

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.



April 24, 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: 5-5:15 p.m.

General Session Following Executive Session

Link to livestream available on mcbdd.org/Events tab/Event Calendar

MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
April 24, 2023

- I. Call to Order (5:00 p.m.)**
- II. Executive Session (5-5:15 p.m.)**
- III. General Session**
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - B. Mission Statement Affirmation**
 - C. Approval of Minutes**
 - 1. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, March 27, 2023
 - D. Presentation (no attachment)**
 - 1. DSP Curriculum at Career Center – Annie Finnerty
 - E. Follow Up**
 - F. Old Business-No Old Business**
 - G. New Business**
 - 1. Excess Property Resolution #11-23 (ACTION)
 - 2. MOU – AFSCME Resolution #12-23 (ACTION)
 - 3. Agency Credit Card Policy - Revision (ACTION)
 - 4. Cash Balance Policy – New Policy (ACTION)
 - H. Reports Review**
 - a. Superintendent’s Report
 - b. Financial Reports:
 - Revenue
 - Expenditures
 - Cash Balance
 - Cash Flow
 - c. Voucher Reports & Resolution #13-23 (ACTION)
 - d. Enrollee Statistics Report
 - e. Personnel Control Report
 - f. Quarterly Reports
- IV. 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
- V. Adjournment**

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2023

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Meeting Minutes

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

I. Call to Order

The MCBDD Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Board President Wayne Carroll at 5:09 p.m. Other Board Members present included the following: Dave Hartman, Andy Olah, Ann Salek, Sandra Thomas Fain, and Mark Gryskiewicz. Lisa Dreaden was excused.

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

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 Regular Board Meeting, February 27, 2023

A Motion was made by Ms. Thomas Fain, seconded by Mr. Hartman, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on February 27, 2023. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

D. Presentation (Attachment)

1. Committed to Inclusion – Pam Hunt

Pam Hunt, Director of Community Development, shared information regarding the Committed to Inclusion Project. Mr. Olah asked if we could highlight participating businesses monthly, similar to what we do for DSP Spotlights. Ms. Hunt stated that we are already doing this via multiple social media platforms. Mr. Olah asked if there is follow-up with interested businesses. Ms. Hunt stated that our interactions with the businesses are ongoing. Mr. Carroll asked if we have considered hiring a community liaison for this purpose. Ms. Maleckar stated that the Community Supports Department is set up to cover this.

E. Discussion Items

1. Performance Audit Update

The Performance Audit is now complete, we have received the final report, and the report is now public. Ms. Maleckar acknowledged the internal team that worked closely with the State Audit Team: Stacey Maleckar, Annie Finnerty, Diana Davis, Carey Bates, as well as the rest of Management Team. The audit showcases all the good things the MCBDD does and that the MCBDD is financially solid and in line with peers; however, it is beneficial to have the third party opinion. The following areas were reviewed: salaries, staffing, benefits, cash balance, and TCM.

Recommendations in the report were reviewed. We have not had any feedback from the Budget Commission; however, Ms. Maleckar has had some conversation with County Commissioners Steve Hambley and Aaron Harrison.

F. Old Business – There was no Old Business

G. New Business

1. Abolishment and Creation of Positions Resolution #09-23

A Motion was made by Ms. Salek, seconded by Mr. Gryskiewicz, to approve Resolution #09-23 to abolish the following positions: Director of Community Services and Director of Community Development and create the following positions: Director of Community Supports and Development and Community Projects Supervisor. There will now be one director in the Community Supports Department. The Board requested to see the job descriptions for the new positions. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

2. Approval of the 2024 Agency Calendar & 2023-2024 Windfall School Calendar

A Motion was made by Mr. Olah, seconded by Ms. Thomas Fain, to approve the 2024 Agency Calendar & 2023-2024 Windfall School Calendar. Mr. Carroll asked how these calendars align with other school districts. Ms. Maleckar stated that we use the county calendar, which takes into consideration all districts, when creating our school calendar. Mr. Carroll asked if transportation is an issue when we are closed. Ms. Maleckar stated that we do our best to align with Wadsworth School because they are a large district that uses their vehicles and drivers opposed to contracted transportation. Ms. Thomas Fain asked if we recognize all federal holidays; she did not see Juneteenth on the calendar. Ms. Maleckar stated that the AFSCME Union approved swapping Good Friday for Juneteenth in 2024 (as seen on the agency calendar); however, the OEA Union negotiations have not happened yet. We expect the two unions to align, and the 2023-2024 Windfall School Calendar will be revised, as needed, once negotiations are done. 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.
 - Ms. Johnson gave an update regardless Boundless removing some residential services from Medina County. She stated that all individuals affected (12) have new providers in place. Those affected were in congregate settings.
- Financial Reports – Ms. Bates reviewed the following:
 - Revenue
 - No donations received.
 - Expenses
 - Plow for Operations truck.
 - Match for four individuals in a developmental center.
 - Prior year carryover-all funds-\$90,167.00 (CI & Contract Services).

- Cash Balance
 - \$30.7M
- Cash Flow
 - \$1M of fund balance used.
 - BP card was cancelled due to added fees. Will update credit card policy in April to remove from current policy.
- Voucher Report
 - Mr. Carroll asked about emergency housing costs and the process. Ms. Johnson stated that each situation is reviewed individually, via Needs Committee. Guidelines are in place for the amounts spent and they are tracked. Ms. Bates stated that we have not had any emergency housing needs last year or so far this year. She stated that what is on this month's voucher report is rental subsidies and we get reimbursed for them.

A Motion was made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Ms. Thomas Fain, to approve Resolution #10-23 to approve the Financial Reports for February, 2023. The Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote.

- MCBDD Enrollee Statistics Report
 - Mr. Carroll asked about the decrease in EI. Ms. Bajorek stated that EI numbers fluctuate and there are 18 categories for why kids leave EI.
- Personnel Control Report
 - Ms. Maleckar stated that all agency positions are filled.
- Action Plan Progress Report
 - Ms. Maleckar stated we are moving in the right direction and doing well; no concerns. We are continuing to build capacity with remote supports. Mr. Carroll recommended offering assistance for families who have loved ones in a group home, etc., in regard to technology and connecting to that loved one.
 - Mr. Hartman was impressed by the participants at the SSA Mingle.
 - Leadership Academy – about eight applications were received. This is a program that will help build confidence and skills for individuals with disabilities to be more active in their communities and or take on leadership roles i.e. committees, boards, attending council meetings, etc.
 - Mr. Hartman asked Ms. Maleckar to research SB 38 and give an update next month and to monitor updates with HB 1.

III. Open Forum

No speakers from the audience.

IV. Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

The Board extended their thanks and best wishes to Pam Hunt who will be leaving the MCBDD for a new opportunity on April 21, 2023. Ms. Hunt has done an amazing job and will be missed.

V. Adjournment

A Motion was made by Ms. Thomas Fain, seconded by Mr. Gryskiewicz, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

FOR APPROVAL

Board Chair
Medina County Board of DD

Board Secretary
Medina County Board of DD

Follow Up

**Follow-Up Information
April 24, 2023**

- 1. The Board requested job descriptions for the new CSD positions.**
 - New job descriptions emailed to Board members on 4.19.23.**

- 2. Mr. Hartman asked Ms. Maleckar to research SB 38 and give an update next month and to monitor updates with HB 1.**
 - Ms. Maleckar will give a verbal report at the 4.24.23 Board meeting.**

New Business



RESOLUTION #11-23

April 24, 2023

MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

EXCESS PROPERTY

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to declare the attached items as excess property and unusable by the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Explanation:

The MCBDD Maintenance and/or IT Departments have inspected and evaluated these items and determined that the items are unneeded. This property will be sold through auction or other means as specified in ORC 307.12, Disposition of Unneeded, Obsolete or Unfit Personal Property.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED AND ASSIGNED RESOLUTION #11-23.

Board Chair
Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

April 24, 2023

Excess Property Resolution

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RESOLUTION #12-23

April 24, 2023

MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AFSCME LOCAL 2868, AND OHIO COUNCIL 8

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____

to make the following changes to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities, AFSCME Local 2868, and Ohio Council 8.

- a) Bargaining unit employees hired on and between dates of **02/01/2011** ~~6/6/2014~~ through 01/07/2019 will receive an increase of \$1,500 to their base salary followed by a 2.5% increase. **Any bargaining unit employee currently making (as of December 31, 2022) an annual salary of \$75,000 or more will receive compensation in accordance with Section 15.02(a) detailed in the previous paragraph.**

Explanation: This request is to correct language agreed upon during negotiations which erroneously excluded one person from the above pay scale. This proposal will result in an annual increase of approximately \$1700.00.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED AND ASSIGNED RESOLUTION #12-23.

Board Chair
Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Subject: Recommended policy changes for review and approval

MCBDD Board Members:

Requesting approval for the policy/policies listed below. New/revised policies are presented and the old policies are struck through.

Current Chapter Location Policy Number	Current Policy Title	Recommended Policy Changes	Recommended Policy Number/Chapter Location	Comments
Chapter 3	Administration/Agency Credit Cards	Revisions to the following areas: • Section F	Chapter 3, Section 2-F	Revision – Remove BP Card
Chapter 3	Administration/Cash Balance	New Policy Section 2-I Cash Balance	Chapter 3, Section 2-I	This policy section was created in response to the State Performance Audit results.



Policy Chapter 3 - Administration

SECTION:

2. BUSINESS OPERATIONS

F. Agency Credit Cards (includes gas cards)

Reference: ORC 301.27, ORC 2913.21, H.B.312, MCBDD Policy 3

All agency bank credit cards shall bear the name of Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD). Authorized bank credit cards are provided to the Superintendent and the Director of Business. A total of two (2) bank MasterCard credit cards are maintained in a locked safe in the Business Office. The MCBDD may authorize the use of an agency credit card. A photocopy of the card is given to employees or Board Members to utilize when needed for pre-approved travel expenses.

All agency gas cards shall bear the name of Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Authorized gas cards are provided to the Transportation Manager, Vehicle Drivers (CDL & Van), Operations Staff and Business Clerk.

Every employee or officer that is authorized to use the agency credit card or gas card will sign off on a review and understanding of the credit card policy prior to initial use and in the event this policy is updated.

Credit cards approved for authorized use include:

<i>Vendor</i>	<i>Type of Card</i>	<i>Credit Limit</i>
Huntington	MasterCard	\$5,000.00
BP	Gasoline/Diesel	\$25,000.00
Shell Fleet Plus	Gasoline/Diesel	\$ 800.00

The credit card may only be used for the prior approved work-related expenses listed below, and only when normal purchasing procedures outlined in the Administrative Procedures Manual for purchasing and travel are not accepted by a vendor. No late charges or finance charges shall be allowed as an allowable expense.

Utilization of the agency MasterCard Credit Card is authorized for the following expenses only:

- Motor vehicle maintenance and repair expenses
- Lodging expenses for conferences or meetings

- Food expenses
- Transportation expenses
- Telephone expenses
- Internet service provider expenses
- Webinar expenses

Utilization of the Gasoline Credit Card is authorized for the following expenses of MCBDD vehicles only:

- Gasoline
- Diesel
- Vehicle Oil and Fluids

Neither the agency credit card nor gas cards offer any type of reward program.

Employees and officers shall submit itemized credit card receipts to the Business Office upon use of the credit card with detailed information regarding the expense. If an itemized receipt is not provided, the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities has the right to seek reimbursement from an officer or employee for such expenses. This reimbursement should be paid by the officer or employee directly to the MCBDD. If reimbursement is not received within 45 days of request, the dispute will be turned over to the Medina County Prosecutor's Office for review and investigation. Credits cards are not to be used for alcoholic beverages, entertainment, personal services, or cash advances.

For gas cards, upon purchase the employee completing the transaction signs, records mileage, and identifies unit # on receipt. The itemized receipts are turned into the Business Office (to Business Clerk).

Lost or stolen agency credit cards will be reported to the Director of Business immediately. Cards will be cancelled by the Business Office upon confirmation of a lost or stolen card. All transactions will be audited in the event of lost or stolen cards. Cards will be reissued from the issuing institution and delivered via U.S. Mail to the Director of Business.

Lost or stolen gas cards will be reported to the Director of Business immediately. Card will be deactivated or cancelled by the Business Office upon confirmation of a lost or stolen card. This is documented along with the assignment of a new card. All transactions will be audited in the event of lost or stolen cards.

Employees that are assigned gas cards are for fueling MCBDD vehicles only. Employees are responsible for the card. Employees must report any issues with the card (lost, stolen, broken, etc.) to the Director of Business. Employee must return card if they are leaving employment with the MCBDD or if they are moving to a different department that would not require they have a card assigned to them.

Credit card daily use limits will not exceed \$1,000.00. In the event that business needs require a higher credit card limit, a written request will be submitted to the Superintendent and Director of Business for pre-approval. The higher credit limit may be granted for no more than 30 days. A new request must be submitted every 30 days, as necessary. Requests should detail the need for an increase and the limit

requested. The Superintendent and Director of Business will approve the increase. A request for a higher credit card limit for the Superintendent must be pre-approved by the Board President.

The Superintendent and Director of Business monitor the use of credit cards. Credit card monthly invoices are matched to credit card receipts for accuracy. The actions or omissions by an officer or employee that qualify as misuse of a credit card account are subject to progressive discipline up to and including termination and prosecution. In the event of improper use of a credit card, the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities will seek guidance from the Medina County Prosecutor on course of action to be taken. Reimbursement shall be made directly to the MCBDD for any expenses not covered in this policy.



Policy Chapter 3 - Administration

SECTION:

2. BUSINESS OPERATIONS

I. Cash balance- NEW

Reference: Performance Audit Recommendation
ORC 5126.053, 5705.222

Per the Government Finance Officer Association (GFAO) it is essential that governments maintain adequate levels of fund balance to mitigate current and future risks and to ensure stable tax rates. Having a positive account balance is fiscally responsible to ensure that future expenditures can be met in the event of a reduction in revenues. It also allows the Board to continue to provide critical services during times of financial insecurity due to disruptions to expected revenue streams or unforeseen increases in expenditures.

The MCBDD needs to ensure to its stakeholders that the levy funding we receive lasts the entirety of a levy cycle. MCBDD must also contend with potential risks that could impact this balance from year-to-year.

Due to local funds from property taxes not being received until after the first quarter, a minimum cash balance of at least 42% (5 months) worth of the next year's expenses is needed at the end of a levy cycle. The cash balance is monitored, at least annually, through the county board cost projection tool required by ORC 5126.053 as well as monthly cash balance and cash flow reports reviewed with the Board.

The Board can allocate money to the reserve balance account (up to 40% of the prior year general fund expenditures – ORC 5705.222) until and if the above cash balance minimum is not met and the money needs to be used for current operating expenditures.

Monthly Reports

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**April 2023****SSA**

- The SSA Department is gaining momentum with submitting the new OHISPs electronically through Brittco's software system, and have over 200 ISPs that have been published or are in progress. The SSA Management Team has been doing a great job and will continue to host OHISP office hours to support the department.
- TCM productivity, as a department average, has continued on a streak of being higher than last year. SSAs are striving towards capturing their day, and recently received a follow-up training from Jeramee Caraballo, Medicaid Services Manager, on TCM rates.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- April is Autism Acceptance Month; outreach efforts across the nation continue to support a move from "Awareness" to "Acceptance." MCBDD promoted, these efforts through several articles in local media.
- MCBDD provided a gift basket to the Wadsworth Chamber of Commerce Annual Easter Basket Auction.
- The next video and materials for the "Committed to Inclusion" series were released. The latest version focuses on materials for places of worship and the steps they can take to be more inclusive for people with disabilities.
- The Ohio DSP Crisis information continues to be distributed weekly, with a different call to action each week; send a letter to legislators, make a phone call, sign a petition, make a video, etc.
- MCBDD participated in the Pinwheel Garden project to support awareness of child abuse (4/1-4/30).
- MCBDD participated in the Buckeye High School Career Pitch Day on 4/13 and discussed the wide variety of careers within the DD field.

Upcoming Event(s):

1. Medina Senior Day: 5/16 at the Medina County Fairgrounds.
2. MCBDD Ice Cream Social: 6/22 from 6-8:00 p.m. on Medina Public Square (Rain location – Medina County Achievement Center).

EARLY INTERVENTION

- Referrals for the month of March were the highest number on record (53).
- Referral data for last quarter of SFY23 showed a 13% increase in referrals from physicians and a 16% increase in referrals from parents/caregivers.
- Sandy Snack, PT for the Early Intervention program, is retiring at the end of May after many years of service at MCBDD; first as a contracted employee and more recently as a full-time employee. Over the years, she has served both adults and children and has been a tremendous resource for the agency.
- Given Ms. Snack's retirement, a new PT has been hired. Nicole Sass accepted the Early Intervention PT position on Thursday. Ms. Sass is an experienced PT with young children, coming to MCBDD from Akron Children's Hospital. She also had a child in the EI program last year, giving her a unique program perspective. Ms. Sass will start on 5/8.

- The Early Intervention Service Coordination grant allocation has been posted; Medina County will receive a slight increase in funds (approximately \$10,000). Many of our surrounding counties had funds cut despite increased referrals, so we were fortunate.
- We are in the process of spending the balance of the ARPA grant funds. Purchases will include training for staff, additional equipment for the family lending program, and resources for EI staff (professional organization memberships, social/emotional and behavior assessment, and intervention materials).

SCHOOL AGE AND PRESCHOOL

- Windfall Preschool received their annual unannounced site visit for licensure and passed with no recommendations or situations.
- School-age students are training to participate in the All Medina County Schools Track and Field Day on 5/9. This event will be held at Cloverleaf High School and all students will participate.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Community Employment

The number of individuals receiving Community Employment Services the past month:

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

Past Trainings and Presentations

Date	Title of Training	Presenter	Target Audience
3/15/2023	OhioISP for Providers <i>37 attended</i>	Jim Bennett, DODD	Providers
Q1 2023	First Aid/CPR <i>50 providers, 17 MCBDD staff</i>	MCBDD First Aid/CPR Trainers	Providers & MCBDD Staff
Q1 2023	Medication Administration-Initial & Renewals <i>43 providers & staff</i>	Nursing Navigator	Providers & MCBDD Staff
4/4/2023	OhioISP for Individuals & Families <i>17 attended</i>	Jim Bennett, DODD	Individuals/Families

Upcoming Trainings and Presentations

Date	Title of Training	Presenter	Target Audience
5/2/2023 (rescheduled date)	Epilepsy & Seizure First Aid	Nicole Richter & Pam Wheeler, MCBDD	Providers/Families/Individuals/Community

5/24/2023	MUI/UIR Training	Crystal Brodzinski & Kim Bernardi, MCBDD	Providers
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Self-Advocacy

- **Ongoing**
 - The 16-week Advocacy Curriculum Train-the-Trainer Program continues at Medina High School – Bowman House.
- **Completion of 16-week Advocacy Curriculum Training**
 - On 3/20, there were 15 Brunswick High School students that received their certificates for completing the training.
 - On 3/23, an additional 15 Brunswick High School students received their certificates for completing the training.
- **March Advocacy Meeting**
 - During the March Advocacy Meeting, 11 Advocates enjoyed guest speaker Rob Snow from the Improvaneer Method. Mr. Snow educated the group about an on-line program and how it can provide social, workplace, and lifetime opportunities for those with intellectual/developmental disabilities. The next meeting will be 4/25.
- **Leadership Academy**
 - Congratulations goes out to four Advocates who have been chosen for the first round of Leadership Academy. These participants come with an abundance of knowledge and experience in legislative advocacy, disability education, and community involvement. The first class was held on 4/18.

Provider Support

DSP Spotlight
Sherri Miller was recognized for the April DSP Spotlight. Sherri works for Transitional Living Centers (TLC). Sherri was nominated by one of her co-workers. Sherri always goes above and beyond to make sure the individuals are well cared for and happy. Congratulations Sherri!!!

OPERATIONS

Construction and Building Update

- The new fire alarm system is operational and currently “cut-over” from the old system.
- MCBDD is slated to complete the ADA concrete path upgrade after school lets out for the year.

Aktion Club

- Aktion Club hosted the “5th Thursday Dinner” at MCBDD. All three Kiwanis clubs in Medina and the District Governor attended. The service project for the night was “Backpacks for Foster Children.” The backpacks were delivered to Medina County Job and Family Services for distribution.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS OHIO MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DD**185 Athletes Total**

- 140 Bowling Athletes (114 Athletes; 26 Unified Partners)
- 30 Basketball Athletes
- 15 Swim Athletes

Bowling:

- The Bowling season ends on 4/24.
- The Bowling Banquet is scheduled on 5/8.

Basketball:

- The Basketball Banquet was held on 3/16.

Swim:

- The Swim Banquet was held on 3/9.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Wadsworth YMCA Pickleball continues on Thursdays, weekly, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (schedule will change as YMCA class schedule changes); no cost to Athletes; 13 Athletes are currently participating. (two 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 on 6/14; monthly planning meetings are being held.
- Candy sales continue (World's Finest Chocolates); no additional boxes are available to sell at this time.
- Medina County Field Day meetings will continue until the day of the event on 5/9 (in collaboration with Special Olympics Medina County); Amy C. Smith, S.O. Coordinator, and Paula Majoros, Facilities and Activities Coordinator, will attend future meetings to support organizing the Field Day event; location is Cloverleaf High School; a meeting was held on 4/17.
- A Spring Sport sign-up email and link has been sent; Spring sports started on 4/11.
- The Raymond Biegel Memorial tournament is scheduled on 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.
- Regional Games are scheduled on 5/6 (Volleyball, Athletics, Powerlifting) at Bedford High School; Bocce is on 5/6 at Italian American Club in Wickliffe; Tennis Regional is scheduled on 6/3 at the Medina Invitational.
- The State Summer Games are scheduled at The Ohio State University on 6/23-6/25.

MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
MONTHLY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
ALL FUNDS
3/31/2023

ACCT	TITLE	BUDGETED RECEIPTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	VARIANCE ANALYSIS				% OF BUDGET RECEIVED
						YTD RECEIPTS CURRENT YEAR	YTD RECEIPTS PRIOR YEAR	INCREASE (DECREASE)	% INCR. (DECR.)	
										25.00%
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	-	-	9,651,782	9,651,782	-	9,651,782		55.41
3300-40009	ST PYMT IN LIEU OF TAXES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
3300-40011	ROLLBACK/HOMESTEAD TAX (2)	2,154,183	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
3300-40250	FEES	3,600	650	500	200	1,350	1,300	50	3.85	37.50
3300-40420	GENERAL REIMBURSEMENTS	804,600	76,795	96,332	53,789	226,915	205,293	21,622	10.53	28.20
3300-40435	MEDICAID SETTLEMENT (7)	980,000	-	-	813,653	813,653	741,456	72,197	9.74	83.03
3300-40438	TARGETED CASE MGT (5)	904,000	84,500	70,154	92,779	247,433	217,830	29,603	13.59	27.37
3300-40439	WAIVER INCOME (5)	39,000	-	-	5,493	5,493	22,323	(16,830)	(75.39)	14.09
3300-40440	MAC	556,000	-	-	153,350	153,350	286,523	(133,174)	(46.48)	27.58
3300-40599	OTHER REVENUE	10,000	5,770	578	457	6,805	20,557	(13,752)	(66.90)	68.05
3300-40601	GRANTS - FEDERAL (4)	118,938	820	1,512	17,152	19,484	18,524	960	5.18	16.38
2855/3300-40602	GRANTS - STATE (4)	313,500	519	743	-	1,262	21,424	(20,162)	(94.11)	0.40
3300-40606	OOD	280,000	11,405	11,285	3,332	26,022	43,097	(17,076)	(39.62)	9.29
3300-40612	DEPT OF ED SUBSIDY	510,000	68,145	50,462	45,993	164,601	132,219	32,381	24.49	32.27
3300-40710	RENT	116,000	9,322	9,262	9,322	27,906	21,468	6,438	29.99	24.06
3315/3300-40712	REFUNDS	2,000	503	-	125	628	474	154	32.50	31.40
3300-40799	OTHER NON-REVENUE (9)	-	70	-	-	70	134	(63)	(47.25)	-
3315-40072	DONATIONS (6)	10,000	-	-	50	50	1,725	(1,675)	(97.10)	0.50
3315-40503	INTEREST	2,000	-	-	4,736	4,736	-	4,736		236.80
	GRAND TOTALS	24,245,142	265,041	240,828	10,852,213	11,358,082	1,739,830	9,618,252	552.83	46.85
check:			265,040.96	240,828.43	10,852,212.85	11,358,082.24	1,739,829.86			
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. 1st half received 3/31/23.
3. Real Estate taxes are received twice a year typically in April and August or September. 1st half received 3/31/23.
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): Mar - \$50 (Jill Becherucci for Co. Supp)
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 2022). Mar - FY21 Waiver Match Reconciliation rec'd
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
MARCH 2023

								YTD VARIANCE ANALYSIS				UNSPENT BALANCE 2023	% SPENT
ACCT	TITLE	INITIAL BUDGET	BUDGET CHANGES	ADJUSTED BUDGET	JAN	FEB	MAR	YTD BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	YTD PRIOR YEAR	INCREASE (DECREASE)		
VARIOUS	SALARIES (5)	8,482,126	-	8,482,126	615,388	609,984	614,741	1,957,414	1,840,113	1,863,388	(23,275)	6,642,013	21.69
3300-50060	WORKERS COMP	84,648	-	84,648	6,106	6,100	6,152	19,534	18,358	18,647	(289)	66,290	21.69
3300-50070	UNEMPLOYMENT	66,170	-	66,170	1,532	-	-	15,270	1,532	1,721	(189)	64,638	2.32
3300-50080	PERS	960,177	-	960,177	70,668	70,368	71,444	221,579	212,479	213,804	(1,324)	747,698	22.13
3300-50081	MEDICARE	122,738	-	122,738	8,355	8,346	8,417	28,324	25,118	25,341	(223)	97,620	20.46
3300-50082	STRS	224,884	-	224,884	14,714	15,030	14,775	51,896	44,520	45,132	(612)	180,364	19.80
3300-50090	HOSPITALIZATION	2,586,539	-	2,586,539	173,904	174,443	174,443	596,894	522,791	541,430	(18,639)	2,063,748	20.21
3300-50091	DENTAL INSURANCE	120,040	-	120,040	10,213	10,185	10,155	30,010	30,553	36,624	(6,071)	89,487	25.45
3300/3315-50100	SUPPLIES	216,430	-	216,430	6,916	11,668	10,793	54,108	29,377	50,701	(21,324)	187,053	13.57
3300-50200	MATERIALS	20,300	-	20,300	1,306	303	-	5,075	1,609	3,162	(1,552)	18,691	7.93
3300-50230	REPAIRS	53,500	-	53,500	1,805	2,220	1,711	13,375	5,736	9,870	(4,134)	47,764	10.72
3300-50250	EMERGENCY RELIEF	25,000	-	25,000	-	-	-	6,250	-	-	-	25,000	-
3300-50450	FEES	379,100	-	379,100	81,665	1,294	2,435	94,775	85,394	74,594	10,800	293,706	22.53
3300-50515	PROPERTY & LIABILITY INS	54,450	-	54,450	-	-	23,511	13,613	23,511	21,646	1,865	30,939	43.18
3300-50536	VEHICLE INSURANCE	11,000	-	11,000	-	-	8,723	2,750	8,723	9,422	(699)	2,277	79.30
3300-50540	ADVERTISING	37,600	-	37,600	2,923	9,495	3,877	9,400	16,295	14,435	1,860	21,305	43.34
3300/3315-50541	PRINTING	7,550	-	7,550	-	-	385	1,888	385	4,878	(4,493)	7,165	5.10
3300/3315-50560	TRAVEL	120,950	-	120,950	9,546	6,023	4,169	30,238	19,738	10,688	9,050	101,212	16.32
3300/3315-50580	CONTRACT SERVICES	2,160,109	-	2,160,109	167,450	289,152	115,563	540,027	572,165	508,617	63,548	1,587,944	26.49
3300-50590	CONTRACT PROJECTS	540,000	-	540,000	19,745	-	500	135,000	20,245	44,100	(23,855)	519,755	3.75
3300-50600	GASOLINE	4,500	-	4,500	75	206	201	1,125	483	1,126	(643)	4,017	10.72
3300/3315-50610	OTHER EXPENSE (3)	105,515	-	105,515	55,074	4,559	550	26,379	60,183	39,753	20,430	45,332	57.04
VARIOUS	UTILITIES	247,700	-	247,700	20,482	23,262	20,977	61,925	64,721	179,275	(114,555)	182,979	26.13
3300/3315-50711	RENTALS	8,350	-	8,350	40	135	455	2,088	630	718	(88)	7,720	7.54
3300/3315-50780	EQUIPMENT	141,500	-	141,500	12,083	28,643	-	35,375	40,725	25,654	15,072	100,775	28.78
2855-50580	CONTRACT SERVICES (CI)	50,000	-	50,000	-	-	-	12,500	-	-	-	50,000	-
2855-50590	CAPITAL PROJECTS (CI)	734,800	-	734,800	245,512	25,854	182,983	183,700	454,349	153,848	300,501	280,451	61.83
2856-50590	CAPITAL PROJECTS (SALES TAX)	23,200	-	23,200	-	-	-	5,800	-	23,862	(23,862)	23,200	-
SUBTOTAL - EXPENDITURES		17,588,876	-	17,588,876	1,525,503	1,297,269	1,276,960	4,156,310	4,099,731	3,922,437	177,294	13,489,145	23.31
3300-50623	MEDICAID LOCAL MATCH (2)	6,779,000	-	6,779,000	1,168,142	33,765	33,349	1,694,750	1,235,256	1,236,049	(793)	5,543,744	18.22
GRAND TOTALS		24,367,876	-	24,367,876	2,693,645	1,331,034	1,310,309	5,851,060	5,334,987	5,158,486	176,501	19,032,889	21.89
PRIOR YEAR CARRYOVER (4)					483,766	90,167	181,945		755,878	676,131			
check:		24,367,876	0	24,367,876	2,693,644.55	1,331,033.72	1,310,308.93	5,851,060	5,334,987.20	5,158,485.82		19,032,889	
3300-50960	TRANSFERS (6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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

35,835,121

5,334,987.20

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)

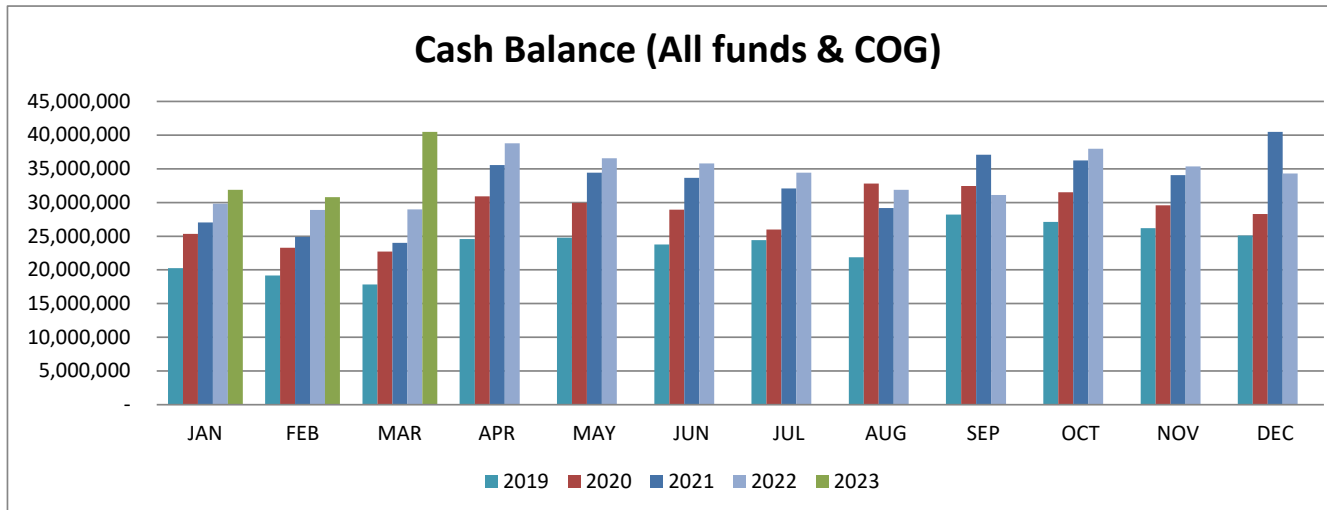
MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
CASH BALANCE FOR MONTH ENDING:

March 31, 2023

			CURRENT YEAR	PRIOR YEAR	NET CHANGE
FUND #	2855	Capital Fund	2,617,514.40	2,563,448.84	54,065.56
	2855	Capital Fund Reserve	2,801,357.00	3,586,157.00	(784,800.00)
	2856	Capital Sales Tax Fund	18,258.19	11,090.37	7,167.82
	3300	General Fund	26,054,468.42	13,610,365.52	12,444,102.90
	3300	General Fund Reserve	8,665,888.00	8,867,406.00	(201,518.00)
	3315	Donated Fund	96,931.24	110,195.55	(13,264.31)
	NA	Residential Fund- Held by NEON	215,444.35	235,005.47	(19,561.12)
		TOTALS	40,469,861.60	28,983,668.75	11,486,192.85
		RESERVE TOTAL	11,467,245.00	12,453,563.00	(986,318.00)
		TOTALS LESS RESERVES	29,002,616.60	16,530,105.75	12,472,510.85

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

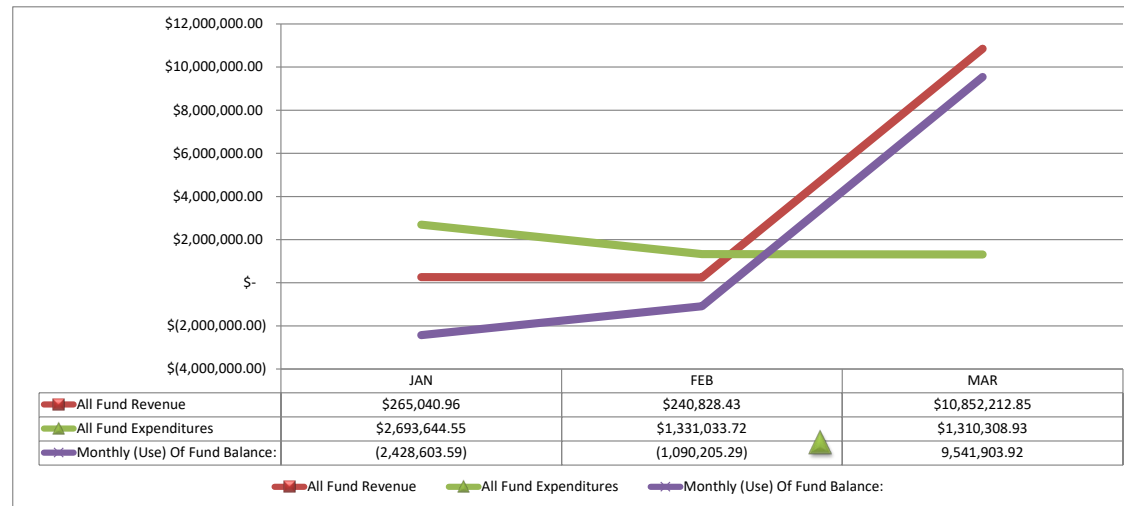


MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MONTHLY CASH FLOW 3/31/2023						
FUND	DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	JAN	FEB	MAR	YTD TOTAL
2855	Capital Improvements Revenue		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,873,220.57
2855	Capital Improvements Expenses		\$ 245,512.19	\$ 25,854.28	\$ 182,982.70	\$ 454,349.17
	Total Cash Available:	\$ 5,873,220.57	\$ 5,627,708.38	\$ 5,601,854.10	\$ 5,418,871.40	\$ 5,418,871.40
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	\$ 18,258.19
3300	General Fund Revenue		\$ 258,499.19	\$ 240,828.43	\$ 10,847,426.85	\$ 39,599,478.31
3300	General Fund Expenditures		\$ 2,446,927.96	\$ 1,304,867.70	\$ 1,127,326.23	\$ 4,879,121.89
	Total Cash Available:	\$ 28,252,723.84	\$ 26,064,295.07	\$ 25,000,255.80	\$ 34,720,356.42	\$ 34,720,356.42
3315	Donated Fund Revenue		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,786.00	\$ 98,447.38
3315	Donated Fund Expenditures		\$ 1,204.40	\$ 311.74	\$ -	\$ 1,516.14
	Total Cash Available:	\$ 93,661.38	\$ 92,456.98	\$ 92,145.24	\$ 96,931.24	\$ 96,931.24
ALL	All Fund Revenue		\$ 265,040.96	\$ 240,828.43	\$ 10,852,212.85	\$ 45,589,404.45
ALL	All Fund Expenditures		\$ 2,693,644.55	\$ 1,331,033.72	\$ 1,310,308.93	\$ 5,334,987.20
	Total Cash Available:	\$ 34,231,322.21	\$ 31,802,718.62	\$ 30,712,513.33	\$ 40,254,417.25	\$ 40,254,417.25
check			31,802,718.62	30,712,513.33	40,254,417.25	40,254,417.25

Monthly (Use) Of Fund Balance: (2,428,603.59) (1,090,205.29) 9,541,903.92 6,023,095.04

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 3/31/23: \$215,444.35)



March Voucher Report
Summary By Vendor

Sum of AMOUNT	Fund		
Vendor	2855	3300	Grand Total
4 IMPRINT INC			
CR-SUPPLIES		\$ 421.75	\$ 421.75
4 IMPRINT INC Total		\$ 421.75	\$ 421.75
AC PASSAGE ENTERPRIS			
CRC-NMT 1/1/23-2/25/23		\$ 3,298.89	\$ 3,298.89
AC PASSAGE ENTERPRIS Total		\$ 3,298.89	\$ 3,298.89
ACTIVE INTERNET TECH			
IT-BLACKBOARD RENEWAL 2/1/23-1/31/24		\$ 2,430.00	\$ 2,430.00
ACTIVE INTERNET TECH Total		\$ 2,430.00	\$ 2,430.00
AIRGAS USA LLC			
NU-ANNUAL OXYGEN TANK RENTAL FEES-2023		\$ 23.52	\$ 23.52
AIRGAS USA LLC Total		\$ 23.52	\$ 23.52
ALLELON SYSTEMS INTE			
CI-A/V PROJECT FOR BOARD ROOM	\$ 25,647.75		\$ 25,647.75
ALLELON SYSTEMS INTE Total	\$ 25,647.75		\$ 25,647.75
ALONOVUS CORP			
PR-ADVERTISING & PRINTING-02/16/23		\$ 549.75	\$ 549.75
ALONOVUS CORP Total		\$ 549.75	\$ 549.75
AMAZON			
A-SUPPLIES		\$ 83.03	\$ 83.03
ES-SUPPLIES		\$ 55.59	\$ 55.59
IT-SUPPLIES		\$ 6.99	\$ 6.99
M-SUPPLIES		\$ 707.29	\$ 707.29
PBS-SUPPLIES		\$ 86.15	\$ 86.15
PR-SUPPLIES		\$ 93.43	\$ 93.43
PS/SA-SUPPLIES		\$ 577.64	\$ 577.64
SA-SUPPLIES		\$ 29.99	\$ 29.99
AMAZON Total		\$ 1,640.11	\$ 1,640.11
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVI			
A-SUPPLIES		\$ 54.35	\$ 54.35
CRC-KFT FUNDS SUPPLIES		\$ 458.99	\$ 458.99
DS-SUPPLIES		\$ 55.43	\$ 55.43
EI-SUPPLIES		\$ 39.39	\$ 39.39
PT-SUPPLIES		\$ 39.95	\$ 39.95
SSA-SUPPLIES		\$ 69.90	\$ 69.90
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVI Total		\$ 718.01	\$ 718.01
AMERICAN RED CROSS H			
CS-FIRST AID/CPR STAFF CERTIFICATIONS-2023		\$ 144.00	\$ 144.00
CS-FIRST AID/CPR-02/10/23 (PW)		\$ 36.00	\$ 36.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS H Total		\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00
APOLLO PEST CONTROL			
M-PEST CONTROL SVCS-02/27/23		\$ 88.00	\$ 88.00
APOLLO PEST CONTROL Total		\$ 88.00	\$ 88.00
ARMSTRONG CABLE SERV			
AT/M-INTERNET SERVICES 3/15/23-4/14/23		\$ 304.90	\$ 304.90
ARMSTRONG CABLE SERV Total		\$ 304.90	\$ 304.90
BATES CAREY			
BO-REG FEE/TRAVEL-SUPER/BM CONF-03/09-03/10/23		\$ 132.31	\$ 132.31
BATES CAREY Total		\$ 132.31	\$ 132.31

March Voucher Report
Summary By Vendor

Sum of AMOUNT	Fund		
Vendor	2855	3300	Grand Total
BIOMETRIC INFORMATIO			
HR-FINGERPRINTING SYSTEM ANNUAL MAINT/SUPPORT		\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
BIOMETRIC INFORMATIO Total		\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
BOUNDLESS COMMUNITY			
CRC-ADS JAN 23		\$ 1,513.15	\$ 1,513.15
CRC-ADS-12/01/22-12/30/22 (JM/CB/WC)		\$ 1,704.58	\$ 1,704.58
CRC-NMT JAN 23		\$ 1,670.40	\$ 1,670.40
CRC-NMT-12/01/22-12/30/22 (JM/CB/WC)		\$ 1,582.81	\$ 1,582.81
BOUNDLESS COMMUNITY Total		\$ 6,470.94	\$ 6,470.94
BRITTCO LLC			
IT-BRITTCO MAR 23		\$ 3,550.00	\$ 3,550.00
BRITTCO LLC Total		\$ 3,550.00	\$ 3,550.00
BUEHLERS FOOD MARKET			
CS-SUPPLIES		\$ 24.73	\$ 24.73
FSLP-CAFETERIA GROCERIES-02/14/23		\$ 26.21	\$ 26.21
FSLP-CAFETERIA GROCERIES-02/24/23		\$ 20.15	\$ 20.15
BUEHLERS FOOD MARKET Total		\$ 71.09	\$ 71.09
CDW GOVERNMENT LLC			
SSA-WARRANTY FOR LAPTOP (JNH)		\$ 267.00	\$ 267.00
CDW GOVERNMENT LLC Total		\$ 267.00	\$ 267.00
CHILDREN'S CENTER OF			
CR-ABUSE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN & SPONSORSHIP		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
CHILDREN'S CENTER OF Total		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
CHUCK'S CUSTOM LLC			
M-CONTRACT REPAIRS (SALT SPREADER REPAIR)		\$ 326.68	\$ 326.68
CHUCK'S CUSTOM LLC Total		\$ 326.68	\$ 326.68
COCA-COLA BOTTLING C			
DS-VENDING MACHINE INVENTORY		\$ 357.00	\$ 357.00
COCA-COLA BOTTLING C Total		\$ 357.00	\$ 357.00
COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO			
M-GAS 1/17/23-2/14/23		\$ 1,238.77	\$ 1,238.77
COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO Total		\$ 1,238.77	\$ 1,238.77
COMMUNITY ACTION WAY			
CS-SUCCESS COACH 1/1/23-2/27/23		\$ 6,740.12	\$ 6,740.12
COMMUNITY ACTION WAY Total		\$ 6,740.12	\$ 6,740.12
CONSTELLATION NEWENE			
M-GAS-JAN 23		\$ 1,947.50	\$ 1,947.50
CONSTELLATION NEWENE Total		\$ 1,947.50	\$ 1,947.50
CONSUMER SUPPORT SER			
CRC-NMT FEB 23		\$ 1,393.32	\$ 1,393.32
CRC-NMT-01/06/23-01/31/23 (CW)		\$ 307.35	\$ 307.35
CRC-NMT-12/19/22-01/31/23 (MH/AS/CW)		\$ 1,065.48	\$ 1,065.48
CONSUMER SUPPORT SER Total		\$ 2,766.15	\$ 2,766.15
CRITZER KELLY			
OT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 207.76	\$ 207.76
CRITZER KELLY Total		\$ 207.76	\$ 207.76
CROSS CREEK APARTMEN			
CRC-RENTAL ASSISTANCE-APR 23 (LM)		\$ 512.00	\$ 512.00
CROSS CREEK APARTMEN Total		\$ 512.00	\$ 512.00
DATSMARTS LLC			
CS-MS EXCEL TRAINING CLASS-03/10/23		\$ 540.00	\$ 540.00
DATSMARTS LLC Total		\$ 540.00	\$ 540.00

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Summary By Vendor

Sum of AMOUNT	Fund		
Vendor	2855	3300	Grand Total
DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF			
DENTAL PREMIUM-MAR 23		\$ 10,154.91	\$ 10,154.91
DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF Total		\$ 10,154.91	\$ 10,154.91
DERGA ANDREW			
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 82.53	\$ 82.53
DERGA ANDREW Total		\$ 82.53	\$ 82.53
E.S. BEVERIDGE & ASS			
HR-COBRA ADMIN MARCH 23		\$ 102.00	\$ 102.00
E.S. BEVERIDGE & ASS Total		\$ 102.00	\$ 102.00
EASTER SEALS NORTHER			
CRC-ADS & NMT FEB 23 (MS)		\$ 589.61	\$ 589.61
EASTER SEALS NORTHER Total		\$ 589.61	\$ 589.61
ENVELOPE CONSULTING			
CI-MR733 (RESTROOM ALTERATIONS) ARCHITECT SERVICES	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
ENVELOPE CONSULTING Total	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
FAIRLAWNGIG			
M-BUSINESS STATIC 13/BUSINESS BASIC-03/16-04/15/23		\$ 630.00	\$ 630.00
FAIRLAWNGIG Total		\$ 630.00	\$ 630.00
FAMD INC			
ES-SUPPLIES		\$ 499.00	\$ 499.00
FAMD INC Total		\$ 499.00	\$ 499.00
FIRST COMMUNICATIONS			
M-PHONES MARCH 23		\$ 2,781.66	\$ 2,781.66
FIRST COMMUNICATIONS Total		\$ 2,781.66	\$ 2,781.66
FORTNEY MICHELLE			
CS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 206.33	\$ 206.33
FORTNEY MICHELLE Total		\$ 206.33	\$ 206.33
FRIENDS OFFICE			
M-SUPPLIES		\$ 364.19	\$ 364.19
FRIENDS OFFICE Total		\$ 364.19	\$ 364.19
GEAR MICHAEL			
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 32.36	\$ 32.36
GEAR MICHAEL Total		\$ 32.36	\$ 32.36
GENERATOR ONE LLC			
M-GENERATOR BI-ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SERVICE (MAJOR)		\$ 835.00	\$ 835.00
GENERATOR ONE LLC Total		\$ 835.00	\$ 835.00
GOLD CARE SERVICES			
CRC-RESPIRE SERVICES-FEB 23 (KB)		\$ 960.00	\$ 960.00
GOLD CARE SERVICES Total		\$ 960.00	\$ 960.00
GORDON FOOD SERVICE			
CS-CATERING (ADVOCACY MEETING-03/01/23)		\$ 78.87	\$ 78.87
DS-CAFETERIA GROCERIES-02/28/23		\$ 4.79	\$ 4.79
DS-SUPPLIES		\$ 427.68	\$ 427.68
FSLP-CAFETERIA GROCERIES-02/23/23 (1)		\$ 55.31	\$ 55.31
FSLP-CAFETERIA GROCERIES-02/23/23 (2)		\$ 348.88	\$ 348.88
GORDON FOOD SERVICE Total		\$ 915.53	\$ 915.53
GRAPHIC ENTERPRISES			
ASM-COPIER MAINTENANCE-01/23/23-02/22/23		\$ 142.72	\$ 142.72
COPIER MAINTENANCE-01/28/23-02/27/23		\$ 1,188.64	\$ 1,188.64
VARIOUS-PRINTERS 3/1/23-3/31/23		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
GRAPHIC ENTERPRISES Total		\$ 1,831.36	\$ 1,831.36

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Summary By Vendor

Sum of AMOUNT	Fund		
Vendor	2855	3300	Grand Total
GREENLEAF FAMILY CEN			
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-01/02/23-03/31/23 (RS)		\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-02/23/23 (RS)		\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-03/01/23-03/08/23 (RS)		\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
GREENLEAF FAMILY CEN Total		\$ 770.00	\$ 770.00
GRZYBOWSKI SAMANTHA			
CE-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 76.50	\$ 76.50
GRZYBOWSKI SAMANTHA Total		\$ 76.50	\$ 76.50
HANDS FOUNDATION			
PR-ADVERTISING & PRINTING-AGENCY AWARENESS ADS		\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,320.00
HANDS FOUNDATION Total		\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,320.00
HARTMAN SARAH			
AT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 198.47	\$ 198.47
HARTMAN SARAH Total		\$ 198.47	\$ 198.47
HINCKLEY CHAMBER OF			
CR-HINCKLEY BUZZARD BUZZ BOOTH FEE-03/19/23		\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
HINCKLEY CHAMBER OF Total		\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SE			
M-SUPPLIES		\$ 298.16	\$ 298.16
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SE Total		\$ 298.16	\$ 298.16
HUMPHREY DEBBIE			
EI-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 180.78	\$ 180.78
HUMPHREY DEBBIE Total		\$ 180.78	\$ 180.78
HYLANT ADMINISTRATIV			
A-INSURANCE RENEWAL		\$ 32,234.00	\$ 32,234.00
HYLANT ADMINISTRATIV Total		\$ 32,234.00	\$ 32,234.00
I AM BOUNDLESS INC			
CRC-INTENSIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS-JAN/FEB 23 (MR)		\$ 6,384.35	\$ 6,384.35
I AM BOUNDLESS INC Total		\$ 6,384.35	\$ 6,384.35
IMPACT GROUP PUBLIC			
A-DISC REPORTS MGMT TRAINING DIRECT COSTS		\$ 857.69	\$ 857.69
IMPACT GROUP PUBLIC Total		\$ 857.69	\$ 857.69
INDEPENDENT EMPLOYME			
CRC-NMT 2/19/23-3/4/23		\$ 1,454.79	\$ 1,454.79
CRC-NMT-02/05/23-02/18/23		\$ 1,475.28	\$ 1,475.28
INDEPENDENT EMPLOYME Total		\$ 2,930.07	\$ 2,930.07
INVO HEALTHCARE ASSO			
OT-INVO CONTRACT FEB 23		\$ 4,864.50	\$ 4,864.50
INVO HEALTHCARE ASSO Total		\$ 4,864.50	\$ 4,864.50
IRON MOUNTAIN INC			
A-STORAGE/SERVICE PERIOD-01/25/23-03/31/23		\$ 941.85	\$ 941.85
IRON MOUNTAIN INC Total		\$ 941.85	\$ 941.85
JACK CONNIE			
AT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 108.08	\$ 108.08
JACK CONNIE Total		\$ 108.08	\$ 108.08
JAEGER AMBER			
EI-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 140.17	\$ 140.17
JAEGER AMBER Total		\$ 140.17	\$ 140.17
JOHNSON CONTROLS SEC			
M-FIRE ALARM SERVICE CONTRACT-03/01/23-05/31/23		\$ 291.19	\$ 291.19
JOHNSON CONTROLS SEC Total		\$ 291.19	\$ 291.19

Sum of AMOUNT	Fund		
Vendor	2855	3300	Grand Total
JOHNSON-LAUX CONSTRU			
CI-CHANGE ORDER-COOLING TOWER REPLACEMENT-PMT #2	\$ 30,184.61		\$ 30,184.61
CI-COOLING TOWER REPLACEMENT-PMT #2	\$ 69,952.34		\$ 69,952.34
CI-FIRE ALARM SYSTEM REPLACEMENT & UPGRADES-PMT #4	\$ 33,750.00		\$ 33,750.00
JOHNSON-LAUX CONSTRU Total	\$ 133,886.95		\$ 133,886.95
JOY OF MEDINA COUNTY			
PR-ADVERTISING APR/MAY 2023		\$ 490.00	\$ 490.00
JOY OF MEDINA COUNTY Total		\$ 490.00	\$ 490.00
JOYCE JOANNE			
PBS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 204.38	\$ 204.38
JOYCE JOANNE Total		\$ 204.38	\$ 204.38
KAPTEIN MEGAN			
PT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 114.30	\$ 114.30
KAPTEIN MEGAN Total		\$ 114.30	\$ 114.30
LANGUAGE LEARNING AS			
ST/OT/PT-LLA CONTRACT FEB 23		\$ 18,131.54	\$ 18,131.54
LANGUAGE LEARNING AS Total		\$ 18,131.54	\$ 18,131.54
LAUREL HILL APARTME			
CRC-RENTAL ASSISTANCE-APR 23 (TG)		\$ 79.00	\$ 79.00
LAUREL HILL APARTME Total		\$ 79.00	\$ 79.00
MAJKRZAK ASHLEY			
EI-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 129.43	\$ 129.43
MAJKRZAK ASHLEY Total		\$ 129.43	\$ 129.43
MAJKRZAK THOMAS			
BO-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 136.24	\$ 136.24
MAJKRZAK THOMAS Total		\$ 136.24	\$ 136.24
MANSOUR GAVIN LPA			
HR-LEGAL SERVICES-JAN 23		\$ 456.00	\$ 456.00
MANSOUR GAVIN LPA Total		\$ 456.00	\$ 456.00
MCGARVEY STACY			
CS-MED CERT TRAINING PRESENTATIONS-01/11,12,18/23		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
MCGARVEY STACY Total		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
MEDINA CHAMBER OF CO			
CE-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES		\$ 295.00	\$ 295.00
MEDINA CHAMBER OF CO Total		\$ 295.00	\$ 295.00
MEDINA COUNTY FAIR B			
CR-BOOTH SPACE 2023		\$ 310.00	\$ 310.00
MEDINA COUNTY FAIR B Total		\$ 310.00	\$ 310.00
MEDINA COUNTY OOA			
CR-MEDINA CO. SENIOR DAY BOOTH SPACE-05/16/23		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
MEDINA COUNTY OOA Total		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
MEDINA COUNTY PRINT			
A-PRINTING		\$ 35.18	\$ 35.18
MEDINA COUNTY PRINT Total		\$ 35.18	\$ 35.18
MEDINA COUNTY SANITA			
M-WATER/SEWER-01/10/23-02/28/23		\$ 1,290.62	\$ 1,290.62
MEDINA COUNTY SANITA Total		\$ 1,290.62	\$ 1,290.62
MEDINA COUNTY TRANSI			
CRC-NMT FEB 23		\$ 5,362.58	\$ 5,362.58
CRC-NMT-JAN 23		\$ 6,930.76	\$ 6,930.76
MEDINA COUNTY TRANSI Total		\$ 12,293.34	\$ 12,293.34

March Voucher Report
Summary By Vendor

Sum of AMOUNT	Fund		
Vendor	2855	3300	Grand Total
MEDINA CREATIVE ACCE			
CRC-ADS & NMT 2/2/23-2/28/23		\$ 382.44	\$ 382.44
CRC-ADS 2/1/23-2/25/23		\$ 346.00	\$ 346.00
CRC-ADS 2/10/22-2/24/22		\$ 173.00	\$ 173.00
CRC-ADS 2/2/23-2/28/23		\$ 821.75	\$ 821.75
CRC-ADS 2/7/23-2/15/23		\$ 108.99	\$ 108.99
MEDINA CREATIVE ACCE Total		\$ 1,832.18	\$ 1,832.18
MIDWEST INNOVATIONS			
CRC-ADS & NMT 2/27/23-2/28/23		\$ 509.42	\$ 509.42
CRC-ADS & NMT 3/1/23-3/3/23		\$ 679.90	\$ 679.90
CRC-ADS & NMT 3/6/23-3/10/23		\$ 975.59	\$ 975.59
CRC-ADS & NMT-02/06/23-02/10/23 (JS/JH)		\$ 1,105.09	\$ 1,105.09
CRC-ADS & NMT-02/13/23-02/17/23 (JS/JH)		\$ 1,253.06	\$ 1,253.06
CRC-ADS & NMT-02/20/23-02/24/23 (JS/JH)		\$ 1,153.06	\$ 1,153.06
CRC-ADS-09/29/22 (JS)		\$ 129.50	\$ 129.50
DS-FOOD SERVICES ASSISTANCE FEB 23		\$ 91.00	\$ 91.00
M-CLEANING SERVICES FEB 23		\$ 416.00	\$ 416.00
MIDWEST INNOVATIONS Total		\$ 6,312.62	\$ 6,312.62
MINUTEMAN PRESS			
CR-PRINTING (2022 ANNUAL REPORT)		\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
MINUTEMAN PRESS Total		\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
NEON			
A-ROOT CONSULTING FEB 23		\$ 129.60	\$ 129.60
SSA-PROVIDER COMPLIANCE MILEAGE FEB 23		\$ 44.54	\$ 44.54
NEON Total		\$ 174.14	\$ 174.14
NORTHEAST OHIO PAREN			
PR-ADV. & PRINTING (2023 LIVE SPECIAL PUBLICATION)		\$ 562.50	\$ 562.50
NORTHEAST OHIO PAREN Total		\$ 562.50	\$ 562.50
OHIO DEPT OF DD			
CRC-PROVIDER RENEWAL CERT (3 YEARS)		\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
OHIO DEPT OF DD Total		\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
OHIO EDISON COMPANY			
M-ELECTRIC 2/15/23-3/14/23		\$ 11,314.24	\$ 11,314.24
OHIO EDISON COMPANY Total		\$ 11,314.24	\$ 11,314.24
ONEBRIDGE SUPPORT SE			
CRC-ADS-01/31/23-02/23/23 (MW)		\$ 152.24	\$ 152.24
ONEBRIDGE SUPPORT SE Total		\$ 152.24	\$ 152.24
OSCBDD			
A-ANNUAL DUES-2023		\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
OSCBDD Total		\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
PALASIK MEGAN			
SP-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 218.57	\$ 218.57
SP-REGISTRATION FEE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
PALASIK MEGAN Total		\$ 368.57	\$ 368.57
PEACEWORKS INC			
CR-SUPPLIES		\$ 174.00	\$ 174.00
PEACEWORKS INC Total		\$ 174.00	\$ 174.00
PITNEY BOWES RESERVE			
VARIOUS-POSTAGE RESERVE ACCOUNT		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
PITNEY BOWES RESERVE Total		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
R.J. VERNAK REFRIGER			
DS-CONTRACT REPAIRS (COOLER)		\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00
R.J. VERNAK REFRIGER Total		\$ 432.00	\$ 432.00

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Sum of AMOUNT	Fund		
Vendor	2855	3300	Grand Total
REINHARDT SUPPLY COM			
M-SUPPLIES		\$ 489.97	\$ 489.97
REINHARDT SUPPLY COM Total		\$ 489.97	\$ 489.97
REPUBLIC SERVICES IN			
M-TRASH-03/01/23-03/31/23		\$ 597.17	\$ 597.17
REPUBLIC SERVICES IN Total		\$ 597.17	\$ 597.17
ROGERS MELODY			
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 128.77	\$ 128.77
ROGERS MELODY Total		\$ 128.77	\$ 128.77
SANDICARE LLC			
CRC-ADS 2/27/23-3/1/23		\$ 388.50	\$ 388.50
CRC-ADS 3/7/23-3/8/23		\$ 259.00	\$ 259.00
CRC-ADS-02/14/23-02/15/23 (MB)		\$ 259.00	\$ 259.00
CRC-ADS-02/21/23-02/22/23 (MB)		\$ 259.00	\$ 259.00
SANDICARE LLC Total		\$ 1,165.50	\$ 1,165.50
SCHELL TAYLOR			
SP-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 58.88	\$ 58.88
SCHELL TAYLOR Total		\$ 58.88	\$ 58.88
SMITH BENJAMIN			
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 19.65	\$ 19.65
SMITH BENJAMIN Total		\$ 19.65	\$ 19.65
SNACK SANDRA			
PT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 225.58	\$ 225.58
SNACK SANDRA Total		\$ 225.58	\$ 225.58
SOCIETY FOR HANDICAP			
A-OMBUDSMAN SERVICES FEB 23		\$ 1,601.82	\$ 1,601.82
CRC-ADS & NMT 1/4/23-1/30/23		\$ 949.84	\$ 949.84
CRC-ADS & NMT 2/1/23-2/27/23		\$ 1,306.03	\$ 1,306.03
SOCIETY FOR HANDICAP Total		\$ 3,857.69	\$ 3,857.69
SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF			
SO-SPECIAL OLYMPICS BUDGET-FEB 23		\$ 1,167.00	\$ 1,167.00
SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF Total		\$ 1,167.00	\$ 1,167.00
SPORTSWORLD CIA			
AT/CE/ASM-SUPPLIES		\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
SPORTSWORLD CIA Total		\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
STATE INDUSTRIAL PRO			
M-AIR CARE PROGRAM		\$ 316.68	\$ 316.68
M-SUPPLIES		\$ 451.37	\$ 451.37
M-WATER TREATMENT PROGRAM		\$ 485.39	\$ 485.39
M-WATER TREATMENT PROGRAM-WIFI		\$ 293.89	\$ 293.89
STATE INDUSTRIAL PRO Total		\$ 1,547.33	\$ 1,547.33
SUMMIT HOUSING DEVEL			
CRC-RENTAL SUBSIDY-APR 23 (AH)		\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00
SUMMIT HOUSING DEVEL Total		\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00
SUPECK SEPTIC SERVIC			
DS-GREASE TRAP CLEANING		\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00
SUPECK SEPTIC SERVIC Total		\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00
THE GAZETTE			
PR-ADVERTISING & PRINTING		\$ 830.00	\$ 830.00
THE GAZETTE Total		\$ 830.00	\$ 830.00
THE GEOPFERT COMPANY			
M-CONTRACT REPAIRS (BLOWER MOTOR REPLACEMENT)		\$ 952.00	\$ 952.00
THE GEOPFERT COMPANY Total		\$ 952.00	\$ 952.00

March Voucher Report
Summary By Vendor


Sum of AMOUNT	Fund		
Vendor	2855	3300	Grand Total
THE ORIGINAL STEAKS			
HR-SUPPLIES (CATERING FOR INSERVICE DAY-03/10/23)		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
THE ORIGINAL STEAKS Total		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
T-MOBILE			
VARIOUS-TELEPHONE FEB 23		\$ 1,806.75	\$ 1,806.75
T-MOBILE Total		\$ 1,806.75	\$ 1,806.75
TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOL			
A-COPIER MAINTENANCE 1/16/23-2/15/23		\$ 13.90	\$ 13.90
TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOL Total		\$ 13.90	\$ 13.90
TOYS FOR SPECIAL CHI			
SA-SUPPLIES		\$ 646.65	\$ 646.65
TOYS FOR SPECIAL CHI Total		\$ 646.65	\$ 646.65
TRANSITIONAL LIVING			
CS-EMPLOYEE REFERRAL PROGRAM-FEB 23		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
TRANSITIONAL LIVING Total		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
TREASURER STATE OF O			
A-PERFORMANCE AUDIT		\$ 6,215.60	\$ 6,215.60
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH 2/1/23-2/28/23 (JM)		\$ 9,852.08	\$ 9,852.08
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH 2/1/23-2/28/23 (JW)		\$ 3,472.00	\$ 3,472.00
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH 2/1/23-2/28/23 (KB)		\$ 9,852.08	\$ 9,852.08
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH 2/1/23-2/28/23 (MD)		\$ 7,321.16	\$ 7,321.16
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH 2/6/23-2/28/23 (MR)		\$ 2,852.00	\$ 2,852.00
HR-BCI/FBI CHECKS & RAPBACKS-FEB 23		\$ 530.50	\$ 530.50
TREASURER STATE OF O Total		\$ 40,095.42	\$ 40,095.42
US COMMUNICATIONS AN			
CI-UPGRADED DIGITAL CLOCKS W/WIFI SYSTEM-FINAL PMT	\$ 18,448.00		\$ 18,448.00
US COMMUNICATIONS AN Total	\$ 18,448.00		\$ 18,448.00
VIAQUEST DAY AND EMP			
CRC-ADS & NMT 2/1/23-2/28/23		\$ 1,293.54	\$ 1,293.54
VIAQUEST DAY AND EMP Total		\$ 1,293.54	\$ 1,293.54
WACHSBERGER DIANA			
SP-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 410.22	\$ 410.22
SP-REGISTRATION FEE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
WACHSBERGER DIANA Total		\$ 560.22	\$ 560.22
WADSWORTH COMMUNICAT			
PR-RADIO UNDERWRITING & ADVERTISING		\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
WADSWORTH COMMUNICAT Total		\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
WALMART COMMUNITY			
CR-SUPPLIES		\$ 88.78	\$ 88.78
PS/SA-SUPPLIES		\$ 49.53	\$ 49.53
WALMART COMMUNITY Total		\$ 138.31	\$ 138.31
WEX BANK			
T-GASOLINE-JAN/FEB 23		\$ 201.01	\$ 201.01
WEX BANK Total		\$ 201.01	\$ 201.01
WINDFALL INDUSTRIES			
A/CE/M-VARIABLE AGREEMENT-JAN 23		\$ 3,573.70	\$ 3,573.70
CRC-ADS-JAN 23		\$ 1,027.62	\$ 1,027.62
CRC-INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT-JAN 23		\$ 501.60	\$ 501.60
CRC-NMT JAN 23		\$ 3,811.14	\$ 3,811.14
WINDFALL INDUSTRIES Total		\$ 8,914.06	\$ 8,914.06
Grand Total	\$ 182,982.70	\$ 237,354.46	\$ 420,337.16

Financial Statements for the month of March 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 March 31, 2023.
2. Statement of Expenses for the period ending March 31, 2023.
3. Statement of Cash Balance for the period ending March 31, 2023.
4. Statement of Monthly Cash Flow for period ending March 31, 2023.
5. Voucher Reports for the month of March 2023.

By:



4/10/23

Carey A. Bates, Director of Business

Date

By:



4/10/23

Stacey Maleckar, Superintendent

Date

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



RESOLUTION #13-23

April 24, 2023

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2023

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

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED AND ASSIGNED RESOLUTION #13-23.

Board Chair
Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

ENROLLEE STATS - GATEKEEPER 2023

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Personnel Control Report
As of 4-11-23

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	11	1	Vacancy has been posted
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	43	1	
Transportation					
Transportation Manager	1	1	1	0	
SUB TOTAL	1	1	1	0	
Community Services & Development					
Director of Community Services	1	1	1	0	Employee's last day is 4-21-23
Director of Community Supports & Dev	1	1	1	0	
Director of Community Development	0	0	0	0	Abolished 3-23
Confidential Secretary	1	1	1	0	
Community Projects Supervisor	1	1	0	1	Interviews are currently taking place
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	24	24	23	1	
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	139	139	137	2	

Quarterly Reports

Ombudsman Quarterly Report

Jill Boxler

January 2023:

1-11-22- multiple contacts & visits with regarding accessing services available
 1-9-22- contact w/ parent re: school issues; attended school meetings (Medina)
 1-12-22- weekly contact regarding housing, MH, support needs; multiple phone calls/emails
 4-4-22- observation at Buckeye Schools; IEP review at Buckeye Schools
 1-1-23- met with individual regarding service needs
 2-1-23 & 3-1-23- met with 2 individuals referred due to living situation (referred by St. Vincent St Paul society)
 1-4-23- contact with parent re: housing needs for she and her son (son has a disability)
 1-5-23- contact from parent re: school issues (Cloverleaf)

February 2023:

2-1-23&3-1-23- multiple contacts; groceries; f/u with other agencies
 1-5-23- contact with parent school issues (Cloverleaf)
 1-12-22- ongoing contact regarding housing, work, family issues (weekly meetings and multiple phone calls/emails)
 1-9-22- ETR meeting (Medina)
 4-4-22- contact from school re: behavioral issues; follow up with parent and therapist
 1-11-22- multiple contacts & visits to assist with accessing services available to individual
 1-9-22- ETR meeting (Medina)
 1-5-23- IEP mtg; follow up to meeting (Cloverleaf)
 4-4-22 – school observation; visits to home for in home therapy updates; attendance at doctor's appointments
 2-1-23
 2-1-23- met with individual, f/up on meeting
 11-26-21 & 1-9-22- met with parent re: issues regarding children's after school program

March 2023:

1-3-23 & 2-3-23- contact with parent re: provider issues (several phone calls)
 1-11-22- multiple contacts with individual assisting to access needed services
 1-12-22-weekly contact and ongoing assistance; met with support person (family friend);
 1-9-22- IEP mtg. (Medina)
 3-3-23- multiple contacts; home visit, referral to DD; multiple contacts with family
 4-3-23- contact with parent regarding school issues (Brunswick) IEP; multiple contacts
 5-3-23- referral from United Way; met with individual at her home
 6-3-23- met with parent; discussed needs; one child eligible, referred 2nd child; follow up with school and behavioral issues
 4-4-23- contact with school re: ongoing behavioral concerns; planning meeting at home with Guidestone
 2-1-23 & 3-1-23- contact with UW re: issue surrounding them

I & R only: 6

Non-eligible referrals: 9

Quarterly carryovers (previous quarters): 4

New cases during quarter: 12

Community Employment Report

1st Quarter 2023

As the role of the Medina County Board of DD continues to evolve, our Economic Developer is working with the business community to educate and link up community employment providers with Medina County businesses. As he receives leads from businesses or employers, he shares them with the Medina County Employment Collaborative and providers. In collaboration with Medina County Economic Development, the Medina County Board of DD updates and maintains a “talent pool” on the website, “Everybody Works in Medina County.”

The Employment Navigator is working closely with providers to provide training and support in the areas of community employment. During the 1st quarter, he trained six agency providers on using Discovery as a tool to help individuals move towards community employment. In addition, we are developing training around all OOD services and Career Planning services. Overall, providers have been very welcoming with the training.

The County Board also continues to provide Opportunity for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) services. During the 1st quarter, OOD came out with the most recent report cards for all providers in Ohio. The period evaluated ran from April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. MCBDD is proud to announce that as a provider of OOD services, the agency had a successful closure rate of 74.14%. This compares quite favorably with the state average of 54.22%. In addition, the agency took an average of 57 days in job development to assist individuals in finding employment. The state average for this service is 100 days. The full OOD report card is included in the board packet. We want to congratulate and thank the community employment staff for a job well done!



Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Data Range: April 1, 2021 - September
30, 2022

WHO WE SERVE

People We Serve (by disability)	Disability %	People We Serve (by race/ethnicity)	Race/Ethnicity %
Cognitive Impairments	75.00%	White	86.96%
Physical Impairments	13.10%	Hispanic or Latinx	4.35%
Psychosocial Impairments	10.71%	African American or Black	3.26%
Communicative Impairments	1.19%	Asian	3.26%
Visual Impairments	0.00%	American Indian or Alaskan Native	2.17%
Deaf/Hard of Hearing	0.00%	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.00%
Percent also reporting a secondary disability	64.29%	Males	65.48%
		Females	34.52%
		Not Specified	0.00%
		Transition	61.90%
		Non-Transition	38.10%

JOB PLACEMENT SERVICE RESULTS

Top 10 Types of Jobs	Count	%	Most Significant Disability	OOD Impairment Category
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	3	13.64	Significant Disability	100.00%
Packers and Packagers, Hand	2	9.09	Disability	0.00%
Retail Salespersons	2	9.09	Total Disability	100.00%
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	2	9.09		
Stock Clerks, Sales Floor	2	9.09		
Construction Laborers	1	4.55		
Customer Service Representatives	1	4.55		
Food Preparation and Serving Related Workers, All Other	1	4.55		
Food Preparation Workers	1	4.55		
Helpers--Production Workers	1	4.55		
All Remaining Occupations	6	27.27		
Total Placements	22	100.00		

% of Successful Closures

Provider

Statewide

74.14%

54.22%

Median Length of Service

Per Unit Basis

Provider	Statewide
N/A units	120.00 units
N/A days	198.50 days

Performance Based

Provider	Statewide
57.00 days	100.00 days

Job Placement Outcomes

	Provider	Statewide	SSI/SSDI Beneficiaries	Non-SSI/SSDI Beneficiaries
Median Hours per Week	20.00	23.00	14.00	20.00
Median Hourly Wage	\$11.25	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$12.00

Empowering Ohioans with disabilities through employment, disability determinations, and independence.

MCBDD

Tech Plan Summary Q-1 2023

The Technology Department started the year with purchasing, programming, and delivering devices needed as part of our Tech Replacement Plan. With past delivery/parts issues, it has been our goal to have those items purchased at the beginning of the year in case we run into delays. In addition to personal devices, we also purchased a replacement copier for the Education Department. While doing this, we also upgraded the security features by installing and programming a “swipe-to-print” device that now has staff swiping their ID to release their print jobs. This additional feature reduces the risk of Protected Health Information being visible to others. As we replace copiers, it is our goal to have this implemented moving forward.

We continue to work through projects to improve the access and ease of technology around the building. The Audio/Visual for the Board Room/Training Room has been completed. We are still documenting and testing all of its features; it has already proven itself as a better presentations/meeting experience. Additionally, our continued effort to keep our network infrastructure secure will include adding more wireless access points in the building to improve everyone’s wireless experience whether they are staff or a guest. We plan to address the school side first and this will be another project where our Facilities Team works together with our IT Team.

Community Provider Report- 1st Quarter 2023 (Jan-Mar)
(based on ISP/PAWS authorizations)

Day Programs*

Provider	Dec 2019 Total	Dec 2020 Total	Dec 2021 Total	Dec 2022 Total	1Q23 Total	1Q23 I/O Waiver	1Q23 Level 1 Waiver	1Q23 Local	1Q23 SELF Waiver
Windfall Industries	97	72	74	70	73	45	22	4	2
Medina Creative Accessibility	56	57	60	60	54	23	20	8	3
Midwest Innovations (Midwest Community Services)	69	59	56	50	48	31	12	2	3
Boundless Community Pathways	36	34	33	41	39	18	16	4	1
Enhance Ability	0	10	12	31	31	25	4		2
AC Passage Enterprises, LLC.	0	0	12	23	26	15	8	2	1
Intervention for Peace	43	24	17	21	22	13	6	1	2
Sandicare, LLC	25	24	20	16	16	9	6	1	
SHC/The Arc of Medina County	24	20	23	17	15	11	3	1	
ViaQuest Day Services (QFI)	27	18	15	15	15	10	4	1	
OneBridge Support Services, LLC	0	0	4	7	8	3	3	1	1
Easter Seals Northern Ohio	13	6	7	8	6	4	1	1	
Consumer Support Services	11	10	7	5	5	4	1		
Nurturing Hands and Hearts Ltd	6	5	3	5	5	3	1		1
Weaver Industries	1	5	5	4	5	4	1		
Achievement Centers For Children	3	3	3	4	4	3	1		
Hattie Larlham Community Services	4	4	4	2	2	2			
Rising Sun Centers, LLC.	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Community Connections Northeast Ohio	1	1	1	1	1		1		
Medicare Transport and Achievement Center	1	0	1	1	1	1			
Teammates Center, LLC.	0	0	0	1	1	1			
Active Day, OH	2	1	0	0	1		1		
R.M. Senior Services, Inc.	0	0	0	0	1	1			
Goodwill Industries of Akron, Ohio Inc.	6	4	1	0	0				
Medina County Board of DD	11	0	0	0	0				
Triad Residential Solutions	2	0	0	0	0				
Guided Transitions For Supported Individuals, LLC.	1	0	0	0	0				
REM Ohio	1	0	0	0	0				
Just Like Home	1	0	0	0	0				
Grand Total**	442	358	359	383	380	227	111	26	16
Count of providers:	24	19	21	21	23				

*Does not include Individual Employment Supports or OOD individuals

**Grand Total includes individuals that might be receiving services from more than one provider (all reports)

***The decrease in count from 2019 is due to individuals reducing the number of different providers providing the service.

Individual Employment Supports

Provider	Dec 2019 Total	Dec 2020 Total	Dec 2021 Total	Dec 2022 Total	1Q23 Total	1Q23 I/O Waiver	1Q23 Level 1 Waiver	1Q23 Local	1Q23 SELF
Windfall Industries	4	5	6	37	45	10	13	18	4
Independent Employment Services, LLC	0	0	2	16	18	4	8	5	1
Koinonia Enterprises, LLC	0	0	0	9	17	1	6	9	1
Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities	0	0	0	7	11	3	4	4	
Medina County Board of DD*	121	128	140	84	2		2		
Elite Placement Services, Inc.	0	0	0	1	3		3		
United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland	1	4	3	2	1			1	
You Belong	0	0	1	1	1			1	
Cuyahoga Integrated Employment	1	1	0	1	1		1		
OneBridge Support Services, LLC.	0	0	0	1	1	1			
The Alpha Group of Delaware, Inc.	0	0	0	1	1			1	
Goodwill Industries of Akron, Ohio Inc.	0	0	0	1	1		1		
Grand Total	127	138	152	161	102	19	38	39	6
Count of providers:	4	4	5	12	12				

*MCBDD count is for individuals that transitioned to new providers during the 1st quarter (Jan) of CY23.

Community Provider Report- 1st Quarter 2023 (Jan-Mar)
(based on ISP/PAWS authorizations)

Non-Medical Transportation

	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	Dec 2021	Dec 2022	1Q23	1Q23	1Q23	1Q23	1Q23
Providers	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	I/O Waiver	Level 1 Waiver	Local	SELF Waiver
Windfall Industries	118	101	102	100	103	56	30	15	2
Midwest Innovations (Midwest Community Services)	67	58	55	50	48	31	12	2	3
Medina Creative Accessibility	48	49	43	39	36	10	17	6	3
AC Passage Enterprises, LLC.	50	46	43	34	35	14	14	6	1
Boundless Community Pathways	34	33	34	36	33	14	15	3	1
Enhance Ability	10	17	22	32	31	25	4		2
Intervention for Peace	38	21	14	20	22	13	6	1	2
Independent Employment Services, LLC	0	0	17	21	21	6	7	8	
Medina County Board of DD****	14	11	16	20	21	5	11	4	1
Consumer Support Services	22	18	23	19	17	7	6	3	1
ViaQuest Day Services (QFI)	26	19	15	15	16	10	4	2	
SHC/The Arc of Medina County	27	17	23	17	15	11	3	1	
SandiCare, LLC	10	7	14	15	15	9	6		
Easter Seals Northern Ohio	11	6	7	6	6	4	1	1	
Nurturing Hands and Hearts Ltd	6	5	3	6	5	3	1		1
Toth, Darlene	0	0	3	5	5	1	4		
Weaver Industries	0	4	4	3	4	3	1		
Keleman, Nicholas	0	0	0	3	4	2	2		
Kelly, Tabitha	0	2	4	3	3	1	2		
Cosset, Susan	0	0	0	3	3	2	1		
Quality Support Services	0	0	0	4	2	2			
Weidus, Mark	0	0	0	3	2		1		1
Wootten, Grace	0	0	2	2	2	2			
Hattie Larham Center for Children with Disabilities	0	3	1	2	2	2			
Rutherford, Diana	0	0	1	2	2	1	1		
Scott, Monica	0	0	0	2	2	1	1		
Wootten, Jennifer	0	0	0	2	2	2			
Kelly, John	0	0	0	2	2	1	1		
Powell, Michelle	0	0	0	0	2	2			
OneBridge Support Services, LLC	0	0	2	1	1	1			
Rising Sun Centers, LLC.	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Detwiler, Susan	0	1	1	1	1		1		
Siket, Donna	0	1	1	1	1	1			
Medicare Transport and Achievement Center	1	0	1	1	1	1			
Hawley, Janet	0	0	1	1	1		1		
Brodwolf, Jessica	0	0	1	1	1		1		
Zachman, Rick	0	0	1	1	1	1			
Lowe, Rebecca	0	0	1	1	1		1		
Donohue, Cheryl	0	0	1	1	1	1			
Achievement Centers for Children	2	2	0	1	1	1			
Fortney, Michelle	0	1	0	1	1		1		
Heckathorn, Jenna	0	1	0	1	1	1			
Ziegler, Tiffany	0	0	0	1	1		1		
Asvestas, Stacey	0	0	0	1	1		1		
DAloisio, Anthony	0	0	0	1	1		1		
Teammates Center, LLC.	0	0	0	1	1	1			
Fickey, Wendy	0	0	0	1	1		1		
Community Connections Northeast Ohio	0	0	0	1	1		1		
Wilson, Gina	0	0	0	1	1		1		
N Alliance Transit, LLC.	0	0	0	1	1	1			
Craig, Kimberly	0	0	0	1	1	1			
Davison, Dashawn	0	0	0	1	1	1			
Active Day, OH	1	0	0	0	1		1		
Rice, Antonio	0	0	0	0	1		1		
Kelly, Alexis	0	0	0	0	1	1			
Lenart, Laura	0	0	0	0	1	1			
Loar, Toni	0	0	0	0	1	1			
Chambliss, AnnMarie	0	2	4	1	0				
Allen, Christine	1	1	1	1	0				
Your Guardian Angels	0	0	0	1	0				
Carson, Michael	0	0	0	1	0				
Transport Assist, Inc	3	2	1	0	0				
Gantner, Michael	2	1	1	0	0				
Sanford, Kyle	0	1	1	0	0				
Rosy Home Health, LLC	0	0	1	0	0				
Significant Residential Care Services, LLC.	0	0	1	0	0				
Sherman, Kelly	0	0	1	0	0				
True Hearts of Care	7	2	0	0	0				
Cuyahoga Integrated Employment	1	2	0	0	0				
L&J Family Healthcare Services	0	2	0	0	0				
Our Lady of the Wayside	7	0	0	0	0				
Boreman, Denialyn	1	0	0	0	0				
Guided Transitions For Supported Individuals, LLC.	1	0	0	0	0				
REM Ohio	1	0	0	0	0				
Grand Total**	510	437	468	493	489	255	164	52	18
Count of providers:	27	31	39	55	57				

****The count under MCBDD is for individuals that ride transit. MCBDD is still the provider of record for this service.

Medina County Board of DD

2023 Contract Report

as of 3/31/2023

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Contracts to be Approved by Board	Contract Approved by Superintendent	NAME OF CONTRACTOR	SERVICE PROVIDED BY MCBDD	SERVICE RECEIVED BY MCBDD	START DATE	END DATE	CONTRACT RATE	CONTRACT MAXIMUM	DATE APPROVED	DATE RECEIVED	Responsible Department
	x	Educational Center of Medina County (ESC)	Lease	Revenue Contract	6/20/2023	7/27/2023	Based on square foot use	\$ 3,726.00	2/27/2023	2/27/2023	Education/ Operations
	x	Cuyahoga County Board of DD		Psychological Services (Clinician Verification form for waivers)	2/1/2023	12/31/2024	\$100/hour	N/A	2/16/2023	2/16/2023	SSA
	x	AC Passage Enterprises, LLC	Amendment to add day services	Locally Funded Day Services & Transportation	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	Medicaid Rate	\$ 50,000.00	2/7/2023	2/13/2023	Business Office
	x	Boundless Community Pathways	Amendment 3	Locally Funded Day Services & Transportation	1/1/2022	12/31/2022	Medicaid Rate	\$ 34,500.00	2/10/2023	2/13/2023	Business Office
	x	Community Action Wayne/Medina		DSP Success Coach	2/28/2023	2/27/2024	See contract	\$ 60,000.00	2/6/2023	2/9/2023	Community Supports - Pam/Ed
	x	I Am Boundless, Inc.		Intensive Behavioral Supports	1/1/2023	month-to-month	daily/per diem/actual costs	\$ 68,000.00	12/13/2022	1/17/2023	SSA
	x	Intervention for Peace		Locally Funded Day Services & Transportation	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	Medicaid Rate	\$ 10,000.00	1/3/2023	1/13/2023	Business Office
	x	The Society	Amendment	Locally Fund Day Services and NMT	1/1/2022	12/31/2022	Medicaid Rate	\$ 11,500.00	1/11/2023	1/11/2023	Business Office
	x	Sandicare, LLC		Locally Funded Day Services	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	Medicaid Rate	\$ 20,000.00	1/3/2023	1/6/2023	Business Office
	x	Independent Employment Services, LLC		Locally Funded Individual Employment Support & Career Planning and Transportation	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	Medicaid Rate	\$ 50,000.00	1/3/2023	1/5/2023	Business Office

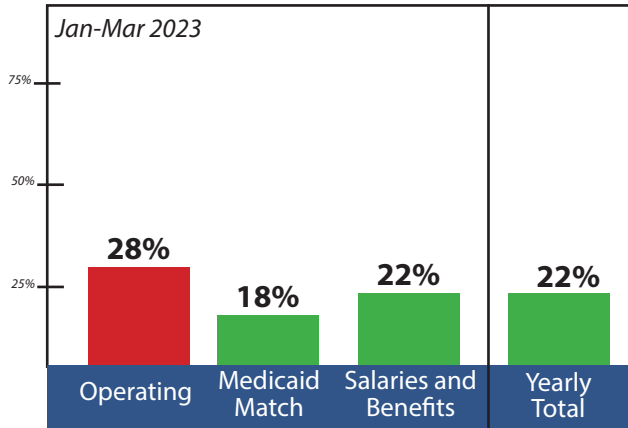
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1st Quarter 2023



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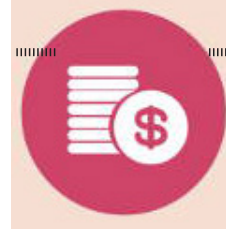
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\$24,367,876.00
Current Year-to Date
\$5,334,987.20



Under Projection

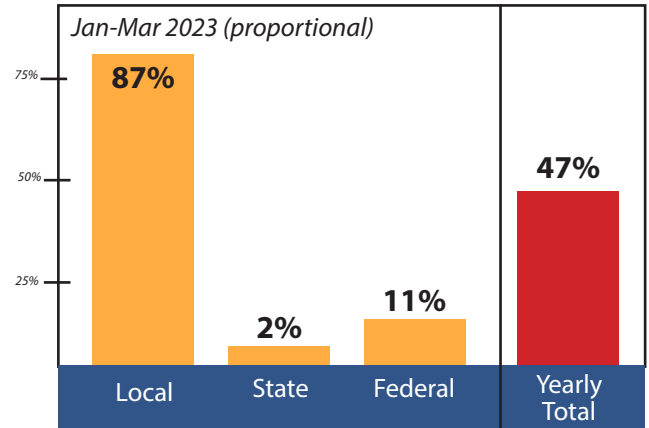


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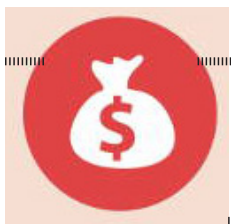
Projected for 2023
\$24,245,142.00
Current Year-to-Date
\$11,358,082.24



Over Projection



Neutral



WAIVERS*

2023 Starting
Waiver Count
585

Service Dates - Billing Cycle
10/1/2022 thru 12/31/2022

Paid to Providers for Services Needed

\$6,534,458.26
+2.4 % from last quarter

MCBDD Responsibility Local Match

Provider Services Above
\$1,473,905.85
+3.5% from last quarter

**Year to
Date**

**Additional
27**

**Removed
-15**

**Total
597**

**Net
+12**
From Start of Year

1st Quarter

Type	Jan 1, 2023	Additional	Removed	Mar 31, 2023
I/O	321	13	-5	329
Level 1	202	10	-5	207
Self	62	4	-5	61

2nd Quarter

Type	April 1, 2023	Additional	Removed	Jun 30, 2023
I/O				
Level 1				
Self				

3rd Quarter

Type	Jul 1, 2023	Additional	Removed	Sep 31, 2023
I/O				
Level 1				
Self				

4th Quarter

Type	Oct 1, 2023	Additional	Removed	Dec 31, 2023
I/O				
Level 1				
Self				

2023 Performance Outcomes

DEPARTMENT	Person Responsible	OUTCOME	MEASURE	1 st Quarter Results
Service and Support Administration	Sabrina Johnson	Providers of service have adequate time to prepare for the services that they are to deliver to the individual.	The SSA department will have 95% of annual/redetermination ISP's dispersed between 15-30 days prior to implementation date.	We had 163 plans with span start dates 1/1/23-3/31/23. We mailed 28 plans late. 135/163 equals 83% mailed on time for first quarter.
Children Services/ School age students	Celeste Bajorek	Students will have effective and productive behaviors in the classrooms.	Implement multi-tiered PBIS system for all students at Windfall School.	All school staff were trained on the AEGIS Behavior de-escalation and Support Process (3/6/23). This training will be incorporated into the PBIS multi-tiered process. PBIS Committee will meet the first week in May of 2023 to determine action steps to update current PBIS processes and define training outline for how to implement multi-tiered PBIS system of supports with the goal of training all staff before school begins in August of 2023.
Children Services/ EI	Celeste Bajorek	Staff will be proficient in the BDI3 tool in order to effectively evaluate children 0-3 years.	Transition Early Intervention evaluation tool use from the Battelle Developmental Inventory 2 (BDI2) to the BDI3 tool.	Two BDI3 trainings were conducted for all Early Intervention staff. A virtual training was conducted which focused on the evaluation process and test administration and scoring. An in-person training was also held which focused on practicing administration

2023 Performance Outcomes

				with test kit manipulatives and highlighting the differences from the BDI2 and the scoring guidelines.
Positive Behavior Support	Celeste Bajorek	The team will be able to more effectively serve individuals with behavior support needs.	Collaborate with SSA Department to develop teaming process with Positive Behavior Support Services.	PBSS supervisor met with SSA Management Team on 2/24/23 to discuss and evaluate the needs/gaps that can be addressed to ensure behavior supports provided by the PBSS staff are incorporated into the ISP. PBSS staff will provide a training to the SSA staff on the differences between mental health issues and behavioral issues.
Community Supports Department	Ed Dryer	Improve quality of local providers.	Develop three new trainings for providers.	Two new trainings (Career Planning/Discovery and OOD Billing) have been developed and presented to providers.
Community Supports Department	Ed Dryer	Increase presence with the business community in hiring individuals in competitive employment.	Develop business relationships with 10 new businesses/employers by the end of 2023.	During the 1 st quarter, four new business relationships were developed with Soprema, C & J Diner, American Hospitality Group, and Serenite.
Community Supports Department	Pam Hunt	Increase awareness of Committed to Inclusion.	Increase by three new community partners.	The Committed to Inclusion Committee continues to meet and has three community partners targeted to approach and build relationships.
Human Resources	Diana Davis	Improve staff evaluation and development.	In collaboration with the unions, revise the format for bargaining unit staff.	A committee has been developed with members of management and both unions. The first meeting will occur by the end of April, 2023.

2023 Performance Outcomes

Administration/ Records	Shannon Lees	Improve quality and accuracy of scanned stored records.	Complete 50 Quality Assurance Reviews of agency electronic records per month.	In the first quarter, 319 Quality Assurance Reviews were completed on electronic files. Quality Assurance Reviews are conducted across all areas of electronic records.
Administration/ Community Relations	Patti Hetkey	Increase community awareness with key community influencers.	Add at least two new digital communication opportunities for general community awareness.	An online service/software to create an agency digital magazine has been purchased.
Business	Carey Bates	Increase efficiency.	Update central supply tracking and ordering process.	Discussions and research are in process and the request process is now electronically completed.
Business	Carey Bates	Improve accountability and performance.	Continue cross-training efforts for purchasing and Supported Living processing.	This has not started yet due to Business Office schedules during the last quarter.
Facilities/ Health and Safety	Bobby Richards	Improve building communication.	Complete PA system upgrade and fire alarm system upgrade to provide two modes of mass communication through the building.	The PA system upgrade is complete and the fire alarm system should be complete by the end of April, 2023. First testing of the fire alarm system began on 4/10/23.
Facilities/ Accessibility	Bobby Richards	Improve accessibility.	Improve accessibility to building entrances and exits through updated/new sidewalk paths.	The purchase order and confirmation with the cement company is complete. Our tentative timeline is to complete this work once school is out at the end of May, 2023.

2023 Performance Outcomes

Technology	Bobby Richards	Improve agency security standards.	Add secure printing to at least one copier device.	This is complete. The IT Department installed and programmed the Education copier to secure printing. This means that employees will now need to “swipe” their ID badge to release their print job to reduce the potential risk to Protective Health Information.
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Community Engagement

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April 24, 2023

1. April is Autism Acceptance Month/State Audit Shows Positive Financial Results/DD Dialogues-Caregiver Crises/Committed to Inclusion Tips for Places of Worship/Camperships Available/The Post/April 17, 2023
2. What Do You Know About Autism?/Where to Find Autism Resources/1 in 36 Children Are Diagnosed with a Form of Autism/The Gazette – Health, Happiness, & Harmony/April 12, 2023
3. Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities – Welcome, Love, Serve: More Than Church on Sunday/Wadsworth Area Chamber of Commerce/April 10, 2023
4. 1 in 36 Autism Children are Diagnosed with a Form of Autism/State Audit Shows Positive Financial Results/DD Dialogues-Caregiver Crisis/Committed to Inclusion-Places of Worship/Camperships Available/The Gazette/April 8, 2023
5. Medina Church Featured in MCBDD Video/The Gazette/April 7, 2023
6. MCBDD Receives Good Results from Audit/Medina County Commissioners' Newsletter/April 7, 2023 (2 pages)
7. State Auditor Says MCBDD's Financial Practices 'Sound'/Medina Weekly/April 6, 2023
8. What Do You Know About Autism?/The Hinckley Record/April 2023
9. Medina County Board of DD Announces Camperships for 2023/The Post/March 31, 2023
10. DD Roundtable Covers Caregiver Crisis/Medina Weekly/March 30, 2023
11. Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities Receives Good Results From Audit/Medina Sun/March 28, 2023 (3 pages)
12. MCBDD Scholarship Deadline is Friday/The Gazette/March 29, 2023
13. Audit Results Call for Changes/The Gazette/March 25, 2023 (2 pages)
14. MCBDD Performance Audit Spotlights Progress in Meeting Federal Conflict-Free Management Requirements/Newswires/March 23, 2023 (2 pages)
15. MCBDD Hosts Roundtable on Shortage of Caregivers/The Gazette/March 22, 2023
16. Inclusion Counts!/March is Developmental Disability Awareness Month/Joy of Medina County Magazine/March 2023
17. Summer Camp with Children with Disabilities/Medina County Board of DD Offers Camperships/Summer Camp Guide 2023

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APRIL 2023

Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

April is Autism Acceptance Month

1 in 36

children are diagnosed with a form of

AUTISM

As people and families affected by autism know, acceptance is often one of the biggest barriers to being involved in the community. Autism acceptance asks the community to begin from a place of understanding and knowing all individuals are not the same and everyone has abilities and some imperfections. Acceptance looks at what we have in common and what strengths we share.

Early detection and intervention can make a big difference for the future of any child.

State Audit Shows Positive Financial Results

In March, the Office of the Auditor of the State; Ohio Performance Team released the findings of its performance audit of the Medina County Board of DD. The results give an outside third-party insight into the MCBDD's overall financial position while also evaluating the agency's financial processes in helping provide vital services to people with developmental disabilities.

The results show the financial practices and processes of the MCBDD as being sound and in-line with other county boards across the state.

The audit team reviewed several years of financial data, policies, procedures, best practices, reports and other documents during the audit process and they revealed MCBDD:

- Takes a conservative approach to financial forecasting and practices.
- Projects future revenues and expenditures more accurately than peers and state averages.
- Maintains cash balances and non-operational accounts in line with peers and Ohio averages for county boards of developmental disabilities.
- Has salaries within the ranges of peer salaries for staff positions.

More information at

www.mcbdd.org/mcbddperformanceauditresults/

DD Dialogues - Caregiver Crisis

MCBDD hosted a "DD Dialogues-Caregiver Crisis" round-table event on March 17, to bring together elected officials with families and local disability organizations to discuss Ohio's developmental disability workforce crisis. Attendees talked about the impact the caregiver crisis is having on people with developmental disabilities and how elected officials are the only ones who can address the crisis with increasing wages through the state budget process as required by law.

More details at

www.mcbdd.org/mcbdd-hosts-roundtable/

Committed to Inclusion Tips For Places of Worship

MCBDD has released a new video and materials in its "Committed to Inclusion" project. The project highlights the small ways people, businesses, and organizations can make everyday activities more inclusive for those with different abilities. The newest video is aimed at helping local places of worship understand the importance of being accessible and inclusive and features the Medina United Church of Christ Congregational.

More details at

www.mcbdd.org/committed-to-inclusion/

Camperships Available

The MCBDD is providing campership funding for children and adults with developmental disabilities to attend summer camp. Details and applications are available at www.mcbdd.org/service-funding/. Camperships are available until August 2023.



What Do You Know About Autism?

April is National Autism Acceptance month, a time when we recognize autism as the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States and encourage everyone to learn more about people living with autism. In recent years, people with autism have been calling on their families, friends and neighbors to shift their language to match the growing need for acceptance. This shift in language from “awareness” - which may indicate a problem to be solved - to “acceptance” is meant to highlight that people with autism should have a place in the community just as they are without trying to change them.

What Do You Know About Autism?

It is more common than you might suspect.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates 1 in every 36 children in the United States is diagnosed with autism. There are many types of autism and the timing and severity of its first symptoms can vary. Some children with autism show hints within the first few months of life and may be diagnosed as early as 18 months. Other children may appear to develop normally until around 18 to 24 months of age and then stop gaining new skills and/or start losing skills. In general, autism's most obvious signs tend to appear between 2 and 3 years of age. Autism is about 4 times more common among boys than girls, and while most attention is focused on children, thousands of adults are diagnosed with autism each year.

Doctors are getting better at recognizing the signs of autism.

There is no medical test for autism. Diagnoses are based on observations of behavior and cognitive development. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children be screened for autism beginning

at their 18-month well-child checkup. Possible signs of autism in babies and toddlers include: no social smiles, limited to no eye contact, no babbling or use of gestures to communicate (e.g. pointing, reaching, waving etc.), no response to name when called, repeats words or phrases over and over, gets upset by minor changes in routine or surroundings, performs repetitive behaviors such as flapping, rocking or spinning and has unusual, and often, intense reactions to sounds, smells, tastes, textures, lights, and/or colors.

It cannot be cured.

Autism is not a disease that can be cured, but it is a disorder that can be treated. One of the most important things parents can do is become familiar with the typical developmental milestones their child should be reaching. If a parent becomes concerned about any delays or suspected autism symptoms in their child, the first step is to alert their health care provider. The sooner intervention services begin, the more likely a child with autism is able to reach their full potential. Parents may have concerns about labeling a child but need to seek help without delay.

Not all forms of autism are equal.

Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) encom-



pass a wide range of conditions, from high-functioning individuals to people who require more one-to-one care, with many levels in between. Each person with autism is a unique individual with different needs and interests and has a distinct set of strengths and challenges. The ways in which people with autism learn, think and problem-solve can vary greatly.

If you are looking for more information or have questions about autism and autism related resources, the Medina County Board of

Developmental Disabilities provides early intervention services and specific programs and learning environments for people diagnosed with autism. For more information, visit the Medina County Board of DD website at www.mcbdd.org or call 330-725-7751.

Where to find autism resources

Metro Creative

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that, as of 2014, autism spectrum disorder affects 1 in 68 children across the country. This new estimate is 30 percent higher than previous reports, which may be indicative of better measuring devices, more people coming forward or a greater prevalence of autism across the board.

“Autism spectrum disorder,” or ASD, and “autism” are terms used interchangeably to describe a complex group of disorders that affect brain development. ASD may be characterized by difficulties in social interaction, repetitive behaviors, trouble with communication, and other conditions of varying degrees. The CDC points out that almost half of children identified with ASD have average or above average intellectual ability.

Many children identified with ASD require special education services or some sort of therapy. While the widespread knowledge of ASD has made resources more available, not everyone knows where to turn when a child is first diagnosed with ASD. The following are some resources to get anyone started on his or her journey to information and assistance.

The first step begins with a diagnosis. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children be screened for general development using standardized, validated tools at nine, 18 and 24 or 30 months and for ASD at 18 and 24 months or whenever a parent or provider has a concern. However, less than half (44 percent) of children identified with ASD were evaluated for developmental concerns by the time they were three years old. Plus, the CDC's report “Prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorder among Children Aged 8 Years - Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network” found most children with ASD are diagnosed after age four, even though they can be diagnosed as early as age two.

Pediatricians may be the first to diagnose autism. Should something seem awry during a routine developmental evaluation, a child's pediatrician may refer parents to specialists who can do more in-depth evaluations to recognize signs of ASD. Pediatricians and specialists also can provide a wealth of information with regard to therapists and special education providers offering services for children with ASD. Many experts believe that early identification and therapies can be the most powerful tools people have to make a difference in



Early intervention can help children with autism spectrum disorder flourish.

the lives of children with autism.

Schools may also be a good resource for information on ASD. Parents can contact their local early intervention programs or school systems for free evaluations, after which parents may be put in touch with educators and therapists who can develop plans customized to children's needs. Schools and parent forums also can be the ideal places to meet and confer with other parents of children with ASD. With more contacts, the network of information increases exponentially.

A variety of resources also can be found online. The National Autism Resource & Information Center has the Autism NOW Center Local Agencies directory available through their site, www.autismnow.org. Individuals can browse agencies by state and find more information about programs in their communities.

Autism Speaks is a premier resource that aims to offer support, information and resources to families dealing with autism. The organization helps people get early access to care, attend ASD events and even advocate for change where they live. Autism Speaks also has an Autism Response Team, specially trained to connect with families and offer information or answer questions. Autism Speaks

Canada is the Canadian off-shoot of the organization. ASD affects millions of people worldwide. Each individual with autism is unique and may require a different set of resources. Fortunately, there are many assistance opportunities available.

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Welcome, Love, Serve: More Than Church on Sunday

The Medina County Board of Developmental (MCBDD) has released the newest video and materials in its ***Committed to Inclusion*** project. The purpose of the project is to highlight the small ways in which people, businesses, and organizations can take steps to make everyday activities more inclusive for those with different abilities. Its goal is to show how easy it is to include people with disabilities as a part of our community each and every day.

As part of the project, the MCBDD is creating a series of videos which highlight local efforts to create inclusion for people with disabilities. The newest video in the ***Committed to Inclusion*** series is aimed at helping local places of worship understand the importance of being accessible and inclusive for people with disabilities. It features the United Church of Christ Congregational located on the historic square of Medina. Pastor Luke Lindon met with local advocates to talk about the renovations and other small changes his parish has made to help people with disabilities feel welcome. Pastor Lindon also shared the steps the members of his church have taken to make sure everyone in the community is able to participate in all they have to offer not just on Sunday, but every other day of the week as well.

With the MCBDD's ongoing commitment to making our community as inclusive as possible, future videos and materials will focus on other areas of the community such as community organizations, public spaces, activities, recreational opportunities, employment, and general community inclusion in a person's own neighborhood. The videos are available on the MCBDD's website and YouTube channel and are accompanied by additional resources which provide practical tips and suggestions for replicating what viewers see in each production.

MOVIE REVIEWS

‘Mario’ may be just what the gamer ordered

Chris Hewitt
Star Tribune

In both good and bad ways, “The Super Mario Bros. Movie” is exactly what you’d expect.

Resourceful plumbers Mario and Luigi look and — depending on whether you thought they’d have an Italian accent or a Brooklyn accent that occasionally slips into pretend Italian — sound just like you’d expect them to. Their adventures in the movie are fairly clever extensions of the way they behave in the enduring game.

There are lots of obstacle courses, sudden height shifts, invisible bridges (“Oh, these bricks are just floating here?” Mario asks, in a wink to players who know how to maneuver him across them) and the ability to borrow characteristics from other species, such as cats.

The video game has changed a lot over the years and the

‘The Super Mario Bros. Movie’

2.5 stars (out of 4)

Rated: PG (for action and mild violence)

Running time: 1 hour, 32 minutes

How to watch: in theaters

movie looks like the best possible version of it: multidimensional, bright and, at cineplexes across the country, enormous. In terms of servicing fans who want more of their “Super Mario Bros.” than they can get at home or in an arcade, the movie gets the job done. The Mushroom Kingdom is here, ruled by plucky Princess Peach, and so is turtle-esque bad guy Bowser (voiced by Jack Black), whom the brothers help the princess defeat when they’re sucked into that fantasy world.

What the movie doesn’t do is go above and beyond. It doesn’t

offer us surprising perspectives on how its two-dimensional characters might think or behave, the way the “Toy Story” movies do. The presence of Chris Pratt, as the voice of Mario, also reminds us that “Mario” doesn’t bring fresh wit or unexpected characters and situations to the party, the way Pratt’s “Lego” movies did.

How the “Lego” movies treated that, err, intellectual property was a stellar example of how humor and imagination can broaden the appeal of a concept. It didn’t even matter if you cared about Legos because those movies, especially the first two, provided so many clever, fun ways to think about the characters. There are some possibilities here — Princess Peach, voiced by Anya Taylor-Joy, is a given a bit more agency and the brothers’ family seems like a lively bunch, especially their famous Mama — but “Mario Bros. Movie” doesn’t spend

enough time with them.

We do learn a little about the brothers. Shorter, rounder Mario is the slightly more daring one, while slender Luigi (Charlie Day) faces trouble only when he must (there’s lots of it in the movie, which keeps waves of bad guys coming at our heroes).

There are a couple of scary moments featuring zombies and fire but, unlike “Toy Story” or “Lego,” “Mario Bros. Movie” aims exclusively for a young audience. That makes sense, since it’s the video game many youngsters begin with, and their parents will admire the brothers’ cooperation and their insistence that “Nothing can hurt us as long as we’re together.”

In fact, Mario Bros. fans probably won’t find anything wrong with the respectful, handsomely made movie, other than this: Maybe they’d rather be playing the game than watching it?



Mario, voiced by Chris Pratt, and Princess Peach, voiced by Anya Taylor-Joy, traverse the Mushroom Kingdom in Nintendo’s “The Super Mario Bros. Movie.”

‘Tetris’ shows Hollywood loves a corporate origin story

Nina Metz
Chicago Tribune

A combination of art and math, Tetris is 8-bit poetry in motion — or so goes the sales pitch offered up in director Jon S. Baird’s biopic about efforts to license the Russian video game for distribution and ... are you still awake?

Hollywood loves a corporate origin story. Next month comes “Air,” the mash note to Nike delivered as a Ben Affleck and Matt Damon movie. In May, we’ll see the release of “BlackBerry.” But first on deck is Apple TV+ with “Tetris.”

Starring Taron Egerton (“Kingsman: The Secret Service”), the stylistic approach is upbeat, bordering on camp with all the requisite ’80s signifiers on the soundtrack. It’s a story (from screenwriter Noah Pink) where everyone has dollar signs for eyes and the heroes are the savviest deal-makers in the room. It doesn’t feel like a film so much as something zippy cooked up for MBA programs.

The year is 1988. Egerton plays Henk Rogers, who runs a struggling software



Togo Igawa, as Nintendo President Hiroshi Yamauchi, and Taron Egerton, as American video game salesman Henk Rogers, cheers in a scene from “Tetris,” which is now streaming on Apple TV+.

company in Tokyo. His own games have failed to take off, but after giving Tetris a go at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, he’s convinced it has the potential to be a hit.

“I played Tetris for five minutes,” he tells his dubious banker. “I still see falling blocks in my dreams.”

All he has to do is get the rights.

about to launch the Game Boy — and he sees a loophole: Nobody has obtained the handheld rights for Tetris yet. Those are up for grabs. The most direct route, Henk decides, is to go to Moscow and get things nailed down himself.

Licensing those rights from the Soviet Union and the shadowy figures he encounters would prove to be its own complication and this is the movie’s most interesting narrative gambit: How do you negotiate with a government you don’t understand, let alone one on the brink of collapse? When the people with whom you’re meeting might just throw you — or the game’s creator, a shy, soulful programmer named Alexey Pajitnov (Nikita Efremov) — in a Russian gulag? When that dastard Robert is working behind the scenes, promising bribes and muddying the waters?

Just because Alexey invented the game doesn’t mean he’s running the show. He has no power here. Stern men in suits — be they KGB or otherwise — will be making the decisions. Things are precarious. Henk wants to

‘Tetris’

2 stars (out of 4)

Rated: R (for language)

Running time: 1 hour, 58 minutes

How to watch: on Apple TV+

be friends, but he is loud and indiscreet and this puts Alexey in real danger.

There’s so much risk — and also moments that come across like Hollywood flourishes, including a car chase through Moscow that somehow makes sense.

The movie’s focus on Henk’s point of view feels like a miscalculation. This is not a story about the creative process behind the game’s development (an explanation that gets all of half a minute here), this is about licensing the game.

And that process is treated with all the intensity and diplomatic urgency of negotiating to free dissidents or dialing back the arms race. Sit with that for a moment.

See ‘TETRIS’ B4

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April is Autism Acceptance Month

As people and families affected by autism know, acceptance is often one of the biggest barriers to being involved in the community. Autism acceptance asks the community to begin from a place of understanding and knowing all individuals are not the same and everyone has abilities and some imperfections. Acceptance looks at what we have in common and what strengths we share.

• Autism usually appears before a child is 3 years old, while some signs may be evident as early as 10 months.

• It can be hard to diagnose, because the degree of symptoms - ranging from mild to severe - are different for every child.

• It is important parents know developmental milestones for their children and discuss any concerns with their doctor.

• A child with autism should begin early intervention services as soon as possible when they are diagnosed.

For information about MCBDD Early Intervention Services, call 330-725-7751, option 1

State Audit Shows Positive Financial Results

In March, the Office of the Auditor of the State; Ohio Performance Team released the findings of it’s performance audit of the Medina County Board of DD. The results give an outside third-party insight into the MCBDD’s overall financial position while also evaluating the agency’s financial processes in helping provide vital services to people with developmental disabilities in Medina County.

The results show the financial practices and processes of the MCBDD as being sound and in-line with other county boards across the state. The audit team reviewed several years of financial data, policies, procedures, best practices, reports and other documents during the audit process and they revealed MCBDD:

• Takes a conservative approach to financial forecasting and practices

• Projects future revenues and expenditures more accurately than peers and state averages

• Maintains cash balances and non-operational accounts in line with peers and Ohio averages for county boards of developmental disabilities

• Has salaries within the ranges of peer salaries for staff positions

DD Dialogues - Caregiver Crisis

The MCBDD hosted a “DD Dialogues-Caregiver Crisis” round-table event on March 17, to bring together elected officials with families and local disability organizations to discuss Ohio’s developmental disability workforce crisis. Attendees discussed the impact the caregiver crisis is having on people with developmental disabilities and how elected officials are the only ones who can address the crisis with increasing wages through the state budget process as required by law.

Committed to Inclusion - Places of Worship

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For information, videos and resources materials, visit www.mcbdd.org/committed-to-inclusion/

Camperships Available

The MCBDD is providing campership funding for children and adults with developmental disabilities to attend summer camp. More details and applications are available at www.mcbdd.org/service-funding/ Camperships are available until August 2023.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Today

NOACA Executive Committee and Finance and Audit

Committee, special meeting, 9 a.m., NOACA, 1299 Superior Ave., Cleveland; view online at bit.ly/3Mc1Yfm.

ALMANAC

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 7, the 97th day of 2023. There are 268 days left in the year.

Today's history

■ In 1862, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

■ In 1915, jazz singer-song-writer Billie Holiday, also known as "Lady Day," was born in Philadelphia.

■ In 1922, the Teapot Dome scandal had its beginnings as Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall signed a secret deal to lease U.S. Navy petroleum reserves in Wyoming and California to his friends, oilmen Harry F. Sinclair and Edward L. Doheny, in exchange for cash gifts.

■ In 1945, during World War II, American planes intercepted and effectively destroyed a Japanese fleet, which included the battleship Yamato, that was headed to Okinawa on a suicide mission.

■ In 1949, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" opened on Broadway.

■ In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower held a news conference in which he spoke of the importance of containing the spread of communism in Indochina, saying, "You have a row of dominoes set up, you knock over the first one, and what will happen to the last one is the certainty that it will go over very quickly." (This became known as the "domino theory," although Eisenhower did not use that term.)

■ In 1957, shortly after midnight, the last of New York's electric trolleys completed its final run from Queens to Manhattan.

■ In 1959, a referendum in Oklahoma repealed the state's ban on alcoholic beverages.

■ In 1962, nearly 1,200 Cuban exiles tried by Cuba for their

roles in the failed Bay of Pigs invasion were convicted of treason.

■ In 1966, the U.S. Navy recovered a hydrogen bomb that the U.S. Air Force had lost in the Mediterranean Sea off Spain following a B-52 crash.

■ In 1984, the Census Bureau reported Los Angeles had overtaken Chicago as the nation's "second city" in terms of population.

■ In 1994, civil war erupted in Rwanda, a day after a mysterious plane crash claimed the lives of the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi; in the months that followed, hundreds of thousands of minority Tutsi and Hutu moderates were slaughtered by Hutu extremists.

Today's birthdays

Country singer Bobby Bare is 88. Former California Gov. Jerry Brown is 85. Movie director Francis Ford Coppola is 84. Actor Roberta Shore is 80. Singer Patricia Bennett (The Chiffons) is 76. Singer John Oates is 75. Former Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels is 74. Singer Janis Ian is 72. Country musician John Dittrich is 72. Actor Jackie Chan is 69. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Tony Dorsett is 69. Actor Russell Crowe is 59. Christian/jazz singer Mark Kibble (Take 6) is 59. Actor Bill Bellamy is 58. Rock musician Dave "Yorkie" Palmer (Space) is 58. Rock musician Charlie Hall (The War on Drugs) is 49. Former football player-turned-analyst Tiki Barber is 48. Actor Heather Burns is 48. Christian rock singer-musician John Cooper (Skillet) is 48. Actor Kevin Alejandro is 47. Retired baseball infielder Adrian Beltre is 44. Actor Sian Clifford is 41. Rock musician Ben McKee (Imagine Dragons) is 38. Christian rock singer Tauren Wells is 37. Actor Ed Speleers is 35.

WEATHER

TODAY:

Mostly sunny

48/28

SATURDAY:

Sunny

55/33

SUNDAY:

Sunny

58/36

MONDAY:

Mostly sunny

64/43

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LOTTERY

Ohio (Thursday)

Midday Pick 3: 5-3-7, Pick 3: 7-3-0,

Midday Pick 4: 0-4-1-2, Pick 4: 4-5-4-3,

Midday Pick 5: 0-9-2-3-0, Pick 5: 3-4-7-5-5,

Rolling Cash 5: 4-14-23-30-32,

Rolling Cash 5 jackpot is \$140,000.

Classic Lotto jackpot is \$1 million.

Lucky for Life

WEDNESDAY: 6-13-17-25-33, Lucky Ball: 15.

THURSDAY: Numbers not available at press time.

Mega Millions

TUESDAY: 1-37-45-62-64, Mega Ball: 4, Megaplier: 3.

Next Mega Millions jackpot is an estimated \$414 million.

Powerball

WEDNESDAY: 3-5-9-42-52, Powerball: 11, Power Play: 2.

Next Powerball jackpot is an estimated \$186 million.

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EASTER EVENTS THROUGHOUT MEDINA COUNTY

Breakfast with the bunny

Sponsored by the Salvation Army Wadsworth

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 years old and younger. Call (330) 335-2327 or stop by the Salvation Army Wadsworth, located at 527 College St., to make reservations before April 5.

When: Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

Where: Buehler's, 175 Great Oaks Trail.

Sharon Township Easter egg hunt

Bring a bag or basket to collect eggs. The Easter bunny will arrive at 10 a.m., with the hunt to begin at 11 a.m.

When: Saturday, 10 a.m.

Where: Sharon Community Park, 6718 Ridge Road.

Annual Easter egg hunt

Hosted by the Hinckley Women's Club

The day will include the egg hunt, along with prizes and raffles. If the weather is nice, the event will be held outside.

When: Saturday, 11 a.m.

Where: Our Lady of Grace Church, 1088 Ridge Road.

Chatham Township egg hunt

When: Saturday, 11 a.m.

Where: Chatham Memorial Hall, 6299 Avon Lake Road.

CrossPointe Community Church's egg hunt

Hosted by CrossPointe Community Church

The egg hunt will be held by age group (0-3-year-olds, 4-6-year-olds, 7-9-year-olds). Kids in the 10-12-year-old age group will have a small group experience with the youth group leaders where they'll discuss Easter, play games and have chances to get candy. There will also be carnival games, food, a raffle and a chance to win Easter baskets. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged and can be done at https://crosspointe.cc.

When: Saturday, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where: CrossPointe Community Church, 7230 Lake Road.

FISH FRIES THROUGHOUT MEDINA COUNTY

Brunswick Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9520 fish fry, 5-7 p.m., every Friday through today, at 1439 S. Carpenter Road, Brunswick. Dinners include four pieces of perch for \$16, three pieces of cod for \$14 and six pieces of breaded shrimp for \$12, all with sides of french fries and coleslaw. Other dinners include four pieces of pierogies with applesauce and coleslaw for \$12 and four pieces of chicken with applesauce and fries for \$10. Dine-in or carry-out is available, call (330) 273-4892 after 3:30 p.m. to order ahead. Open to the public.

Emmanuel Church of Christ fish fry, 4:30-6:30 p.m. today at 6656 Center Road, Valley City.

Dinner includes either baked, beer-battered fish or shrimp for \$15 with cabbage and noodles on April 7. Kids ages 8 and under are half-price and kids two and under are free. Call in advance at (330) 483-3655 for tickets as a limited number are sold at the door.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Medina Aerie 2224 fish fry, 4-8 p.m. today at 696 Lafayette Road. Dinners include a walleye sandwich or a perch sandwich and fries for \$10, a walleye or perch dinner for \$13, mussels for \$8, a butterfly shrimp dinner for \$12 and a popcorn shrimp appetizer for \$5. A family four-pack of walleye or perch dinner costs \$48. Call (330) 723-7511 beginning at 3 p.m. to place

an order.

Medina VFW Post 5137 fish fry, 5-7 p.m. today at 3916 Pearl Road, Medina. Dinners include four pieces of lake perch for \$18, two pieces of tilapia for \$12, six pieces of shrimp for \$11, 12 pieces of shrimp for \$13, six pierogies including applesauce and coleslaw for \$11, a fish sandwich with fries and slaw for \$10 or just the sandwich for \$7 and a bowl of clam chowder for \$6. Carry-out is available, call (330) 725-0884 to place an order. Open to the public.

St. Ambrose Catholic Parish Lenten fish fry, 4:30-7 p.m., today at 929 Pearl Road, Brunswick. Individual meals include a baked fish dinner, a fried fish dinner, and a

pierogi dinner for \$13.50, including two sides. For a family of four, there is a family pack for \$50 and offers options including fried fish, baked fish and pierogies. Each week there is a weekly special, learn more at stambrose.us/Fish-Fry. Dine in at the Hilkert Hall gym or pre-order take-out online.

Wadsworth Knights of Columbus fish fry, from 4-7:30 p.m. or until gone today at 148 N. Lyman St., Wadsworth. Dinner includes three pieces of fish, coleslaw, apple sauce and fries for \$12 and kids meals for \$7.

ROUNDUP

PUCO approves rail crossing upgrades in 15 counties

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio approved \$1.17 million in safety upgrades at more than 100 rail crossings in 15 counties on Wednesday.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway will install LED lights at grade crossings in Belmont, Huron, Jefferson, Lorain, Medina, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas and Wayne counties. The PUCO will pay \$7,500 for each crossing, for a total of \$517,500. Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway will pay for any costs exceeding \$7,500 for each crossing.

All upgrades are expected to be completed by April 5, 2024.

Historical society to host war presentation

The Medina County Historical Society will present Medina author and historian Dave Taylor and his PowerPoint presentation about Medina County.

The event will cover the county's residents who went to war and those who stayed behind to support them. The PowerPoint presentation will last 35 minutes and then be open to questions and discussion.

This program is free and open to the public at the Medina County District Library, 210 S. Broadway St., Medina, in

community room A/B on Saturday at 1 p.m. Call (330) 722-1341 or email mchs@zoominternet.net for questions.

Medina church featured in MCBDD video

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Future videos and materials will focus on other areas of the community, such as community organizations, public spaces, activities, recreational opportunities, employment and general community inclusion in a person's own neighborhood. The videos are available on the MCBDD's website and YouTube channel and are accompanied by additional resources.

Life Care Center named 13th best nursing home in Ohio

Life Care Center of Medina, a local nursing and rehabilitation facility, was included on Newsweek's 2023 list of America's Best Nursing Homes, which was recently released.

Newsweek based its Best Nursing Homes list on data from Statista Inc., a worldwide data research firm, and the rankings were determined using four criteria: a performance data score, a reputation score, a COVID-19 score and a score for facilities accredited by The Joint Commission.

Life Care Center of Medina scored 13th out of all the facilities in Ohio.

"I am very proud of all of the associates as well as directors at our facility," Life Care Center of Medina Executive Director Richard Van Voorhis said. "A facility can have all of the glitz and glamor, but when it comes down to it, it really is a matter of a few factors: the care and love you give the residents, the amount of staff you provide for care, the quality of food, engaged activities for all types of residents and great customer service."

Life Care Center of Medina, 2400 Columbia Road, is a part of Life Care Centers of America.

— from staff reports

BLOTTER

Wadsworth police

Thursday, March 30

8:36 a.m. — 800 block High Street; the department took a report for a business on High Street in connection with damage to the property.

2:06 p.m. — 600 block of Broad Street; the department witnessed a woman being disorderly on Broad Street.

Friday, March 31

12:07 a.m. — 100 block of State Street; the department responded to a Main Street business in reference to a disorderly man. The suspect, Bryan Whitt, 45, of Wadsworth, was located in

the area and became aggressive toward officers, police said. Whitt was arrested for assault on a police officer and taken to the Medina County Jail.

3:25 p.m. — 100 block of Maple Street; the Wadsworth Municipal Court issued a warrant for Clinton C. Baker Jr. for failure to appear for sentencing on flee and elude.

Sunday, April 2

2:52 p.m. — 200 block of Park Center Boulevard; the department took a theft report of a catalytic converter from a vehicle parked at the Galaxy.

Monday, April 3

1:39 p.m. — 400 block of Corporate Parkway; the

department took a theft report referencing a stolen catalytic converter from a business.

3:40 p.m. — 100 block of Maple Street; a warrant was issued for Raffael D. Thomas Jr. for failure to appear for arraignment by the Wadsworth Municipal Court.

Lodi police

Monday, March 27

12:36 p.m. — Wooster Street; an officer was contacted by management at Miller's Grocery on Wooster Street regarding a hit-skip involving a semitrailer.

Tuesday, March 28

5:12 p.m. — Elyria Street;

an officer responded to Lodi Community Hospital on a reported theft of prescriptions from a patient there. The theft allegedly occurred at the complainant's home.

10:36 p.m. — Avon Lake Road; an officer assisted the Medina County Sheriff's Office on a traffic stop. Ultimately, the two occupants were arrested by the deputy.

11:07 p.m. — Bank Street; an officer responded to the Dollar General on Bank Street on a reported theft of property. The officer gained information to initiate a report. Sometime later, the complainant contacted the officer and claimed the property had been located.

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Pinwheel Gardens pop up across County



by Debbie Kiley
Director

Pinwheel Gardens are popping up across Medina County again this year — 595 pinwheels to be exact.

While the number represents the sobering statistic of child abuse/neglect investigations completed by Medina County Job and Family Services in 2022, the pinwheel also represents light and reflection, and hopes for a world where child abuse is no longer.

A group of Job and Family Services staff members gathered to plant two dozen pinwheels in front



Photo provided

Job and Family Services staff members gather to plant two dozen pinwheels in front of their office.

of the office to show our support for the Children's Center's Pinwheels for Prevention event this month.

We're grateful for our collaboration and partnership with them... and we join them each and every day to work towards prevention.

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

MCBDD receives good results from audit

On Thursday, March 23, the Office of the Auditor of the State — Ohio Performance Team released the findings of its performance audit of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD).

The results state that "The Board appears to be in good fiscal health and maintains positive

general fund balances" and found the financial practices and processes of the MCBDD as being sound and in-line with other county boards across the state.

The three key observations from the report stated, that based on available data, MCBDD has more accurate revenue and expenditure projections compared

to the peer averages, that the salaries paid by MCBDD are in a similar range as those provided by the peers, that the cost of the benefits provided by MCBDD are in-line with, or in some cases less than, the cost of the benefits provided by peers.

"We appreciate the work of the Office of the Auditor of State, specifically the Ohio Performance Team, for their efforts and collabora-

tion during the recent State Performance Audit of our agency," said MCBDD Superintendent Stacey Maleckar. "Receiving this data shows the dedication of our staff to maintaining our community's trust and support as we embrace our role in improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Our staff is highly committed to the work they do and the results of this

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CCAO foundation announces Ohio Counties Scholarship...

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"This grant is meant to help defray the costs of a college education."

Throughout the state, there will be one scholarship offered to students in each CCAO District — Central, Southwest, Northwest, Northeast, and Southeast.

The award amount is \$2,000 and is payable to the student when CCAO has received confirmation of the applicant's attendance at a university, community college, training program or vocational school.

Applicants should plan on a career in public service in Ohio. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is Friday, May 5.

The County Commissioners Association of Ohio advances effective county government for Ohio through legislative advocacy, education and training, technical assistance and research, quality enterprise

service programs, and greater citizen awareness and understanding of county government.

Eligibility requirements for this scholarship are as follows:

- Must be a high school senior;
- Must have at least a "B" average (cumulative) or equivalent overall GPA;
- Must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of a county in Ohio; and
- Must plan to attend a university, community college, training program, or vocational school in Ohio and seek a career in public service.

To access the scholarship application, visit <https://bit.ly/3ZkfcK4>.

For more information, please contact CCAO Service Corporation Manager Steve Caraway at 614-220-7998 or at scaraway@ccao.org.



Several department directors stopped by to wish Scott Miller a happy retirement. Pictured left to right: Office for Older Adults Director Laura Toth, Job & Family Services Director Debbie Kiley, Medina County Fiber Network CEO Dave Corrado, Miller and Facilities Director Steven Basteen.

Wishing Scott Miller a happy retirement

During the commissioners' meeting on Tuesday, March 28, Scott Miller highlighted some of his achievements over the last eight years while he was the County Administrator.

"We have accomplished a lot," he said. "We've upgraded the accounting system, the court management system, have gone paperless in the building department, and brought cleaning in-house."

Other achievements he mentioned include bringing vehicle maintenance in-house, passing a levy for the social services, and his



Photos by Brian S. Gallatin

County Administrator Scott Miller holds up his cake at the retirement celebration being held in his honor.

crowning achievement — the new Medina County Courthouse.

Following the meeting, a reception was held in Miller's honor with several elected officials, department directors and County employees stopping by the Commissioners' office to wish Miller a happy retirement.



Pictured left to right: Common Pleas Judge Bill Hutson, Scott Miller and Common Pleas Judge Joyce Kimbler.

MCBDD receives good results from audit...

Continued from page 2 • audit prove that."

The performance audit goal was to give an additional outside third-party perspective and insight into the MCBDD's overall financial position while also evaluating the agency's financial processes in helping provide services to people with developmental

disabilities. Included in the report are four recommendations for the MCBDD leadership to consider implementing into future planning. The recommendations fall into three categories: increased documentation, continued annual review of insurance benefits, and continued monitoring of staffing levels.

"As responsible stewards of local taxpayer's funding, we are committed to seeking and providing continued and ongoing transparent financial analysis and data to our community while also discovering ways in which we are able to be more impactful in the lives of people with developmental disabilities

in Medina County," stated Carey Bates, MCBDD Director of Business. "The data gathered in the audit report has reaffirmed our path and supports our agency's ability in continuing to make sound financial decisions based on the needs of those we serve and our community."

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State Auditor says MCBDD's financial practices 'sound'

On March 23, the Office of the Auditor of the State released the findings of its performance audit of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD). The results reaffirm the financial practices and processes of the MCBDD as being sound and in-line with other county boards across the state.

"We appreciate the work of the Office of the Auditor of State, specifically the Ohio Performance Team, for their efforts and collaboration during the recent State Performance Audit of our agency," said MCBDD Superintendent Stacey Maleckar. "Receiving this data shows the dedication of our staff to maintaining our community's trust and support as we embrace our role in improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Our staff is highly committed to the work they do, and the results of this audit prove that."

Beginning in June 2022, at the request of the Medina County Commissioners and the Medina County Budget Commission, the intensive nine-month audit process required an immense amount of dialogue, partnership, collaboration and cooperation between the audit team, the Medina County Board of DD, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, and other County Boards of DD throughout the state. The audit team reviewed several years of financial data, policies, procedures, best practices, reports and other documentation during the audit process.

Highlights of the audit results revealed the MCBDD:

- Takes a conservative approach to financial forecasting and practices
- Projects future revenues and expenditures more accurately than peers and state averages
- Maintains both cash balance and non-operational



Last month, the Office of the Auditor of the State reaffirmed the financial practices and processes of the MCBDD as being sound and in-line with other county boards across the state.

accounts in line with its peers and the Ohio average for county boards of developmental disabilities

- Has salaries within the ranges of peer salaries for staff positions
- Has expenditures in line with peers per individuals served

The results of the performance audit give an additional outside third-party perspective and insight into the MCBDD's overall financial

position while also evaluating the agency's financial processes in helping provide services to people with developmental disabilities.

The comprehensive 89-page performance audit document covers in-depth information and data in financial practices, Service and Support Administration (SSA) procedures, and staffing and benefits. Included in the report are four recommendations for the MCBDD

leadership to consider implementing into future planning.

The recommendations fall into three categories: increased documentation, continued annual review of insurance benefits and continued monitoring of staffing levels. Many of the recommendations align with actions the MCBDD has already begun to undertake as part of its continuing internal review processes to improve the services and programs it provides.

"As responsible stewards of local taxpayers' funding, we are committed to seeking and providing continued and ongoing transparent financial analysis and data to our community while also discovering ways in which we are able to be more impactful in the lives of people with developmental disabilities in Medina County," said Carey Bates, MCBDD director of business. "The data gathered in the audit report has reaffirmed our path and sup-

ports our agency's ability in continuing to make sound financial decisions based on the needs of those we serve and our community."

As the community resource responsible for connecting, coordinating and funding life-long services for individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities, the Medina County Board of DD supports almost 1,450 individuals in Medina County. The MCBDD helps with everything from early intervention and education opportunities for children to employment and community inclusive living for adults.

"The outstanding results of this audit show that the MCBDD continues to be true to its mission of helping people with developmental disabilities and their families in meaningful ways while still maintaining the public's trust in our financial practices and decisions," Maleckar said.

For more information, visit www.mcbdd.org.

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Hinckley Arts & Crafts

The next meeting of Hinckley Arts & Crafts will take place at 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 4, at Hinckley Town Hall, 1410 Ridge Rd. ∞

Hinckley Garden Club

The Hinckley Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. at Hinckley Town Hall. The guest speaker will be Judy Semroc. The topic will be "A Common Bond: The Fascinating World of Insect and Plant Interactions."

New members are always welcome. For more information, call Linda at 440-724-8537 or email at officelaf2@gmail.com. ∞

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, April 3, at 7 p.m. Members and interested public are invited to attend at the Willow Room of the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Blvd. in Independence.

Join travel agent Annemarie Colosimo and an AmaWaterways representative, who will review the 2023 "Heritage on the River, Your Personalized Ancestry Experience" cruises. In collaboration with Ancestry and AncestryProGenealogists, these personalized itineraries allow guests to explore their heritage and discover the places where their ancestors came from.

All are welcome. Coffee and refreshments will be served. For additional information contact Cuyahogavalleygensociety@gmail.com. ∞

Hinckley Cub Scout Pack 3520

Hinckley Cub Scout Pack 3520 is hosting a Girls STEM Day on Saturday, April 15, from 12-2 p.m. at Hinckley Town Hall Old Fire Bays. Join us for a fun afternoon of activities for the girl in your life, and see what Cub Scouting is all about. We will be doing fun science, learning about the outdoors and using our imaginations. All kids in grades K-5 are welcome so bring the whole pack! ∞

Richfield Senior Center

Monday is game day at the center. The card groups play Canasta and Hand and Foot and are willing to teach others how to play.

The center's Country Frye Band plays every second and fourth Tuesday at noon.

Every Wednesday, breakfast is served at 9:30 a.m. and every Thursday, lunch is served at 11:45 a.m. Donations are appreciated. Membership is required. Village and township residents pay \$10 annually. All others pay \$15. Bingo follows lunch.

The dinner group will take the Fun Bus to the Tick Tock Taverne on April 19. Sign up at the Senior Center.

We also have line dancing, yoga and Tai Chi classes.

The center is open to Hinckley residents as well as Richfield residents Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. The coffee is always on. For information, call 330-659-9203 or email senior_center@richfieldvillageohio.org. ∞

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FROM THE EXPERTS

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What Do You Know About Autism?

April is National Autism Acceptance month, a time when we recognize autism as the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States and encourage everyone to learn more about people living with autism. In recent years, people with autism have been calling on their families, friends and neighbors to shift their language to match the growing need for acceptance. This shift in language from "awareness" – which may indicate a problem to be solved – to "acceptance" is meant to highlight that people with autism should have a place in the community just as they are without trying to change them.

What Do You Know About Autism?

It is more common than you might suspect. The Centers for Disease Control estimates one in every 44 children in the United States is diagnosed with autism. There are many types of autism and the timing and severity of its first symptoms can vary. Some children with autism show hints within the first few months of life and may be diagnosed as early as 18 months. Other children may appear to develop normally until around 18 to 24 months of age and then stop gaining new skills and/or start losing skills. In general, autism's most obvious signs tend to appear between 2 and 3 years of age. Autism is about four times more common among boys than girls, and while most attention is focused on children, thousands of adults are diagnosed with autism each year.

Doctors are getting better at recognizing the signs of autism. There is no medical test for autism. Diagnoses are based on observations of behavior and cognitive development. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children be screened for autism beginning at their 18-month well-child checkup. Possible signs of autism in babies and toddlers include: no social smiles, limited to no eye contact, no babbling or use of gestures to communicate (e.g. pointing, reaching, waving etc.), no response to name when called, repeats words or phrases over and over, gets upset by minor changes in routine or surroundings, performs repetitive behaviors such as flapping, rocking or spinning and has unusual, and often, intense reactions to sounds, smells, tastes, textures, lights and/or colors.

It cannot be cured. Autism is not a disease that can be cured, but it is a disorder that can be treated. One of the most important things parents can do is become familiar with the typical developmental milestones their child should be reaching. If a parent becomes concerned about any delays or suspected autism symptoms in their child, the first step is to alert their health care provider. The sooner intervention services begin, the more likely a child with autism is able to reach their full potential. Parents may have concerns about labeling a child but need to seek help without delay.

Not all forms of autism are equal. Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) encompass a wide range of conditions, from high-functioning individuals to people who require more one-to-one care, with many levels in between. Each person with autism is a unique individual with different needs and interests and has a distinct set of strengths and challenges. The ways in which people with autism learn, think and problem-solve can vary greatly.

If you are looking for more information or have questions about autism and autism related resources, the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities provides early intervention services and specific programs and learning environments for people diagnosed with autism. For more information, visit the Medina County Board of DD website at www.mcbdd.org or call 330-725-7751.

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of school, she has held a part time job and has volunteered through her church to lead youth groups. Bridget has excelled throughout her high school career, and there is no doubt that she will continue her success at The Ohio State University.

POSTINGS

Medina Chorus presenting "Music That Shaped America"

MEDINA — Medina Chorus is presenting "Music That Shaped America" (Mike McClintock, director; Cathy Fafrak, accompanist) on Sunday, May 7 at 3 p.m. at the Medina United Methodist Church, 4741 Foote Road, Medina. Tickets are \$10 and are available from Chorus members and at the door. Children 12 & under are free.

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 camp that best meets their needs and the MCBDD helps by providing financial support to attend. The MCBDD provides two types of camperships: student and adult. Student camperships are available to children who are ages 4 to 22, 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 up, who live in Medina County, are eligible for county board services and are not currently receiving Medicaid Waiver funding. Camperships are up to \$300 each, with a limit of one (1) per person. Individuals and families who are interested in applying for camperships should [click here](#) for more information and applications or call 330-725-7751 ext. 130.

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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Community News

Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities receives good results from audit

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A recent audit released positive results for the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities who serves many people in the community. (Alyssa Alfano, special to cleveland.com)

MEDINA, Ohio -- The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is on the right track, according to a performance audit by the state Auditor's Office-Ohio Performance Team.

According to a press release from the MCBDD, the findings -- released March 23 -- reaffirm that the financial practices and processes of the organization are "sound and in line with other county boards across the state."

"We appreciate the work of the Office of the Auditor of State, specifically the Ohio Performance Team, for their efforts and collaboration during the recent state performance audit of our agency," MCBDD Superintendent Stacey Maleckar said in the press release.

"Receiving this data shows the dedication of our staff to maintaining our community's trust and support as we embrace our role in improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

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"Our staff is highly committed to the work they do, and the results of this audit prove that."

The nine-month audit began in June 2022 at the request of the Medina County commissioners and the Medina County Budget Committee. The process required a lot of dialogue and cooperation among the audit team, the MCBDD, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and other county boards of developmental disabilities throughout the state.

Several years of financial data, policies, procedures, practices, reports and other documentation were reviewed during the audit process.

Highlights from the audit revealed several things about the MCBDD, including that they take a conservative approach to financial forecasting and practices, they have salaries within the ranges of peer salaries for staff positions and they have expenditures in line with peers per individuals served.

According to the release, the purpose of the audit was to give outside perspective into the MCBDD's overall financial position while evaluating the agency's financial processes in helping provide services to people who have developmental disabilities.

"As responsible stewards of local taxpayers' funding, we are committed to seeking and providing continued and ongoing transparent financial analysis and data to our community while also discovering ways in which we are able to be more impactful in the lives of people with developmental disabilities in Medina County," said Carey Bates, MCBDD Director of Business.

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The MCBDD supports almost 1,450 individuals in Medina County. They help with everything from early intervention and education opportunities for children to employment and community inclusive living for adults.

“The outstanding results of this audit show that the MCBDD continues to be true to its mission of helping people with developmental disabilities and their families in meaningful ways while still maintaining the public’s trust in our financial practices and decisions,” Maleckar said in the release.

“I am very grateful to work with a professional staff that know how to put the needs of the people and families we serve first and work each day to maintain our promises and commitments to the taxpayers of Medina County.”

For more information on the MCBDD, visit www.mcbdd.org.

Read more from the [Medina Sun](#).

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Left to right: Medina County Commissioner Aaron Harrison, State Senator Mark Romanchuk (R-22), State Representative Melanie Miller (R-67), MCBDD Director of Community Development Pam Hunt, and Melanie Kasten-Krause, CEO of The Society, listen to the stories of people impacted by the Ohio DD system caregiver crisis as part of the MCBDD's DD Dialogues event.

DD roundtable covers caregiver crisis

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) hosted a "DD Dialogues-Caregiver Crisis" roundtable event Friday, March 17 at the Medina County Achievement Center.

The goal of the event was to bring together elected officials with families and local disability organizations to discuss Ohio's developmental disability workforce crisis, the impact

the caregiver crisis is having on people with developmental disabilities and how elected officials are the only ones who can address the crisis.

The Medina County Board of DD hosted the event as an opportunity to help elected officials understand the impact of this critical situation in the Ohio DD system. Ohioans with disabilities cannot get the care and support they desperately need because of the unprecedented workforce shortage of skilled caregivers (also known as Direct Support Professionals – DSPs) caused by extremely low wages.

Current rules and regulations do not allow county boards of DD across the state to impact caregiver wages at the local level. Rates for caregivers are set by the state government and only action by state officials through the state budget process can resolve the issue.

The event began with a brief welcome by MCBDD Superintendent Stacey Maleckar followed by introductions of attendees which included State Senator Mark Romanchuk (R-22), State Representative Melanie Miller (R-67) and Medina County Com-

missioner Aaron Harrison. Pam Hunt, MCBDD Community Development Director, facilitated the event.

"Without Direct Support Professionals, many people with developmental disabilities cannot eat, go to the bathroom, bathe themselves or do the things we take for granted," shared MCBDD Superintendent Stacey Maleckar. "Caregivers who support people with developmental disabilities can't feed their families with what they are paid, and they are quitting the field every day at an alarming rate to work in fast food and retail. Ultimately people with developmental disabilities are suffering because of it."

During the event, representatives from local organizations which help people with disabilities shared their stories of the daily struggles they are facing as they try to make sure people with developmental disabilities have the care they need to have safe and meaningful lives.

They gave examples of the hard choices they make when it comes to helping people as they just do not have enough staff to help everyone.

Then DSPs and caregivers in attendance

explained how they are working up to 80 hours a week trying to make sure people are taken care of at the expense of their own needs and time with their own families.

They shared how they love their work, but how they are not sure how much longer they can continue to work in the field because they themselves are slipping into poverty.

Family members also shared emotional stories of how they are facing uncertain futures for their loved ones as they age and wonder who will be available to care for their children when they are gone. Family members shared how they are quitting their jobs because there is no one else available to help their son or daughter and the hardships that loss of income is having on their families.

"We are very thankful to our elected officials for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend this event to gain a greater understanding of the depth of this caregiver crisis," stated Maleckar. "We appreciate their willingness to join us to hear about the struggles we face and to learn that only action by state officials can resolve this issue."

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Ohio senators introduce bipartisan bill to end death penalty

Samantha Hendrickson
Associated Press/Report For America

COLUMBUS — The death penalty could be abolished in Ohio under upcoming bipartisan legislation announced Tuesday — the latest in what has been years of effort to end capital punishment in the state.

State senators from both sides of the aisle called for an end to the practice, citing the financial blow to taxpayers to keep an inmate on death row, the lack of lethal injection drugs that has led to an unofficial moratorium on executions in the state, the danger of execut-

ing an innocent person and questions over a state's right to end a life.

“This isn't a Republican or Democratic issue,” said bill sponsor Sen. Nickie Antonio, a Lakewood Democrat. “No matter what a person's reason for supporting this legislation, it's critical for our own collective humanity.”

The proposal is far from new. Antonio and GOP Sen. Steve Huffman of Tipp City introduced the measure last session. It failed to get any traction, as it has for several legislative sessions despite support from some of the majority Republicans.

But growing public opposition to

the death penalty has Antonio hopeful this time around, she said at Tuesday's press conference, as does a fresh General Assembly that includes a dozen Senators who support ending the death penalty.

First-term Republican Sen. Michelle Reynolds said she backs the measure because she is “pro-life” and believes human life should not be used as a bargaining chip.

“Life is our most precious gift, and our statutes should uphold and uplift this,” Reynolds said.

It's not clear where legislative leadership could take the bill. GOP Senate

President Matt Huffman — Steve Huffman's cousin — supports the death penalty, though he previously said he's open to debate and discussion on the topic. Republican House Speaker Jason Stephens also said he was open to further debate in Legislature.

Currently, Ohio has an unofficial moratorium on capital punishment, after GOP Gov. Mike DeWine instructed lawmakers to find an alternative method to lethal injection, citing the state's inability to obtain the needed drugs. He has delayed several executions since.

The state's last execution was July 18, 2018, when Ohio put to death Robert

Van Hook for killing David Self in Cincinnati in 1985. Ohio currently has 134 people on death row, according to the nonprofit Death Penalty Information Center.

The Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association opposes the legislation, calling it “dangerous” and saying it would cut Ohio's “worst criminals” a break. Republican Attorney General Dave Yost, a supporter of the death penalty, said in a statement that the bill provides a platform to discuss a needed overhaul of Ohio's capital punishment system, calling it “a farce and a broken promise of justice.”

Medina student council attends state conference

Medina High School student council members attended the 71st annual state conference of the Ohio Association of Student Councils along with 100 other students and advisers from all over the state.

The following members attended the event:

- Paul Ceccoli
- Lexi Davis Romine
- Keilani Medley
- Max Dudley
- Hayden Henry
- Piper Jackson
- Avery Henry
- Adelynn Ma
- Kendall Perfect
- Annika Pfeister
- Heidi Sebaugh
- Emma Swanson

Ceccoli, Davis Romine, Henry and Jackson were chosen to be staff members and assisted in small group workshops for leadership training while Medley finished serving her year as a student executive board member.

Medina High School Student Council adviser Laura Calaiacovo was elected to the state board as an adult member and will serve for two years.

The Medina High School student council won the Five Star Council award, which recognizes schools that participate in training through the state association to develop leadership among students.

Medina also received the Army of Volunteers award, which recognizes those who give service to others.

This year, Ceccoli, Davis Romine, Stabile and Bonitz also were recognized for their leadership during the conference.



Davis Romine also earned the Dale Hawley award and the Ambassador of the Year award for her service and leadership training.

Intervention specialist published in journal

An article by Kristen Baker, intervention specialist at Towslee Elemen-

tary School and a Brunswick Schools alumna, was recently published in the Ohio Journal of English Language Arts.

Her article examined universal screening for dyslexia and other reading disabilities for early intervention purposes and the impact of House Bill 436.

House Bill 436 mandates public schools administer an approved screening for dyslexia and other reading and comprehension issues to each student in kindergarten through third grade.

In fourth through sixth grade, screenings can be done upon the request of a parent or guardian.

In the article, she said she believes that universal screening is a cost-efficient and quick way to begin identifying at-risk students for dyslexia and other reading disabilities, which allows educators to proactively support the student's needs.

“It is important to me to continue to educate myself and share the knowledge I have gained through research and instruction,” Baker said. “I am always looking at ways to adjust my instruction and help close the gap for my students, which often fuels my desire to further my own education.”

The article can be read at bit.ly/3Kic6Cc.

“Kristen Baker's dedication to supporting our students is unparalleled,” Brunswick Schools Superintendent Jason Niedermeyer said.

“Her article in the Ohio Journal of English Language Arts is a testament to the dedication, and we are proud of Ms. Baker's efforts to share her passion with other educators across the state.”

MCBDD scholarship deadline is Friday

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities will be accepting applications for its donor scholarship until Friday. It is one \$1,500 scholarship.

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.

The fields include but are not limited to special education, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, social work and behavioral sciences.

Applicants must also demonstrate involvement in or that they have provided services to individuals with developmental disabilities through activities such as the Special Olympics, classroom activities, volunteering, job shadowing and more.

Interested students must complete and submit an application form before Friday to be considered. Forms are available by calling (330) 725-7751, ext. 273, or by visiting mcbdd.org.

Brunswick Jersey Mike's to hold 'Day of Giving'

The Brunswick location of Jersey Mike's as well as other locations in Northeast Ohio are participating in the 13th annual “Day of Giving” event today from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The local restaurants will give 100 percent of the day's sales to Special Olympics Ohio.

Special Olympics Ohio athletes, coaches and staff will be at Jersey Mike's restaurants throughout the day greeting and thanking customers as they stop in.

—from staff reports

BLOTTER

Medina police

Saturday, March 25
1:24 p.m. — 800 block of North Court Street; a report of a shoplifter at Giant Eagle was made. The woman was issued a summons for theft.
2:59 p.m. — Marks Road/Yosemite Drive; a caller believed a loose item from another vehicle caused damage to her car.
5:07 p.m. — Chapman Lane/North Huntington Street; the complainant's dog bit another dog that was loose.
Sunday, March 26
2:13 p.m. — 6000 block of Lafayette Road; a caller reported the theft of items.
3:12 p.m. — 1100 block of North Court Street; a woman was having issues with the phone company.
Monday, March 27
11:42 a.m. — 500 block of South Court Street; there was a two-vehicle crash with no reported injuries.
12:42 p.m. — 700 block of North Court Street; a previously stickered vehicle was towed from a property.
7:06 p.m. — 400 block of West Park Boulevard; officers' responded to a request from an out-of-state law enforcement agency to serve a protection order on a man who resides in the city of Medina.

Medina Township police

Sunday, March 12
7:59 a.m. — Medina Road/Shady Brooke Run; a driver fell asleep while driving and struck a wall.
10:41 a.m. — 5100 block of Montville Drive; an officer conducted a traffic stop after a random plate check. When approaching the vehicle, police said there was an obvious smell of marijuana, and the passenger pointed to an alleged marijuana blunt in the ashtray and another in her coat pocket. She also had a warrant for Ashland that was confirmed but was told to advise and release her. The passenger was issued a summons for possession and paraphernalia.
5:42 p.m. — 4100 block of Pearl Road; a car was vandalized in the Walmart parking lot.
Monday, March 13
12:07 p.m. — 3800 block of Weymouth Woods Drive; a homeowner stated that someone had unlocked the side door to her garage.
2:57 p.m. — 3400 block of Old Weymouth Road; late report of a dog bite to a DoorDash driver.
3:35 p.m. — 3500 block of Lake Breeze Circle; a contractor allegedly accepted large down payments from several residents to buy building materials but never delivered the supplies, completed the work or refunded the money.
4:42 p.m. — 3000 block of Pearl Road; a business reported a car had been parked in its lot for several days and wanted it removed. An officer contacted the owner, who said she already had a tow truck en route.
Tuesday, March 14
8:13 a.m. — 5000 block of Hidden Lake Drive; a contractor allegedly accepted large down payments from several residents to buy building materials but never delivered the supplies, completed the work or refunded the money.
12:32 p.m. — 4800 block of Fenn Road; a vehicle's passenger side door handle was damaged and the owner believes someone tried to break in.
1:44 p.m. — Hamilton Road/Substation Road; there was a two-vehicle crash with reported injuries that resulted in a citation/summons being issued.
Wednesday, March 15
11:55 a.m. — 2800 block of Aaron Drive; a call was made regarding a suspicious person and vehicle.
5:16 p.m. — 4700 block of Ledgewood Drive; an unknown man is seen on video attempting to enter the residence by the front door. He then picked up a package left by the front door and tries the door handle. The door is locked, the man then left the package and walked away.

Thursday, March 16
1:21 p.m. — Granger Road; a call was made regarding a disabled vehicle.
6:13 p.m. — 3000 block of Granger Road; a catalytic converter removed from complainant's motor home sometime since November.
Friday, March 17
12:37 a.m. — Medina Road/Boneta Road; an officer conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle with an expired registration tag. While in contact with the driver, the officer viewed marijuana paraphernalia. A search of the vehicle found more paraphernalia and THC edibles. She was issued citations for possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana paraphernalia and expired registration.
1:02 a.m. — Interstate 71/Medina Road; an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for illegal window tint. A consent search was granted and raw marijuana was found. The driver was cited with driving under suspension and the passenger was cited for possessing a controlled substance. The passenger was warned about tampering with evidence as she had intentionally hidden the marijuana after the driver was removed from the vehicle.
6:29 p.m. — 300 block of East Smith Road; a report was made of a possible drunk driver. An officer later stopped the vehicle and the driver was arrested for driving under the influence.
Saturday, March 18
3:39 a.m. — 2300 block of Medina Road; an officer conducted a traffic stop for speed. The vehicle was being driven by a juvenile and had five other juvenile passengers. The parents of the driver were contacted and they arrived to pick up all but two of the passengers up. The two remaining juveniles were transported to the police department and were picked up later by the parents of one of the juveniles.
7:35 p.m. — Interstate 271/Interstate 71; a van ran off the road into snow.
8:22 p.m. — Interstate 71; there was a motor vehicle crash with no reported injuries involving a car and a guard rail.

Montville Township police

Sunday, March 5
1:07 a.m. — Medina Road; a traffic stop was conducted for a vehicle stopped for an unsafe lane change and stop line violation. The officer said the driver, Kaitlyn Jessica Neitenbach, exhibited signs of impairment. Sobriety tests were administered and Neitenbach was arrested on suspicion of operating a vehicle while impaired. Neitenbach was transported to the police department, where she submitted a breath sample of alleged 0.114 percent blood-alcohol content.
1:12 a.m. — Smith Road; assisted the Medina Fire Department with a structure fire.
6:01 a.m. — Fox Meadows Drive; a vehicle was stopped for marked lanes. It was found that the driver, Addie Kafity, was driving under suspension from Indiana as well as not having his license. Kafity was cited for driving under suspension, with no operator's license, and was warned for marked lanes.
12:36 p.m. — Wooster Pike Road/Lexington Ridge Road; there was a two-vehicle crash with no reported injuries. One of the drivers, John Lee Daubenspeck, was cited with not assuring a clear distance.
8:05 p.m. — Wooster Pike Road; a report was made regarding three men stealing alcohol.
Tuesday, March 7
4:53 a.m. — Rustic Hills Drive/Valley View Drive; a vehicle was stopped for going 37 mph in a 25 mph zone. The adult driver, Madeline Isabella Louise Hammerschmidt, was found to have only a temporary permit and without a valid driver. Hammerschmidt was cited with speeding and operating a vehicle outside of permit restrictions.
7:19 a.m. — Medina Road; there was a three-vehicle crash with no reported injuries. One of the

drivers, Pamela S. Kerr, was cited for not assuring a clear distance.
7:25 p.m. — Windfall Road/Medina Road; an officer conducted a traffic stop and detained a man. The driver, Robert K. Nichols, was cited with marijuana possession and warned for an expired driver's license and a two-headlight requirement.
Wednesday, March 8
10:27 a.m. — Wooster Pike Road; a vehicle backed into another from a private drive that was stopped at the traffic light.
4:23 p.m. — Interstate 71; officers assisted the State Highway Patrol in removing debris from the roadway.
11:21 p.m. — Medina Road/Foote Road; a traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle for failure to maintain marked lanes and failure to signal a lane change. The officer said there were indicators of impairment while talking with the driver, Bryan C. Schuerger. Schuerger submitted to field sobriety tests and was arrested on suspicion of operating a vehicle while impaired. He was then transported to the Montville Township Police Department and submitted a breath sample of alleged 0.127 percent blood-alcohol content.
Thursday, March 9
1:43 a.m. — East Normandy Park Drive; a vehicle was stuck in the grass and created very deep ruts in the grass. No damage was done to the vehicle. The responding officer was unable to push the vehicle out of the grass and the driver was unable to afford a winch out. The officer said the car could stay there overnight for the driver to deal with the next day.
7:26 p.m. — Sharon Copley Road/Wooster Pike Road; a driver missed the driveway and slid into a ditch. No damage to the property and no visible damage to the vehicle. The officer stayed by until the vehicle was winched out.
Friday, March 10
12:46 a.m. — Medina Road/Montville Drive; an officer conducted a traffic stop for no plate light. It was found that the driver had suspected crack cocaine on his person and a crack pipe. The passenger was cited with possessing a controlled substance and may face possible fraud charges as she had numerous tax documents that did not belong to her. The driver is facing possible felony charges pending BCI results and was cited for no plate light and for possessing drug paraphernalia.
9:07 a.m. — Wooster Pike Road; while on a traffic crash, one of the involved parties had a warrant. The warrant was confirmed and she was transported to the jail.
2:22 p.m. — Medina Road; an officer responded to a raccoon that was possibly sick. Upon arrival, the officer found that the raccoon was barely alive but was unable to dispatch it due to being on the pavement.
8:55 p.m. — Medina Road/Interstate 71; a car broke down in the middle of the road. The responding officer waited with the driver and vehicle until the tow truck arrived.
11 p.m. — Mulberry Bend Drive; a vehicle was stopped for the failure to dim lights. Upon approach, police said raw marijuana was detected and the driver, Emma Lynn Nort, handed over a bag of alleged raw marijuana and a search of the vehicle yielded more marijuana, drug paraphernalia and alcohol, which Nort admitted was all hers. She cited with failure to dim and issued a summons on possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and underage possession of alcohol. The passenger was a juvenile and was picked up by her father at the scene.

Saturday, March 11
2:01 a.m. — Medina Road; a vehicle was stopped for marked lanes, improper backing and stop line violation. Police said the driver, Corrin M. Remeika, exhibited signs of impairment and submitted to sobriety tests. Remeika was arrested and was then transported to the Montville Township Police Department and submitted a breath sample of alleged 0.085 percent blood-alcohol content.

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Marshall said that the study revealed that back in 2014 the city could absorb more than 400 living units downtown immediately.

A few years later, the city implemented tax increment financing, or TIF, which included certain parcels like Liberty View and the Raymond Building, 145 N. Court St., built in 2019.

With the TIF, a portion of the property taxes would go to the city to help pay for the \$3.8 million parking deck next to City Hall.

Marshall said that in order to get the Liberty View project moving, several infrastructure projects need to be completed both by the city and the developer.

Projects like bringing the water line from West Liberty Street to the north end of the property and adding a fire hydrant, along with creating a common dumpster enclosure and making a public driveway from West Liberty Street to the parking deck are listed for the city to build and pay for.

On the other hand, projects like the sidewalk along the West Liberty Street frontage of the property and the east side of the building become construction jobs for Liberty View, while both the city and Liberty View are contributing to the payment.

“The budget estimate of the public infrastructure structure improvements is estimated at \$248,886,” Marshall said. “The city's share of that \$248,000 is \$220,986. The developer's share being at \$27,900.”

Once the memorandum is completed, the next step is to create the ground lease between the Community Improvement Corporation and developer Rose Company, Marshall said. The General Services Administration is also waiting to provide the construction easement to the CIC, she said.

“It's a fair resolution to an issue that we have to solve and we have to continue to strive to keep the downtown vibrant,” Medina City Council President John Coyne said.

With Medina's Finance Committee's unanimous approval, the memorandum will move on to a future Medina City Council meeting to be voted on.

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SOPREMA

From A1

“(MCOOA) maintains the right to provide or secure catering services for programs and events scheduled between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except when the operator is closed,” the agreement said.

The agreement states that MCOOA will not be charged rent for using the space and that the city will be responsible for paying the utility expenses like water, sewer, electric, gas, sanitation and internet.

Toth said at a previous meeting that MCOOA will be the third vendor to inhabit the cafe space within the past 10 years as past operators have been unable to make the operations profitable. While MCOOA has not set an official opening date, Toth gave the commissioners a rough estimate of the end of April.

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MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Audit results call for changes

Sara Crawford
The Gazette

MEDINA — The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities will make a few changes after receiving findings from a performance audit on Thursday.

MCBDD began going through the audit process with the Office of the Auditor of the State's Ohio Performance Team in June after receiving a request from the Medina County com-

missioners and the Budget Commis-

sion. Ohio Auditor Keith Faber said the audit reviewed MCBDD's finances, service and support administration, and overall human resources.

MCBDD appears to be in good fiscal health and has positive general fund balances, according to the audit report.

The report noted several observations about MCBDD including that

salaries paid are in similar ranges to other boards, that the cost of benefits was in a similar or lower range than other boards, and that MCBDD has more accurate revenue and expenditure projections than others.

The audit also made several recommendations for MCBDD, along with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, to both improve and bring up to date the board's policy. According to the summary, MCBDD

has a cash balance in its general fund that is similar to other boards and the statewide average based on the annual expenditures but it does not have an official cash balance policy discussing the lowest balance that should be maintained.

"A minimum balance policy should be established that considers the current operational needs of MCBDD," the audit reads. In response to the recommendation,

MCBDD said it has created a draft policy document that will be considered for approval by the board within the next quarter.

According to the performance audit, MCBDD's targeted case management rate is high compared with its operational peers, which leads to more cost responsibility for the county board, and it was recommended to reduce the rate through several changes. See **CHANGES, A5**

MEDINA COUNTY CAREER CENTER

Dragster Night hosted for students



SARA CRAWFORD / GAZETTE

Two design teams watch their dragsters race, which they built in Project Lead the Way, during MCCC's Dragster Night on Thursday. More than 25 local middle school students participated.

Sara Crawford
The Gazette

MEDINA — As family members, friends and teachers stood on the sidelines, more than 25 local middle school students prepared their dragsters to race against each other in the Medina County Career Center's first Dragster Night on Thursday.

Hosted by MCCC, the evening brought together several Medina County school

districts that participate in MCCC's satellite programming for Project Lead the Way.

"It's to recognize and celebrate (the partnerships between schools) and really be a culmination of the projects they are working on in automation and robotics," said Tad Fitch, MCCC's director of student services and satellite programming.

Fitch said Dragster Night was first planned for the 2019-20 school year

during mid-March before COVID-19 shut everything down.

"This was all ready to go," Fitch said. "Everybody was ready. The kids were practicing, they had their racers built."

With COVID restrictions remaining during the 2020-21 school year and the 2021-22 school year, MCCC decided to wait to host the event this year with the rescinded restrictions.

See **DRAGSTER, A2**

BRUNSWICK SCHOOLS

New English curriculum considered

Madisyn Woodring
The Gazette

BRUNSWICK — The Brunswick school district is looking at a new English language arts curriculum for all grade levels for the next school year.

Brunswick Schools staff members such as English language arts teachers, principals and intervention specialists presented the possible curriculum to the Board of Education on Tuesday night. The district's director of instruction and innovation, Pat Geschke, said staff were actively involved in selecting the proposed curriculum.

"Our goal of the ELA curriculum adoption was to collaboratively identify an ELA curriculum that will meet the unique needs of our students, teachers and district in order to positively enhance student growth and achievement," he said, "(and) to provide our teachers with the necessary needed resources to deliver an equitable experience for all of our students across the district."

The process started in December, he said.

HMH Into Reading was selected for the elementary

schools, McGraw Hill Study-Sync was chosen for the middle school and Savvas' myPerspectives was picked for the high school.

Many staff members mentioned that the curriculum is accessible and works for all types of learners. Intervention Specialist Hayley Cajuste said it works for students of all backgrounds and creates a personalized pathway for students.

"A lot of the time our middle school students, when they're not having that instant success, whether it's something small or something really big, we lose them," she said. "I don't want to lose them. I feel like this is going to keep them where they are."

Third grade teacher Renee Cancilliere said with the curriculum, students will be able to learn key standards over and over again throughout the year instead of learning the standards once and moving on.

"That kind of popped out at me," she said. "The reason is because this promotes retention of skills throughout the year and carries on throughout their education."

See **ENGLISH, A5**

Hinckley township to go out to bid for Boston Road paving project

Madisyn Woodring
The Gazette

HINCKLEY TWP. — Hinckley Township will be working with the city of North Royalton for a paving project on Boston Road.

The Hinckley Township Board of Trustees adopted a resolution, which authorizes the Medina County Engineer's Office to advertise for bids for a paving project on Boston Road starting at Ridge Road and ending at 6600 Boston Road.

"It needs repair," Chairman Jack Swedyk said. "It's something we have to address. The sooner that we attend to the deficiencies there, the

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Chairman Jack Swedyk

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The Medina County Engineer's Office is preparing the project, he said. The project consists of base repairs and then paving the surface.

"It's one of the items in our list of roadways that we wanted to address, and by doing so in cooperation with North Royalton, we're

able to get it done," Swedyk said.

The engineer's estimated cost for the project is \$46,160. He said the township entered into an agreement with North Royalton to split the costs for the repair since it is a shared road that is on the border between the municipalities.

"The agreement is that they will share the costs," Swedyk said. "The township will execute the project,

and then be reimbursed for half the cost from the city of North Royalton."

The next step in the process is bidding, he said. The bid will be advertised on Tuesday, and the bid opening is on April 12.

"When there's a shared roadway, sometimes it's difficult to get things done," Swedyk said. "You've seen other cities and other government

entities where they may pave half the road because they're taking care of just their side. This worked out well."

The board of trustees also decided to continue to table sending out a letter of interest to affected residents regarding expanding public water to Hinckley's town center during Tuesday's meeting. The trustees are still working on drafting the letter.

Contact reporter Madisyn Woodring at (330) 721-4049 or mwoodring@medina-gazette.com.



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Sheriff's office

Sunday, March 12
9:42 p.m. — 500 block of Independence Drive, Medina; a call made regarding suspicious circumstances.
9:47 p.m. — Interstate 71, Guilford Township; deputy conducted a traffic stop.
Monday, March 13
9:53 p.m. — 30 block of Medina Line Road, Sharon Township; there was a motor vehicle crash with no reported injuries.

Tuesday, March 14
8:53 a.m. — 8600 block of Wadsworth Road, Wadsworth; motor vehicle crash with injuries.
9:34 a.m. — 8900 block of Lake Road, Westfield Township; private property motor vehicle crash.
10:27 a.m. — 4000 block of Avon Lake Road, Litchfield Township; motor vehicle crash with no reported injuries.
7:01 p.m. — 7400 block of State Road, Sharon Township; a call was made regarding criminal damage mischief/vandalism property damage.

Wednesday, March 15
12:01 a.m. — 8800 block of Spieth Road, Litchfield Township; call made regarding criminal damage mischief/vandalism property damage.
1:39 p.m. — Ridgewood Road/State Road, Sharon Township; a traffic complaint made.
8:46 p.m. — Interstate 71, Westfield Township; deputy conducted a traffic stop.
Thursday, March 16
4:45 p.m. — 7000 block of Center Road, Liverpool Township; a call was made

regarding fraud/identity fraud.
9:30 p.m. — 4200 block of Seville Road, Guilford Township; private property motor vehicle crash.
Friday, March 17
3:41 p.m. — 7600 block of Brandon Lane, Spencer Township; a complaint made regarding an unruly juvenile.
9:05 p.m. — Lafayette Road/Greenwich Road, Lodi; motor vehicle crash with no reported injuries.
Saturday, March 18
12:21 a.m. — 1200 block of Sharon Copley Road, Sharon Township; a deputy

conducted a traffic stop that led to the arrest of an adult.
3:02 a.m. — 3900 block of Greenwich Road, Guilford Township; a call made regarding an unwanted subject.
6:09 a.m. — 10000 block of Avon Lake Road, Harrisville Township; private property motor vehicle crash.
2:59 p.m. — 1200 block of Medina Road, Sharon Township; private property motor vehicle crash.
6:49 p.m. — Interstate 71, Guilford Township; motor vehicle crash with injuries.

CHANGES

From A1

The MCBDD's response stated that it had also found that this was an area to address and would need to do a better job of documenting the work to reduce the rate.
In addition, the board stated that it would be increasing training sessions for newly hired

"Receiving this data shows the dedication of our staff to maintaining our community's trust and support as we embrace our role in improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Our staff is highly committed to the work they do and the results of this audit prove that."

Stacey Maleckar, MCBDD superintendent

service and support administrators, scheduling meetings to review expectations for best practices, assigning peer mentors for the service and support administrators that are needing additional help and more.

Other recommendations included continually reviewing options to reduce insurance-related expenditures as it was found that MCBDD spends more on health insurance premiums compared with its peers

and monitoring staffing levels to ensure its ability to provide services to the clients at an efficient level.
"Receiving this data shows the dedication of our staff to maintaining our community's trust

and support as we embrace our role in improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities," said Stacey Maleckar, MCBDD superintendent. "Our staff is highly committed to the work they do and the results of

this audit prove that."
To view the full performance audit report, visit bit.ly/40BObTx.
Contact reporter Sara Crawford at (330) 721-4063 or scrawford@medina-gazette.com.

ROUNDUP

From A2

Street bike lane and berm to be closed Monday

The South Court Street bike lane and berm will be closed between Lafayette Road and West Park Boulevard on Monday starting at 8 a.m.
Northbound and southbound traffic on South Court Street will be maintained during the closure. The closure is for the installation of a new curb along South Court Street between Lafayette Road and Westpark Boulevard.
Contact the city of Medina at

(330) 725-8661.

New impacts of state Route 18 reconstruction

State Route 18, from just west of Alber Drive to Nettleton Road, will have single lane closures as crews widen and reconstruct the roadway.
Foote Road between state Route 18 and Timber Trail will close on Monday for approximately 60 days for the complete removal and replacement of Foote Road. Access will be maintained to the county building at the southwest corner of the state Route 18 and Foote Road intersection.
The detour route will be state Route 18 west to Guilford Boulevard south to Smith

Road east and reverse. The estimated completion date of Foote Road is May 26.

New impacts of state Route 94 culvert replacement

State Route 94, just north of state Route 162, will be closed on April 3 for a culvert replacement. The estimated completion date is April 5.
The detour route for northbound motorists will be state Route 94 to state Route 162, west on state Route 162 to state Route 57, north on state route 57 to state Route 18, east on state Route 18 to state Route 94 and reverse for southbound motorists.
— from staff reports

ENGLISH

From A1

Towslee Elementary School Principal Claire Trujillo said each elementary grade level would gain access to more than 500 titles, so there is something to meet each student's needs.
The curriculum at the middle school and high school also offers a wide literary selection that engages students with different topics. Eighth grade teacher Dana Delnay said the units have classic novels, speeches, poems, graphic novels, modern literature and

more.
"There's going to be something truly for each kid," she said. "Whether you hate reading or love reading, I truly think next year there's going to be something for that."
There will also be a program at the middle and high school level that students can write into, which will give them immediate feedback on their writing and check for plagiarism. Twelfth grade teacher Dawn Thompson said the program will allow students to immediately review their work, and it will show them their growth as a writer throughout

the year.
"They can assess and reflect, and go, 'Is this good enough?,' and maybe go back and revisit where a lot of our kids don't revisit all of their writing pieces right now," she said.
The proposed curriculum will be available in the Board of Education office for community members to view over the next month, Geschke said. The Brunswick Board of Education will vote whether or not to approve the curriculum at the next board meeting in April.
Contact reporter Madisyn Woodring at (330) 721-4049 or mwoodring@medina-gazette.com.

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COLUMBUS – County boards of developmental disabilities have one year remaining to meet federal conflict-free management requirements and ensure eligible residents continue to have access to transportation, employment, and other publicly funded services.

A report released Thursday by the Ohio Auditor of State's Office analyzed the operations of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD), which is making progress in connecting its clients with qualified service providers.

"Our county boards of developmental disabilities are providing valuable services to vulnerable Ohioans, and that must work must continue," Auditor Faber said. "MCBDD is well on its way toward meeting the federal conflict-free management requirements."

Requirements instituted by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in 2014 barred county boards of developmental disabilities from providing Home and Community Based Services and case management

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for those services, citing the potential for conflict-of-interest issues.

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In Ohio, where county boards are required to provide case management, local boards have until March 2024 to discontinue directly providing supported employment, transportation, residential, and other services, instead linking clients to registered third-party providers.

MCBDD requested the Auditor of State's Ohio Performance Team (OPT) conduct a performance audit on its operations and offer recommendations for improvement.

A copy of the full performance audit is available online (<https://ohioauditor.gov/performance.html>) (ohioauditor.gov/performance.html).

Overall, OPT found MCBDD to be in good fiscal health, and Thursday's audit report includes recommendations for additional improvement.

The performance audit included a review of MCBDD's progress in meeting the federal conflict-free case management requirements and resulting changes to its workforce. For example, between 2018 and 2021, the Board reduced its personnel expenses as it shifted from providing direct transportation services to connecting residents with third-party providers.

MCBDD will need to continue to review its workforce and determine additional staffing changes moving forward, OPT recommended: "...The Board may determine that it requires fewer positions to carry out core functions. MCBDD should continue to monitor staffing levels to ensure that it is able to continue to provide appropriate services to its clients at an efficient level."

Thursday's report also includes recommendations for the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, including further refinement of cost projections used by county boards to forecast revenues and expenditures.

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Medina police

Saturday, March 18
8:50 a.m. — 300 block of Harding Street; a call was made regarding an unruly juvenile.

8:17 p.m. — 700 block of Westwood Drive; a call was made regarding a burglary.

Sunday, March 19
1:26 p.m. — Smith Road/Broadway Street; an officer conducted a traffic stop for expired plates, which led to a citation being issued.

1:55 p.m. — 200 block of South Court Street; there was a motor vehicle crash with no reported injuries that resulted in a citation/summons being issued.

6:18 p.m. — 200 block of North Court Street; a call was made regarding a woman refusing to leave the store. Officers responded and arrested her for persistent disorderly conduct.

8:05 p.m. — North Court Street/East North Street; an officer conducted a traffic stop, which led to the driver being cited for driving under suspension.

Monday, March 20
3:32 p.m. — 5700 block of Chippewa Road; a call was made regarding a stolen catalytic converter, valued at approximately \$600.

Medina Township police

Sunday, March 5
7:42 a.m. — Interstate-71/Weymouth Road; an officer conducted a traffic stop.

9:50 a.m. — 3100 block of Medina Road; a call was made regarding theft.

11:19 p.m. — 3700 block of Weymouth Road; an officer conducted a traffic stop.

Monday, March 6
8:10 a.m. — Remsen Road/Hamlin Road; a vehicle swerved to avoid hitting a deer and flipped into a ditch.

10:49 a.m. — 3100 block of Eastpointe Drive; a woman said

she is being threatened via email by her ex-husband.

8:49 p.m. — Maggie Marie Boulevard; a call was made regarding a suspicious person.

Tuesday, March 7
6:02 p.m. — 4000 block of Pearl Road; a man applying for a job used a fake Pennsylvania license. The interviewer confiscated the license and turned it over to the police.

7:25 p.m. — Windfall Road/Medina Road; an officer conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle with one headlight. A marijuana vaporizer was then found in the vehicle. The driver was warned for the equipment violation and an expired Ohio driver's license. The driver was cited for marijuana possession and released at the scene.

Wednesday, March 8
6:59 p.m. — 3600 block of Fenn Road; a call was made regarding a suspicious person and vehicle.

9:02 p.m. — 5000 block of Eastpointe Drive; the owner requested a friend of an employee be removed from the property for being disruptive. Upon the officer's arrival, the friend was gone but the owner got the plate of her car and still wanted her arrested for trespassing.

Thursday, March 9
7:41 a.m. — Stonegate Drive/Pearl Road; a car rear-ended another at a red light.

9:47 a.m. — 5000 block of Gateway Drive; a call was made regarding a suspicious person.

6:04 p.m. — Fenn Road/Pearl Road; a complaint was made regarding traffic/reckless operation.

Friday, March 10
4:21 a.m. — 5000 block of Gateway Drive; a call was made regarding a burglary.

9:23 a.m. — 5000 block of Gateway Drive; a 16-foot box truck was towed to Valley Hino garage for repairs and at that time, management agreed to pay the tow fee in agreement that they would do repairs for a new engine

and drive shaft. The truck owner never authorized the repairs after the quote was given. Management left voicemails and sent a certified letter to the owner for its removal. Having no response, the truck was towed by World Truck.

Saturday, March 11
2:01 a.m. — 2800 block of Medina Road; an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle due to multiple traffic violations. While in contact with the driver, officers observed indications of impairment. An open container of an alcoholic beverage was also located in plain sight. The driver submitted to sobriety tests and was arrested for operating a vehicle impaired. The driver was then transported to the Montville Township Police Department where she submitted a breath sample of 0.085 BAC.

4:53 p.m. — 4100 block of Pearl Road; a call was made regarding vandalism.

6:42 p.m. — 4100 block of Pearl Road; a call was made regarding disorderly conduct at Walmart.

Montville Township police

Sunday, Feb. 26
1:54 a.m. — Medina Road/Foote Road; an officer conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle making an illegal U-turn, marked lanes, speed and expired registration. While in contact with the driver, Michelle Amanda Iwaszkiv, the officer observed indications of impairment. Field sobriety tests were conducted and the officer came to the conclusion that Iwaszkiv was under the influence. While reviewing Iwaszkiv's driving history, it showed two previous impaired driving convictions, causing a mandatory tow and immobilization of the vehicle. Iwaszkiv was transported to the Montville Township Police Department, where she refused a breath test. Iwaszkiv was later charged with operating a vehicle while impaired and refusing a

breath test with a prior conviction.

2:27 p.m. — Fixler Road, Wadsworth; officers assisted the Medina County Sheriff's Office with a trespassing call.

11:24 p.m. — Sharon Copley Road/Highland Green Drive; an officer conducted a traffic stop for speeding as the vehicle was going 70 mph in a 45-mph zone. The driver was cited for speeding. It was found that the driver was a juvenile and the parents were contacted and made aware of the citation.

Monday, Feb. 27
8:12 p.m. — Medina Road; a call was made regarding a suspicious vehicle. Officers responded and found that the driver misjudged the perimeter of the lot and drove onto soft ground. The driver was waiting for AAA when the officer arrived.

11:51 p.m. — Medina Road; a call was made regarding a suspicious vehicle. An officer responded and found that the driver just stopped to rest.

Tuesday, Feb. 28
10:20 a.m. — Wooster Pike Road/Poe Road; an officer performed a random plate check and the results came back to a different vehicle than the plates were on. In talking with the driver, Jeffery Lee Simmons, he stated that the plates came from a vehicle he stopped driving a couple of years ago and he transferred them to the current vehicle. In further investigation, it was found that the plates were never transferred and Simmons was issued a citation for plates belonging to another vehicle.

2:07 p.m. — East Smith Road/Forest Hills Drive; a large semitrailer was completely blocking the road. With help from the Montville Township Maintenance Department, the driver was able to get back on the road with only minor damage to the right of way.

2:36 p.m. — Poe Road/Deer Tail Drive; an officer conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle that was

going 62 mph in a 45 mph zone. The driver was issued a citation for speeding and referred to juvenile diversion.

Wednesday, March 1
2:03 a.m. — Sharon Copley Road/Emerald Lakes Drive; a vehicle was stopped for littering and marked lanes. A search yielded marijuana and several pipes, which the passenger took ownership of and was cited accordingly.

12:50 p.m. — Montville Drive; a caller reported that someone driving a U-Haul truck pulled in and stole a leaf blower out of their shed.

2:14 p.m. — Wooster Pike Road; there was a two-vehicle private property crash with no reported injuries.

Thursday, March 2
1:26 a.m. — Medina Road/Interstate 71; a vehicle was stopped for a marked lanes violation. The driver, Angela D. Smith, was found to be suspended and had warrants out of Morrow County. Smith was cited for the suspensions and taken to the Medina County Jail to await extradition.

9:33 p.m. — Chippewa Road; a caller said that someone possibly had broken into a residence.

10:58 p.m. — Interstate-71; an officer conducted a traffic stop for the failure to display plates, no license plate light and marked lane violations. When speaking with the driver, Brandy Lynn Keagle, the officer smelled marijuana coming from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle found marijuana. Keagle exhibited signs of impairment. Sobriety tests were conducted and the driver was arrested for impaired driving. Keagle then tried to dispose of drugs in a toilet and was transported to the Medina County Jail for tampering with the evidence.

Friday, March 3
5:02 p.m. — Forest Run Circle; a citation was issued to a juvenile for a school bus violation. The juvenile was recommended for

diversion and the mother was contacted, who agreed with the outcome.

Saturday, March 4
12:04 a.m. — Sharon Copley Road/Emerald Lakes Drive; an officer conducted a traffic stop for no headlights. It was found that it was a juvenile driver, who was cited for driving between midnight and 6 a.m. and having more than one non-family member in the car. The parents came and picked the juveniles up.

12:11 a.m. — Medina Road; a traffic stop was conducted for not having brake lights. When speaking with the driver, Daniel Joseph Henn, the officer smelled marijuana, which Henn admitted to having a small amount of. The vehicle was searched and marijuana was found with no other contraband. A summons for marijuana and a traffic citation for no brake lights were issued.

12:53 a.m. — Interstate 71/Medina Road; a vehicle was stopped for making an improper left turn and cutting across hashed lane markers. The driver, Lindsey Carrigan Jr., was found to be suspended out of California and had no Ohio driver's license. Carrigan was issued a citation and advised to wait for a ride.

1:23 a.m. — Interstate 71; an officer conducted a traffic stop for one headlight. The officer then conducted a probable cause search which yielded a bong, raw marijuana, a marijuana smoking device, a grinder and rolling papers. The driver, Kailey Rae Crowden, was cited for possessing a controlled substance and for drug paraphernalia.

2:02 p.m. — Interstate 71; a vehicle was stopped for tinted windows. Several marijuana cigarettes were observed in the door and the driver, Michelle T. Obar, admitted to smoking earlier in the day. A probable cause search was conducted, which led to Obar being cited for possession of marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia.

ROUNDUP

From A2

MCBDD hosts roundtable on shortage of caregivers

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities hosted a “DD Dialogues-Caregiver Crisis” roundtable event on Friday at the Medina County Achievement Center.

The goal of the event was to bring together elected officials with families and local disability organizations to discuss Ohio's developmental disability workforce crisis, the impact the caregiver crisis is having on people with developmental disabilities and how elected officials can address the crisis.

The board said there is a workforce shortage of skilled caregivers caused by low wages. Rates for caregivers are set by the state government.

During the event, representatives from local organizations that help people with disabilities shared their stories of the daily struggles they are facing.

County residents appointed to Leadership Ohio’s class of 2023

Leadership Ohio, a leadership development program, announced its class of 2023, which has two Medina County residents on it.

The 35 participants come from a variety of industries, and the group will engage in a series of sessions that cover topics such as the state judiciary, small town resurgence and



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Medina County Commissioner Aaron Harrison, state Sen. Mark Romanchuk, R-Ontario, state Rep. Melanie Miller, R-Ashland, Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities Director of Community Development Pam Hunt and CEO of The Society Melanie Kasten-Krause listen to the stories of people impacted by the shortage of skilled caregivers for people with developmental disabilities as part of the MCBDD's DD Dialogues event on Friday.

civil discourse. The group will also network.

The following residents are in the Leadership Ohio class of 2023:

- Daniel Sublett of Wadsworth
- Julianne Bedel of Spencer

For more information about Leadership

Ohio, visit leadershipohio.org. Nominations for the class of 2024 open this fall.

Extended road closure at CSX bridge

The road closure at the CSX bridge over

Congress Road in Harrisville Township has been extended. The updated expected completion date is now Monday.

The road is closed between Greenwich and Sanford roads.

— from staff reports

REPAIRS

From A1

The quote includes the removal and replacement of the Diamond Brite finish for both the lap and leisure pools, the replacement of underwater lights, the repainting of depth markers in the leisure pool and replacing drain covers in both pools.

In addition, the quote includes replacing the pool lifts, which make the pool handicapped-accessible, and making spa repairs that include replacing the lights.

Since Medina Schools does not use either the spa or the pool lifts, the city will reimburse 100 percent of the cost, which is expected to be around \$51,469 for the spa repairs and \$23,661 for the

Both the city and Medina Schools will split the remaining costs, which add up to an estimated \$1,406,574.

lift replacements.

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“There were some areas where cutbacks could have been made to the repair costs,” Sable said. “It was our feeling as a team that those cutbacks were not worth the reductions in price because it could hurt the longevity of the materials and the coatings for the pool that were being used.”

O’Cull said the repairs will consist of going down to the pool’s substrate and rebuild-

ing the pools’ walls and floors with the Diamond Brite finish.

O’Cull said the leisure pool’s finish is about 11 years old while the competition pool’s finish was the original installment about 20 years ago.

O’Cull said the hope is that tearing the pool surface down to the substrate and rebuilding will extend the longevity of the pool’s finish.

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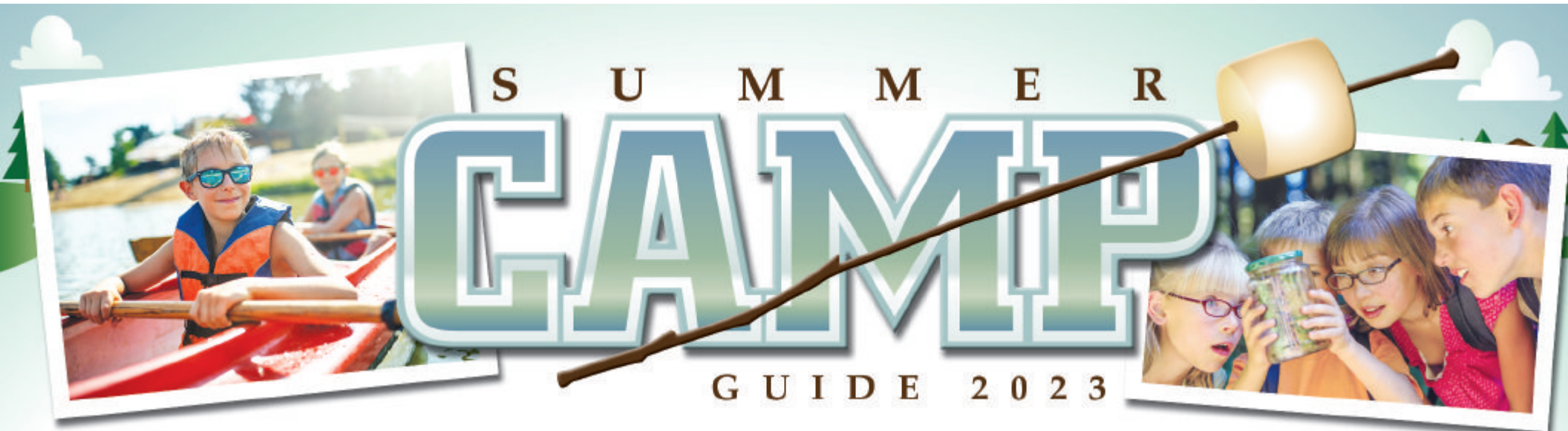
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All children should have the chance to grow, find friends, and gain confidence by attending summer camp. While planning for summer camp can be exciting, parents of children with disabilities may have additional concerns. Sending a child with disabilities to camp can be a huge decision, so here are tips about making your choice:

Start at the End

Think about what you want your child to get out of the camp experience. Be realistic with goals and expectations. Decide which type of environment will best address your child’s strengths, needs and interests.

Talk, Talk, Talk....and Be Honest

When entrusting your child’s care to others it is SO important they understand how to take good care of your child. Be completely honest when talking with camp personnel about the needs of your child. Let

A flyer for "SUMMER DAY CAMP". At the top, it says "REGISTRATION NOW OPEN". The camp dates are "JUNE 12-JULY 21" for "AGES 6-12". The cost is "\$75 WEEKLY". Activities listed include "FIELD TRIPS", "ENRICHMENT", "GAMES", "SWIMMING", and "CRAFTS". The location is "425 W. LIBERTY ST. MEDINA, OH 44256" with phone number "(330) 722-6488". The logo for "THE SALVATION ARMY" is at the bottom left, and the slogan "DOING THE MOST GOOD" is at the bottom right. There are three circular photos showing children at camp.

them know if there are any accommodations or limitations. Ask for references and talk to other parents about their experiences with the camp you are considering.



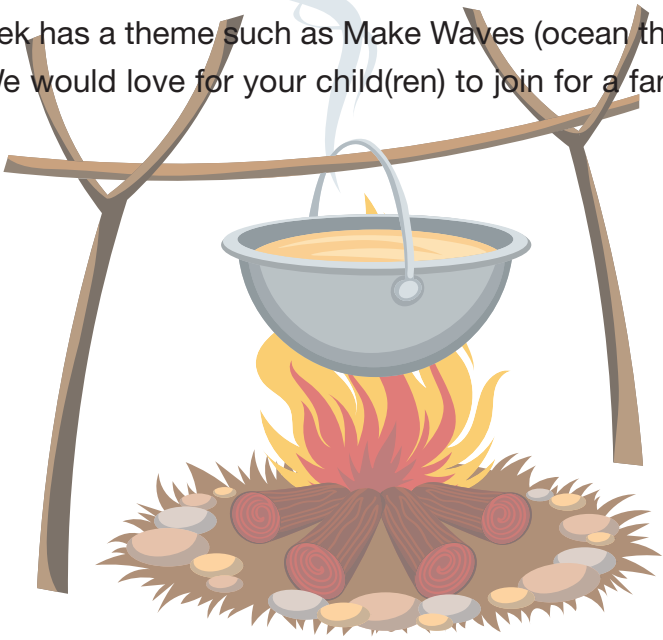
Get the Details

Ask camp personnel about past experiences they’ve had with children with disabilities. Ask about staff training in supporting kids with different abilities. Ask for information about the number of campers - a ratio of one to three or four is preferred for children with disabilities. Know the camp’s policy regarding family communication.

For more information or help, contact the Medina County Board of DD Children’s Services Department at 330-725-7751, option 1 or visit www.mcbdd.org.

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Camperships are up to \$300 each, with a limit of one (1) per person.

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