12	12	12	0	
Instructor Assistants	11	11	11	0	
Language Dev. Specialists	3	3	3	0	
Physical Therapists	2	2	2	0	
Positive Support Specialists	2	2	2	0	
School Nurse	1	1	1	0	
Occupational Therapists	2	2	2	0	
Licensed P.T. Assistant	1	1	1	0	
Developmental Specialists	5	5	5	0	
SUB TOTAL	44	44	44	0	
Transportation					
Transportation Manager	1	1	1	0	
SUB TOTAL	1	1	1	0	
Community Services & Development					
Director of Community Services	1	1	1	0	
Director of Community Development	1	1	1	0	
Confidential Secretary	1	1	1	0	
Community Supports Manager	1	1	1	0	

\*Temporary Contract (TC)

Authorized Working Titles	Board Authorized Positions	Superintendent Authorized Positions	Number Positions Filled	Number of Openings	
Community Services & Development					
Health Services Coordinator	1	1	1	0	
Secretaries	1	1	1	0	
Employment Navigator	1	1	1	0	
Economic Developer	1	1	1	0	
Special Olympics Coordinator	1	1	1	0	
Community Resource Coordinator	3	3	3	0	
Individual Supports Coordinator	1	1	1	0	
Assistive Technology Assistant	1	1	1	0	
Training and Compliance Specialist	1	1	1	0	
Quality Support Specialist	1	1	1	0	
Provider Relations/Fam Sup Spec	1	1	1	0	
Assistive Technology Specialist	1	1	1	0	
Community Support Specialist	5	5	5	0	
SUB TOTAL	23	23	23	0	
Service & Support Admin					
Srv & Support Adm Director	1	1	1	0	
Srv & Support Adm Managers	3	3	3	0	
Secretary	1	1	1	0	
Eligibility Specialists	2	2	2	0	
Eligibility Assistant	1	1	1	0	
Investigative Agent	2	2	2	0	
Service and Support Administrators	29	29	29	0	
SUB TOTAL	39	39	39	0	
Maintenance					
Director of Facilities and Information Tech	1	1	1	0	
Operations Floater	2	2	2	0	
Facility Activities Manager	1	1	1	0	
Maintenance Repairmen	2	2	2	0	
Custodians	4	4	4	0	
Cooks	1	1	1	0	
Network Administrator	1	1	1	0	
IT Support Generalist	0	0	0	0	
SUB TOTAL	12	12	12	0	
AGENCY TOTALS	138	138	138	0	



# 2023 Action Plan Dashboard

MARCH 2023

Barriers to completing  
by end of 2023

Concerns for completing  
by end of 2023

On track to complete  
by end of 2023

## Focus Area One

### PROVIDER SUPPORT

Foster collaborative environments which promote understanding and trust to empower providers in service provision.



DSP Workforce Crisis

Collaborative Provider  
Network

Culture of Excellence

Provider capacity

## Highlights and Concerns

1. MCBDD is collaborating with the Medina County Career Center (MCCC) and the Ohio Alliance of DSP's (OADSP) to implement a DSP curriculum into a current education program at MCCC.
2. The Recruitment Advisory Group has met twice and the initial recommendation is to find new applicant pools by partnering with local schools to build awareness. SSA Mingles are scheduled for the year - the first was in March and 37 people attended.
3. Surveys are being sent out to address specific needs for frontline supervisor trainings as well as improvements to the MCBDD provider website. The OADSP curriculum does include front line supervisor training and we will look at that as a resource for training.
4. All providers certified in Career Planning have been contacted. A training and process are being developed by the Employment Navigator to train six interested providers in the Discovery process.



# Community Engagement

## Community Engagement

### March 27, 2023

1. Do You Use “People First Language?”/Helping People Succeed/Helping Hands/March-April 2023
2. Five Tips for Hosting an Inclusive Gathering/The Hinckley Record/March 2023
3. Helping People Succeed/The Hinckley Record/March 2023
4. Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities Donor Scholarship/Medina Today/March 20, 2023 (2 pages)
5. Inclusion Counts/March is Developmental Awareness Month/Leadership Academy/Camperships Available/Scholarship Available/Windfall Preschool Now Enrolling/Upcoming Event/The Gazette/March 18, 2023
6. Board Plans Leadership Academy for Individuals with Disabilities/Medina The Daily ePost/March 18, 2023
7. Board Plans Leadership Academy for Individuals with Disabilities/The Post/March 18, 2023 (2 pages)
8. Medina County Board of DD Announces Camperships for 2023/The Post/March 17, 2023 (2 pages)
9. Inclusion Counts/March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month/Leadership Academy/Camperships Available/Scholarship Available/Windfall Preschool Now Enrolling/Upcoming Event/Medina Weekly/March 16, 2023
10. MCBDD Announces 2023 Camperships/Medina County Commissioners’ Newsletter/March 10, 2023
11. Learning to Lead/Medina County Commissioners’ Newsletter/March 10, 2023

## Community Engagement Continuation

### March 27, 2023

12. Inclusion Counts/March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month/Leadership Academy/Camperships Available/Scholarship Available/Windfall Preschool Now Enrolling/Upcoming Events/The Post/March 10, 2023
13. MCBDD Announces Leadership Academy/Medina Weekly/March 9, 2023
14. MCBDD Camperships Available to Kids, Adults/The Gazette/March 8, 2023
15. Five Things People with Developmental Disabilities Want You to Know/Helping People Succeed – We are Here to Help/The Gazette/March 8, 2023
16. Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities Launches Leadership Academy/Cleveland.com/March 6, 2023
17. Medina County Board of DD Announces Leadership Academy for People with Disabilities and is Now Accepting Applications/Wadsworth Area Chamber of Commerce/March 6, 2023
18. Leadership Academy Launched for People with Disabilities/The Gazette/March 3, 2023
19. Thank You/The Salvation Army/March 3, 2023
20. Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities Offers Scholarship/The Post/March 2, 2023
21. Critical Needs Continue/Joy of Medina County Magazine/February 2023



# Do You Use “People First Language?”

From: The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Do the words used to describe you have an impact on your life? You bet! Contrary to the age-old “sticks and stones” lesson we learned as children, words do matter. They can raise or lower expectations; hurt or help; and so much more. Did you know that the first way to devalue someone with a disability is through language; by using words or labels to identify a person as “less-than,” or not like us. Using People First Language - putting the person before the disability - will help to eliminate old and hurtful descriptions and move us in a new and more inclusive direction.

People First Language is not political correctness; instead, it demonstrates good manners and respect. It can change the way we see a person, and it can change the way a person sees them self. People with different abilities are not their diagnoses or disabilities; they are people first.

■ Avoid putting a label or condition prior to a person’s name or title. Examples: “John is a person with autism”, not “John is autistic.” Or “The meeting was for students with different abilities”, not “The disabled student’s meeting.”

■ Only refer to a person’s disability when it is relevant to the conversation. Examples: “Jenny has fibromyalgia, a condition that causes symptoms like muscle spasms and fatigue,” not “Jenny constantly twitches.”

■ Avoid negative or sensational descriptions of a person’s disability, keep it positive. Examples: “Jim suffers every moment of the day because of his severe epilepsy,” rather say “Jim, a person living with epilepsy, also enjoys going out.”

■ Don’t portray people with disabilities as overly courageous, brave, special, or super human. Example: “Autistic children are special and bravely face enormous challenges each day.” instead try “Children with autism spends their days working on increasing their abilities.”

Here is a list of common phrases and terms that are useful when using person-first language, as well as some terms and phrases to avoid.

## WORDS THAT WORK

- individual with a different ability
- individual who has autism
- student with learning challenges
- person who is visually impaired
- relative who is hearing impaired
- people who use wheelchairs

## AVOID

- handicapped
- disabled
- special children
- crippled
- autistic
- slow or slow learner
- the blind/the deaf
- confined to a wheelchair
- emotionally disturbed
- normal

The words you use in a conversation can make all the difference in making those around you feel respected. People First Language and positive words are important to making our community more inclusive and welcoming to people of all abilities. If you are looking for more information or have questions about ways to include about people with difference abilities, contact the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) at 330-725-7751 or visit [www.mcbdd.org](http://www.mcbdd.org).

- helping people succeed -



Helping with everything from early intervention and education opportunities for children to employment and community inclusive living for adults.

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## 5 Tips for Hosting an Inclusive Gathering

### *Help Friends with Disabilities Be a Part of the Fun*

Everyone loves a good party – the food, the fun, the friends. Unfortunately, more often than not, people with disabilities are left out of the mix. People with disabilities like to get out and meet new people too, so why not consider holding a gathering where all guests – with and without disabilities – feel welcomed and have fun. All it takes is some pre-planning to ensure your gatherings are inclusive, fun and welcoming to all.

- 1. Don't be afraid to include guests with disabilities** – People with disabilities love parties and want to participate in all the festivities. If you know someone has a disability, use a simple strategy – ask the person what they need to be fully included. If it's an event that includes children, parents can tell you, right off the bat, what their child's needs might be to attend the event.
- 2. Special diets** – Anyone can have allergies, celiac disease or lactose intolerance, but you won't know unless you ask in advance or even on the invitation or RSVP. Making sure there are alternative options for cake, snacks, treats and other food for guests with special diets can be as simple as picking up a gluten free cupcake to serve with the cake. If you have someone coming who uses a wheelchair, consider putting food on tables that are low enough for them to serve themselves.
- 3. Sensory overload awareness** – Large gatherings may cause sensory overload for some children or adults. For a person with autism or a sensory processing disorder, a large gathering may be really overwhelming. Offer opportunities for guests to take a break, perhaps in a quiet room away from the crowd. Consider turning down the music or minimizing stimulation - which is also useful anywhere there is a lot of kids.
- 4. Cognitive and vision considerations** – If you are planning activities, remember children and adults with cognitive, learning disabilities or vision impairments might not be able to read instructions for a scavenger hunt or a game score sheet. Pictures and verbal instructions are useful, as well as pairing participants with those who can help.
- 5. Opportunities for learning about each other** – Children (and adults, too) can be cautious when encountering someone who is different from them. If children are attending your event, you can talk to them at the start of the event about kindness and respect for each other and each other's differences. A party is a great opportunity for everyone to learn about one another, what you have in common, and make new friends regardless of ability.

Finally, remember to enjoy your gathering. Don't let inclusion stress you out. If you are reading this list and considering these tips, you are already doing more than most. Stay positive, smile and have a great time.

For more information about individuals with disabilities and services available, call the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities at 330-725-7751 or visit [mcbdd.org](http://mcbdd.org).

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## March plant of the month: Black-eyed Susan

Submitted by the Bath Gamma Garden Club

The *Rudbeckia hirta* gets its common name "Black-eyed Susan" from the dark brown center cone of the flower. In the language of flowers, the Black-eyed Susan represents "justice." They are native to Northeast Ohio and the northeastern United States, zones 3-9. They attract bees, beneficial insects, birds and butterflies to your home garden. Best of all, they are deer resistant.

They are drought tolerant once established. As "sun worshipers" they put on their best show in full sun. They will tolerate partial sun, but the blooms will not be as prolific. The daisy-like flower is a dazzling golden yellow and



**Black-eyed Susan. Photo submitted.**

typically measures about 2 to 3 inches in diameter on 8-inch flower stems. Plants typically reach about 3 feet in height and bloom from early summer through early autumn frost.

The species name *hirta* means "hairy" and refers to the hairy-fuzzy texture of the leaves. Water the plant at soil level to avoid water on the leaves and to prevent fungal disease. They tend to spread both by seed and rhizomes, so give them space. You can control spreading by deadheading spent flowers. You can choose to leave seed heads for the birds to enjoy and spread the golden joy of blooms the following season. They are a considered a short-lived perennial so by leaving the seed heads on through winter, you will encourage self-seeding and naturalization, as a meadow.

Today, there are many hybrids of the *rudbeckia* genus that vary from annual to biennial and perennial. Flower colors range from shades of red, to orange, to yellow. The Perennial Plant Association has named *rudbeckia* "American Gold Rush," the 2023 Perennial of the Year.

If you are growing Black-eyed Susans for ornamental purposes, then pair them with companion plants that will enhance their natural beauty. Some of the best companion perennial plants include Russian sage, purple coneflower, fountaingrass, yarrow and daisies. Cosmos, salvia and zinnias are complementary annuals for Black-eyed Susans.

Indigenous people have used the roots as medicine to treat earaches, get rid of parasitic worms and treat snakebites.

If you are looking for a low maintenance, high impact, stunning mass planting, then plant Black-eyed Susans this spring. Plant a meadow, fill a vase and enjoy! You might find that those fireflies of summers gone by just may come back for a visit. ∞

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## Discount Drug Mart property owners file for annexation

by **Melissa Martin**

*Feb. 7 township trustees meeting*

Hinkley trustees indicated they are likely to file a formal objection to the proposed annexation of 5.12 acres of township land at the southeast corner of W. 130th Street and Center Road to the city of Brunswick.

Trustee Jack Swedyk said that the board has been notified by Medina County Commissioners that a petition for annexation has been filed and a hearing is scheduled before Medina County Commissioners on Wednesday, April 11.

The township has until March 27, or 15 days prior to the hearing, to file an objection. If the county fails to receive

any objections prior to that date, commissioners are expected to approve the annexation without any discussion on the matter.

Representatives for Discount Drug Mart requested a community reinvestment area property tax abatement for the site last spring. With the assistance of the Medina County Economic Development Corporation, an abatement was crafted for the property, set at 50% of the assessed real property investment amount of \$3.5 million for a term of 15 years.

On June 7, trustees voted 2-1 against the abatement. Swedyk was the lone yes vote, noting the proposed 50% property tax contribution, would generate more

revenue than the township currently receives for it.

Trustee Melissa Augustine asked the board to reach out to Drug Mart officials and offer a 15-year, 100% tax abatement to remain competitive with Brunswick, which offers companies a 15-year, 100% property tax abatement on new structures. She made a similar recommendation last September.

"This way we can keep one more piece of Hinkley so they don't take any more bites out of it," she said.

Swedyk said he doesn't believe the township is in a good position to renegotiate the terms of the CRA after trustees rejected the initial proposal.

"They came to us in good faith, and it didn't pass," he said. "We're in a much weaker position now to try and negotiate anything at this point."

Trustee Monique Ascherl said she believes the township has to take action prior to the hearing.

"The clock is ticking on this," she said. "I think it is something we are better off moving forward with sooner rather than later. ... I think it's important for us to be very proactive with this. ... I believe this is something most [of the community] would encourage us to fight."

### Other business

Trustees unanimously approved awarding a \$286,070 bid for the 2023 paving project. Affected streets include Bellus Road, between Ridge Road and Hinkley Hills Road, and Mattingly Road.

Police Chief David Centner also announced the township will host a public information session on Saturday, March 11, at 9 a.m. The session will address new phone and email scams circulating throughout the community.

"This is a never-ending problem, not only for us but for every law enforcement agency in America," Centner said. "These individuals get very good at what they do. As much as we try to put out there on Facebook, there's no end to it. These people will stoop to any level to steal money from people." ∞

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## Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities Donor Scholarship

LOCAL GOVERNMENT



By **Press release submission**  
Feb 8, 2023

Medina, Ohio, February 6, 2023 – **Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities** is proud to offer a scholarship opportunity for local Medina County high school students. The scholarship was founded to recognize and support young persons who are considering a career which may serve individuals with developmental disabilities. The field of developmental disabilities is faced with a growing crisis in its workforce. Finding and recruiting trained professionals for positions that range anywhere from administrators and therapists to educators and direct care workers is a daily struggle in the field. The Medina County Board of DD hopes to address this workforce shortage by encouraging students to make an impact through public service and help improve the lives of thousands of individuals with developmental disabilities.

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities Donor Scholarship is offering one (1) \$1500.00 scholarship this year. Applicants must be a current Medina County high school senior and have been accepted into an accredited program in a field which may provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities. (i.e. special education, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, social work, behavioral sciences, etc.). Applicants must also demonstrate involvement in, or provided services to, individuals with developmental disabilities through activities such as Special Olympics, classroom activities, volunteering, job shadowing, etc.

Interested students must complete and submit a Medina County Board of DD Donor Scholarship application form before Friday, March 31, 2023, to be considered. Forms are available by calling 330-725-7751 ext. 273 or at [www.mcbdd.org](http://www.mcbdd.org).

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About MCBDD

**Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities** is the community resource responsible for connecting, coordinating and funding services for individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities. We help with everything from early intervention and education opportunities for children to employment and community inclusive living for adults. The mission of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to promote and empower over 1450 individuals with developmental disabilities, from birth to death, to live, learn work and socialize in their communities.

Original source can be found **here**.

TRENDING

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Employee of the Month

MORE NEWS



TUESDAY AT LCCC’S HOKE THEATRE

# One-woman show celebrates RBG

**John Benson**  
The Gazette

More than two and a half years after the passing of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the world in many ways is still coming to terms with the loss.

That includes actress and singer Michelle Azar, who didn't have to think twice when asked to audition for a brand-new national touring production that celebrates the life of the beloved Supreme Court justice.

"My manager said there's something about Ruth Bader Ginsburg's energy and the way I look that suits this show," said Azar, calling from Danbury, Connecticut.

"I said, 'I'm not going to turn down any audition.' But as I was researching, I didn't know she comes from immigrant parents. My father was born in Iraq and my mom is from Brooklyn, but by way of Poland.

"The other reason I wanted to take her on is to learn from her that we don't have to succumb to every hurt feeling. Her mother-in-law said to her on the day of her own wedding, 'Here's the secret for a happy marriage: It pays sometimes to be a little deaf.'"

Written by Tony Award-winning playwright Rupert Holmes, "All Things Equal — The Life and Trials of Ruth Bader Ginsburg" comes to the area for a Tuesday performance at Lorain County Community College's Hoke Theatre.

Whether it was her time on the Supreme Court, the 2015 biography "Notorious RBG: The Life and Times



Actress and singer Michelle Azar portrays the late U.S. Supreme Court justice in "All Things Equal — The Life and Trials of Ruth Bader Ginsburg," written by Tony Award-winning playwright Rupert Holmes.

of Ruth Bader Ginsburg" or her 2018 biopic "On the Basis of Sex," the justice was cherished for always championing the underdog.

"It's not that she comes into the world wanting to say 'no' or just be controversial or a megalomaniac," Azar said. "She came from a place of wow, things are deeply unfair for people of color, for women. She grew up at a time where Jewish women weren't welcome at a beauty salon. That's my story. That's everybody's story."

That story is a 90-minute show staged in Ginsburg's cozy Supreme Court chambers, where she talks about growing up in New York City, being one of only nine young women

**IF YOU GO**

**WHAT:** "All Things Equal — The Life and Trials of Ruth Bader Ginsburg"

**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

**WHERE:** Lorain County Community College's Hoke Theatre, 1005 Abbe Road N., Elyria

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studying law at Harvard and helping her husband, Martin, battle cancer.

"Rupert Holmes did his research," Azar said. "He made it a beautiful mosaic of poetry and music and her own words. It's really astounding."

While "All Things Equal" appears to be headed to Broadway, Azar didn't have much to say other than, "I hope I'm part of the structure of that. The future is unknown."

Nevertheless, local audiences taking in the magical Ruth Bader Ginsburg lovefest are promised a special and empowering evening.

"We want them to go out of the theater knowing that whether or not they're in public office or a student in junior high, they can make a difference," Azar said.

"Everybody can find something to connect to and make a difference. Everybody has a right. Everybody has a voice."

Contact John Benson at [ndiffrence@att.net](mailto:ndiffrence@att.net).

## HEAR?

From B2

- More than a decade and a half after "Crank That (Souja Boy)" put **Souja Boy** on the hip-hop and pop landscape, the Chicago MC is still going strong with a May 22 show booked at the House of Blues.
  - **Jenny Lewis** left **Rilo Kiley** more than 10 years ago. Since then, the singer-songwriter has enjoyed a successful solo career. Before spending the late summer supporting Beck and Phoenix, the former childhood actress is going on the road alone with a July 13 headlining date booked at the House of Blues.
  - Alternative act **Sammy Rae & The Friends**
- is coming to the Rock Hall City for a Sept. 26 show at the House of Blues.
- Ohio's own **Red Wanting Blue**, which normally returns to Northeast Ohio for its annual holiday show, is scheduled to perform July 14 at the House of Blues.
- Tickets to these House of Blues shows are now on sale at [livenation.com](http://livenation.com).*

### Shows this week

- **Taylor Tomlinson**, 7 p.m. today and Sunday, Connor Palace, \$29.75 to \$59.75, [PlayhouseSquare.org](http://PlayhouseSquare.org).
  - **Kayzo**, 8 p.m. today, Agora Theatre, \$20 to \$40, [Agoracleveland.com](http://Agoracleveland.com).
- John Benson

## OHIO

From B1

The first is "Olympic Oaks, Continuing Jesse Owens' Legacy," which screens Thursday.

"This short film tells a great story about Jesse Owens' Olympic oak saplings that he brought back from the 1936 Olympics in Germany," Shepherd said. "Only one of the four trees left was at James Ford Rhodes High School in Old Brooklyn."

The film depicts the efforts of organizers to graft the last of the surviving oak trees to honor Owens' story for generations to come.

"It's an opportunity to talk about Jesse Owens' legacy and the racism he faced coming back from the Olympics," Shepherd said. "It was hard for him to find a good job.

"We'll have a conversation that includes Tyrone Owens, a cousin of Jesse, who is also a former track and field coach at Rhodes High School."

The other film of note is "Food and Country," which screens at 2:30

p.m. March 31.

"The movie essentially chronicles the plight of the American food industry in the wake of the pandemic and globalism," Shepherd said.

"They talk to independent farmers, including Farmer Lee Jones in Huron. That's a great local connection to a festival film."

For more information on screening dates, visit [www.clevelandfilm.org/festival/awards-competitions](http://www.clevelandfilm.org/festival/awards-competitions).

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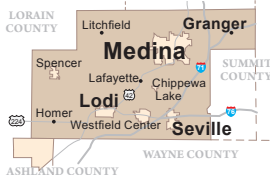
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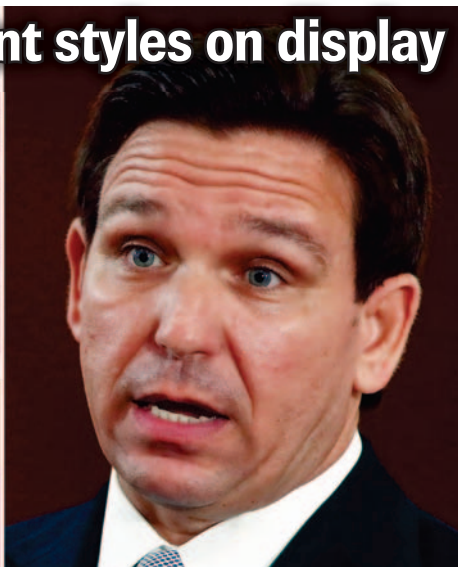
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This combination of the photos shows former President Donald Trump, left, and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, right.

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# STATE & LOCAL



Submitted photo

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## MEDINA

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*MCBDD Superintendent Maleckar discusses plans with city council*

By EMILY CANNING-DEAN

*The Post Newspapers*

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MEDINA – In an effort to help individuals with developmental disabilities, the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is excited to offer a new leadership academy in the near future.

Stacey Maleckar, superintendent of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities visited Medina Council earlier this week to fill them in on this new endeavor.

“The intent is to help individuals who are interested in building their skill sets and interested in building their communication skills

so they can become more involved in their community,” she said. “We want them to feel comfortable going to council meetings and sharing their opinion, or getting on a board or just participating in their community. We are very excited to start this.”

Maleckar added that March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness month and said it is a great time to take a look at what the board has done over the past year. She presented council with copies of the board’s annual report for 2022.

“I want to thank you for all of the support the city has provided for people with developmental disabilities,” she said.

Maleckar also said the board is in the process of accepting applications for their annual

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scholarship program.

“Every year we offer a \$1,500 scholarship to a graduating senior who has the intent of going into a field that has a positive impact on people with developmental disabilities,” she said. “The application deadline is at the end of this month.”

## LODI

### Destination Lodi: A Historical Journey Medina County's oldest voter

LODI — Yes, Lodi is again number one in Medina County history on Aug. 24, 1926.

Augustus Markel was born on Aug. 4, 1827. At the time of voting, he was 99 years old. He married Lovina Smith (1831-1905) on Oct. 11, 1849. The couple would raise three children — Imogene, Ruth and Clinton — in Wayne County.



**Letha Mapes**  
*Lodi resident*

Mr. Markel had enlisted as a drummer boy to serve a year in the 2nd regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry in the war with Mexico under Col. George W. Morgan. He was later assigned to Gen. Winfield Scott's Army, with Gen. U.S. Grant. He was in the engagement of the battle of Buena Vista in Mexico Feb. 22 to 23, 1847. He was honorably discharged July 28, 1848 at Cincinnati.

Mr. Markel re-enlisted again in the Civil War July 30, 1862, as a sergeant, serving three years in Company E. 102nd Regiment. He served under Col. William Given, being engaged in many fierce conflicts. He was honorably discharged Nov. 25, 1862 at Bowling Green on account of a disability. He became a member of the G.A.R. post, No. 123 at Wooster.

At his advanced age, Mr. Markel was in good health. He enjoyed telling his war experiences and could relate the circumstances as clearly as though it happened a few days ago.

Mr. Markel cast a Republican vote, as he said he never failed to do so. He would come to the polls in the company of his daughter-in-law, Clara, with whom he lived on their farm three miles west of Lodi. He lived with his son Clint and Clara until his death.

Augustus Markel and wife Lovina are buried at Wooster Cemetery. His son Clinton and wife Clara are buried at Woodlawn in Lodi.



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**Crumbl Cookies holds ribbon cutting**

MEDINA — Medina Mayor Dennis Hanwell and local dignitaries welcomed Crumbl Cookies owner Nate Tulett and his crew to the community with a ribbon cutting on Friday, March 10. Crumbl Cookies, located at 1126 North Court Street, offers takeout, delivery, curbside pickup, catering and nationwide shipping. (Submitted photo)

# POSTINGS

## Medina County Road Runners offering \$500 scholarships

MEDINA COUNTY — The Medina County Road Runners club is happy to announce that it is offering \$500 scholarships to each of two Medina County graduating seniors. Each is renewable every year for a total of four years of college. Winners will be graduating Medina County seniors who have participated in 2 seasons of cross country or track at a Medina County High School, and who have maintained a 2.5 GPA. To apply, [click here](#). Deadline is April 1.

## Medina County Board of DD announces camperships for 2023

MEDINA — Summer is just around the corner which means so is summer camp! The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) has a rich tradition of encouraging summer recreational experiences for adults and children with developmental disabilities. The MCBDD is happy to again be able to provide camperships for students and adults with developmental disabilities to attend the camp of their choice this summer. The MCBDD believes that everyone should have the chance to learn, grow, develop friendships, and gain confidence through the experience of summer camp. With campership funding, individuals with developmental disabilities are able to choose the

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Sister to Sister Youth Summit

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Medina County Vietnam Veterans of America Memorial Scholarship

MEDINA COUNTY — The Medina County Vietnam Veterans of America is accepting requests for applications for their annual Memorial Scholarship. Qualifying individuals include Vietnam-era Veterans, or family members enrolled or applying to an accredited technical school or college. Send requests for applications to VVA Chapter 385, Memorial Scholarship Fund, 620 N. Broadway St., Medina, OH 44256, Attn: Scholarship Chairman. Completed applications must be received by April 1.

Scholarship opportunity for Medina women

MEDINA COUNTY — AAUW, Medina County, is offering scholarships for “non-traditional” women students for the 2023-24 academic year. All applicants must be 23 years old & live in Medina County. AAUW will be awarding 4 scholarships: two for \$1,000 each, and two for \$1,500 each, for a student pursuing a degree in STEM. The deadline is April 9, 2023. Applications are available through The Akron Community Foundation [here](#).

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Pictured is an artist rendering of the proposed Shotwell Gardens at Lake Medina from an aerial view.

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Lake Medina was created in the early 1960s when the city of Medina was looking for a way to supplement its water supply. In 2002, due to increasing demands for water usage as the city grew, an alternate water supply from Lake Erie was developed, and Lake Medina was no longer needed as a water supply.

In 2003, MCPD secured a lease agreement with the city of Medina to turn the 103-acre lake into a county park.

Currently, Lake Medina can be accessed off state Route 18 as well as from Granger Road. The park boasts two hiking trails.

The all-purpose 1.4-mile Greenway Trail is an asphalt path that follows willows and sycamores along the west branch of the Rocky River and connects to the city of Medina's paved trail along Reagan Parkway.

The other 1.08-mile gravel trail is located along the top of the dam overlooking the lake. Lake Medina is an important water source for wildlife – particularly waterfowl, bald eagles and osprey. From late-February through the end of April each year Lake Medina serves as a rest stop for migratory waterfowl such as loons, grebes and a variety of ducks, geese and swans.



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Pictured in a rendering is planned access to Lake Medina near the current Granger Road entrance which will include new amenities like a fishing pier.

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## COUNTY HOME



## Quilting Guild donates clothing protectors, walker bags

by Greg Brown, Superintendent

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## TREASURER

## Treasurer John Burke reports County interest earnings top \$2 million

At the recent Investment Advisory Board Meeting, Medina County Treasurer Burke reported that investment earnings for the County totaled \$2,087,913 in 2022, up 61% from the previous year.

Burke said the large increase of \$795,112 was the result of a successful investment strategy implemented to take advantage of rising interest rates in the financial markets.

"This increase of investment revenue is extra income for the County which can be used by the Commissioners to help pay for services and operational costs of the County," said Burke. "This extra revenue source also helps to diminish the need for additional taxes."



John Burke

At the beginning of 2022, interest earnings from the investment portfolio were projected to be \$1,300,000 for the entire year.

Because of the changes in the financial market, Burke rebalanced the maturity of the investments in the County's portfolio to take advantage of higher short-term rates.

"This investment strategy brought in an additional \$800,000 by the end of the year," Burke said.

He reported that the increase in interest rates over the last year was largely due to the Federal Reserve increasing their fund's rate charged to banks.

In 2022, the Fed increased their interest rate eight times from 0.25% to 4.5%. As a result, the cost of borrowing money from the banks dramatically increased.

For example, home mortgage rates have more than doubled to over 6%.

"These changes in the financial market provided opportunities to earn higher interest earnings on various investments according to their type and maturity," he noted.

As Treasurer, Burke oversees the County's investment portfolio which currently has over \$168 million invested.

"We normally have about 120 to 170 different investments on any given day," Burke explained.

The largest investment allocation currently is 49% in US Government agencies such as Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal National Mortgage Association, Sallie Mae Bank, and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

The second largest investment of 24% is currently in U.S. Treasuries.

To make those investments, the Ohio Revised Code requires County Treasurers to take con-

tinuing education courses each year approved by the State of Ohio Treasurer and Auditor.

Besides completing his annual hours of continuing education, Treasurer Burke has also earned other certifications such as the "Chancellor's Certification for Public Administration" from IGO International Government Officials Association; "Financial Officer Certification" from National Association of Treasurers and Finance Officials (NACTFO); and numerous Professional Development Awards from the County Treasurer's Association of Ohio (CTAO).

"Continual learning is important for every public fund manager to safely invest public funds and get the highest yield possible," stated Burke who also has a BA and a Master's in business administration from Miami University.

Treasurer Burke is chairman of the County Investment Advisory Board which meets quarterly to review the investment portfolio managed by the Treasurer.

Other members of the Investment Advisory Board include the three County Commissioners and the County Clerk of Courts.

*Note: The information contained in this article is not intended to be nor should be considered investment advice.*



# World Water Day: protecting water quality

by Abby Costilow

Watershed Education Coordinator

World Water Day is a few weeks away. On Wednesday, March 22, people and organizations across the globe are taking action to solve the water and sanitation crisis. This year's theme is "Accelerating Change."

In Ohio, some of us have never experienced a lack of access to water, but this is not true for all Ohioans, nor has it been true

throughout Ohio's recent history.

In 2014, a few counties west of here, residents in Toledo were without safe drinking water due to a toxic bloom of cyanobacteria, which tainted Lake Erie's water.

This year, Ohioans in Columbiana County are watching, testing, and worrying about their water after the train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio.

However, it doesn't take a tragedy or emergency for people to

notice changes in their water.

People struggle with water polluted from runoff that runs into their ponds or lakes. People's properties erode as storms increase in severity and as land is developed.

Nonetheless, there are daily efforts in Medina County to improve and protect its waters' health.

Groups including Medina Soil & Water Conservation District, the Rocky River Watershed Council,

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## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### LA VONNE DE BOIS

Medina County Public Transit  
Road Supervisor



La Vonne De Bois has worked for Medina County since December 2020. She previously worked for

Tuscarawas County CSEA for five years as a child support investigator.

La Vonne says she enjoys assisting drivers with day-to-day support as they are on the road.

"Road Supervisors also are responsible for keeping accurate records of maintaining our transit fleet, assigning buses and drivers for the weekly schedules," she says.

She also trains new drivers.

La Vonne retired in 2015 after owning her own tour company for 31 years in Ohio's Amish Country.

"I provided educational, cultural tours of Holmes County, Ohio," she says. "When relocating to Medina, I was following a transit bus and thought, 'That would be a job I would enjoy.'"

She previously worked as a part-time driver with MCPT until accepting a full-time job as the PM Road Supervisor in June 2021.

Outside of work, La Vonne loves to play piano, riding her motorcycle and traveling.

"I have one son who is a travel nurse," she said.

## BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

# Learning to Lead

MCBDD announces Leadership Academy for people with disabilities; now accepting applications

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) is proud to announce the launching of its Leadership Academy to help people with developmental disabilities learn the skills needed to take on local leadership roles.

The Leadership Academy is a six-month training opportunity for people with developmental disabilities to develop important leadership and advocacy skills.

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The MCBDD Leadership Academy's goal is to help people with disabilities develop skills and find ways to contribute their ideas, opinions, and thoughts so they have a voice in issues which affect themselves and their neighbors.

It is an opportunity to learn to be a part of creating positive changes in the world around them.

"People with disabilities have a wide variety of talents and opinions and want to be more involved as valued citizens in community decisions. They want opportunities to contribute and participate in decision making processes," says MCBDD Advocacy Coordinator Michelle Fortney. "Whether it's serving on a local non-profit board, participating in committees, or making their voices heard in local government, people with developmental disabilities want the same chances as everyone else to help shape their communities."

Individuals interested in being selected to participate in the Leadership Academy must fill out and submit an application form by Friday, March 17. Class size is limited.

Monthly classes will be held at the MCBDD on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Additional commitments outside of this time will require attendance.

For more information or an application form visit [www.mcbdd.org/advocacy/](http://www.mcbdd.org/advocacy/) or call the MCBDD Advocacy Coordinator at 330-725-7751 extension 232.

## 2023 Info

**Deadline for 2023 Applications is Friday, March 17.**

**2023 Training Dates:  
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

**April 18    May 16**

**June 20    July 18**

**August 15    September 19**

**Training is offered in person only:  
Medina County Achievement Center  
4691 Windfall Road  
Medina, OH 44256  
(with occasional community locations)**

### Questions?

**Call:** Michelle Fortney, Advocacy Coordinator, at 330-725-7751 x232

**Email:** [mfortney@mcbdd.org](mailto:mfortney@mcbdd.org)

**Online:** [www.mcbdd.org](http://www.mcbdd.org)

**MARCH 2023****Medina County Board of  
Developmental Disabilities****Inclusion  
Counts****March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**

On Wednesday, March 1, the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities celebrated the beginning of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. People with disabilities joined together at the Achievement Center to learn ways they can bring important disability issues to local lawmakers and encourage other citizens to recognize the talents and value each person in the community has to offer. Learning about people with disabilities creates a better understanding and makes our community more inclusive for all.

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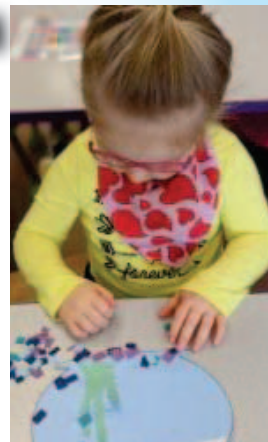
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**Scholarship Available**

The Medina County Board of DD is offering a \$1500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior. This scholarship encourages young persons to pursue a career which serves people with disabilities. Application deadline is Friday, March 31, 2023. More information and applications are available at [www.mcbdd.org/donor-scholarship/](http://www.mcbdd.org/donor-scholarship/).

**Windfall Preschool  
Now Enrolling**

Windfall Preschool is not your typical preschool...it is so much more. It offers 3 to 5 year olds with all levels of ability, the chance to learn together and from one another. Simply put, Windfall Preschool's integrated classrooms allow children with and without disabilities to have fun while learning. At Windfall Preschool every child gets the attention, education and care they need. More information or enrollment, visit [www.mcbdd.org/preschool/](http://www.mcbdd.org/preschool/) or call 330-725-7751 option 1.

**Upcoming Event****EPILEPSY & SEIZURE FIRST AID 101**  
**Thursday, March 23 at 12:00 pm**

In celebration of Global Epilepsy Awareness Day, join us to learn the basics about epilepsy and seizure first aid.

**Events are in-person and virtual.**  
**Register online at [www.mcbdd.org](http://www.mcbdd.org)**

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## Committed to Inclusion



MCBDD

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## Scholarships available through Birthcare

Scholarship applications for registered clients of Birthcare of Medina County are available online at [www.birthcaremedina.org](http://www.birthcaremedina.org) or in its office during open hours.

Last year two applicants were awarded scholarships for tuition in educational or job training programs. Since 1997, Birthcare of Medina County has provided more than \$73,000 in scholarships for 82 individuals.

Birthcare is a non-profit agency providing emergency assistance to families in need with young children.

Scholarship application deadline is June 26. Awards are based on application, essay and need. Office hours are 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, noon

to 2 p.m. Thursdays, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

For more information, contact Birthcare Assistant Director Diane Bugner via email at [info@birthcaremedina.org](mailto:info@birthcaremedina.org).

### Volunteers needed

New adult volunteers (over age 25) are currently needed to staff the aforementioned four shifts.

A training session lasts two hours. Trainees must work four orientation shifts. Trained volunteers are expected to work a two-hour shift every four to six weeks.

If you are interested, email [info@birthcaremedina.org](mailto:info@birthcaremedina.org).

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The Associated Press  
*Today is Wednesday, March 8, the 67th day of 2023. There are 298 days left in the year.*

Today’s history

■ In 1618, German astronomer Johannes Kepler devised his third law of planetary motion.  
■ In 1817, the New York Stock & Exchange Board, which had its beginnings in 1792, was formally organized; it later became known as the New York Stock Exchange.  
■ In 1948, the Supreme Court, in *McCollum v. Board of Education*, struck down voluntary religious education classes in Champaign, Illinois, public schools, saying the program violated separation of church and state.  
■ In 1965, the United States landed its first combat troops in South Vietnam as 3,500 Marines arrived to defend the U.S. air base at Da Nang.  
■ In 1971, Joe Frazier defeated Muhammad Ali by decision in what was billed as “The Fight of the Century” at Madison Square Garden in New York.  
■ In 1983, in a speech to the National Association of Evangelicals convention in Orlando, Florida, President Ronald Reagan referred to the Soviet Union as an “evil empire.”  
■ In 1988, 17 soldiers were killed when two Army helicopters from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, collided in mid-flight.  
■ In 1999, baseball Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio died in Hollywood, Florida, at age 84.  
■ In 2000, President Bill Clinton submitted to Congress legislation to establish permanent normal trade relations with China. (The U.S. and China signed a trade pact in November 2000.)  
■ In 2004, Iraq’s Governing Council signed a landmark interim constitution.  
■ In 2008, President George W. Bush vetoed a bill that would have banned the CIA from using simulated drowning and other coercive interrogation methods to gain information from suspected terrorists.

■ In 2013, the government reported the jobless rate dropped to 7.7 percent the previous month, the lowest level since President Barack Obama took office.  
■ In 2014, Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, a Boeing 777 with 239 people on board, vanished during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, setting off a massive and ultimately unsuccessful search.  
■ In 2016, Sir George Martin, the Beatles’ urbane producer who guided the band’s swift, historic transformation from rowdy club act to musical and cultural revolutionaries, died at age 90.  
■ In 2018, U.S. and South Korean officials said President Donald Trump had agreed to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jung Un by the end of May to negotiate an end to North Korea’s nuclear weapons program.

Today’s birthdays

Jazz musician George Coleman is 88. Actor Sue Ane (correct) Langdon is 87. College Football Hall of Famer Pete Dawkins is 85. Songwriter Carole Bayer Sager is 79. Actor-director Micky Dolenz (The Monkees) is 78. Singer-musician Randy Meisner is 77. Pop singer Peggy March is 75. Baseball Hall of Famer Jim Rice is 70. Jazz musician Billy Childs is 66. Singer Gary Numan is 65. NBC News anchor Lester Holt is 64. Actor Aidan Quinn is 64. Actor Camryn Manheim is 62. Actor Leon (no last name) is 62. Country-rock singer Shawn Mullins is 55. Neo-soul singer Van Hunt is 53. Actor Andrea Parker is 53. Actor Boris Kodjoe is 50. Actor Freddie Prinze Jr. is 47. Actor Laura Main is 46. Actor James Van Der Beek is 46. R&B singer Kameelah Williams (702) is 45. Actor Nick Zano is 45. Rock singer Tom Chaplin (Keane) is 44. Rock musician Andy Ross (OK Go) is 44. Actor Jessica Collins is 40. R&B singer Kristinia DeBarge is 33.

Today

**Hinckley Township Board of Zoning Appeals**, regular meeting, 7 p.m., administration building, 1410 Ridge Road, log into hinckleytpw.org for Zoom option.  
**Medina County Law Library Resources Board**, regular meeting, 11 a.m., Medina County Law Library, 93 Public Sq.  
**Montville Township Zoning Commission**, regular meeting, 7 p.m., administration building and safety services building, 6665 Wadsworth Road.

Thursday

**Guilford Township Zoning Commission**, regular meeting, 7 p.m., township hall, 3800 Greenwich Road.  
**Medina County All Hazards Advisory Committee**, regular meeting, 10 a.m., All Hazards Chippewa Station, 5834 Heather

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Hedge Drive.  
**Medina County Data Board**, regular meeting, 8:30 a.m., EOC, 555 Independence Drive.  
**Medina County Health Department Health Center Co-Applicant Board**, regular meeting, 11:30 a.m., Medina County Health Department, 4800 Ledgewood Drive.  
**Medina County Transportation Improvement District**, regular meeting, 3 p.m., front conference room, 791 W. Smith Road.  
**Medina County Veterans’ Service Commission**, regular meeting, 4 p.m., conference room, 210 Northland Drive.  
**Medina Historic Preservation Board**, regular meeting, 5 p.m., followed by Planning Commission at 6 p.m., followed by Board of Zoning Appeals at 7 p.m., rotunda, 132 N. Elmwood Ave.  
**Medina Recreation Center Advisory**

**Board**, regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., recreation center, 855 Weymouth Road.  
**Spencer Village Parks Committee**, regular meeting, 6 p.m., followed by Streets Committee at 6:30 p.m., Spencer Municipal Building, 109 N. Main St.  
**York Township Board of Zoning Appeals**, regular meeting, 6:30 p.m., York Town Hall/Fire Station Complex, 6609 Norwalk Road.

Friday

**Cloverleaf Board of Education Policy Committee**, regular meeting, 4:30 p.m., Cloverleaf BOE conference room, 8525 Friendsville Road.  
**Medina County Opiate Task Force**, regular meeting, 9 a.m., Medina County Health Department, 4800 Ledgewood Drive.  
**NOACA Board of Directors**, regular meeting, 9 a.m., NOACA, 1299 Superior Ave., Cleveland.

ROUNDUP

Highland High senior named the student of the month

Highland High School senior Regan Popson was selected as the Medina County Kiwanis student of the month for February.  
Regan Popson is involved in the National Honor Society and volunteers as a peer leader. She is also an active member of the yearbook club and the principal’s advisory committee. She dances at Once Upon a Dream and serves as a studio assistant at Board and Brush as well.  
She maintains a high grade-point average and takes several Advanced Placement and honors classes. She plans to attend college to study medical laboratory science. She is the daughter of Jim Popson and Kathy Shaffer of Medina.



Regan Popson

Medina County Historical Society looking for gardens

The Medina County Historical Society would like to organize another garden tour in the Medina area to benefit the historical society. The event was previously done two years ago.  
The tour will be held on July 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The historical society is lining up gardens in the Medina area that can be large or small for the event. Anyone interested can contact Paul Wood at (207) 229-4503.

MCBDD ‘camperships’ available to kids, adults

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities encourages summer recreational experiences for adults and children with developmental disabilities by providing “camperships” or funding that is given so that someone can attend a summer camp.  
Individuals with developmental disabilities are encouraged to choose the camp that best meets their needs, and the MCBDD helps by providing financial support to attend.  
MCBDD provides camperships to students and adults. Student camperships are available to people ages 4 to 22, who live in Medina County, are eligible for county board services and are not receiving Medicaid Waiver funding.  
Adult camperships are available to adults ages 22 and older, who live in Medina County, are eligible for county board services and are not currently receiving Medicaid Waiver funding.

Brunswick art teacher receives award

Shari de Wever, an art teacher at Hickory Ridge Elementary School, is one of three winners who received the Northeast Region Outstanding Art Teacher Award by the Ohio Art Education Association.  
The winners were voted on from a group of regional art educators from the Ohio Art Education Association. She will be honored at an award dinner this summer as well as at a professional development concert in November.

Medina police

**Friday, March 3**  
1:13 p.m. — East Smith Road/South East Street; citations or summonses were issued for a traffic stop.  
1:31 p.m. — North Court Street; there was a disturbance or fight where a man was pepper sprayed.  
3:27 p.m. — West Washington Street; a report was made about concerns over apartment issues.  
8:44 p.m. — North State Road; a man was cited with driving under a suspended license.  
**Saturday, March 4**  
3:10 a.m. — Carsten Road; a 10-year-old boy left home in the middle of the night to go to a friend’s house. The boy was returned home.  
12:33 p.m. — West Liberty Street; a man was arrested for drug paraphernalia and taken to jail.  
2:26 p.m. — West Liberty Street/North Court Street; a man was arrested for aggravated menacing.  
11:07 p.m. — North Huntington Street/West Homestead Street; a driver was cited for driving under a suspension, and their vehicle was towed.  
**Sunday, March 5**  
2:11 p.m. — Westfield Road; there was a reported weapons complaint.  
5:37 p.m. — Springbrook Drive; a report was made of unwanted messages through social

media.  
7:28 p.m. — Northland Drive; management reported an unwanted subject on property. The subject was later sent away.  
**Medina Township police**  
Sunday, Feb. 19  
7:25 p.m. — 4100 block of Pearl Road; the department was made aware of a woman using a UPC barcode instead of scanning items. The suspect left the scene, and charges for theft will be served.  
**Monday, Feb. 20**  
1:42 p.m. — 3900 block of Remsen Road; a woman reported that her daughter may have received texts from a friend’s father.  
2:19 p.m. — Grande Boulevard/Pearl Road; officers responded to a two-vehicle crash.  
2:37 p.m. — 5000 block of Shoreline Circle; on a dating app, a man was told to send money to a recipient or personal messages he sent would be exposed. Investigation is pending.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 21**  
12:08 p.m. — 3000 block of Medina Road; officers responded to a two-vehicle crash going west. No injuries were reported.  
1:27 p.m. — 4500 block of Grand Teton Drive; officers responded to a physical altercation at an homeowner’s association board meeting.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 22**  
5:02 a.m. — Medina Road/Foote Road; the department assisted Brunswick police in a

pursuit. A woman was taken into custody.  
**Thursday, Feb. 23**  
11:28 a.m. — 4100 block of Pearl Road; a driver of a Volvo backed into a parked and unoccupied Chrysler.  
4:27 p.m. — 4100 block of Pearl Road; a multi-vehicle crash occurred on private property.  
11:18 p.m. — 3400 block of Medina Road; a report was taken of a crash on private property that resulted in property damage.  
**Montville Township police**  
**Sunday, Feb. 19**  
2:41 a.m. — Medina Road; a woman was arrested for OVI.  
**Monday, Feb. 20**  
1:54 a.m. — Sunburst Drive; the department received reports of a suspicious individual and illegal parking. The person was not located, and a citation was issued on the vehicle for parking during prohibited hours.  
7:11 a.m. — Asherbrand Drive; a report of a noise complaint was made. Upon arrival, officers concluded nothing unlawful had occurred.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 21**  
9:28 p.m. — River Styx Road/Turnberry Drive; the odor of raw marijuana was coming from a vehicle during a traffic stop. The marijuana was located, and the driver was issued a summons for possession of a controlled substance.

WEATHER

**TODAY:** Mostly sunny ..... 37/26  
**THURSDAY:** Partly sunny ..... 41/28  
**FRIDAY:** Rain, snow showers likely ..... 39/26  
**SATURDAY:** Mostly cloudy ..... 32/23

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LOTTERY

Ohio (Tuesday)

**Midday Pick 3:** 8-5-4, **Pick 3:** 6-7-8,  
**Midday Pick 4:** 4-3-6-4, **Pick 4:** 7-3-7-3,  
**Midday Pick 5:** 8-9-6-0-9, **Pick 5:** 9-8-1-1-4,  
**Rolling Cash 5:** 8-11-25-27-39,  
**Rolling Cash 5 jackpot is \$120,000.**  
**Classic Lotto jackpot is \$6.2 million.**

Lucky for Life

**MONDAY:** 3-7-24-25-28, **Lucky Ball:** 4.  
**TUESDAY:** The numbers were not available at press time.

Mega Millions

The numbers were not available at press time.  
**Next Mega Millions jackpot is an estimated \$188 million.**

Powerball

**MONDAY:** 2-13-29-58-69, **Powerball:** 4, **Power Play:** 3.  
**Next Powerball jackpot is an estimated \$31 million.**

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The 66th annual Buzzard Day celebration will be held on March 19 in Hinckley Township.

# WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

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BUZZARD

From A1

The current schedule of this year’s events is as follows:  
■ An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast will take place at the new Hinckley Elementary School at 1157 Ridge Road from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 10.  
■ There will be an arts and crafts fair at the new elementary school from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
■ The Hinckley Historical Society will have displays about stories from the township in the historical society building from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
■ The Outback Ray Animal Show will be at the Hinckley Town Hall from 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
■ There will be live buzzards from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Brongers Park Pavilion.  
■ The Improvaneers will perform an improvised Buzzard Day play in town hall from noon to 1 p.m.  
■ A pet contest will take place in town hall from 1:15-1:45 p.m. The categories are for best trick, best costume, prettiest eyes, pet and owner look alike, and most unusual pet.  
Visitors can also watch a documentary about Buzzard Day’s history up to the modern day, Mallari said. The documentary will be shown every 30 minutes from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the town hall senior room. Execu-

tive producer Brian Elles will be available for a question-and-answer session after each screening.  
There will also be two continuously running shuttles that will transport people from the pickup and drop-off locations at the old elementary school on 1586 Center Road, town hall and Coco Café to the events at the new elementary school. Additional parking is available at Precision Dental, the Hinckley Historical Society and Hinckley Ridge Plaza.  
The proceeds from Buzzard Day go to the Hinckley Chamber of Commerce scholarship fund and allow the chamber to host events in the community and assist local nonprofits. As an additional way to raise funds, the chamber sells 5-pound boxes of fresh sausage that is made just for the event by Five Star Meats in Cleveland.  
Mallari said the Buzzard Day tradition celebrates nature in a way that is particular to Hinckley.  
“(The buzzards are) still performing their job here every year,” she said. “I think that’s a nice thing to celebrate, even though it was for different reasons that they initially came.”  
For more information on the event or to purchase sausage or tickets to the pancake breakfast in advance, visit bit.ly/3mu9k3b.  
*Contact reporter Madisyn Woodring at (330) 721-4049 or mwwoodring@medina-gazette.com.*





# 5 Things People with Developmental Disabilities Want You to Know

## 1. Having a disability isn't a bad thing — what's bad is the way people treat me.

"I wish my friends knew the hardest part about having a developmental disability isn't my disability itself. It's the way people treat me because of it that's most challenging. I live in a world that is basically inaccessible and doesn't think about the inclusion of people like me. When you look at me, I want you to see both my disability and my abilities and all that comes with them. Disability isn't a bad thing.

## 2. "Disability" isn't a bad word.

"Many people have been taught to feel uncomfortable around disability. It starts with children when they look, wonder or ask questions about someone with a disability, sometimes adults take this wonderful learning opportunity and dismiss it with a statement of 'it's rude to stare.' The silent message is that a child should just pretend that the person with a disability doesn't exist. Those children grow into adults who are uneasy to think about, talk about, or acknowledge disability. People also often use words like 'special needs' to describe people with developmental disabilities. But 'special' would be if I needed to eat dragon eggs for breakfast. 'Special' would be if I always needed to sleep in a tree. I need employment, I need love and support and acceptance, and I need to be invited to be included. Those are basic human needs."

## 3. Don't exclude me from plans just because you think I won't be able to participate.

"It's natural for people to assume that I can't do something because of my disability, but I'm always up for trying anything new and going on any adventure. Having a disability that limits my involvement in some things is very isolating, and it's all too easy to feel forgotten or ignored because people stop thinking to include me."

## 4. It's OK to laugh sometimes.

"I feel much more comfortable when I'm with people who are able to laugh off the occasional awkwardness caused by my different abilities and perspectives on the world around me. Sometimes I mispronounce common words and sometimes someone asks me a question and I hear something wildly different. Pretending it didn't happen makes it more awkward (I can usually sense something is up). It's much better to gently point out any confusion or mistake and then laugh about it with me."

## 5. There's more to me than just my disability.

"I am a person before my disability. I have been referred to in some social situations as 'that blind girl.' This can be upsetting, as I am many things before my blindness and it does not define me. I love shopping, horse



riding, 'Grey's Anatomy,' and I just happen to be blind. People with disabilities are capable of doing many things. Yes, our disability can make it hard for us to do certain things, but that does not mean we are limited in living life." Have questions about helping people with

disabilities be part of your community? The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is happy to help any family or community members get the information they need to support and include people with disabilities. Call us at 330-725-7751 for more information.



# How crafting benefits kids

Metro Creative

Kids have boundless energy. Parents of young children can look to various activities to harness that energy, and crafting is one endeavor that makes use of kids' enthusiasm and creativity.

Craft projects are more than just a means to getting energetic youngsters to sit down and focus their attention. Crafting pays various dividends for youngsters, some of which may surprise parents.

## Crafting and hand-eye coordination

Crafting helps children develop hand-eye coordination. The Illinois-based North Shore Pediatric Therapy notes that crafts that involve drawing shapes, cutting patterns and writing require youngsters to use their fine motor coordination. Coloring, drawing and cutting also require children to use their hands together, helping to develop and strengthen their hand-eye coordination. That development can help kids perform a host of additional tasks, including tying shoes, buttoning coats and eating independently.

## Crafting and creativity

Crafting presents a great opportunity for kids to explore their creativity. The American Academy of Pediatrics urges parents to prioritize creative, unplugged playtime for infants and toddlers, and that can include time devoted to craft projects. Craft projects can include more complicated undertakings in which kids follow directions, or they can simply allow kids to create something from their own imaginations. Each type of project involves creating something new and encourages kids to develop their creative skills.

## Crafting and patience

Parents know that patience is not necessarily a virtue of

young children. Craft projects, particularly those that require cutting and gluing, do not provide instant gratification because they require multiple steps and time to dry before they're completed. North Shore Pediatric Therapy notes that such projects teach kids self-regulation because they require youngsters to exhibit self-control and patience until the project can be considered finished.

## Crafting and the classroom

A 2018 report from the AAP noted that children who use their hands are strengthening areas in the brain that are associated with spatial and mathematical learning. This is an important benefit of crafting and one that the AAP report notes is not gained by kids who forgo physical activities like crafting for play that relies on interactive media. The benefits of crafting associated with spatial and mathematical learning could help younger children once they begin their academic careers.

Crafting is a fun activity for kids and it's also one that benefits their development in some surprising ways.

# How switching the clocks can affect your health

Metro Creative

Much of the world adjusts their clocks each spring and fall. In the fall, clocks are fixed on standard time, while in the spring they're moved forward one hour to daylight saving time, or DST.

The rationale behind DST has long been based on energy savings, as the demand for electricity to light homes is related to the times when people go to bed at night and rise in the morning. Studies conducted by the U.S. Department of Transportation in 1975 determined that moving clocks ahead one hour could save a small amount of energy each day. In New Zealand, power companies registered a 3.5 percent decrease in usage when daylight savings starts. Even though the energy savings associated with DST can be significant, some suggest those savings come at the expense of human health.

Research suggests that a one-hour time change twice a year can significantly throw off humans' internal clocks. A report conducted by the Massachusetts Legislature in the summer of 2016 found that people lose a significant amount of sleep in the days following DST, which can lead to an increase in both traffic fatalities and on-the-job injuries. Disrupted sleep cycles can leave people restless and coping with anxiety. A 2012 study published in the Journal of Applied Psychology found shifts related to DST led to killing time on the internet and other "loafing" around from lack of energy and motivation.

Finnish researchers analyzed more than 10 years of stroke data and its relation to DST. The overall rate of ischemic stroke increased by 8 percent in the first two days after transitioning to DST.

Similarly, other issues arise when clocks are switched back to standard time in the fall. Danish researchers found

the rate of people seeking care for depression rose for up to 10 weeks after clocks were turned back.

Various petitions have been created to urge legislators to maintain DST all year long. The United Kingdom-based Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents says doing so will reduce road deaths currently caused by darker evenings in autumn and winter. Keeping the time consistent can help avoid body clock resets, may prevent accidents and could increase productivity in the evening hours when the autumn arrives. Only time will tell if turning the clocks back and moving them forward will become a relic of the past.



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## Community News

# Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities launches leadership academy

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By [Alyssa Alfano, special to cleveland.com](#)

MEDINA, Ohio -- The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is encouraging leadership on the part of people who have developmental disabilities.

The MCBDD's new leadership academy will help clients learn the skills they need to take on local leadership roles.

"It is a six-month program so they can identify their leadership skills," said Pam Hunt, director of community development for the MCBDD.

She shared that people who have developmental disabilities have expressed interest in the program and want their voices to be heard.

"They're often overlooked when it comes to leadership roles," she said.

The program will cover topics including understanding leadership, roles and responsibilities, personal leadership profile, communicating and listening, problem solving, interview skills, types of leadership opportunities and goal setting.

"People with disabilities have a wide variety of talents and opinions and want to be more involved as valued citizens in community decisions," MCBDD Advocacy Coordinator Michelle Fortney said in a recent press release.

"They want opportunities to contribute and participate in decision-making processes. Whether its serving on a local non-profit board, participating in committees or making their voices heard in local government, people with developmental disabilities want the same chances as everyone else to help shape their communities."

Fortney shared that those who have expressed interest have asked how to get more involved, but "they don't know where to start. This program will give them the tools."

She said this is a program they have every intention of continuing, but they are starting out small. Additionally, she shared that they'd eventually be interested in partnering with small businesses in the future.

"It's exciting to us that people want to be involved in their community," Fortney said.

The program is for those 18 and older who have developmental disabilities. The application is due March 17. Class size is limited.

More information on the program and the application can be found at [www.mcbdd.org/advocacy/](http://www.mcbdd.org/advocacy/) or call Fortney at 330-725-7751, extension 232.

Read more from the [Medina Sun](#)

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### **MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DD ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

**The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD)** is proud to announce the launching of its Leadership Academy to help people with developmental disabilities learn the skills needed to take on local leadership roles.

The Leadership Academy is a six-month training opportunity for people with developmental disabilities to develop important leadership and advocacy skills. The class meets once a month and covers topics such as Understanding Leadership, Roles and Responsibilities, Personal Leadership Profile, Communication and Listening, Problem-Solving, Interview Skills, Types of Leadership Opportunities, and Goal Setting.

The MCBDD Leadership Academy's goal is to help people with disabilities develop skills and find ways to contribute their ideas, opinions, and thoughts so they have a voice in issues that affect themselves and their neighbors. It is an opportunity to learn to be a part of creating positive changes in the world around them.

Individuals interested in being selected to participate in the Leadership Academy must fill out and submit an application form by Friday, March 17, 2023. Class size is limited. For more information or an application form visit [www.mcbdd.org/advocacy/](http://www.mcbdd.org/advocacy/) or call the MCBDD Advocacy Coordinator at **330.725.7751, x232**.



PUBLIC MEETINGS

Today  
Medina Board of Control,

special meeting, 2 p.m., mayor's conference room, 132 N. Elmwood Ave.

ALMANAC

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 3, the 62nd day of 2023. There are 303 days left in the year.

Today's history

■ In 1791, Congress passed a measure taxing distilled spirits; it was the first internal revenue act in U.S. history.

■ In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.

■ In 1849, the U.S. Department of the Interior was established.

■ In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed a measure creating the National Academy of Sciences.

■ In 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem of the United States as President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution.

■ In 1943, in London's East End, 173 people died in a crush of bodies at the Bethnal Green tube station, which was being used as a wartime air raid shelter.

■ In 1945, the Allies fully secured the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese forces during World War II.

■ In 1960, Lucille Ball filed for divorce from her husband, Desi Arnaz, a day after they had finished filming the last episode of "The Lucille Ball-Desi Arnaz Show."

■ In 1966, death claimed actors William Frawley at age 79 and Alice Pearce at age 48 in Hollywood.

■ In 1969, Apollo 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a mission to test the lunar module.

■ In 1974, a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris, killing all 346 people on board.

■ In 1991, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video.

■ In 2017, The Nintendo Switch, a hybrid game machine that works as both a console at home and a portable tablet on the go, made its debut.

■ In 2013, Vice President Joe Biden led civil rights leaders and national political figures in a ceremonial crossing of a Selma, Alabama, bridge where voting rights marchers were beaten by law enforcement officers in 1965..

■ In 2018, actor David Ogden Stiers, best known for playing a surgeon on the "M.A.S.H." television series, died at his Oregon home at the age of 75.

Today's birthdays

Singer-musician Mike Pender (The Searchers) is 82.

Movie producer-director George Miller is 78.

Actor Hattie Winston is 78.

Singer Jennifer Warnes is 76.

Actor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 73.

Singer-musician Robyn Hitchcock is 70.

Actor Robert Gossett is 69.

Rock musician John Lilley is 69.

Actor Miranda Richardson is 65.

Radio personality Ira Glass is 64.

Actor Mary Page Keller is 62.

Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey is 61.

Former NFL player and College Football Hall of Famer Herschel Walker is 61.

Actor Laura Harring is 59.

Contemporary Christian musician Duncan Phillips (Newsboys) is 59.

Rapper-actor Tone Loc is 57.

WEATHER

TODAY:

Rain and snow likely

39/33

SATURDAY:

Chance of rain and snow

43/30

SUNDAY:

Partly sunny

46/31

MONDAY:

Partly sunny then chance of showers

58/36

KID'S VIEW

The Gazette welcomes weather pictures from area students. A weather form may be obtained by emailing areanews@medina-gazette.com. Teachers may submit pictures from their class. For more information, call (330) 721-4060.

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LOTTERY

Ohio (Thursday)

Midday Pick 3: 4-3-0, Pick 3: 3-9-8, Midday Pick 4: 9-8-1-2, Pick 4: 0-7-2-2, Midday Pick 5: 5-1-7-9-0, Pick 5: 8-6-6-0-6, Rolling Cash 5: 11-14-16-21-37, Rolling Cash 5 jackpot is \$100,000. Classic Lotto jackpot is \$6 million.

Lucky for Life

WEDNESDAY: 6-11-19-35-46, Lucky Ball: 7 THURSDAY: Not available at press time.

Mega Millions

TUESDAY: 14-16-40-52-59, Mega Ball: 13, Megaplier: 2. Next Mega Millions jackpot is an estimated \$167 million.

Powerball

WEDNESDAY: 2-9-28-36-53, Powerball: 4, Power Play: 2. Next Powerball jackpot is an estimated \$161 million.

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MEDINA COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY

Children celebrate birthday of Dr. Seuss with story time

Sara Crawford  
The Gazette

MEDINA — To celebrate Dr. Seuss' 119th birthday, more than 30 kids gathered at the Medina County District Library's Medina branch to participate in a 30-minute story time.

During the program, Medina Library Children's Department Supervisor Jennifer Sveda read the large group of kids "I am the Cat in the Hat" and "Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?"

In addition, Sveda led the group through activities including shaking egg-shaped maracas and playing with a parachute. The group then sang "Happy Birthday" to Dr. Seuss to end the program.

Once the story time was over, kids ran around the room to participate in crafts, such as making themselves into one of Dr. Seuss' characters, Thing 2.

Dr. Seuss was the pseudonym of author Theodor Seuss Geisel, who was born March 2, 1904, and died in 1991.

Contact reporter Sara Crawford at (330) 721-4063 or scrawford@medina-gazette.com.

Vincent Van Goe, 4, shows his finished craft with his grandma, Nerissa Virant, during a story time on Thursday.

SARA CRAWFORD / GAZETTE

MEDINA

Medina County Home and Garden Show comes to community center this weekend

Sara Crawford  
The Gazette

MEDINA — As Medina County residents get a taste of spring with the warmer temperatures, the Medina County Home and Garden Show will help remind residents of warmer days during its two-day event Saturday and Sunday at the Medina County Community Center.

"It really showcases local home and garden businesses," said Linda Loveless, the event's organizer. "Landscapers, windows and doors, roofing and car washing. All the services that a homeowner might need for their home."

Loveless said the Medina County Home and Garden Show was first started 36 years ago by the Medina County Career Center as an opportunity to showcase the programs offered.

Loveless said that when MCCC decided to no longer continue the event, she asked if she could and has put on the event through her business, Creative Show Promotions, for the past 11 years.

Loveless said that the event has grown over the past 11 years as more businesses and organizations sign up to participate. For this year's event, Loveless is expecting more than 100 represented businesses at the booths and in different aspects of the event.

"When you go up to the booth, you are really talking to the business owner," Loveless said. "The guy (or girl) that's going to come out and actually do the work for you."

Throughout the weekend, there will be a range of informative presentations on the stage with topics like ways to become organized, how to start home brewing, creating an outdoor living space and more.

"I just like to appeal to as many people as possible. Everybody goes through different stages in their lives where they're looking for more information on certain topics," Loveless said. "So I like to jumble it up a little. There's a lot of options out there to appeal to all kinds of different people."

In addition to attending informative presentations or visiting booths, people can visit the main garden to get an up-close look at work done by several local businesses.

Loveless said a new theme is chosen for the main garden each year, with this year's focus on the "Man Cave Getaway," which has been designed and built by Mike Biskup and his crew from Greenkeepers Lawn and Landscaping.

Inside the main garden, there will be a putting green installed by Forever Lawn, a cornhole court provided by Big Time Game Boards and a man cave shed provided by Storage Building Unlimited.

On Saturday, the seventh annual Amateur Backyard BBQ Cook-Off will be underway throughout the day as participants cook chicken or pork ribs in their own style to later be judged blindly based on appearance, taste and tenderness.

The panel of three judges includes Jon Stahl of the Farmer's Table, Brian Hilberg of Swine's BBQ and Medina County Clerk of Courts Dave Wadsworth.

"People can go out and talk to them, get tips on what they use for sauces and how they prep their meats," Loveless said. "It's just a fun extension of the whole Home and Garden Show."

The Medina County Home and Garden Show will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Medina County Community Center, 735 Lafayette Road.

Admission costs \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 60 and older, and children 12 and younger are free.

To learn more about the event, visit medinahomeand-gardenshow.com.

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ROUNDUP

State recertifies Lodi Police Department

The Office of Criminal Justice Services announced Thursday the certification and recertification of six Ohio law enforcement agencies for state standards established by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board.

One agency, Blanchester Police Department in Clinton County, adopted and implemented the initial two standards regarding use of force and hiring and recruitment. An additional five agencies completed the recertification process that takes place on a revolving, three to four-year cycle, with one being the Lodi Police Department.

Overall, there are 606 certified agencies throughout Ohio that have met the initial standards.

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two mission trips. She is also active in 4-H, serving as secretary and president of her club.

At her home school, she is in concert band and marching band, serving as section leader. She received an academic letter her freshman and junior years, and was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society as a junior.

She is the daughter of Jason and Leslie Pritt. She plans to attend college to become an optometrist.

Medina resident named to university's dean's list

Jefferey Poillon of Medina was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at University of Maryland Global Campus.

To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earn a grade-point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

Medina County Park District Events set for this weekend

■ 'A Healthy Dose of Nature'

Guests of Holmesbrook Park, 660 College St., can join a naturalist and volunteers for a 3- to 5-mile hike along a trail as part of the "A Healthy Dose of Nature" hiking series on Saturday from 9-11 a.m.

■ Get wise about wood ducks

Learn about wood ducks, a species found in Ohio, during an education hike in Oenslager Nature Center, 6100 Ridge Road from 2-3 p.m. Sunday. All ages are welcome to the free hike, and no registration is required.

— from staff reports

COUNCIL

From A1

If passed, new equipment would be put in James Park, Rolling Hills Park, Hopkins Park, the dog park and the playground for young children at North Park. The amount of funding for the project is not to exceed \$210,500.

Parks and Recreation Director Taylor Petkovsek said Hopkins Park is the city's first priority for the project. The plan is to have similar equipment to the inclusive playground, which allows children to make music.

"Hopkins (playground) was built in 2000," she said. "It is in desperate need to be replaced."

Some of the equipment at James Park and Rolling Hills Park that is in good condition will be kept while the new equipment will be added around it, she said.

According to the city, upgrades to North Park and the dog park were not originally intended to happen. But the city was able to cut costs from the other parks because of factors like the 2022 pricing still being in effect and discounts, which made upgrades at two more parks possible.

Petkovsek said the dog park will have a play set that is built as an obstacle course for dogs. The features are designed to be outside and last about 20 years.

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# POSTINGS

## Sister to Sister Youth Summit

MEDINA COUNTY — Middle school girls are invited to attend the 26th Sister to Sister Summit on March 19, 12- 4:30 pm at the Medina County University Center, 6300 Technology Lane, Medina Ohio. S2S is an event that aims at helping girls address the challenges of growing up while empowering every participant to be unapologetically herself. S2S is completely free and open to all Medina County middle school girls ages 11-14. For registration information, [click here](#).

## Book sale to benefit the Spencer Bicentennial Celebration

SPENCER — There will be a used book sale to benefit the Spencer Bicentennial Celebration in July on Friday, March 17 from 10-7 p.m. and Saturday, March 18 from 10-2 p.m. at Spencer Town Hall. Donate books in good condition at Spencer Town Hall on Friday, March 10 from 10-7 p.m. and Saturday, March 11 from 10-2 p.m. No magazines or newspapers please. Cash and checks only - no credit cards.

## Hinckley Chamber of Commerce scholarship deadline approaching

HINCKLEY — Applications from graduating high school seniors and other college students are being accepted for two \$1,000 scholarships awarded annually by the Hinckley Chamber of Commerce. The scholarships can be applied to tuition, books, supplies, and other expenses. Applications must be received on or before March 15th, 2023. Winners will be announced in April. Applications are available [here](#).

## Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities offers scholarship

MEDINA COUNTY — The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is proud to offer a scholarship opportunity for local Medina County high school students. The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities Donor Scholarship is offering one (1) \$1500.00 scholarship this year. Applicants must be a current Medina County high school senior and have been accepted into an accredited program in a field which may provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities. (i.e. special education, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, social work, behavioral sciences, etc.). Applicants must also demonstrate involvement in, or provided services to, individuals with developmental disabilities through activities such as Special Olympics, classroom activities, volunteering, job shadowing, etc. Interested students must complete and submit a Medina County Board of DD Donor Scholarship application form before Friday, March 31, 2023, to be considered. Forms are available by calling 330-725-7751 ext. 273 or by [clicking here](#).

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## COMMUNITY: GEMS

**Starting a Nonprofit**

by Kent Von Der Vellen

When starting to raise funds or giveaway money or gifts, it is important to be aware of the laws and taxes governing such activities.

Laws have been put in place to protect all involved, from the donor to the recipient and the organization itself.

Nonprofits are required to state their objectives, set operating standards, and name a board to oversee its operations.

A 501c3 status allows the organization to raise, spend and gift funds without paying taxes as long as it maintains IRS requirements. If the IRS rules an entity is not operating properly, the entity will be required to change its status and potentially pay taxes.

As a donor, gifts to organizations with 501c3 status are eligible for a tax deduction.

Many businesses and foundations require their donations go only to 501c3 nonprofits to ensure the businesses are eligible for the tax benefits and as a way to ensure legitimacy.

The IRS has a long, detailed form utilizing tax language that can be difficult to complete if one lacks the expertise of a tax accountant.

The form has to be completed and mailed to the IRS. The organization then waits for a letter giving approval from the IRS that grants them nonprofit status and assigns them a 501c3 tax identification number.

The IRS may ask for clarifying information before approval and could deny the application if requirements have not been met.

The state of Ohio requires a nonprofit to file articles of incorporation with the secretary of state detailing the organization's structure and how it will function.

There is an expectation by the IRS and the state of Ohio

that there will be a board that will regularly meet and keep records of these meetings. Ohio requires nonprofits to file a statement of continuing existence form with the secretary of state every five years.

After the nonprofit is established, regular filings with the IRS and Ohio attorney general must be made.

The amount of money an organization raises over the course of the year determines which form to file with the IRS.

In Ohio, nonprofits are required to make an annual charitable filing with the attorney general's office.

The Ohio attorney general's website is available to everyone who wants review the annual charitable filings for an organization at <https://bit.ly/3XKUFgW>

Available information includes the legal name of the organization, the tax identification number, address, date of formation, its purpose, names of board members, financial information, and if the registration is current.

The nonprofit has the ultimate responsibility to make sure these filings are made to the IRS and attorney general. Many nonprofits have an accountant and/or attorney to help with these forms.

State charitable filings will be checked as well to ensure the nonprofit is still functioning and performing its legal filings.

It shows a level of trust and legitimacy when a nonprofit takes the time to ensure these forms are filed correctly and in a timely manner.

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