

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 22, 2024

- **Regular Board Meeting: 5:00 p.m.**
- **Executive Session: Following General Session (if needed)**

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

Attendees are requested to follow all posted safety guidelines.

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

MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
April 22, 2024

- I. Call to Order (5:00 p.m.)**
- II. General Session**
- A. Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. Mission Statement Affirmation**
- C. Approval of Minutes**
1. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, March 25, 2024
- D. Presentations**
1. Behavior Supports (Focus Areas 1 & 3) – Christie Kimbler
- E. Old Business - No Old Business**
- F. New Business**
1. Excess Property Resolution #12-24 (ACTION)
 2. 2024-2025 Language Learning Assoc. Contract Resolution #13-24 (ACTION)
 3. Perrin Concrete Proposal Resolution #14-24 (ACTION)
 4. Snider Recreation Inc.-Playground Updates Proposal Resolution #16-24 (ACTION)
- G. Reports Review**
- a. Superintendent’s Report
 - b. Financial Reports:
 - Revenue
 - Expenditures
 - Cash Balance
 - Cash Flow
 - c. Voucher Reports & Resolution #15-24 (ACTION)
 - d. Enrollee Statistics Report
 - e. Personnel Control Report
 - f. Quarterly Reports
- III. Open Forum (Board Policy Ch. 2, Sec. 4 E)**
- The Board maintains discretion to hold an Open Forum
 - Five (5) minutes allotted per speaker
 - Forty-five (45) minutes, total of (9) speakers
- IV. Executive Session**
- V. Adjournment**

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2024

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Meeting Minutes

MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2024

I. Call to Order

The MCBDD Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Board President Andy Olah at 5:02 p.m. Other Board Members present included the following: Wayne Carroll, Dave Hartman, Lisa Dreaden, Mark Gryskiewicz, and Sandra Thomas Fain. Ann Salek was excused.

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

II. General Session

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. Mission Statement Affirmation

The Mission Statement was recited.

C. Recognition

Mr. Olah recognized the passing of former MCBDD Board Member and staff, Suzanne Barnes Brown.

D. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, February 26, 2024

A Motion was made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Thomas Fain, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on February 26, 2024. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

E. Presentations

1. DD Awareness Month

Ms. Hetkey reviewed the history of DD Awareness month and how the MCBDD is continuing to improve community awareness of developmental differences. Ms. Hetkey stated that the MCBDD is the first ever to present “Stand Out Champion Awards” (of this nature) in Medina County to community members or businesses whom have made a difference in the lives of those with developmental differences. The winners will receive an acrylic award, a gift basket, and public recognition. The Board requested a list of the winning recipients prior to next month’s board meeting. Ms. Hetkey shared other ways the MCBDD promoted DD Awareness month.

2. 2023 Action Plan Year-End Summary and 2023 Annual Report

Ms. Maleckar reviewed highlights of the 2023 Action Plan Year-End Summary and the 2023 Annual Report. For the Strategic Planning Focus Groups meetings, Ms. Maleckar will be sending an email to the Board members with the date, time, and room.

F. Follow-Up

The Follow-Up items were reviewed by Ms. Maleckar and Ms. Bajorek.

G. Old-Business

There was no Old-Business.

H. New Business

1. Excess Property Resolution #10-24 (ACTION)

A Motion was made by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Gryskiewicz, to approve Resolution #10-24 to declare the requested items as Excess Property and usable by the MCBDD. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

I. Reports Review

- Superintendent’s Report
 - Ms. Maleckar reviewed the Superintendent’s Report and addressed questions from the Board.
- Financial Reports – Ms. Bates reviewed the following:
 - Revenue
 - General Reimbursement – School Tuition.
 - General Reimbursement – Bus Garage Management.
 - General Reimbursement – JFS Shared Medicaid Match.
 - No Donations Received.
 - Expenses
 - Advertising – Includes some annual contract amounts.
 - Other Expenses – Annual Dues and Memberships.
 - Medicaid Match - \$37,983 (5) DC Residents.
 - PY Carry Over - \$186,305, mostly Capital Improvements.
 - Cash Balance
 - Updated Reserve (to equal 40% of prior year expenses per rule).
 - NEON – FSS/SL Transfers for Expenses.
 - \$34M.
 - Cash Flow
 - \$1.2M Use of Fund Balance.
- Voucher Report

A Motion was made by Ms. Thomas Fain, seconded by Mr. Gryskiewicz, to approve Resolution #11-24 to approve the Financial Reports for February, 2024. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

Mr. Hartman asked if the MCBDD has a process to follow when given a bill to pay for damages for an individual’s housing. Ms. Bates stated there is a process that the MCBDD follows before anything is paid. This process goes through the Needs Committee, which also has a budget line item for this expense.

- Enrollee Stats
 - There were no questions or comments from the Board.
- Personnel Control Report
 - There were no questions or comments from the Board.

- 2024 Action Plan Dashboard
 - There were no questions or comments from the Board.

III. Open Forum

There were no speakers.

IV. Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

V. Adjournment

A Motion was made by Ms. Thomas Fain, seconded by Mr. Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 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

New Business



RESOLUTION #12-24

April 22, 2024

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 #12-24.

Board Chair
Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Excess Property - April

Asset Tag	Item Description	Note	Disposal Method
S5560	elo Touch Monitor	No longer useful to agency	Auction
S5494	Acer V173 Monitor	No longer useful to agency	Auction
S5434	Acer V193 Monitor	No longer useful to agency	Auction
W3263	Acer AL1716 LCD Monitor	No longer useful to agency	Auction
S5655	Lenovo L2021wA Monitor	No longer useful to agency	Auction
6431	Lenovo ThinkPad E565	No longer useful to agency, upgraded RAM and SSD	Auction
6442	Lenovo ThinkPad E565	No longer useful to agency, upgraded RAM and SSD	Auction
6408	Lenovo ThinkPad E565	No longer useful to agency, upgraded RAM and SSD	Auction
6836	Lenovo Yoga15	No longer useful to agency	Auction
6405	Lenovo ThinkPad E565	No longer useful to agency, upgraded RAM and SSD	Auction
6586	Lenovo ThinkPad 11e	No longer useful to agency	Auction
6434	Lenovo ThinkPad E565	No longer useful to agency	Auction
6438	Lenovo ThinkPad E565	No longer useful to agency	Auction
6407	Lenovo ThinkPad E565	No longer useful to agency	Auction
6401	Lenovo ThinkPad E565	No longer useful to agency	Auction
6448	Lenovo ThinkPad E565	No longer useful to agency	Auction
Asset Tag	Item Description	Note	Disposal Method
6712	Lenovo ThinkCentre M715q	Failing, cannot diagnose	RET3
S5155	Electric Stapler	Broken	Trash



RESOLUTION #13-24

April 22, 2024

MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

2024-2025 LANGUAGE LEARNING ASSOCIATES, LLC (DBA LLA THERAPY) CONTRACT

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Language Learning Associates, LLC (dba LLA Therapy) for the following services:

- Speech Therapy**
- Physical Therapy**
- Physical Therapy Assistant**
- Occupational Therapy**

The contract will be effective from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025 for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00:

- \$162,000.00 for Speech Therapy
- \$ 32,000.00 for Physical Therapy Assistant
- \$ 44,000.00 for Physical Therapy
- \$ 62,000.00 for Occupational Therapy

Explanation:

Contract period aligns with school year. Rates increased on average 3% from the 2023-2024 contract rates. LLA Therapy confirmed that these rates will remain in effect for the next two contract cycles (through SY2025-2026).

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED AND ASSIGNED RESOLUTION #13-24.

Board Chair
Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

and

Language Learning Associates, LLC (dba LLA Therapy)

THIS CONTRACT, entered into by and between the MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, with its principal office at 4691 Windfall Road, Medina, Ohio 44256, hereinafter referred to as "**BOARD**", and Language Learning Associates, LLC (dba LLA Therapy) an independent contractor, with its principal office located at 150 N. Miller Rd., Fairlawn, Ohio 44333, hereinafter referred to as "**PROVIDER**", witnesseth that:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 5126 of the Ohio Revised Code, such Boards existing for the purpose of administrating and supervising facilities, programs, and services established under Chapter 5126 of the Ohio Revised Code and being subject to the rules, regulations, and standards of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD); and

WHEREAS, the **BOARD**, by the authority vested in it under Chapter 5126 of the Ohio Revised Code may enter into contracts to obtain facilities, programs, and services authorized in Chapter 5126 of the Ohio Revised Code upon such terms as may be agreeable; and

WHEREAS, the **PROVIDER** is a fully licensed and/or certified provider of services which are eligible for payment by the **BOARD**; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into a contract whereby the **BOARD** will provide reimbursement to the **PROVIDER** for the services designated in Attachment A1.

Now therefore, the **BOARD** and the **PROVIDER**, for the mutual considerations herein contained and specified, do hereby agree as follows:

SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS

1.1 Applicable Law means those federal, state and local laws and regulations which govern the conduct of the parties to this agreement.

1.2 Applicable Requirements includes all the following to the extent that any of these requirements govern the conduct of the parties of this contract:

1. Applicable Law
2. Medina County Board of DD policies and procedures
3. Rules and Directives from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) which apply to services, functions and duties of the parties to this Contract
4. The requirements of this Contract

1.3 Individual means a person with a developmental disability who is receiving locally funded services from the **BOARD**.

1.4 Individual Service Plan (ISP) means a written description of the services, supports and activities to be provided to a **BOARD** eligible individual in accordance with the Applicable Requirements.

SECTION 2: SERVICE TERM

2.1 This contract shall be effective from **July 1, 2024** through **June 30, 2025**.

2.2 This Contract may be terminated by either party at any time for cause or for no cause by providing the other party with notice in writing not less than 90 days prior to terminating this Contract.

2.3 The **BOARD** may terminate this contract in the event that the **BOARD** has determined that conditions exist which present an immediate and substantial risk to the physical or mental welfare of the individual(s) receiving service, or the continued inability of the **PROVIDER** to deliver service. The **BOARD** may also terminate this contract if the **PROVIDER** is in violation of the conflict of interest standards outlined in section 6.7 or if the license or certification of the **PROVIDER** lapses for any reason. If the **BOARD** determines that the contract shall be terminated pursuant to this section, or section 6.7, the **BOARD** shall give notice to the **PROVIDER** via certified mail, and upon the date of receipt of said notice, the obligations of all parties shall cease.

- 2.4** The parties may terminate this contract by mutual agreement in writing. Timelines for termination of obligations shall be identified in the written agreement.
- 2.5** In the event that this contract is terminated, the **BOARD** shall pay the **PROVIDER** for services rendered to the termination date. All finished and unfinished documents and other materials belonging to the **BOARD** shall be returned. Work product(s) produced by the **PROVIDER** to the termination date shall be delivered to the **BOARD** in a timely manner.
- 2.6** Either party may initiate the dispute resolution procedure of OAC 5123-4-04 in the event there is a dispute concerning the services provided herein or if either party wishes to terminate this contract.

SECTION 3: CONTRACT AMOUNT

- 3.1** The amount of this contract shall not exceed **\$300,000.00**, for up to 2288 hours of Speech Therapy service at \$68.00 per hour plus travel for assigned home visits at IRS rate at time of travel per mile for services rendered by **PROVIDER** in accordance with Attachment A1 912 hours of Occupational Therapy service at \$68.00 per hour plus travel for assigned home visits at IRS rate at time of travel per mile for services rendered by **PROVIDER** in accordance with Attachment A1 608 hours of a Physical Therapy Assistant at \$52.00 per hour for services rendered by **PROVIDER** in accordance with Attachment A1 and 608 hours of a Physical Therapy at \$72.00 per hour plus travel for assigned home visits at IRS rate at time of travel per mile for services rendered by **PROVIDER** in accordance with Attachment A1.

SECTION 4: PAYMENT TERMS

- 4.1** The **PROVIDER** shall submit invoices to the **BOARD'S** Director of Children's Services, who will review, approve, and send to the Business Office to process payment. The **PROVIDER** shall supply any additional information reasonably requested by the **BOARD** to verify that **PROVIDER** rendered such services. Unless alternate arrangements have been made with the **BOARD'S** Director of Business, invoices shall be submitted to the **BOARD** within 10 working days after the end of the month services were provided. The **BOARD** shall pay the **PROVIDER** within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice. The **BOARD** may not pay for services for which appropriate claims or adjustments have not been submitted within

one hundred and twenty (120) days from the date of service provision, unless alternate arrangements to extend the time period have been made with the **BOARD**.

- 4.2** The invoice submitted by the **PROVIDER** shall include all of the following:
- a. The **PROVIDER's** name, address and telephone number;
 - b. The time period for which the billings are submitted;
 - c. The number of hours of service per individual per month actually provided during the listed time period;
 - d. The hourly cost;
 - e. Miles traveled for home visits scheduled by MCBDD;
 - f. The total amount of the invoice; and
 - g. Such other information as the **BOARD** may request in writing.

SECTION 5: SERVICES OF THE PROVIDER

- 5.1** The **PROVIDER** agrees to provide the **BOARD** with the services described in Attachment A1, attached and incorporated herein.
- 5.2** The **PROVIDER** agrees to deliver services in accordance with Applicable Requirements, including but not limited to **BOARD** guidelines, instructions, philosophies, and principles, follow all **BOARD** policies and procedures, and be in compliance with DODD rules/laws and requirements designated under appropriate accreditation standards as determined by the **BOARD**. At all times, the confidentiality and dignity of the individuals served shall be maintained. The **BOARD** reserves the right to reject any service provider who does not comply with these agency provisions.
- 5.3** The **PROVIDER** shall develop and implement a plan of correction to address any deficiencies or complaints made by the **BOARD** or individuals serviced under this contract that are related to the services described in Attachment A, attached and incorporated herein. If the **PROVIDER** shall fail to develop a plan of correction that is acceptable to the **BOARD** and/or individual serviced by this contract, any and all services may be terminated as provided in Section 2.
- 5.4** The **PROVIDER** shall only provide services that are identified on the individual's ISP, IEP, or IFSP as established by **BOARD** process and supported by the necessary assessments.

PROVIDER will not be paid for services provided which are not identified on the individual's ISP, IEP, or IFSP and/or are not supported by the necessary assessments. In all instances where a change in service level is identified, the level of service for each individual served must be identified by the individual's team before implementation of a change in service level.

- 5.5** The **BOARD** does not guarantee any referrals to **PROVIDER** and has no obligation to **PROVIDER** or to any of its professionals to maintain any volume of referrals for service.

SECTION 6: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROVIDER

6.1 STAFF TRAINING AND BACKGROUND CHECKS

PROVIDER shall conduct criminal background investigations of all staff in accordance with OAC 5123-2-02, and provide evidence of such upon request.

PROVIDER shall require that all staff meet the Applicable Requirements including but not limited to DODD's rules and regulations as applicable to **PROVIDER** and any certifications specified by the **BOARD** in Attachment B.

Upon **BOARD** request, **PROVIDER** shall furnish the **BOARD** with evidence of appropriate state licensure and credentials and/or certification as required for all personnel providing services under this contract.

PROVIDER shall assure no staff is listed on the DODD Abuse Registry.

PROVIDER shall employ staff in sufficient numbers and with sufficient academic background and/or experience to meet the training, health, safety, social and personal needs of the individual as such needs are mutually agreed upon by the parties.

PROVIDER shall obtain training which is acceptable to the **BOARD** for all *staff* providing services under this contract,

PROVIDER shall assure the staff providing services to fulfill this contract participate in an orientation scheduled by the **BOARD** and the successfully complete the training listed in Attachment B offered by the **BOARD** during the orientation.

6.2 EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

PROVIDER shall comply with all local, state and federal requirements regarding non-discrimination, fair employment practices, and wage and hour standards, and shall not discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of race, color, disability, religion, sex, or national origin.

PROVIDER agrees to adhere to all relevant professional standards of practice and codes of ethics.

6.3 RECORDS AND AUDITS

PROVIDER shall maintain a record system adequate for recording services, charges, dates, and all other commonly accepted information for services provided to individuals under this contract. **PROVIDER** shall allow the **BOARD** access to these records at any time during regular business hours. At a minimum, **PROVIDER** shall maintain all information, data, reports, and documentation as may be required by Medicaid, DODD, and any other applicable regulations and accreditation requirements, both state and federal, in compliance with standards, for each and every unit of service provided to individuals and submitted to the **BOARD** for payment.

PROVIDER shall pay to **BOARD**, upon **BOARD'S** demand, any amounts charged against the **BOARD** as a result of **PROVIDER'S** failure to submit or maintain appropriate documentation of service provision as determined by **PROVIDER'S** non-compliance with Medicaid, DODD, or other state or federal applicable regulations.

6.4 MAJOR UNUSUAL INCIDENTS

The **PROVIDER** shall ensure that all Major Unusual Incidents (MUI) as well as reports of individuals having medical or behavioral concerns are reported to the **BOARD** in accordance with Applicable Requirements. The **PROVIDER** shall document all Unusual Incidents in accordance with Applicable Requirements. The **PROVIDER** shall report MUI's involving abuse, neglect, exploitation, misappropriation or death by speaking with their designated representative immediately but no less than four (4) hours after discovery. To report an MUI, call 330-725-7751 Option 4. Reports are sent to muireport@mcbdd.org.

6.5 WORKERS' COMPENSATION

PROVIDER shall comply with all applicable Workers' Compensation laws and acquire a certificate of insurance if required by the Worker's Compensation Bureau, evidence of which must be produced to the **BOARD** upon demand.

6.6 CONFIDENTIALITY

PROVIDER agrees not to disclose any information obtained while performing the services set forth in this contract without the express prior written informed consent of the individual authorized to release such records. Specifically, with respect to consumer-specific protected health information, **PROVIDER** agrees at all times to retain the confidentiality of any consumer-specific information made available to or generated by **PROVIDER** through the course of the contract. If applicable, **PROVIDER** shall comply with any applicable requirements of HIPAA.

6.7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

PROVIDER warrants that to the best of its ability at the date of the signing of this contract, no conflict of interest exists or is likely to arise in the performance of its obligations under the contract by itself, its employees or any of its sub-contractors. **PROVIDER** shall, to the best of its ability, ensure that its employees or sub-contractors shall not during the course of this contract, engage in any activity or obtain any interest likely to cause a conflict of interest in performing the obligations under this contract. If during the course of the contract a conflict of interest or a risk of conflict of interest does arise, the **PROVIDER** will immediately notify the **BOARD** in writing. The **BOARD** may, after confirming a conflict of interest does exist, terminate the contract.

The **BOARD** may terminate this contract if, after an investigation by the **BOARD**, it determines that the **PROVIDER**, its employees or subcontractors offered or gave a gratuity or gift to an employee of the **BOARD** with the intent of obtaining a contract or favorable treatment under a contract.

PROVIDER shall disclose, upon the **BOARD'S** request, its for-profit or not-for-profit status and a complete list of names and addresses of any individuals or organizations having a direct or indirect ownership or controlling interest of five percent (5%) or more in the **PROVIDER**.

PROVIDER shall comply with all provisions under ORC 3517.13 when making campaign contributions to any elected official governing the **BOARD**.

6.8 INSURANCE

PROVIDER will obtain and/or maintain in full force and effect general liability insurance covering the **PROVIDER'S** activities under this contract, and name the **BOARD** as an additional insured. Such coverage shall be an amount of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence with an annual aggregate limit not less than two million (\$2,000,000). **PROVIDER** shall ensure that there is automobile liability and uninsured/underinsured insurance coverage for all passenger vehicles used to transport individuals, whether such vehicles are owned by the **PROVIDER** or its agents or employees, in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00). **PROVIDER** will indemnify and hold harmless the **BOARD** from any and all claims and/or liability that may arise as a result of the **PROVIDER'S** sole negligence, errors, and/or omissions. **PROVIDER** shall furnish the **BOARD** with a certificate of insurance identifying the **BOARD** as an additional insured prior to commencement of this contract.

SECTION 7: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

- 7.1 The **BOARD** shall assist the **PROVIDER** by placing at its disposal all available information pertinent to the services to be provided.
- 7.2 The **BOARD** shall review and evaluate the services delivered by **PROVIDER** on a continuing basis to ensure that services are delivered according to the provisions of this contract.

SECTION 8: GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 8.1 **PROVIDER** shall not subcontract the delivery of any services under this contract unless prior written approval is obtained from the **BOARD**.
- 8.2 **PROVIDER**, as well as employees of the **PROVIDER**, shall at all times be a private, independent contractor and shall not be considered an employee, agent or partner of the **BOARD**. The **PROVIDER** acknowledges its legal obligation to pay and account for all

necessary employer tax contributions, including but not limited to all federal, state and/or local income tax, withholding and unemployment taxes, as well as FICA and workers compensation contributions. **PROVIDER** (and its employees) enters into this Contract, and will remain throughout the term of this Contract, as an independent contractor. No employee of the **PROVIDER** shall be considered an employee of the County Board for any purpose whatsoever. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to make the **PROVIDER** or its employees, an employee, agent or servant of the County Board.

- 8.3** Neither party shall use the name of the other in any promotional or advertising material unless approval of the intended use is obtained from the party whose name is to be used.
- 8.4** Attachments are hereby incorporated as a part of this contract.
- 8.5** If any terms and conditions of this contract are held to be invalid or unenforceable as a matter of law, the other terms and conditions hereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect. To this end, the terms and conditions of this contract are declared severable.
- 8.6** Section headings of this contract are for reference purposes only and shall not be construed as part of this contract.
- 8.7** This contract is complete and contains the entire understanding between the parties relating to the subject matter contained herein, including all the terms and conditions of the parties' agreement. This contract supersedes any and all prior understandings, representations, negotiations, and agreements between the parties relating hereto, whether written or oral.

SECTION 9: NOTICE

All communication to the **BOARD** by the **PROVIDER** related to the service needs of a specific individual shall be made to that individual's SSA. Any other notices, demands, or other documents required or permitted to be delivered, shall be in writing and may be delivered personally or shall be considered to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the parties at their respective address indicated below.

If to **BOARD:**

Director of Children's Services
Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities
4691 Windfall Road
Medina, Ohio 44256

If to **PROVIDER:**

President
Language Learning Associates, LLC (dba LLA Therapy)
150 N. Miller Rd.
Fairlawn, OH 44333

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound, the following Parties duly authorized to cause this contract to be executed have executed the contract on the dates indicated below.

MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

LANGUAGE LEARNING ASSOCIATES, LLC (dba LLA
THERAPY)

BY Stacey Maleckar

BY Troy McClowry

NAME _____

NAME _____

TITLE Superintendent

TITLE President

DATE _____

DATE _____

WITNESS _____


WITNESS _____

Provider Contract Contact:

Name:	
Email:	
Phone:	

Approved as to Form:

S. Forrest Thompson,
Medina County Prosecutor



4/12/24
Brian M. Richter

ATTACHMENT A1
SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED



Physical Therapy Assistant- Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant



Physical Therapy - Licensed Physical Therapist



Occupational Therapy - Licensed Occupational Therapist



Occupational Therapy Assistance - Certified OT Assistant



Speech Therapy - Licensed Speech Therapist



Psychology/Counseling



Physical Examinations - Licensed Physician



Vision Screenings - Licensed Ophthalmologist



Audiological - Licensed Audiologist



Orientation and Mobility - Certified Orientation & Mobility Specialist



Braille Instruction - Certified Teacher for Visual Handicaps



Assistive Technology



Research

ATTACHMENT B

REQUIRED TRAINING



Annual MUI/Abuse/Neglect



Client Rights



Confidentiality



Universal Precautions for Communicable Diseases



First Aid (If services are to be provided off-site and provider is alone with consumer)



CPR (If services are to be provided off-site and provider is alone with consumer)



RESOLUTION #14-24

April 22, 2024

MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

PERRIN CONCRETE PROPOSAL

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to authorize the Superintendent to accept the scope of work for a proposal with Perrin for concrete replacement.

The cost for the scope of work shall not exceed: \$48,500.00.

Explanation:

The main purpose of this project is to replace and repair distressed concrete in the right main front of the building. This project is included in the Capital Improvements budget.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED AND ASSIGNED RESOLUTION #14-24.

Board Chair
Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities



ASPHALT • CONCRETE

525 DAN STREET AKRON OH 44310
330.253.1020 FAX: 330.253.1042

CONCRETE PROPOSAL

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

4691 Windfall Road
Medina, OH 44256

Bobby Richards

(330) 725-7751

PROJECT: Concrete Replacement
4691 Windfall Road Medina

RED - AREA APPROXIMATELY 2,500 SQUARE FEET

- Sawcut and excavate existing concrete sidewalk.
- Install 6" of item #304 stone base course rolled for compaction.
- Install 4" of concrete with structural fiber.
- Construct approximately 250 lineal feet of integral curb walk.
- Sawcut and cure.
- Repair asphalt as needed.

COST: \$48,500.00

NOTE 1: IF SOFT AREAS ARE ENCOUNTERED, THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL \$20.00 PER TON TO EXCAVATE BAD SOIL. IF ADDITIONAL STONE IS NEEDED, THE COST WILL BE \$35.00 PER TON INSTALLED.

NOTE 2: ADD \$4.00 PER TON TO DISPOSE OF MATERIALS OFF SITE.

NOTE 3: DUE TO UNSTABLE FUEL COSTS THIS QUOTE IS ONLY GOOD FOR 10 DAYS.

NOTE 4: THE COST DOES NOT INCLUDE LANDSCAPE WORK REQUIRED TO BACKFILL EDGES FOR SUPPORT OR IRRIGATION LINES.

NOTE 5: THERE IS NO GUARANTEE AGAINST ASPHALT/CONCRETE CRACKING.

NOTE 6: ADD \$600.00 FOR CONCRETE WASH OUT BIN IF REQUIRED.

Respectfully submitted,

Acceptance of Proposal,

Kimberly A. Perrin

PAYMENT TERMS: Full payment must be received within 10 days of completion or 2% of the contract price will be added monthly for service charges (or a minimum of \$50.00).

WARRANTY: All workmanship and materials are guaranteed for a period of one year from the date of completion. We will not guarantee any work from cracking due to the extreme temperature shifts and ground movement. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alternation or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado, and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workman's Compensation Insurance.



RESOLUTION #16-24

April 22, 2024

MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

SNIDER RECREATION INC.
PLAYGROUND UPDATES PROPOSAL

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to authorize the Superintendent to accept the scope of work for a proposal with Snider Recreation Inc. for playground updates.

The cost for the scope of work shall not exceed: \$61,210.00.

Explanation:

The main purpose of this project is to replace a large, mulch/grass area under/around equipment with PlayBound surface, remove and install rocker style equipment, add a shaded area and replace the basketball hoop. This project will utilize both Capital Sales Tax funds as well as Capital Improvement funds, and is included in the budget.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED AND ASSIGNED RESOLUTION #16-24.

Board Chair
Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities



Snider Recreation Inc.

10139 Royalton Road, Suite K
North Royalton, OH 44133

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www.cvsnyder.com

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Estimate

Date	Estimate #
4/15/2024	14604R

Name / Address
Medina County Board of Dev. Disabilities 4691 Windfall Road Medina, OH 44256

Ship To

Terms	Rep	Customer Phone	Customer Fax	Tax Exempt Number	County
Due on receipt	JCS	330-725-7751 x ...			Medina-OH

Item	Description	Qty	Rate	Total
Installation	Excavation of site Includes spoils left on site	1	2,400.00	2,400.00
Installation	Removal of dirt/spoils off-site - OPTIONAL	1	4,000.00	4,000.00
Installation	4" Compacted Stone Base - Supply and install	1	6,000.00	6,000.00
Surface America	PlayBound Poured-in-Place: 1 3/4" thick system (thicknesses subject to nominal variation) to cover approx 2000 sq. ft. with top surface 50% color/50% black speckled mix to include freight and Aromatic binder. Blue/Black	1	28,800.00	28,800.00
	Subtotal			41,200.00
	OPTIONS			
570-0771	Tri-Rider	1	5,035.00	5,035.00
Installation	Installation of Rockers - removal of existing spring rockers	1	1,200.00	1,200.00
Freight	Shipping Charges		517.00	517.00
Sun Ports	12'x12' Single Post Pyramid - 8' Entry Shade including freight	1	5,758.00	5,758.00
Installation	Installation of (1) Shade	1	4,400.00	4,400.00
PK3535	Basketball System - 3.5 Goosneck Post, Aluminum Fan Backboard, Single Rim Goal with Net.		1,600.00	1,600.00
Installation	Installation of Basketball Equipment	1	1,500.00	1,500.00

If tax exempt certificate is not provided appropriate sales tax will be charged. Quote valid for 30 days.

Freight subject to fuel charge. Payment via credit card will incur an additional 3% administrative fee.

Subtotal	\$61,210.00
Sales Tax (7.0%)	\$0.00
Total	\$61,210.00

Monthly Reports

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**April, 2024****SSA**

- The SSA Department welcomed two new SSAs, Caitlyn Ricci and Samantha Zingales. We are excited to have them join our team.
- On 3/14, the SSAs participated in a training facilitated by Stacy McGarvey from Nursing Navigators regarding the new Self-Med Assessment Form.

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.
- MCBDD participated in the Pinwheel Garden project during the month of April to support awareness of child abuse.
- MCBDD participated in the Brunswick Senior Expo on 3/27 and provided general agency information and information related to seniors and family members who may have disabilities.

Upcoming Event(s):

- Brunswick High School Career Fair on 4/26 at Brunswick High School.
- MCBDD Ice Cream Social: 6/20 from 6-8:00 p.m. on Medina Public Square (Rain location – Medina County Achievement Center).

EARLY INTERVENTION

- The State E.I. family satisfaction survey usually goes out to families who had an active IFSP on a particular date in June with responses and analysis in August. However, due to the fact that staff will need to focus on learning new rules and forms, the state is sending out the survey to families earlier this year; late April to early May.
- The new state department, the Department of Children and Youth (DCY) will be applying for SFY25 federal Part C funding, the Early Intervention portion of IDEA. DCY will be replacing DODD as the lead agency for Early Intervention.
- Referrals remain steady with 35 new referrals during the month of March.

SCHOOL AGE AND PRESCHOOL

- Students returned from their Spring Break Tuesday, 4/9.
- Preschool classes will be going on their annual family outing to the Akron Zoo on 4/26.
- All school-age classes will be participating in the All-County School Track and Field day on 5/7.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**Community Partnerships**

- The first SSA/Provider Mingle of 2024 was held on 3/27, here at MCBDD. A new format was implemented that allows new providers to Medina County to spend a few minutes talking about their programs. Three agencies took the opportunity to talk about their programs. Molly Usner and Courtney Jordon also did a short presentation, in honor of Disability Awareness month, on the Advocacy programs here at MCBDD that empower individuals and explained the

progress being made in the community for creating accessibility for all. There was a total of 34 people that attended the Mingle.

Past Trainings and Presentations

Date	Title of Training	Presenter	Target Audience
3/13/2024	Frontline Supervisor Training: Professionalism & Self-Development for Supervisors <i>12 attendees</i>	Crystal Brodzinski, Community Projects Supervisor, MCBDD	Agency frontline supervisors/DSPs
3/21/2024	MUI Stakeholders Meeting/MUI Training <i>29 attendees</i>	Nik Pokrzywa, Investigative Agent, MCBDD	Individuals/Families/Other Stakeholders Providers
3/27/2024	SSA/Provider Mingle: Self-Advocacy <i>34 attendees</i>	Molly Usner & Courtney Jordan, MCBDD	Providers SSAs
4/4/2024	Job Coaching <i>12 attendees</i>	Jason Dresden, Employment Navigator, MCBDD	Providers

Upcoming Trainings and Presentations

Date	Title of Training	Presenter	Target Audience
5/3/2024	Social Security and Medicaid Benefits Workshop	Kim Bernardi, Quality Support Specialist, MCBDD	Individuals/Families/Other Stakeholders Providers
5/7/2024	Understanding Traumatic Brain Injury	Lauren Holly, Executive Director of the Brain Injury Association of Ohio	Individuals/Families/Other Stakeholders Providers

Advocacy

Advocacy Meeting:

- The Advocacy meeting was held on 3/26 with 21 attending the morning meeting and four attending the evening meeting.
- The morning meeting started off with the excitement of the fire drill at MCAC, but we kept it on track while walking outside, laptop in hand.
 - We discussed local events like Coffee and Cars along with more eclipse opportunities and activities. We also discussed the Health Service Message on our agency website regarding the National Day of Unplugging and phone/social media usage.
 - Other topics we discussed were:
 - The new HULU comedy debuting about a young woman on the spectrum, which stars an actual woman on the spectrum, who is part of the group of neurodivergent writers who developed the story.
 - The Philadelphia Eagles partnership with Popcorn for the People; a popcorn making company created to give those with disabilities career opportunities.
 - We also talked about, as well as viewed, the National Down Syndrome Day ad campaign that has been all over the internet.
- Next meeting will be held on 4/23 at 10:30-11:15 a.m. and 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Advocacy Curriculum training at Medina County Career Center

- The Advocacy Curriculum Training continues at the Medina County Career Center supporting transition students as they strengthen their skills in advocacy, communication, listening, problem solving, and more. We have also covered Person Centered Planning and how to participate in your IEP/ISP. Next, we will cover setting SMART goals and Life Trajectory and they will receive their completion certificates at our final class on Monday, 4/15.

People Together Program

- We are actively working on recruiting more Advocates to take part in the People Together program. The next school presentation will be held on 5/10 at Hinckley and Buckeye Schools.

Leadership Academy

- Our second annual Leadership Academy class has been selected and participants were notified of their acceptance. Classes will begin on 4/16 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., as we assist the next set of individuals in achieving their next steps in community-integrated leadership.

Provider Support

DSP Spotlight

Nicole Winkler was recognized for the April DSP Spotlight. Nicole has worked as a DSP since 2017. Currently, she works as a DSP II at Midwest's Medina location after transferring from another county. Nicole was nominated by her supervisor who described her as determined, showing leadership, teamwork, and initiative. When asked about her favorite thing to do with the people she serves, Nicole replied, *"I love to help them achieve independence and I love to go out in the community with them."* Congratulations Nicole!!!

OPERATIONS

- Successful Election – 669 Voters came through the building on 3/19.
- Working on scheduling CAT6 cabling and one additional surveillance camera.
- Will look to have the sidewalk between the main entrance and the SSA entrance redone.

Aktion Club

Aktion Club is focusing on supporting Fundraisers this spring. Aktion Club sponsored a team for the Link Bowling Fundraiser. Members will come out to support the Raymond Biegel Memorial Volleyball/Cornhole Tournament and Fiona's Car Show.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS OHIO MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DD- March 2024

122 Athletes; 25 Unified Partners-Total

116 Bowling Athletes; 25 Unified Partners
6 Powerlifting Athletes

Bowling

- The last day of Bowling is scheduled for 4/29; the Spring Bowling Banquet is scheduled for 5/13.

Powerlifting

- Powerlifting began in March, once weekly, and practices are held at Accelerated Fitness; 6 six Athletes have signed up; practices change to twice weekly in April.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Wadsworth YMCA Pickleball continues on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. weekly; 14 Athletes continue to participate. (2 non-athletes – support people) TOTAL: 16 enrolled.
- S.O. Ohio has collaborated with local YMCAs to offer free memberships to current S.O. Athletes in the state; S.O. Medina currently has 22 Athletes signed up for the free membership.
- S.O. Medina County is collaborating with Medina County Career Center on communications for local high school-age students with disabilities to get them involved with S.O. Medina County sports and events.
- S.O. Medina is collaborating with the S.O. Ohio Unified Champion Schools initiative and partnering on future S.O. Ohio Unified Champion Schools events being held and organized at Medina County Career Center; a Cornhole/Pickleball event is currently scheduled on 4/23 through Unified Champion Schools at Medina CCC; S.O. Medina will have a table at the event.
- S.O. Medina collaborated with S.O. Ohio to support the development of a fitness program: Fitness Assessment Health Initiative through S.O. International for Athletes ages 8-21 occurred on 3/6 in the Windfall School gym. Twelve Athletes participated and all received a t-shirt and free Fitbit. Information collected will aid in the development of a fitness tool for younger Athletes.
- The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition occurred on 3/24 at the Windfall School gym; 28 Athletes participated.
- Spring sports sign-ups are completed; spring sports will begin in March/April 2024 and includes Volleyball, Tennis, Powerlifting, Track and Field, and Bocce.
- The Raymond Biegel Memorial Volleyball/Cornhole Tournament is scheduled on 5/11.
- Fiona's Car Show is scheduled for 6/8, with a rain date of 6/15.
- Track and Field Day is scheduled for 5/7 at Cloverleaf High School.
- The Medina County Sports Hall of Fame is scheduled on 6/14; one female and one male Athlete have been nominated; invitations are being sent by the HOF committee.
- The Medina Invitational is scheduled for the weekend of 5/31 through 6/2.
- Regional Track and Field is scheduled on 4/28 at Bedford High School.
- Regional Bocce is scheduled on 5/11 at Woodridge High School.
- Regional Powerlifting, Volleyball, and Tennis will be held at the Medina Invitational on 6/1 and 6/2.
- State Summer Games are scheduled for the weekend of 6/28-30.

**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
MONTHLY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
ALL FUNDS
3/31/2024**

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	27,000	7,478	-	-	7,478	6,542	936	14.31	27.70
3300-40001	REAL ESTATE TAX (3)	17,745,841	-	-	-	-	9,651,782	(9,651,782)	(100.00)	-
3300-40009	ST PYMT IN LIEU OF TAXES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3300-40011	ROLLBACK/HOMESTEAD TAX (2)	2,100,475	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3300-40250	FEES	3,300	300	300	300	900	1,350	(450)	(33.33)	27.27
3300-40420	GENERAL REIMBURSEMENTS	1,062,100	92,945	179,496	93,060	365,501	226,915	138,586	61.07	34.41
3300-40435	MEDICAID SETTLEMENT (7)	1,297,000	-	-	1,007,451	1,007,451	813,653	193,798	23.82	77.68
3300-40438	TARGETED CASE MGT (5)	1,160,239	84,189	61,760	85,750	231,699	247,433	(15,734)	(6.36)	19.97
3300-40439	WAIVER INCOME (5)	7,000	2,087	1,556	3,307	6,949	5,493	1,456	26.50	99.28
3300-40440	MAC	598,000	-	-	140,024	140,024	153,350	(13,325)	(8.69)	23.42
3300-40599	OTHER REVENUE	12,000	620	7,533	375	8,528	6,805	1,723	25.32	71.06
3300-40601	GRANTS - FEDERAL (4)	128,700	3,244	10,496	2,375	16,115	19,484	(3,370)	(17.29)	12.52
2855/3300-40602	GRANTS - STATE (4)	313,500	834	-	2,502	3,336	1,262	2,074	164.34	1.06
3300-40606	OOD	20,000	7,144	1,846	1,805	10,795	26,022	(15,226)	(58.51)	53.98
3300-40612	DEPT OF ED SUBSIDY	560,000	53,126	53,377	52,906	159,408	164,601	(5,192)	(3.15)	28.47
3300-40710	RENT	116,000	9,262	9,262	9,262	27,786	27,906	(120)	(0.43)	23.95
3315/3300-40712	REFUNDS	3,500	-	-	-	-	628	(628)	(100.00)	-
3300-40799	OTHER NON-REVENUE (9)	-	-	-	-	-	70	(70)	(100.00)	-
3315-40072	DONATIONS (6)	5,000	-	-	600	600	50	550	1,100.00	12.00
3315-40503	INTEREST	4,500	-	-	-	-	4,736	(4,736)	(100.00)	-
	GRAND TOTALS	25,164,155	261,230	325,624	1,399,717	1,986,571	11,358,082	(9,371,511)	(82.51)	7.89
	check:		261,229.62	325,624.24	1,399,717.46	1,986,571.32	11,358,082.24			
2855-40450	TRANSFERS (8)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

1,986,571.32 11,358,082.24 (9,371,510.92)

Footnotes:

1. This report combines all funds for MCBDD (General, Capital, Capital Sales Tax and Donated).
2. Rollback/ Homestead is the portion of Real Estate Taxes that are paid by the State twice a year.
3. Real Estate taxes are received twice a year typically in April and August or September.
4. Grants - Federal (Title XX, National School Lunch, Title VI), Grants - State (RAP, Capital Assistance Grants (Housing), Other State Grants)
5. Medicaid payments (Waiver & Targeted Case Management) - 2024 waiver revenue is Transit NMT waiver billing (which must end 2/28/24).
6. Donations received (3315-40072): Mar - (6) donations received for \$600 in memory of Sue Barnes Brown (donor scholarship)
7. Medicaid Settlement - cost report and waiver match reconciliations. For CY24, we expect FY22 waiver match reconciliation and CY21 cost report settlement (budgeted for CY20 to be rec'd in
8. Cash transfer from general fund to capital improvement fund - no cash transfers expected in CY24.
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 2024**

ACCT	TITLE	INITIAL BUDGET	BUDGET CHANGES	ADJUSTED BUDGET	JAN	FEB	MAR	YTD VARIANCE ANALYSIS				UNSPENT BALANCE 2024	% SPENT
								YTD BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	YTD PRIOR YEAR	INCREASE (DECREASE)		
VARIOUS	SALARIES (5)	8,616,283	-	8,616,283	635,626	630,360	636,348	662,791	1,902,333	1,840,113	62,220	6,713,950	22.08
3300-50060	WORKERS COMP	86,085	-	86,085	6,356	6,304	6,364	6,622	19,024	18,358	666	67,061	22.10
3300-50070	UNEMPLOYMENT	68,862	-	68,862	-	-	-	5,297	-	1,532	(1,532)	68,862	-
3300-50080	PERS	986,805	-	986,805	72,848	72,859	72,954	75,908	218,660	212,479	6,181	768,145	22.16
3300-50081	MEDICARE	124,827	-	124,827	8,679	8,599	8,685	9,602	25,963	25,118	845	98,864	20.80
3300-50082	STRS	218,424	-	218,424	15,813	16,478	16,580	16,802	48,871	44,520	4,352	169,553	22.37
3300-50090	HOSPITALIZATION	2,552,437	-	2,552,437	184,657	188,252	186,702	196,341	559,611	522,791	36,820	1,992,826	21.92
3300-50091	DENTAL INSURANCE	135,413	-	135,413	19,578	-	9,563	33,853	29,140	30,553	(1,413)	106,273	21.52
3300/3315-50100	SUPPLIES	178,815	-	178,815	2,647	7,007	6,534	44,704	16,188	29,377	(13,189)	162,627	9.05
3300-50200	MATERIALS	17,350	-	17,350	204	402	2,508	4,338	3,113	1,609	1,504	14,237	17.94
3300-50230	REPAIRS	51,300	-	51,300	2,104	1,166	415	12,825	3,685	5,736	(2,051)	47,615	7.18
3300-50250	EMERGENCY RELIEF	25,000	-	25,000	2,308	-	-	6,250	2,308	-	2,308	22,692	9.23
3300-50450	FEES	390,150	-	390,150	92,132	1,066	1,084	97,538	94,282	85,394	8,888	295,868	24.17
3300-50515	PROPERTY & LIABILITY INS	61,300	-	61,300	24,216	-	-	15,325	24,216	23,511	705	37,084	39.50
3300-50536	VEHICLE INSURANCE	9,000	-	9,000	9,000	-	-	2,250	9,000	8,723	277	-	100.00
3300-50540	ADVERTISING	41,600	-	41,600	862	10,413	3,554	10,400	14,829	16,295	(1,466)	26,771	35.65
3300/3315-50541	PRINTING	7,050	-	7,050	118	-	-	1,763	118	385	(267)	6,932	1.67
3300/3315-50560	TRAVEL	123,750	-	123,750	14,818	3,352	4,205	30,938	22,376	19,738	2,638	101,375	18.08
3300/3315-50580	CONTRACT SERVICES	2,425,747	-	2,425,747	153,866	374,570	129,720	606,437	658,155	572,165	85,990	1,767,592	27.13
3300-50590	SPECIAL PROJECTS	444,000	-	444,000	27,089	4,030	4,829	111,000	35,949	20,245	15,704	408,051	8.10
3300-50600	GASOLINE	4,500	-	4,500	237	122	213	1,125	572	483	90	3,928	12.72
3300/3315-50610	OTHER EXPENSE (3)	81,005	-	81,005	49,677	9,101	4,220	20,251	62,998	60,183	2,815	18,007	77.77
VARIOUS	UTILITIES	265,150	-	265,150	21,540	9,648	34,570	66,288	65,758	64,721	1,037	199,392	24.80
3300/3315-50711	RENTALS	7,000	-	7,000	229	303	265	1,750	798	630	168	6,202	11.39
3300/3315-50780	EQUIPMENT	92,950	-	92,950	5,958	4,045	6,758	23,238	16,760	40,725	(23,965)	76,190	18.03
2855-50580	CONTRACT SERVICES (CI)	25,000	-	25,000	500	3,200	-	6,250	3,700	-	3,700	21,300	14.80
2855-50590/50780	CAPITAL PROJECTS/EQUIP (CI)	593,000	-	593,000	122,359	167,193	10,786	148,250	300,338	454,349	(154,011)	292,662	50.65
2856-50590	CAPITAL PROJECTS (SALES TAX)	27,000	-	27,000	-	-	-	6,750	-	-	-	27,000	-
SUBTOTAL - EXPENDITURES		17,659,803	-	17,659,803	1,473,420	1,518,470	1,146,855	2,224,883	4,138,745	4,099,731	39,014	13,521,058	23.44
3300-50623	MEDICAID LOCAL MATCH (2)	8,418,000	-	8,418,000	1,475,795	37,983	35,532	2,104,500	1,549,310	1,235,256	314,054	6,868,690	18.40
GRAND TOTALS		26,077,803	-	26,077,803	2,949,215	1,556,453	1,182,387	4,329,383	5,688,055	5,334,987	353,068	20,389,748	21.81
PRIOR YEAR CARRYOVER (4)					346,322	186,305	38,586		571,213	755,878	(184,665)		
check:		26,077,803	0	26,077,803	2,949,214.60	1,556,452.90	1,182,387.45	4,329,383	5,688,054.95	5,334,987.20		20,389,748	
3300-50960	TRANSFERS (6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3300-50981	RESERVE GENERAL (7)	8,685,895	(141,615)	8,544,280	-	-	-	8,544,280	-	8,665,888	(121,608)	8,544,280	-
2855-50981	RESERVE CAPITAL (7)	2,183,357	-	2,183,357	-	-	-	2,183,357	-	2,801,357	(618,000)	2,183,357	-
TOTAL RESERVE AMOUNTS:		10,869,252	(141,615)	10,727,637	-	-	-	10,727,637	-	11,467,245	(739,608)	10,727,637	-
		36,947,055		36,805,440					5,688,054.95				

FOOTNOTES:

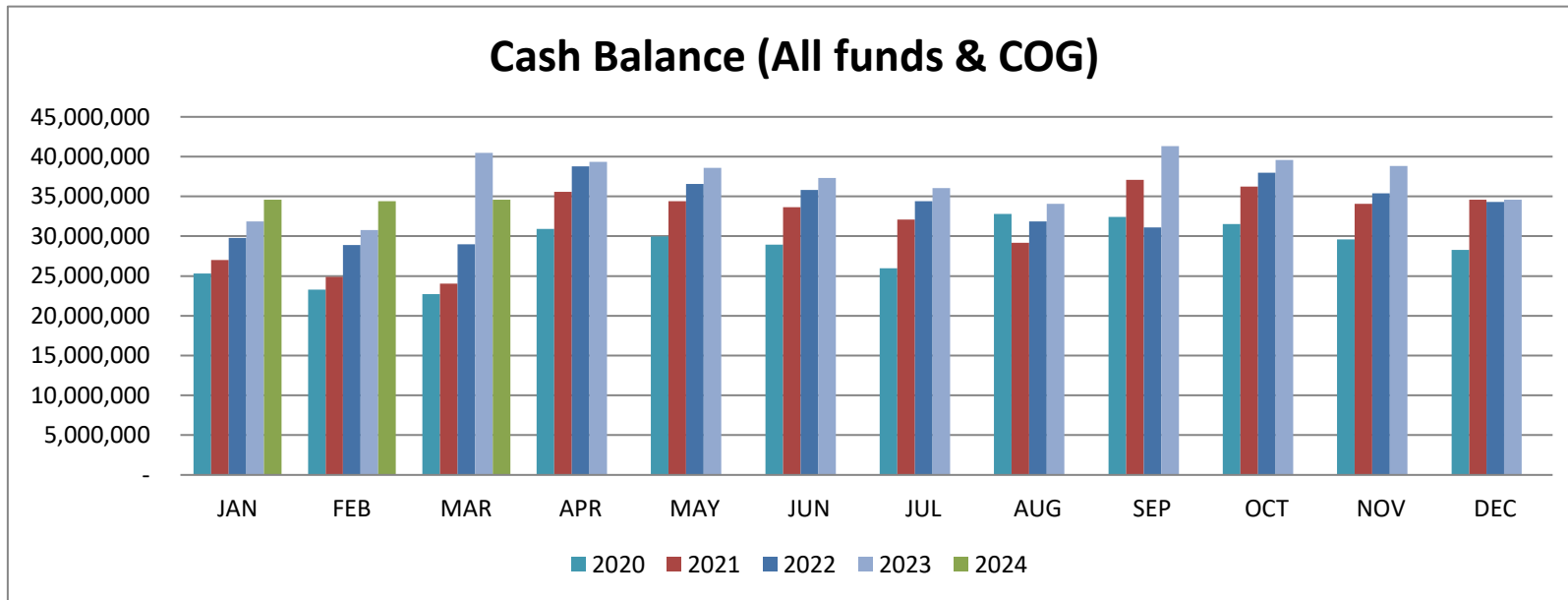
1. This report combines all funds for MCBDD (General, Capital, Sales Tax and Donated); Initial Budget is the initial approved 2024 Budget. Budget changes are for appropriation transfers, increases or decreases that occur after the initial budget is approved. Adjusted budget is current budget net of budget 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.
3. Other Expense includes one-time payments (e.g. professional memberships - OACBDD, OPRA, Chambers, etc.).
4. Prior Year Carry-over is 2023 expenses paid in 2024.
5. Salaries - three pay months (May and November 2024).
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 2024)
7. Reserve - Designated reserve accounts covered by ORC 5705.222 (C)

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

March 31, 2024

			CURRENT YEAR	PRIOR YEAR	NET CHANGE
FUND #	2855	Capital Fund	2,637,594.04	2,617,514.40	20,079.64
	2855	Capital Fund Reserve	2,183,357.00	2,801,357.00	(618,000.00)
	2856	Capital Sales Tax Fund	15,499.69	18,258.19	(2,758.50)
	3300	General Fund	20,834,666.39	26,054,468.42	(5,219,802.03)
	3300	General Fund Reserve	8,544,280.00	8,665,888.00	(121,608.00)
	3315	Donated Fund	75,080.47	96,931.24	(21,850.77)
	NA	Residential Fund- Held by NEON	293,762.99	215,444.35	78,318.64
		TOTALS	34,584,240.58	40,469,861.60	(5,885,621.02)
		RESERVE TOTAL	10,727,637.00	11,467,245.00	(739,608.00)
		TOTALS LESS RESERVES	23,856,603.58	29,002,616.60	(5,146,013.02)

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



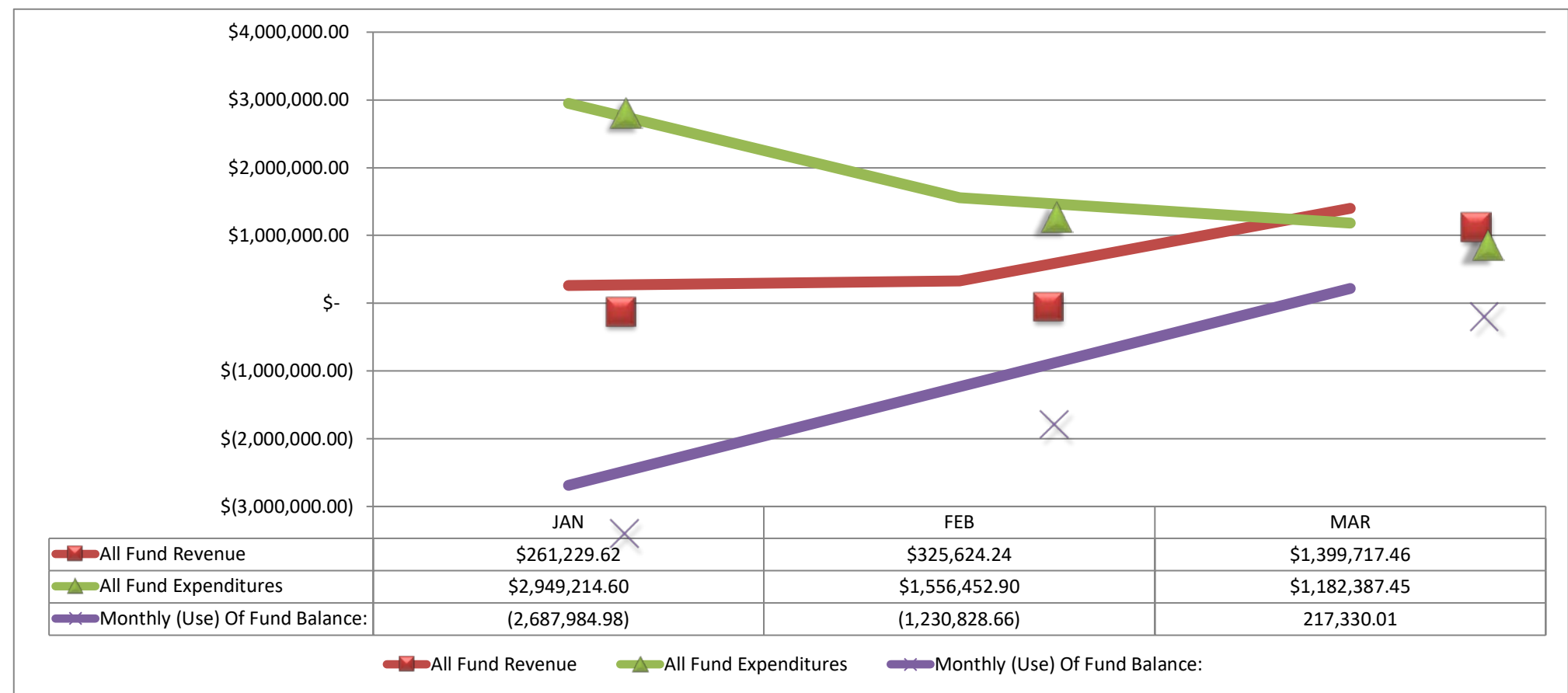
MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MONTHLY CASH FLOW 3/31/2024						
FUND	DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	JAN	FEB	MAR	YTD TOTAL
2855	Capital Improvements Revenue		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,124,989.14
2855	Capital Improvements Expenses		\$ 122,858.67	\$ 170,393.43	\$ 10,786.00	\$ 304,038.10
	Total Cash Available:	\$ 5,124,989.14	\$ 5,002,130.47	\$ 4,831,737.04	\$ 4,820,951.04	\$ 4,820,951.04
2856	Capital Sales Tax Revenue		\$ 7,478.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,499.69
2856	Capital Sales Tax Expenses		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Cash Available:	\$ 8,021.61	\$ 15,499.69	\$ 15,499.69	\$ 15,499.69	\$ 15,499.69
3300	General Fund Revenue		\$ 253,751.54	\$ 325,624.24	\$ 1,399,117.46	\$ 34,762,323.64
3300	General Fund Expenditures		\$ 2,826,355.93	\$ 1,385,739.47	\$ 1,171,281.85	\$ 5,383,377.25
	Total Cash Available:	\$ 32,783,830.40	\$ 30,211,226.01	\$ 29,151,110.78	\$ 29,378,946.39	\$ 29,378,946.39
3315	Donated Fund Revenue		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 75,720.07
3315	Donated Fund Expenditures		\$ -	\$ 320.00	\$ 319.60	\$ 639.60
	Total Cash Available:	\$ 75,120.07	\$ 75,120.07	\$ 74,800.07	\$ 75,080.47	\$ 75,080.47
ALL	All Fund Revenue		\$ 261,229.62	\$ 325,624.24	\$ 1,399,717.46	\$ 39,978,532.54
ALL	All Fund Expenditures		\$ 2,949,214.60	\$ 1,556,452.90	\$ 1,182,387.45	\$ 5,688,054.95
	Total Cash Available:	\$ 37,991,961.22	\$ 35,303,976.24	\$ 34,073,147.58	\$ 34,290,477.59	\$ 34,290,477.59

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Monthly (Use) Of Fund Balance: (2,687,984.98) (1,230,828.66) 217,330.01 (3,701,483.63)

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 3/31/24: \$293,762.99)



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Sum of AMOUNT	Fund			
Vendor	2855	3300	3315	Grand Total
AC PASSAGE ENTERPRIS				
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/01/24-01/27/24 (TF/LN/GS)		\$ 1,554.10		\$ 1,554.10
AC PASSAGE ENTERPRIS Total		\$ 1,554.10		\$ 1,554.10
AIRGAS USA LLC				
NU-ANNUAL OXYGEN TANK RENTAL FEES-2024		\$ 26.97		\$ 26.97
AIRGAS USA LLC Total		\$ 26.97		\$ 26.97
AKRON AREA YMCA				
CRC-RESPITE SERVICES-03/22/24-03/24/24 (CC)		\$ 415.00		\$ 415.00
CRC-RESPITE SERVICES-03/22/24-03/24/24 (ZC)		\$ 160.00		\$ 160.00
CRC-RESPITE SERVICES-04/26/24-04/28/24 (CC)		\$ 415.00		\$ 415.00
CRC-RESPITE SERVICES-MAR 24 (CC/ZC)		\$ 3,760.00		\$ 3,760.00
AKRON AREA YMCA Total		\$ 4,750.00		\$ 4,750.00
ALONOVUS CORP				
CR-ADVERTISING & PRINTING-02/15/24		\$ 549.25		\$ 549.25
ALONOVUS CORP Total		\$ 549.25		\$ 549.25
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVI				
ASM-SUPPLIES		\$ 45.73		\$ 45.73
ASM-SUPPLIES (CHAIR)		\$ 219.50		\$ 219.50
ES-SUPPLIES		\$ 196.71		\$ 196.71
IT-SUPPLIES		\$ 29.75		\$ 29.75
NU-SUPPLIES		\$ 77.97		\$ 77.97
SA-SUPPLIES		\$ 139.54		\$ 139.54
SSA-SUPPLIES		\$ 101.88		\$ 101.88
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVI Total		\$ 811.08		\$ 811.08
AMERICAN RED CROSS H				
CS-FIRST AID/CPR-01/12/24-02/04/24 (PW/NR)		\$ 494.00		\$ 494.00
CS-FIRST AID/CPR-01/28/24-02/20/24 (NR/PW)		\$ 317.00		\$ 317.00
CS-FIRST AID/CPR-12/04/23 & 12/17/23 (NR)		\$ 76.00		\$ 76.00
CS-FIRST AID/CPR-12/20/23 (PW)		\$ 38.00		\$ 38.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS H Total		\$ 925.00		\$ 925.00
APOLLO PEST CONTROL				
M-PEST CONTROL SVCS-01/26/24		\$ 88.00		\$ 88.00
M-PEST CONTROL SVCS-02/27/24		\$ 88.00		\$ 88.00
APOLLO PEST CONTROL Total		\$ 176.00		\$ 176.00
ARMSTRONG CABLE SERV				
AT/M-INTERNET SERVICES-03/15/24-04/14/24		\$ 304.90		\$ 304.90
ARMSTRONG CABLE SERV Total		\$ 304.90		\$ 304.90
ASIAN SERVICES IN AC				
EI-INTERPRETER SERVICES-02/07/24 (GS)		\$ 102.27		\$ 102.27
ASIAN SERVICES IN AC Total		\$ 102.27		\$ 102.27
BERNARDI KIM				
CS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 80.40		\$ 80.40
BERNARDI KIM Total		\$ 80.40		\$ 80.40
BEYOND WORDS MUSIC A				
CRC-SUMMER CAMPSHIP (CH)		\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
BEYOND WORDS MUSIC A Total		\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
BIOMETRIC INFORMATIO				
HR-FINGERPRINTING SYSTEM ANNUAL MAINT/SUPPORT		\$ 800.00		\$ 800.00
BIOMETRIC INFORMATIO Total		\$ 800.00		\$ 800.00
BORDEN DAIRY				
DS-SUPPLIES		\$ 142.55		\$ 142.55
BORDEN DAIRY Total		\$ 142.55		\$ 142.55
BOUNDARYCARE				
DF-AT-SUPPLIES (DEMO DEVICE)			\$ 319.60	\$ 319.60
BOUNDARYCARE Total			\$ 319.60	\$ 319.60

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BOUNDLESS COMMUNITY				
CRC-ADS 01/16/24-01/30/24		\$ 148.50		\$ 148.50
CRC-NMT 01/16/24-01/30/24		\$ 160.80		\$ 160.80
BOUNDLESS COMMUNITY Total		\$ 309.30		\$ 309.30
BRITTCO LLC				
IT-SOFTWARE MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION-MAR 24		\$ 3,550.00		\$ 3,550.00
BRITTCO LLC Total		\$ 3,550.00		\$ 3,550.00
BRODZENSKI CRYSTAL				
CS-DSP DOMAIN REGISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 74.50		\$ 74.50
BRODZENSKI CRYSTAL Total		\$ 74.50		\$ 74.50
BUEHLERS FOOD MARKET				
PS-SUPPLIES		\$ 67.98		\$ 67.98
BUEHLERS FOOD MARKET Total		\$ 67.98		\$ 67.98
CALL JENIFER				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 184.72		\$ 184.72
CALL JENIFER Total		\$ 184.72		\$ 184.72
CHILDREN'S CENTER OF				
CR-ABUSE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN & SPONSORSHIP		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
CHILDREN'S CENTER OF Total		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO				
M-GAS-01/17/24-02/14/24		\$ 1,190.78		\$ 1,190.78
COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO Total		\$ 1,190.78		\$ 1,190.78
COMMUNITY ACTION WAY				
CS-CONTRACT SERVICES 01/01/24-02/27/24		\$ 10,781.71		\$ 10,781.71
COMMUNITY ACTION WAY Total		\$ 10,781.71		\$ 10,781.71
CONSTELLATION NEWENE				
M-GAS-JAN 24		\$ 2,843.35		\$ 2,843.35
CONSTELLATION NEWENE Total		\$ 2,843.35		\$ 2,843.35
CONSUMER SUPPORT SER				
CRC-NMT-01/02/24-01/31/24 (MC/MD/MR/CW)		\$ 2,546.00		\$ 2,546.00
CS-DSP REFERRAL		\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
CONSUMER SUPPORT SER Total		\$ 2,796.00		\$ 2,796.00
CRITZER KELLY				
OT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 118.93		\$ 118.93
CRITZER KELLY Total		\$ 118.93		\$ 118.93
CROSS CREEK APARTMEN				
CRC-RENTAL ASSISTANCE-APR 24 (LM)		\$ 512.00		\$ 512.00
CROSS CREEK APARTMEN Total		\$ 512.00		\$ 512.00
CURTIS KENNETH				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 143.31		\$ 143.31
CURTIS KENNETH Total		\$ 143.31		\$ 143.31
CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOAR				
SSA-PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES-FEB 24		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOAR Total		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF				
DENTAL PREMIUM-MAR 24		\$ 9,562.54		\$ 9,562.54
DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF Total		\$ 9,562.54		\$ 9,562.54
DERGA ANDREW				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 107.20		\$ 107.20
DERGA ANDREW Total		\$ 107.20		\$ 107.20
DICKSON ROBIN				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 58.83		\$ 58.83
DICKSON ROBIN Total		\$ 58.83		\$ 58.83
E.S. BEVERIDGE & ASS				
HR-COBRA ADMIN SERVICES-MAR 24		\$ 102.00		\$ 102.00
E.S. BEVERIDGE & ASS Total		\$ 102.00		\$ 102.00

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Vendor	2855	3300	3315	Grand Total
EASTERSEALS CENTRAL				
CRC-ADS-02/01/24-02/29/24 (MES/LW)		\$ 1,350.00		\$ 1,350.00
CRC-NMT-02/02/24-02/28/24 (MES)		\$ 536.00		\$ 536.00
EASTERSEALS CENTRAL Total		\$ 1,886.00		\$ 1,886.00
ESC OF MEDINA COUNTY				
CRC-RESPITE SERVICES-2ND QTR FY 24		\$ 767.82		\$ 767.82
ESC OF MEDINA COUNTY Total		\$ 767.82		\$ 767.82
FAIRLAWNGIG				
M-BUSINESS STATIC 13/BUSINESS BASIC-3/16-04/15/24		\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00
FAIRLAWNGIG Total		\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00
FIRST COMMUNICATIONS				
M-TELEPHONE-MAR 24		\$ 2,729.11		\$ 2,729.11
FIRST COMMUNICATIONS Total		\$ 2,729.11		\$ 2,729.11
GEAR MICHAEL				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 23.05		\$ 23.05
GEAR MICHAEL Total		\$ 23.05		\$ 23.05
GIACOMONI JENNIFER				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 151.96		\$ 151.96
GIACOMONI JENNIFER Total		\$ 151.96		\$ 151.96
GOLD CARE SERVICES				
CRC-RESPITE SERVICES-FEB 24 (KB)		\$ 960.00		\$ 960.00
GOLD CARE SERVICES Total		\$ 960.00		\$ 960.00
GORDON FOOD SERVICE				
A-SUPPLIES (CATERING FOR BOARD MEETINGS-2024)		\$ 170.58		\$ 170.58
CR-SUPPLIES		\$ 119.94		\$ 119.94
DS-SUPPLIES		\$ 19.35		\$ 19.35
FSLP-CAFETERIA GROCERIES		\$ 648.96		\$ 648.96
FSLP-CAFETERIA GROCERIES\DS-CATERING-03/21/24		\$ 416.32		\$ 416.32
HR-SUPPLIES (FOR INSERVICE DAY-03/08/24)		\$ 147.00		\$ 147.00
M-SUPPLIES		\$ 213.74		\$ 213.74
GORDON FOOD SERVICE Total		\$ 1,735.89		\$ 1,735.89
GRAINGER				
M-MATERIALS		\$ 942.68		\$ 942.68
GRAINGER Total		\$ 942.68		\$ 942.68
GRAPHIC ENTERPRISES				
COPIER MAINTENANCE-01/28/24-02/27/24		\$ 998.37		\$ 998.37
CR-PRINTER MAINTENANCE-01/01/24-01/31/24		\$ 0.58		\$ 0.58
CR-PRINTER MAINTENANCE-02/01/24-04/30/24		\$ 135.00		\$ 135.00
CR-PRINTER MAINTENANCE-11/01/23-12/31/23		\$ 1.09		\$ 1.09
PRINTER MAINTENANCE-03/01/24-03/31/24		\$ 525.00		\$ 525.00
GRAPHIC ENTERPRISES Total		\$ 1,660.04		\$ 1,660.04
GREENLEAF FAMILY CEN				
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-02/12/24-02/15/24 (RS)		\$ 480.00		\$ 480.00
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-02/16/24-02/22/24 (RS)		\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-02/23/24-02/29/24 (RS)		\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-03/01/24-03/07/24 (RS)		\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00
GREENLEAF FAMILY CEN Total		\$ 2,280.00		\$ 2,280.00
HANDS FOUNDATION				
CR-ADVERTISING & PRINTING-AGNCY AWARENSS ADS (6 EA		\$ 1,800.00		\$ 1,800.00
HANDS FOUNDATION Total		\$ 1,800.00		\$ 1,800.00
HAPPY CARE CONNECTIO				
CRC-RENTAL ASSISTANCE-APR 24 (MM)		\$ 322.00		\$ 322.00
HAPPY CARE CONNECTIO Total		\$ 322.00		\$ 322.00
HOLMES AMY				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 64.00		\$ 64.00
HOLMES AMY Total		\$ 64.00		\$ 64.00
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SE				
M-EQUIPMENT (REFRIGERATOR)		\$ 727.00		\$ 727.00
M-MATERIALS		\$ 1,050.89		\$ 1,050.89
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SE Total		\$ 1,777.89		\$ 1,777.89

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HUMPHREY DEBBIE				
EI-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 148.07		\$ 148.07
HUMPHREY DEBBIE Total		\$ 148.07		\$ 148.07
HUNTINGTON NATIONAL				
CS-WEB HOSTING FOR DSP RECRUITMENT PROGRAM		\$ 215.64		\$ 215.64
ES-CONFERENCE LODGING-02/05/24 (CK)		\$ 163.77		\$ 163.77
SSA-REGISTRATION FEE-04/10/24 (LS)		\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00
SSAS-CONFERENCE LODGING-02/05/24 (BS)		\$ 163.77		\$ 163.77
HUNTINGTON NATIONAL Total		\$ 553.18		\$ 553.18
I AM BOUNDLESS INC				
CS-DD AWARENESS & ADVOCACY DAY CATERING-03/12/24		\$ 80.00		\$ 80.00
I AM BOUNDLESS INC Total		\$ 80.00		\$ 80.00
IMPACT GROUP PUBLIC				
SSA-DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR SSA-FEB 24		\$ 3,250.00		\$ 3,250.00
IMPACT GROUP PUBLIC Total		\$ 3,250.00		\$ 3,250.00
INDEPENDENT EMPLOYME				
CRC-NMT-02/11/24-02/24/24		\$ 2,385.20		\$ 2,385.20
INDEPENDENT EMPLOYME Total		\$ 2,385.20		\$ 2,385.20
INTELLINETICS INC				
IT-ADDITIONAL INTELICLOUD STORAGE-JAN-JUL 24		\$ 700.00		\$ 700.00
INTELLINETICS INC Total		\$ 700.00		\$ 700.00
INTERVENTION FOR PEA				
CRC-ADS & NMT 02/07/24-02/27/24 (LC)		\$ 439.40		\$ 439.40
CS-DSP-U PROVIDER INTERNSHIP GRANT		\$ 539.00		\$ 539.00
INTERVENTION FOR PEA Total		\$ 978.40		\$ 978.40
INVO HEALTHCARE ASSO				
OT-COTA SERVICES 02/01/24-02/29/24		\$ 5,022.28		\$ 5,022.28
INVO HEALTHCARE ASSO Total		\$ 5,022.28		\$ 5,022.28
IRON MOUNTAIN INC				
A-STORAGE/SERVICE PERIOD-01/24/24-03/31/24		\$ 231.96		\$ 231.96
IRON MOUNTAIN INC Total		\$ 231.96		\$ 231.96
JAEGER AMBER				
EI-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 107.87		\$ 107.87
JAEGER AMBER Total		\$ 107.87		\$ 107.87
JOYCE JOANNE				
PBS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 97.82		\$ 97.82
JOYCE JOANNE Total		\$ 97.82		\$ 97.82
KAPTEIN MEGAN				
PT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 122.28		\$ 122.28
KAPTEIN MEGAN Total		\$ 122.28		\$ 122.28
KOINONIA HOMES INC				
CRC-IES-01/26/24 (NB)		\$ 16.50		\$ 16.50
CRC-IES-01/26/24 (NZ)		\$ 16.50		\$ 16.50
CRC-IES-01/31/24 (IC)		\$ 16.50		\$ 16.50
CRC-IES-08/30, 09/28, 11/27, & 12/28/23 (NB)		\$ 45.60		\$ 45.60
CRC-IES-11/01, 11/03, 11/15, 12/04, & 12/07/23(JF)		\$ 57.00		\$ 57.00
CRC-IES-11/17, 12/07, 12/11, & 12/18/23 (NZ)		\$ 45.60		\$ 45.60
CRC-IES-11/29 & 12/27/23 (MD)		\$ 22.80		\$ 22.80
CRC-IES-12/18/23 (IC)		\$ 11.40		\$ 11.40
CRC-IES-FEB 24 (IC)		\$ 16.50		\$ 16.50
CRC-IES-FEB 24 (NB)		\$ 16.50		\$ 16.50
KOINONIA HOMES INC Total		\$ 264.90		\$ 264.90

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Vendor	2855	3300	3315	Grand Total
LANGUAGE LEARNING AS				
SP/OT/PT-THERAPY SERVICES-02/12/24-03/08/24		\$ 27,508.51		\$ 27,508.51
LANGUAGE LEARNING AS Total		\$ 27,508.51		\$ 27,508.51
LARLHAM HATTIE				
CRC-ADS-02/05/24-02/29/24 (HW)		\$ 517.50		\$ 517.50
CRC-IES-FEB 24 (JB)		\$ 49.50		\$ 49.50
CRC-IES-FEB 24 (KB)		\$ 33.00		\$ 33.00
CRC-IES-FEB 24 (KJ)		\$ 16.50		\$ 16.50
CRC-IES-FEB 24 (MD)		\$ 49.50		\$ 49.50
LARLHAM HATTIE Total		\$ 666.00		\$ 666.00
MAJKRZAK ASHLEY				
EI-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 233.36		\$ 233.36
MAJKRZAK ASHLEY Total		\$ 233.36		\$ 233.36
MAJOROS PAULA				
M/DS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 168.97		\$ 168.97
MAJOROS PAULA Total		\$ 168.97		\$ 168.97
MALECKAR STACEY				
A-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 56.28		\$ 56.28
MALECKAR STACEY Total		\$ 56.28		\$ 56.28
MEDINA CHAMBER OF CO				
CE-ANNUAL MEMEBERSHIP FEES		\$ 295.00		\$ 295.00
CE-REGISTRATION FEE-04/02/24 (RZ)		\$ 22.00		\$ 22.00
MEDINA CHAMBER OF CO Total		\$ 317.00		\$ 317.00
MEDINA COUNTY OOA				
CR-BRUNSWICK SR EXPO/BAKEOFF BOOTH RENTAL-03/27/24		\$ 40.00		\$ 40.00
CR-MEDINA CO SENIOR DAY BOOTH SPACE-5/22/24		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
MEDINA COUNTY OOA Total		\$ 140.00		\$ 140.00
MEDINA COUNTY SANITA				
M-WATER/SEWER-01/31/24-02/29/24		\$ 1,285.58		\$ 1,285.58
MEDINA COUNTY SANITA Total		\$ 1,285.58		\$ 1,285.58
MEDINA COUNTY TRANSI				
CRC-NMT-FEB24		\$ 3,212.69		\$ 3,212.69
MEDINA COUNTY TRANSI Total		\$ 3,212.69		\$ 3,212.69
MEDINA CREATIVE ACCE				
A-CATERING FOR BOARD MEETING-03/25/24		\$ 46.00		\$ 46.00
CRC-ADS & NMT 02/05/24-02/20/24 (GC)		\$ 249.15		\$ 249.15
CRC-ADS & NMT 02/22/24-02/26/24 (BB)		\$ 581.35		\$ 581.35
CRC-ADS 02/22/24-02/26/24 (DG)		\$ 450.00		\$ 450.00
CRC-ADS 02/22/24-02/26/24 (LJ)		\$ 1,012.50		\$ 1,012.50
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/04/24-01/29/24 (BB)		\$ 498.30		\$ 498.30
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/24/24 (GC)		\$ 83.05		\$ 83.05
CRC-ADS-01/02/24-01/31/24 (DG)		\$ 645.75		\$ 645.75
CRC-ADS-01/04/24-01/29/24 (LJ)		\$ 956.25		\$ 956.25
CS-DSP WORKFORCE SUPPORT/TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
MEDINA CREATIVE ACCE Total		\$ 7,522.35		\$ 7,522.35
MEDINA CREATIVE HOUS				
CRC-HOUSING SUBSIDY-MAR 24		\$ 1,446.65		\$ 1,446.65
MEDINA CREATIVE HOUS Total		\$ 1,446.65		\$ 1,446.65
MEDINA SIGNS INC				
M-EXTERIOR SIGNAGE AROUND PROPERTY FINAL PMT		\$ 6,030.57		\$ 6,030.57
MEDINA SIGNS INC Total		\$ 6,030.57		\$ 6,030.57
MIDWEST INNOVATIONS				
CRC-ADS		\$ 1,073.38		\$ 1,073.38
CRC-ADS & NMT-02/12/24-02/16/24 (JS/JH)		\$ 1,445.41		\$ 1,445.41
CRC-ADS-02/19/24-02/23/24 (JS/JH)		\$ 900.01		\$ 900.01
CRC-ADS-03/04/24-03/08/24 (JS/NH/JH)		\$ 1,181.74		\$ 1,181.74
CRC-NMT		\$ 536.00		\$ 536.00
CRC-NMT-02/19/24-02/23/24 (JS/JH)		\$ 402.00		\$ 402.00
CRC-NMT-03/04/24-03/08/24 (JS/JH)		\$ 589.60		\$ 589.60
M-CUSTODIAL SERVICES-FEB 24		\$ 675.00		\$ 675.00
M-CUSTODIAL SERVICES-JAN 24		\$ 521.25		\$ 521.25
MIDWEST INNOVATIONS Total		\$ 7,324.39		\$ 7,324.39

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MURAT TOBIE				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 93.73		\$ 93.73
MURAT TOBIE Total		\$ 93.73		\$ 93.73
N2Y LLC				
SA-NEWS2YOU/SYMBOLSTIX/UNIQUE LEARNING LICENSES		\$ 1,642.72		\$ 1,642.72
N2Y LLC Total		\$ 1,642.72		\$ 1,642.72
NEON				
SSA-MUI INVESTIGATIONS-FEB 24		\$ 529.65		\$ 529.65
NEON Total		\$ 529.65		\$ 529.65
NEWS-O-MATIC				
AT- NEWS-O-MATIC ONE YEAR SUBSCRIPTION		\$ 425.00		\$ 425.00
NEWS-O-MATIC Total		\$ 425.00		\$ 425.00
OHIO ALLIANCE OF DIR				
CR-2024 SYNERGY CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
OHIO ALLIANCE OF DIR Total		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
OHIO EDISON COMPANY				
M-ELECTRIC-01/17/24-02/13/24		\$ 12,269.08		\$ 12,269.08
M-ELECTRIC-02/14/24-03/13/24		\$ 11,960.92		\$ 11,960.92
OHIO EDISON COMPANY Total		\$ 24,230.00		\$ 24,230.00
OHIO PROVIDER RESOUR				
A-2024 PUBLIC ENTITY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION		\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
OHIO PROVIDER RESOUR Total		\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
OHIO SPECIAL INITIAT				
CR-2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
OHIO SPECIAL INITIAT Total		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
ONEBRIDGE SUPPORT SE				
CRC-ADS 01/29/24-03/01/24 (RF)		\$ 787.50		\$ 787.50
CRC-ADS 01/30/24-02/29/24 (MW)		\$ 225.00		\$ 225.00
ONEBRIDGE SUPPORT SE Total		\$ 1,012.50		\$ 1,012.50
PAR - PROFESSIONALS				
CR-2024 PAR CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
PAR - PROFESSIONALS Total		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
PEAK POTENTIAL THERA				
CRC-RESPIRE SERVICES-06/26/23-06/30/23 (BN)		\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
PEAK POTENTIAL THERA Total		\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
PESI				
AT-REGISTRATION FEE-03/06/24 (CJ)		\$ 144.99		\$ 144.99
PESI Total		\$ 144.99		\$ 144.99
PITNEY BOWES INC				
A-3 INK PAD REPLACEMENT KITS (#51A-P)		\$ 57.24		\$ 57.24
PITNEY BOWES INC Total		\$ 57.24		\$ 57.24
PITNEY BOWES RESERVE				
VARIOUS-POSTAGE RESERVE ACCOUNT		\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00
PITNEY BOWES RESERVE Total		\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00
REINHARDT SUPPLY COM				
M-SUPPLIES		\$ 409.05		\$ 409.05
REINHARDT SUPPLY COM Total		\$ 409.05		\$ 409.05
REPUBLIC SERVICES IN				
M-TRASH-03/01/24-03/31/24		\$ 568.77		\$ 568.77
REPUBLIC SERVICES IN Total		\$ 568.77		\$ 568.77
ROSS DAVID				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 133.40		\$ 133.40
ROSS DAVID Total		\$ 133.40		\$ 133.40
S.A. COMUNALE CO INC				
M-BACKFLOW INSPECTIONS		\$ 375.00		\$ 375.00
S.A. COMUNALE CO INC Total		\$ 375.00		\$ 375.00
SANDICARE LLC				
CRC-ADS & NMT-02/14/24 (MT)		\$ 222.85		\$ 222.85
CRC-ADS 02/26/24-02/28/24 (MB)		\$ 507.75		\$ 507.75
CRC-ADS-02/12/24-02/14/24 (MB)		\$ 507.75		\$ 507.75
CRC-ADS-03/04/24-03/06/24 (MB)		\$ 507.75		\$ 507.75
SANDICARE LLC Total		\$ 1,746.10		\$ 1,746.10

March Voucher Report.xlsx
Summary By Vendor

Sum of AMOUNT	Fund			
Vendor	2855	3300	3315	Grand Total
SASS NICOLE				
PT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 455.40		\$ 455.40
SASS NICOLE Total		\$ 455.40		\$ 455.40
SAXER SHEILA				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 28.74		\$ 28.74
SAXER SHEILA Total		\$ 28.74		\$ 28.74
SCHELL TAYLOR				
SP-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 118.93		\$ 118.93
SCHELL TAYLOR Total		\$ 118.93		\$ 118.93
SCHOLASTIC INC				
SA-SUPPLIES		\$ 345.51		\$ 345.51
SCHOLASTIC INC Total		\$ 345.51		\$ 345.51
SCOZZARO CHRISTINE				
EI-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 115.91		\$ 115.91
SCOZZARO CHRISTINE Total		\$ 115.91		\$ 115.91
SILLIMAN MELINDA				
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 157.45		\$ 157.45
SILLIMAN MELINDA Total		\$ 157.45		\$ 157.45
SISTER CIRCLE MEDINA				
CR-JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION SPONSORSHIP 06/15/24		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
SISTER CIRCLE MEDINA Total		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
SMITH AMY L				
INT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 52.93		\$ 52.93
SMITH AMY L Total		\$ 52.93		\$ 52.93
SNAP GOURMET FOODS				
FSLP-CAFETERIA GROCERIES		\$ 1,153.11		\$ 1,153.11
SNAP GOURMET FOODS Total		\$ 1,153.11		\$ 1,153.11
SOCIETY FOR HANDICAP				
A-OMBUDSMAN SERVICES-FEB 24		\$ 1,158.15		\$ 1,158.15
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/03/24-01/31/24 (BW)		\$ 1,450.32		\$ 1,450.32
CRC-ADS & NMT-01/06/24-01/26/24 (JP)		\$ 439.40		\$ 439.40
SOCIETY FOR HANDICAP Total		\$ 3,047.87		\$ 3,047.87
SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF				
SO-SPECIAL OLYMPICS BUDGET-FEB 24		\$ 1,167.00		\$ 1,167.00
SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF Total		\$ 1,167.00		\$ 1,167.00
STATE INDUSTRIAL PRO				
M-AIR CARE PROGRAM		\$ 326.18		\$ 326.18
M-WATER TREATMENT PROGRAM		\$ 809.67		\$ 809.67
STATE INDUSTRIAL PRO Total		\$ 1,135.85		\$ 1,135.85
SUMMA HEALTH CORP				
HR-STAFF PHYSICAL-01/04/24 (JS)		\$ 80.00		\$ 80.00
HR-STAFF PHYSICALS-FEB 24 (CA/CR/SZ)		\$ 240.00		\$ 240.00
SUMMA HEALTH CORP Total		\$ 320.00		\$ 320.00
TALBERT'S COMMERCIAL				
ASM-SUPPLIES		\$ 42.02		\$ 42.02
TALBERT'S COMMERCIAL Total		\$ 42.02		\$ 42.02
TEAMMATES CENTER LLC				
CRC-ADS-01/03-31/24 & 02/01-02/14/24 (AP)		\$ 2,030.00		\$ 2,030.00
CRC-ADS-11/28-30/23 & 12/05/23-12/28/23 (AP)		\$ 1,010.75		\$ 1,010.75
CRC-NMT-01/03-31/24 & 02/01-02/14/24 (AP)		\$ 884.40		\$ 884.40
CRC-NMT-11/28-30/23 & 12/05/23-12/28/23 (AP)		\$ 512.25		\$ 512.25
TEAMMATES CENTER LLC Total		\$ 4,437.40		\$ 4,437.40
THE GAZETTE				
CR-ADVERTISING & PRINTING-02/14/24		\$ 230.00		\$ 230.00
CR-ADVERTISING & PRINTING-02/17/24		\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00
THE GAZETTE Total		\$ 830.00		\$ 830.00
THE GEOPFERT COMPANY				
CI-TOY HALL HEAT PUMP REPLACEMENT	\$ 10,786.00			\$ 10,786.00
M-CONTRACT REPAIRS (BOILER REPAIRS)		\$ 415.00		\$ 415.00
M-MATERIALS		\$ 514.00		\$ 514.00
THE GEOPFERT COMPANY Total	\$ 10,786.00	\$ 929.00		\$ 11,715.00

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Summary By Vendor

Sum of AMOUNT	Fund			
Vendor	2855	3300	3315	Grand Total
THE NISONGER CENTER				
SSA-REGISTRATION FEE-03/15/24 (KG)		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
THE NISONGER CENTER Total		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
THOMAS JOHN				
SSAS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 90.12		\$ 90.12
THOMAS JOHN Total		\$ 90.12		\$ 90.12
T-MOBILE				
TELEPHONE-1/29/24-2/28/24		\$ 1,722.67		\$ 1,722.67
T-MOBILE Total		\$ 1,722.67		\$ 1,722.67
TRANSITIONAL LIVING				
CS-DSP REFERRAL-DEC 23		\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00
TRANSITIONAL LIVING Total		\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00
TREASURER STATE OF O				
CRC-TCM REVALIDATION ODM APPLICATION FEE		\$ 709.00		\$ 709.00
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-02/01/24-02/29/24 (ES)		\$ 7,106.45		\$ 7,106.45
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-02/01/24-02/29/24 (JM)		\$ 7,106.45		\$ 7,106.45
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-02/01/24-02/29/24 (JW)		\$ 7,106.45		\$ 7,106.45
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-02/01/24-02/29/24 (MD)		\$ 7,106.45		\$ 7,106.45
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-02/01/24-02/29/24 (MR)		\$ 7,106.45		\$ 7,106.45
HR-BCI/FBI CHECKS & RAPBACKS-2024		\$ 659.50		\$ 659.50
TREASURER STATE OF O Total		\$ 36,900.75		\$ 36,900.75
TRI-COUNTY JOBS FOR				
CR-JOG CAREER EXPO BOOTH RENTAL		\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00
TRI-COUNTY JOBS FOR Total		\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00
UNITED DISABILITY SE				
CRC-INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT 02/24 (BR)		\$ 33.00		\$ 33.00
UNITED DISABILITY SE Total		\$ 33.00		\$ 33.00
WACHSBERGER DIANA				
SP-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 166.77		\$ 166.77
WACHSBERGER DIANA Total		\$ 166.77		\$ 166.77
WADSWORTH COMMUNICAT				
CR-RADIO UNDERWRITING & ADVERTISING-FEB 24		\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00
CR-RADIO UNDERWRITING & ADVERTISING-JAN 24		\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00
CR-RADIO UNDERWRITING & ADVERTISING-MAR 24		\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00
WADSWORTH COMMUNICAT Total		\$ 375.00		\$ 375.00
WALMART COMMUNITY				
CR-SUPPLIES (RAFFLE BASKET-WADSWORTH CHAMBER)		\$ 124.41		\$ 124.41
WALMART COMMUNITY Total		\$ 124.41		\$ 124.41
WEX BANK				
T-GASOLINE-FEB 24		\$ 212.64		\$ 212.64
WEX BANK Total		\$ 212.64		\$ 212.64
WHEELER PAM				
CS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 73.50		\$ 73.50
WHEELER PAM Total		\$ 73.50		\$ 73.50
WINDFALL INDUSTRIES				
A/M-VARIABLE AGREEMENT-JAN 24		\$ 2,224.64		\$ 2,224.64
CRC-ADS-JAN24		\$ 1,518.75		\$ 1,518.75
CRC-INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT-09/13/23 (MR)		\$ 1,127.57		\$ 1,127.57
CRC-INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT-DEC23		\$ 205.20		\$ 205.20
CRC-INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT-JAN24		\$ 544.50		\$ 544.50
CRC-NMT-01/18/24-01/23/24		\$ 68.64		\$ 68.64
CRC-NMT-DEC 23		\$ 4,651.23		\$ 4,651.23
CRC-NMT-JAN 24		\$ 7,753.00		\$ 7,753.00
WINDFALL INDUSTRIES Total		\$ 18,093.53		\$ 18,093.53
YAKO-SCHUESZLER MARY				
OT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 201.67		\$ 201.67
YAKO-SCHUESZLER MARY Total		\$ 201.67		\$ 201.67
ZIEMKIEWICZ ROBERT				
CE-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		\$ 44.89		\$ 44.89
ZIEMKIEWICZ ROBERT Total		\$ 44.89		\$ 44.89
Grand Total	\$ 10,786.00	\$ 243,649.64	\$ 319.60	\$ 254,755.24

Financial Statements for the month of March 2024

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, 2024.**
2. **Statement of Expenses for the period ending March 31, 2024.**
3. **Statement of Cash Balance for the period ending March 31, 2024.**
4. **Statement of Monthly Cash Flow for the period ending March 31, 2024.**
5. **Voucher Reports for the month of March 2024.**

By: Carey A. Bates 4/4/24
Carey A. Bates, Director of Business Date

By: Stacey Maleckar 4/11/24
Stacey Maleckar, Superintendent Date

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



RESOLUTION #15-24

April 22, 2024

**ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2024**

A motion was made by _____, and seconded by _____, to authorize the Board to accept the financial reports for the month of March, 2024.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED AND ASSIGNED RESOLUTION #15-24.

Board Chair
Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

ENROLLEE STATS - BRITTCO 2024

	2023		2024											
	NOV GK	DEC GK	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
UNDUPLICATED COUNT														
Total ELIGIBLE Children - Active/Age 0-22	800	795	*854	853	862									
Total ELIGIBLE Adults - Active/23+	693	695	*699	704	710									
Total ELIGIBLE Individuals	1493	1490	*1553	1557	1572									
EDUCATION														
Early Intervention	367	363	335	341	349									
Windfall Preschool + Peers	14	14	13	13	13									
Windfall School Age	32	32	41	41	41									
COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES														
OOD	8	8	8	8	5									
SERVICE&SUPPORT ADMIN														
# Individuals Found Eligible	10	4	10	20	11									
# Individuals Assigned to SSA/I & R	1238	1237	1198	1207	1210									
INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY FUNDING														
Waivers	621	619	628	627	632									
Supported Living	14	12	11	11	13									
Family Support Services	110	110	50	63	70									

*Change in Eligible Children/Adult Count Due To Data Cleanup in Brittco.

Personnel Control Report
As of 4-10-24

Non-union
OEA Union
AFSCME Union (SSAs only)

Authorized Working Titles	Board Authorized Positions	Superintendent Authorized Positions	Number Positions Filled	Number of Openings	Comments Board Approved Resolutions
Administrative & Support Staff					
Superintendent	1	1	1	0	
Assistant Superintendent	1	1	1	0	
Executive Administrator	1	1	1	0	
Director of Business	1	1	1	0	
Director of Human Resources	1	1	1	0	
Conf Financial Data Specialist	1	1	1	0	
Confidential Business Clerk	1	1	1	0	
Human Resources Clerk	1	1	1	0	
Administrative Assistant	1	1	1	0	
Records Specialist	1	1	1	0	
Medicaid Services Manager	1	1	1	0	
Community Relations Manager	1	1	1	0	
Financial Waiver Data Specialist	2	2	2	0	
Community Relations Specialist	1	1	1	0	
Community Relations Associate	1	1	1	0	
Human Resources Specialist	1	1	1	0	
File Clerk	2	2	2	0	
SUB TOTAL	19	19	19	0	
Educational Staff					
Children's Services Director	1	1	1	0	
Assistant Children's Services Dir	1	1	1	0	
Early Intervention Coordinator	1	1	1	0	
Confidential Secretary	1	1	1	0	
Secretary	1	1	1	0	
Intervention Specialists	12	12	12	0	
Instructor Assistants	11	11	11	0	
Language Dev. Specialists	3	3	3	0	
Physical Therapists	2	2	2	0	
Positive Support Specialists	2	2	2	0	
School Nurse	1	1	1	0	
Occupational Therapists	2	2	2	0	
Licensed P.T. Assistant	1	1	1	0	
Developmental Specialists	5	5	5	0	
SUB TOTAL	44	44	44	0	
Transportation					
Equipment Manager	1	1	1	0	
SUB TOTAL	1	1	1	0	
Community Services & Development					
Director of Community Supports & Dev	1	1	1	0	
Confidential Secretary	1	1	1	0	
Community Projects Supervisor	1	1	1	0	
Community Supports Manager	1	1	1	0	

*Temporary Contract (TC)

Authorized Working Titles	Board Authorized Positions	Superintendent Authorized Positions	Number Positions Filled	Number of Openings	
Community Services & Development					
Health Services Coordinator	1	1	1	0	
Secretaries	1	1	1	0	
Employment Navigator	1	1	1	0	
Economic Developer	1	1	1	0	
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	
SUB TOTAL	17	17	17	0	
Service & Support Admin					
Srv & Support Adm Director	1	1	1	0	
Srv & Support Adm Managers	4	4	4	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	31	31	31	0	
SUB TOTAL	42	42	42	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	
Special Olympics Coordinator	1	1	1	0	
Maintenance Supervisor	1	1	1	0	
Maintenance Repairmen	1	1	1	0	
Custodians	4	4	4	0	
Operations Floater 9 mos	1	1	1	0	
Network Administrator	1	1	1	0	
IT Help Desk	1	1	1	0	
SUB TOTAL	14	14	14	0	
AGENCY TOTALS	137	137	137	0	

Quarterly Reports

Medina County Board of DD

2024 Contract Report
as of 3/31/2024

Italicized - not listed on previous quarter's report

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
	×	NEON	Amendment	Supported Living Administration Provider Compliance Reviews FSS Invoice Payment QARN Reviews Back-up MUI services <i>*Added Pre-Accreditation Review</i>	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	See contract	\$ 63,955.00	3/26/2024	3/26/2024	Administration/SSA/ Business Office
	×	Medina Creative Accessibility, Inc		Locally Funded IES and Career Planning	4/1/2024	12/31/2024	Medicaid Rate	\$ 6,000.00	3/15/2024	3/15/2024	Business Office
	×	Cuyahoga County Board of DD	Amendment (new psychologist)	Psychological Services (Clinician Verification form for waivers)	2/1/2024	1/31/2026	\$100/hour	N/A	2/5/2024	2/7/2024	SSA
	×	Weaver Industries, Inc.		Locally Funded Employment, Career Planning and VH	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	Medicaid Rate	\$ 5,000.00	11/22/2023	1/12/2024	Business Office
	×	Onebridge Support Services		Locally Funded Day Services & Transportation	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	Medicaid Rate	\$ 45,000.00	11/22/2023	1/8/2024	Business Office
	×	You Belong, LLC		Locally Funded Individual Employment Support & Career Planning	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	Medicaid Rate	\$ 1,000.00	11/22/2023	1/3/2024	Business Office
×	×	Independent Employment Services, LLC		Locally Funded Individual Employment Support & Career Planning and Transportation	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	Medicaid Rate	\$ 82,000.00	11/22/2023	1/3/2024	Business Office

Community Provider Report- 1st Quarter 2024 (Jan-Mar)
(based on ISP/PAWS authorizations)

Day Programs*

Provider	Dec 2020 Total	Dec 2021 Total	Dec 2022 Total	Dec 2023 Total	1Q24 Total	1Q24 I/O Waiver	1Q24 Level 1 Waiver	1Q24 SELF Waiver	1Q24 Local
Windfall Industries	72	74	70	74	76	51	21		4
Medina Creative Accessibility	57	60	60	56	61	29	24	3	5
Midwest Innovations (Midwest Community Services)	59	56	50	46	49	31	13	2	3
I Am Boundless, Inc.	0	0	0	35	40	17	21	1	1
Enhance Ability	10	12	31	34	37	29	5	1	2
Intervention for Peace	24	17	21	28	29	17	10	1	1
AC Passage Enterprises, LLC.	0	12	23	22	23	12	8	1	2
SHC/The Arc of Medina County	20	23	17	20	21	14	5		2
Sandicare, LLC	24	20	16	16	19	10	7		2
OneBridge Support Services, LLC	0	4	7	9	11	3	5	1	2
ViaQuest Day Services (QFI)	18	15	15	8	8	5	2		1
Easterseals Central and Southeast Ohio, Inc.****	0	0	0	5	6	3	1		2
Consumer Support Services	10	7	5	5	5	4	1		
Nurturing Hands and Hearts Ltd	5	3	5	5	5	3	1	1	
Teammates Center, LLC.	0	0	1	3	5	4			1
Sweet Home Healthcare of Ohio, LLC	0	0	0	3	5	5			
Achievement Centers For Childen	3	3	4	4	4	3	1		
Hattie Larlham Community Services	4	4	2	3	2	1			1
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	0	1	1	1	1	1			
R.M. Senior Services, Inc.	0	0	0	1	1	1			
Pathway Church	0	0	0	1	1		1		
REM Ohio	0	0	0	1	1	1			
Weaver Industries	5	5	4	3	0				
Blick Center	0	0	0	1	0				
Boundless Community Pathways***	34	33	41	0	0				
Easter Seals Northern Ohio****	6	7	8	0	0				
Goodwill Industries of Akron, Ohio Inc.	4	1	0	0	0				
Active Day, OH	1	0	0	0	0				
Grand Total**	358	359	383	386	412	245	127	11	29
Count of providers:	19	21	21	26	24				

*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)

***Boundless Community Pathways switched to I Am Boundless by 7/1/2023

****Easter Seals Northern Ohio was absorbed by Easterseals Central and SE Ohio July 2023

Individual Employment Supports

Provider	Dec 2020 Total	Dec 2021 Total	Dec 2022 Total	Dec 2023 Total	1Q24 Total	1Q24 I/O Waiver	1Q24 Level 1 Waiver	1Q24 SELF	1Q24 Local
Windfall Industries	5	6	37	42	41	9	12	3	17
Koinonia Enterprises, LLC	0	0	9	16	18	1	8	1	8
Independent Employment Services, LLC	0	2	16	16	13	4	5	1	3
Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities	0	0	7	10	10	1	5		4
Elite Placement Services, Inc.	0	0	1	2	2		2		
United Disability Services	0	0	0	2	2		1		1
You Belong	0	1	1	1	1				1
Cuyahoga Integrated Employment	1	0	1	1	1		1		
Medina Creative Accessibility	0	0	0	0	1				1
The Alpha Group of Delaware, Inc.	0	0	1	1	0				
Medina County Board of DD^	128	140	84	0	0				
United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland	4	3	2	0	0				
OneBridge Support Services, LLC.	0	0	1	0	0				
Goodwill Industries of Akron, Ohio Inc.	0	0	1	0	0				
Grand Total	138	152	161	91	89	15	34	5	35
Count of providers:	4	5	12	9	9				

Community Provider Report- 1st Quarter 2024 (Jan-Mar)
(based on ISP/PAWS authorizations)

Non-Medical Transportation

	Dec 2020	Dec 2021	Dec 2022	Dec 2023	1Q24	1Q24	1Q24	1Q24	1Q24
Providers	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	I/O Waiver	Level 1 Waiver	SELF Waiver	Local
Windfall Industries	101	102	100	118	123	61	34	3	25
Medina Creative Accessibility	49	43	39	44	51	22	22	2	5
Midwest Innovations (Midwest Community Services)	58	55	50	46	48	31	12	2	3
Enhance Ability	17	22	32	35	36	28	5	1	2
I Am Boundless, Inc.	0	0	0	34	36	14	20	1	1
Intervention for Peace	21	14	20	28	27	17	8	1	1
AC Passage Enterprises, LLC.	46	43	34	27	26	12	9	1	4
Consumer Support Services	18	23	19	23	23	8	8	1	6
Independent Employment Services, LLC	0	17	21	20	20	5	5		10
SHC/The Arc of Medina County	17	23	17	19	20	13	5		2
SandiCare, LLC	7	14	15	15	16	9	6		1
Medina County Board of DD****	11	16	20	18	15	3	8		4
ViaQuest Day Services (QFI)	19	15	15	8	8	5	2		1
Cossel, Susan	0	0	3	6	7	3	4		
OneBridge Support Services, LLC	0	2	1	6	7	2	3	1	1
Easterseals Central and Southeast Ohio, Inc. ****	0	0	0	6	6	3	1		2
Quality Support Services	0	0	4	4	6	6			
Sweet Home Healthcare of Ohio, LLC	0	0	0	3	6	6			
Nurturing Hands and Hearts Ltd	5	3	6	5	5	3	1	1	
Keleman, Nicholas	0	0	3	4	5	2	3		
Teammates Center, LLC.	0	0	1	3	4	3			1
Toth, Darlene	0	3	5	5	3		3		
Weaver Industries	4	4	3	3	3	2	1		
Rutherford, Diana	0	1	2	3	3	2	1		
Weaver, Susan	0	0	0	3	3		3		
Kelly, Tabitha	2	4	3	3	2		2		
Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities	3	1	2	3	2	1			1
Weidus, Mark	0	0	3	2	2		1	1	
Powell, Michelle	0	0	0	2	2	2			
Stankiewicz, Jennifer	0	0	0	2	2	2			
Hrouda, Victoria	0	0	0	2	2		2		
Borg, Denise	0	0	0	2	2		2		
Kelly, Alexis	0	0	0	2	2		2		
Kelly, John	0	0	2	1	1		1		
Scott, Monica	0	0	2	1	1	1			
Rising Sun Centers, LLC.	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Siket, Donna	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Medicare Transport and Achievement Center	0	1	1	1	1	1			
Hawley, Janet	0	1	1	1	1		1		
Brodwolf, Jessica	0	1	1	1	1		1		
Donohue, Cheryl	0	1	1	1	1	1			
Zachman, Rick	0	1	1	1	1	1			
Lowe, Rebecca	0	1	1	1	1		1		
Achievement Centers for Children	2	0	1	1	1	1			
Fortney, Michelle	1	0	1	1	1		1		
Ziegler, Tiffany	0	0	1	1	1		1		
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Community Connections Northeast Ohio	0	0	1	1	1		1		
Wilson, Gina	0	0	1	1	1		1		
N Alliance Transit, LLC.	0	0	1	1	1	1			
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Denise Sundby	0	0	0	0	1		1		
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Walters, Danae Kayuna	0	0	0	0	1		1		
Kullman, Patricia Lynn	0	0	0	0	1		1		
Carson, Michael	0	0	1	1	0				
Boundless Community Pathways***	33	34	36	0	0				
Easter Seals Northern Ohio****	6	7	6	0	0				
Wootten, Grace	0	2	2	0	0				
Wootten, Jennifer	0	0	2	0	0				
Chambliss, AnnMarie	2	4	1	0	0				
Detwiler, Susan	1	1	1	0	0				
Allen, Christine	1	1	1	0	0				
Heckathorn, Jenna	1	0	1	0	0				
Craig, Kimberly	0	0	1	0	0				
Your Guardian Angels	0	0	1	0	0				
Transport Assist, Inc	2	1	0	0	0				
Gantner, Michael	1	1	0	0	0				
Sanford, Kyle	1	1	0	0	0				
Rosy Home Health, LLC	0	1	0	0	0				
Significant Residential Care Services, LLC.	0	1	0	0	0				
Sherman, Kelly	0	1	0	0	0				
True Hearts of Care	2	0	0	0	0				
Cuyahoga Integrated Employment	2	0	0	0	0				
L&J Family Healthcare Services	2	0	0	0	0				
Grand Total**	437	468	493	533	558	281	192	15	70
Count of providers:	31	39	55	62	68				

*The count under MCBDD is for individuals that ride transit.

****Easter Seals Northern Ohio was absorbed by Easterseals Central and SE Ohio July 2023

Q12024 - starting pulling stats from Britto

Ombudsman Quarterly Report- 1st Quarter 2024

Jill Boxler

January 2024:

1-1-2024-contact with parent re: IEP issue
 1-2-2024-contact with parent re: assistance with DD eligibility
 1-3-2024- contact re: housing issues
 1-10-2023- contact with parent re: visitation issue
 Ombudsman report
 1-12-2022- contact re: house sale
 APSI/Taac mtg.- Human Services Bldg.
 Ombudsman Quarterly meeting
 1-11-2022- contact with individual re: OOD meeting
 1-10-2023- contact with parent re: Juvenile Court
 Catholic Charities staff mtg.; Catholic Charities training
 1-10-2023- contact with parent; ongoing issues with JFS
 1-10-2023- Juvenile court hearing
 1-11-2022- OOD meeting
 1-10-2023- contact with parent
 1-12-2022- contact with individual
 1-4-2024- contact with sister/guardian re: moving to MC; provided her w/ info

February 2024:

1-10-2023- contact with parent f/u to court hearing
 1-1-20204- IEP meeting (Highland Schools)
 Ombudsman meeting
 1-2-2024- contact with APS; MCBDD; parent
 IEP mtg. (Medina Schools)
 1-11-2023- HV re: ongoing issues
 Catholic Charities Staff meeting; training
 1-4-2024- contact with guardian (several contacts) re: move to MC
 NE-HV with family
 NE-HV with parent
 2-06-2023 contact with individual
 1-2-2024- contact with MCBDD
 1-10-2023- HV with JFS
 1-11-2023- OOD evaluation at home

March 2024:

1-10-2023 contact with parent
 1-2-2024- HV with MCBDD; return call to APS
 1-4-2024-Contact with sibling regarding sister
 1-11-2022- OOD meeting

Brunswick Senior Fair
1-10-2023- Juvenile Court
1-10-2023- HV with CSB worker

I & R Only:

- Contact with individual with housing issues; referral to MHA- found alternative housing
- Contact with individual re: NH concerns; provided her with NH Ombudsman information
- Contact with parent of son (45) seeking alternative placement with more activities (in NH due to nature of injury)

Quarterly Stats:

- Total # served: 21
 - I & R only-3
 - Carryovers-5
 - New Cases-4
 - Closed-5
 - Non eligible-4

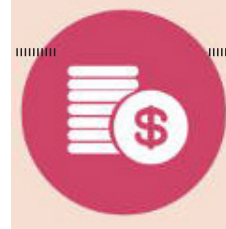
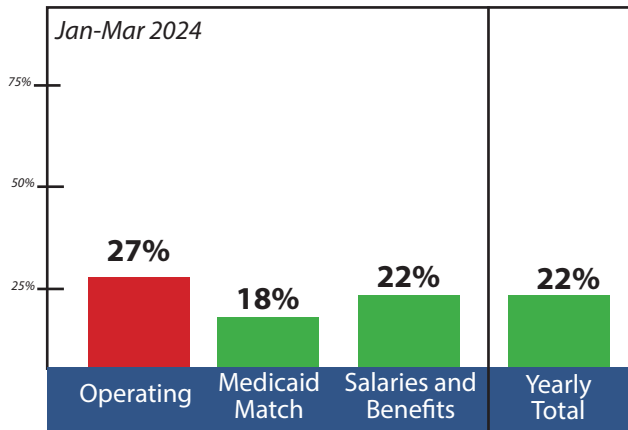
- Fiscal Indicators -

1st Quarter 2024



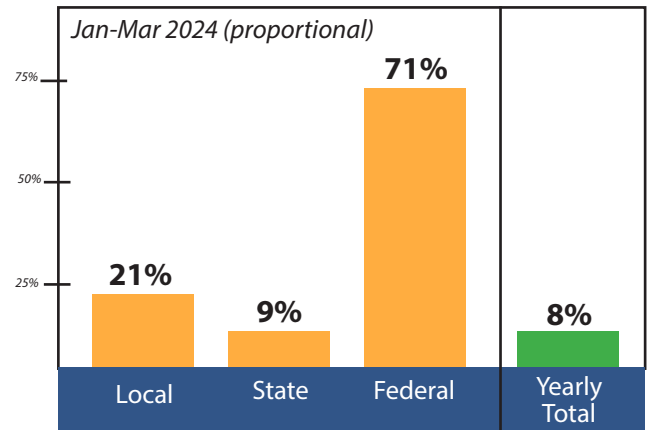
EXPENSES

Projected for 2024
\$26,077,803.00
Current Year-to Date
\$5,688,054.95



REVENUE

Projected for 2024
\$25,164,155.00
Current Year-to-Date
\$1,986,571.32

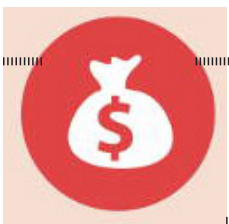


Under Projection

At Projection

Over Projection

Neutral



WAIVERS*

2024 Starting
Waiver Count

628

Service Dates - Billing Cycle
10/1/2023 thru 12/31/2023

Paid to Providers for Services Needed

\$6,800,182.48
- 4.7% from last quarter

MCBDD Responsibility Local Match

Provider Services Above
\$1,751,914.56
- 5.8% from last quarter

Year to Date	Additional 23	Removed -19	Total 632	Net +4 From Start of Year
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1st Quarter

Type	Jan 1, 2024	Additional	Removed	Mar 31, 2024
I/O	338	13	-10	341
Level 1	234	9	-5	238
Self	56	1	-4	53

2nd Quarter

Type	April 1, 2024	Additional	Removed	Jun 30, 2024
I/O				
Level 1				
Self				

3rd Quarter

Type	Jul 1, 2024	Additional	Removed	Sep 31, 2024
I/O				
Level 1				
Self				

4th Quarter

Type	Oct 1, 2024	Additional	Removed	Dec 31, 2024
I/O				
Level 1				
Self				

* Waivers are one way to pay, through the Medicaid program, for services a person with developmental disabilities needs to live their life in the community.

2024 Performance Outcomes 1st Quarter

DEPARTMENT	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	OUTCOME	MEASURE	1st Quarter Results
Service and Support Administration	Sabrina Johnson	Ensure adequate planning time for team members to prepare for the services that are going to be delivered to the individual.	The SSA Department will follow guidelines to submit ISP to the SSA Manager 60 days prior to span start date, and to fiscal office no later than 30 days prior to span start date in order to have 85% of annual/redetermination ISPs dispersed between 15-30 days prior to implementation date.	The fiscal office received a 44.1% success rate of receiving plans no later than 30 days prior to the span start date. 31.28% of ISPs were dispersed 14 days or less prior to implementation for a success rate of 68.5%. This is being tracked monthly and conversations have taken place with those that are needing additional supports to be successful with meeting requirements. A small percentage can also be attributed to the process of waiting for new waiver enrollments.
Children Services/ School age students	Celeste Bajorek	Ensure smooth transition to new Director of Children's Services, effective 7/1/24.	Create notebook of ongoing tasks and requirements with instructions and resources.	In process, to be completed by May 31, 2024.
Children Services/ EI	Celeste Bajorek	Staff will have working knowledge of the new E.I. rules and procedures to come out July, 2024.	Create 2 trainings for staff in support of new rule requirements.	Training option to be created by May 31, based on new EI rules (effective July 1).

2024 Performance Outcomes

1st Quarter

				<i>NOTE: want to ensure all information is up to date as E.I. now lives in the Office of Children and Youth.</i>
Positive Behavior Support	Celeste Bajorek	Positive Behavior Supports will be clearly defined to meet the gaps for behavior services in the community.	A SWOT analysis will be conducted with PBSS staff to determine where action needs to be developed. An action plan will be developed to support the results of the SWOT analysis.	SWOT analysis for PBSS services completed. PBSS staff met with Ed Dryer to collaborate on an action step to support community inclusion for individuals with unique learning and/or behavior needs.
Community Supports Department	Ed Dryer	Improve service quality of local providers.	Develop 4 new trainings for providers.	Developed 4 new front-line Supervisor trainings, as well as a Job Coach training.
Community Supports Department	Ed Dryer	Increase collaboration between local businesses and Community Employment providers.	Collaborate on at least 1 Community Employment event for businesses and providers.	Working on a Community Employment event in September/October of this year.
Community Supports Department	Ed Dryer	Increase awareness of Committed to Inclusion.	Increase by 3 new community partners.	Meeting with several potential partners, including Brunswick Rec Center, Wadsworth City, and Marigold.
Human Resources	Diana Davis	Ensure job descriptions accurately reflect current job responsibilities.	Revise format and update all job descriptions by the end of 3rd quarter.	In progress: A template has been developed and meetings are being held with

2024 Performance Outcomes

1st Quarter

				department heads to review current job responsibilities and requirements.
Administration/ Records	Shannon Lees	Improve quality and accuracy of scanned stored records.	34 files to be completed each quarter in order to finish the Gateway QA Project by the end of this year. (136 files need completed.)	Due to having an additional staff working in the Records Dept., this project was able to be completed in the first quarter of 2024. All 136 files are finished.
Administration/ Community Relations	Patti Hetkey	Increase skills of staff to meet changing trends in public relations and communication.	CRO staff will attend at least one training/webinar/presentation per quarter.	In progress: 1 st quarter - CRO staff attended the SSA training/Tom Speaks on Effective Communication on January 25.
Administration/ Community Relations	Patti Hetkey	Increase internal and external relationships to support more effective overall communication.	Develop a targeted plan for 3 new opportunities per quarter for CRO staff interactions with community peers and stakeholders.	In progress: Have identified stakeholder groups and created a tool in Microsoft Teams to identify and track interactions.
Business	Carey Bates	Improve accountability and performance.	Waiver Financial Data Specialist will update position guide of tasks and duties of the position by the end of 3rd quarter.	Not started yet.

2024 Performance Outcomes

1st Quarter

Business	Carey Bates	Improve accountability and performance.	Ensure that Financial Data Specialist position is trained on processing a check run by the end of 1st quarter in order to serve as the Business Clerk back-up.	Completed. Fiscal Data Specialist was trained and completed a check run during the Business Clerk's vacation – March 4-8.
Business	Carey Bates	Improve accountability and performance.	Medicaid Services Manager will document tasks of the position to include weekly, monthly, quarterly, and yearly tasks by the end of 3rd quarter.	Not started yet.
Business	Carey Bates	Increase efficiency and productivity.	Director of Business will work with Department Directors on reducing the number of purchasing requests submitted. Purchasing should be streamlined and ordered once weekly as opposed to multiple orders submitted in a day/week, etc.	Completed. Director of Business and Business Clerk worked with Department Heads and staff on a better process for ordering so as to reduce the number of requisitions submitted in a day or week for the same department and vendor. The Business Office has seen improvement in this area since the full budget has opened.
Facilities/ Health and Safety	Bobby Richards	Improve preventative maintenance.	Add at least 10 new preventative maintenance schedules to improve upon the	Added the following Preventative Maintenance Schedules: 1. Records area air purifier filter.

2024 Performance Outcomes

1st Quarter

			health and safety of our employees and the building. Complete by the end of 3rd quarter.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. AED battery replacement. 3. Off-season snowblower maintenance. 4. First aid and emergency bucket check. 5. Ice machine cleaning.
Facilities/ Accessibility	Bobby Richards	Improve accessibility.	Complete the renovation of at least one restroom to meet ADA compliance. This will be internal work by the Maintenance team. Complete by the end of the year.	Awaiting final drawings from Architect. Once the drawings are complete, we will begin renovating the classroom restrooms this summer.
Technology	Bobby Richards	Update and improve network infrastructure.	Working with the Maintenance team, switch over at least 10% of the network cables from the old network switch locations to the new IDF locations. Complete this by the end of the year.	The Network Administrator is putting together rough plans of where the first area of transitions will happen. Once those plans are complete, Maintenance and IT will meet together to start the work.

Community Engagement

Community Engagement

April 22, 2024

1. More Than Just “Safety Town”, It’s Safety Town +Plus/MCBDD/June 17-21, 2024
2. Independent Provider Meet & Greet/MCBDD/May 15, 2024
3. Understanding Traumatic Brain Injury/MCBDD/May 7, 2024
4. Social Security & Medicaid Benefits Workshop/MCBDD/April 26, 2024
5. Sibling Conference & Retreat/Ohio SIBS/April 13, 2024
6. Toddlers Enjoy Sensory Fun/The Gazette/April 11, 2024
7. Spring Toddler Playgroup/MCBDD/April 10, 2024
8. Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities Served 1,450 People in 2023/OACB Member Connect/April 10, 2024
9. 5 Things People with Autism Want You to Know/1 in 36 Children are Diagnosed with a Form of Autism/The Gazette/April 10, 2024
10. Board Offers Toddler Playgroup on Wednesday/The Gazette/April 9, 2024
11. 1 in 36 Children are Diagnosed with a Form of Autism/The Gazette/April 6, 2024
12. MCBDD Offers Play, Learn and Grow Group/Spring Toddler Playgroup/Medina County Commissioners’ Newsletter/April 5, 2024
13. MCBDD Receives Grant for Inclusion Efforts in County/Medina County Commissioners’ Newsletter/April 5, 2024 (2 pages)
14. “Toddler Rainbow Party” is Wednesday/Medina Weekly/April 4, 2024
15. Job Coaching 101/MCBDD/April 4, 2024
16. Applause! CARF Accreditation/Joy of Medina County Magazine/April 2024
17. 5 Things People with Autism Want You to Know/The Hinckley Record/April 2024
18. 1 in 36 Children are Diagnosed with a Form of Autism/This Month’s Highlights/Joy of Medina County Magazine/April 2024
19. Board of Developmental Disabilities Receives Grant/The Gazette/March 30, 2024
20. Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities Grant will be Used for Support and Services/OACB Member Connect/March 28, 2024 (2 pages)
21. Scholarship Available Through MCBDD/Medina Weekly/March 28, 2024
22. Chamber News Auction Donors - MCBDD/Wadsworth Area Chamber of Commerce/March 25, 2024
23. Medina County Board of DD Offers Camperships/Summer Means Camp!/The Gazette/March 23, 2024
24. Highest Accreditation/March is DD Awareness Month/Scholarship Available/DD Dialogues/Medina Weekly/March 21, 2024
25. 2024 Advocacy Meeting/MCBDD/March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, and November 26, 2024
26. Applause! MCBDD Scholarship/Joy of Medina County Magazine/January, February, and March 2024

Community Engagement

April 22, 2024

27. MCBDD Receives Highest Accreditation/Medina County Economic Development Corporation/2024
28. 2024 Easter Basket Scholarship Auction Thank You Card/Wadsworth Area Chamber of Commerce/2024
29. ARPA Grant/MCBDD/2024

More than just "Safety Town," it's

SAFETY TOWN + PLUS

Offered by the Medina County Board of DD, in partnership with the Medina County Sheriff's Office

June 17 - 21, 2024
9:30 - 11:30 am

Medina County Achievement Center
4691 Windfall Road, Medina

Our program offers all the regular safety town fun "PLUS" the extra help some children with developmental disabilities may need.

This program is specially designed for Medina County students, in grades K-1, with disabilities. We will teach children how to make good choices for safety and how to take action in emergency situations. Using an actual small-scale "town," our safety town is a real life learning environment that provides practice for many important safety lessons for children.

TOPICS:

- Fire Safety
- Calling 911
- Bus Safety
- Animal Safety
- Traffic Safety
- PLUS games, activities, stories and crafts to encourage learning



LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE, SO REGISTER EARLY!

For more information or to register, please contact
Christie Kimbler at 330-725-7751 ext. 269, or ckimbler@mcbdd.org.

- Meet and Greet -



Independent Provider Meet & Greet

**Wednesday,
May 15**

10:00 am - 11:00 am

MCBDD Achievement Center
4691 Windfall Rd.
Medina, OH 44256

Join the Medina County Board of DD for an Independent Provider Meet & Greet. During this event, attendees will be able to get to know fellow Independent Providers, as well as check out what's new at the MCBDD.

This month's meeting will be a Q&A format to allow Independent Providers an opportunity to get their provider-related questions answered.

Registration is required: [click here.](#)



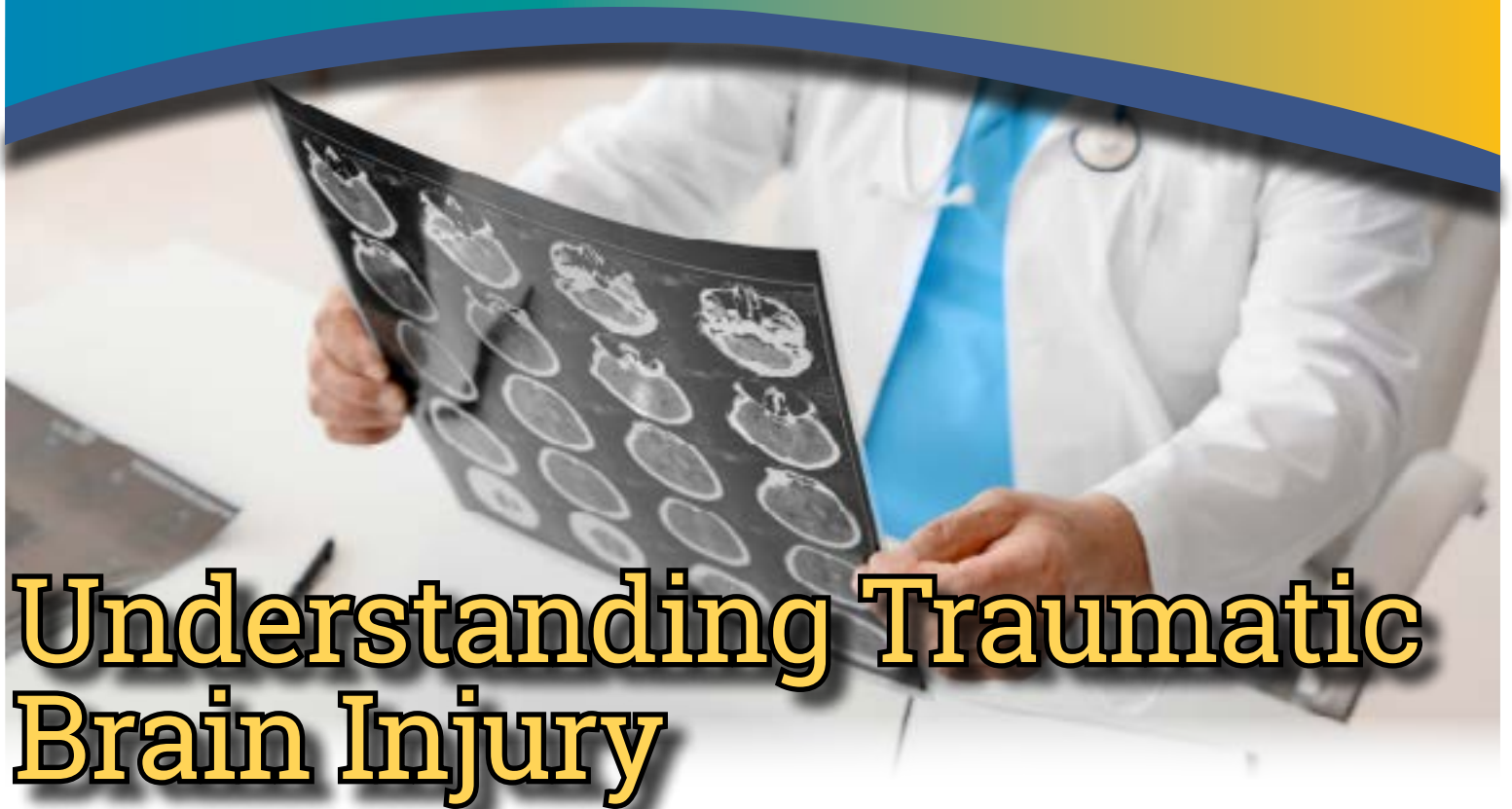
Call: Marie Friss, MCBDD Community Supports
Secretary

330-725-7751 x280

Email: marief@mcbdd.org

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- Upcoming Presentation -



Understanding Traumatic Brain Injury

**Tuesday,
May 7**

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

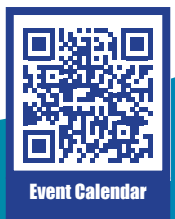
This presentation is offered virtually via Microsoft Teams and in-person at the Medina County Achievement Center, 4691 Windfall Road, Medina

Join the Medina County Board of DD and Lauren Holly, Executive Director of the Brain Injury Association of Ohio, for a presentation on Traumatic Brain Injury. This presentation will cover basic information on brain injury, as well as provide information on resources and advocacy for individuals with TBI.

Registration Required

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND



- Upcoming Presentation -



Social Security & Medicaid Benefits Workshop

**Friday,
April 26
12:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

This presentation is offered in-person at the Medina County Achievement Center, 4691 Windfall Road, Medina

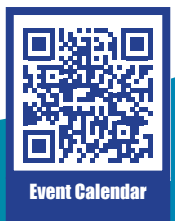
Registration Required

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Get all of your benefits questions answered!

Join the Medina County Board of DD for this workshop to learn all the information you will need to know regarding types of Social Security and Medicaid benefits for individuals with disabilities. Attendees will gain knowledge on accessing benefits, asset limits, the affect that working may have on benefits, and more.

ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND



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Sibling Conference & Retreat

April 13th, 2024

In-Person & Hybrid



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Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities,
Dr. Tom Fish
Dean Fadel

Advocacy & Protective Services Inc. (APSI)
Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services



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OPERATING LEVY FAILURE'S IMPACT ON MEDINA SCHOOLS

Board discusses options, possible cuts

Sara Crawford
The Gazette

MEDINA — After Medina Schools' operating levy failed on the March ballot, the Medina Board of Education held a work session on Tuesday to discuss potential reductions and consider alternative options for an operating levy.

If passed, the proposed 7.5-mill continuous levy would have raised \$14 million annually to be used strictly for operational purposes in the district.

According to the official election

results, the operating levy failed with 6,549 votes, or 52.62 percent against the levy, to 5,897 votes, or 47.38 percent for it.

The board placed the continuous operating levy on March's ballot following the failure of the combined bond issue and operating levy back in the November election.

The district combined the 2.83-mill bond issue and the 6.5-mill operating levy into a single issue in November. The 6.5-mill continuous operating levy would have collected about \$12

million a year and the 2.83-mill bond issue would have collected \$98.9 million, allowing the district to move forward with its plan for facilities and construction.

Medina Superintendent Aaron Sable said that with the amendment's failure in November, the district lost approximately \$12 to \$14 million as it lost a year of potential collection.

Shortly after the amendment's failure in November, the Medina district was placed on "precaution status" by the Ohio Department of Education

and Workforce due to the district's five-year forecast, which is expected to go into deficit spending within the third year.

Sable and Medina Treasurer Dave Chambers have since worked with a representative from the state to develop a plan that will show the district going into a positive state, rather than into a deficit, in the third year of the forecast.

According to Sable, the district needed to implement \$2 million in cuts during the 2024-2025 school year

as part of the precaution status, which would impact all levels of personnel and programming.

"Had we passed a levy this past March, that would have put us in a position with the additional funding where, with these reductions, we would have been in a better financial situation moving forward," he said. "Unfortunately, the levy did not pass. Therefore, we're in a position where we do need to look at and consider additional reductions."

See BOARD, A6

Toddlers enjoy sensory fun



MADISYN WOODRING / GAZETTE

On Wednesday, mom Marianna Trunov and daughter Zina Trunov make a bracelet together out of pipe cleaners during a Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities toddler playgroup at the Brunswick Library

Playgroup welcomes families with various activities

Madisyn Woodring
The Gazette

BRUNSWICK — Toddlers engaged in different sensory activities like scooping rice, playing with paint and more at the Brunswick Library on Wednesday.

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities holds toddler playgroups throughout the year for all toddlers, regardless of whether they have a disability.

MCBDD speech language pathologist Megan Palasik said Wednesday's activities allowed children to learn about the world through different textures.

The group also gives children who have a disability an extra opportunity to play with other kids, she said.

"They pick up a lot watching other kids" MCBDD speech language pathologist Diana Wachberger said. "They're still getting that social piece

that's important for them by being around other kids who can be a model (for) language or playing."

Resources regarding sensory activities and early intervention resources for parents were also available during the event. More information on upcoming events and resources can be found at mcbdd.org.

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

Biden administration sets first-ever limits on 'forever chemicals' in drinking water

Michael Phillis
The Associated Press

The Biden administration on Wednesday finalized strict limits on certain so-called "forever chemicals" in drinking water that will require utilities to reduce them to the lowest level they can be reliably measured. Officials say this will reduce exposure for 100 million people and help prevent thousands of illnesses, including cancers.

The rule is the first national drinking water limit on toxic PFAS, or perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, which are widespread and long lasting in the environment.

Health advocates praised the Environmental Protection Agency for not backing away from tough limits the agency proposed last year. But water utilities took issue with the rule, saying treatment systems

are expensive to install and that customers will end up paying more for water.

Water providers are entering a new era with significant additional health standards that the EPA says will make tap water safer for millions of consumers — a Biden administration priority. The agency has also proposed forcing utilities to remove dangerous lead pipes.

Utility groups warn the rules will cost tens of billions of dollars each and fall hardest on small communities with fewer resources. Legal challenges are sure to follow.

EPA Administrator Michael Regan says the rule is the most important action the EPA has ever taken on PFAS.

"The result is a comprehensive and life-changing rule, one that will improve the health and vitality of so many com-

munities across our country," said Regan.

PFAS chemicals are hazardous because they don't degrade in the environment and are linked to health issues such as low birth weight and liver disease, along with certain cancers. The EPA estimates the rule will cost about \$1.5 billion to implement each year, but doing so will prevent nearly 10,000 deaths over decades and significantly reduce serious illnesses.

They've been used in everyday products including non-stick pans, firefighting foam and waterproof clothing. Although some of the most common types are phased out in the U.S., others remain. Water providers will now be forced to remove contamination put in the environment by other industries.

"It's that accumulation that's the problem," said Scott Belcher, a North Carolina State University professor who researches PFAS toxicity. "Even tiny, tiny, tiny amounts each time you take a drink of water over your lifetime is going to keep adding up, leading to the health effects."

PFAS is a broad family of chemical substances, and the new rule sets strict limits on two common types — called PFOA and PFOS — at 4 parts per trillion. Three other types that include GenEx Chemicals that are a major problem in North Carolina are limited to 10 parts per trillion. Water providers will have to test for these PFAS chemicals and tell the public when levels are too high. Combinations of some PFAS types will be limited, too.

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BRUNSWICK

City unveils plans for new fire station

Madisyn Woodring
The Gazette

BRUNSWICK — Brunswick Committee of the Whole explored the new fire station by looking at the floor plan and renderings of the new fire station on Monday.

Tim Bement from App Architecture gave a presentation to the city which explained in detail the layout and features of the building.

The new station will be located at 1094 Hadcock Road, which is primarily a residential area. He said, as a result, the shorter side will face Hadcock Road and the taller apparatus bays and four-story training tower will be to the back. Evergreen trees will also be used to screen the property from the nearby residences alongside the north and south property lines.

"I really like the idea that the

building is facing the street," Councilman-at-Large Tim Smith said. "In so many places, the big, gigantic garage doors face the street and having a really beautiful building face the street, I think is aesthetically a lot more pleasing."

When community members visit the site, they will enter on the north drive and be able to use public parking to the north, Bement said. A fire apparatus will be able to leave one of the station's six apparatus bays using the south drive, which is for apparatus use only.

The fallen firefighter memorial, which is currently by Fire Station No. 1, will be moved to the front of the new building. Bement said pedestrians will be able to access the memorial using a sidewalk, and the area will be lit up at night and feature a flagpole and seating.

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GRANGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Parking lot to host bus driving event

Patrick Rhonemus
The Gazette

GRANGER TWP. — The Granger Elementary School parking lot will soon be full of people seeing what it is like to drive a school bus.

Participants will have an opportunity to test drive a school bus during the Highland Local School District's Drive a Bus Day from 10 a.m. to noon April 20 at 1724 Wilbur Road. Highland Communications Director Kelli Crawford-Smith said the event will help address the growing need for bus drivers at the school.

"Highland, like most districts across the state of Ohio, and the country, we are still continuing to have issues hiring bus drivers," she said. "The Drive a Bus event is there to encourage people who might be a little nervous about getting behind the wheel of a bus or people who might be thinking about driving a bus to take a drive around the Granger parking lot to see what that would feel like."

Crawford-Smith said the district currently has 18 drivers, in addition to a driver who covers morning routes, and a regular

sub who covers routes. She said bus routes could be impacted next year depending on the number of drivers.

"We are going to continue hiring efforts throughout the summer," she said. "Our goal, obviously, is to get the numbers up and this is one way we are trying to hire additional drivers. But if we don't have enough drivers, it will impact routes next year."

The goal of the event is to hire more drivers, while also informing those interested in driving of the incentives of being hired. The district is offering drivers who are successfully hired a \$2,500 signing bonus, paid training, competitive pay rates, and benefits eligibility.

Participants must be 21 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Pre-registration for the event is not required, but those who are interested can expedite the sign-in process by filling out the RSVP document at: tinyurl.com/ywe6vyru. Contact Tonya Hartwell at transportation@highlandschools.org or call (330) 239-1901 ext. 1219 for additional information.

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- Spring Toddler Playgroup -



 Families with children ages 0-3 are invited to join our Play, Learn, and Grow group for a morning of rainbow-themed activities.

- **Sensory Play**
- **Gross Motor Play**
- **Snacks**
- **Songs**

Wednesday, April 10
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Brunswick Library - Sycamore Room
3649 Center Road
Brunswick, Ohio
44212

Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities served 1,450 people in 2023

By Emily Canning-Dean - cleveland.com

April 10th, 2024

MEDINA, Ohio -- With the organization's 2023 annual report now complete, Stacey Maleckar, superintendent of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities, recently visited Medina City Council to share some statistics about the board and the work they have been doing.

"First, I want to say thank you. We can't do the work we do without the support of everyone in the community," Maleckar said.

"We thank you for supporting our levies when they come up.

"In 2023, we served 1,450 citizens in Medina County who are eligible for our services, and we are just over 1,500 as we are getting into 2024."

Maleckar said the biggest increase in services is for babies and children up to 3 years old.

"It is a lot of early intervention that provides supports and services that have a large impact on young people's lives," she said.

Maleckar said future plans include using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds the agency has received from the federal government.

She said one of the agency's goals is to use some of the funds to install more adult changing tables in public restrooms throughout the community.

"By providing adult changing tables, it provides a better opportunity for certain adults who want to be able to get out and about in the community," she said.

Maleckar said the agency also plans to use some ARPA funds to start a pilot transportation program.

"One of our goals is to provide more transportation for people who use wheelchairs, especially for those off hours like after 5 p.m. and on weekends," she said.

"That has been a big barrier for us, and for groups all across the state, so we want to be creative and see what kinds of solutions we can come up with."

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SPECIAL ADVERTISING FEATURE

Strategies to get kids to exercise

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Exercise is an important component of a healthy lifestyle. That's not just true for adults, but for children and teenagers as well.

Parents concerned about their kids living sedentary lives may have more to worry about than they know. According to a 2017 study published in the journal Preventive Medicine that analyzed data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination survey from 2003-2004 and 2005-2006, 19-year-olds spent as much time being inactive and sedentary as 60-year-olds.

Getting kids to be more active may be especially difficult for today's parents, who must contend with the internet, social media, tablets, smartphones, and other distractions as they try to encourage their kids to unplug and spend more time being physically active. But parents can try various strategies to get kids off the couch and exercising.

- **Set a positive example.** Kids, especially young children, often try to emulate their parents. Parents can capitalize on kids' desire to be like mom and dad by exercising in front of their children. Young children may not be ready to lift weights or run on the treadmill, but parents can embrace kid-friendly exercises, such as walking and cycling. Invite kids along for daily bike rides or go for family walks around the neighborhood after dinner.

- **Park the car.** Kids don't need to know they're exercising in order to be more physically active. In lieu of driving to the bank or pharmacy, parents can leave the car at home and ride their bikes alongside their children when running errands. If possible, parents can walk youngsters to and from school rather than driving them.

- **Choose friend-friendly activities.** Adults employ the buddy system as a means to motivate themselves to keep exercising, and that same principle can apply to children, who might be more excited about physical activity if their friends are joining them. Team sports provide chances to exercise with friends, as do organizations like the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of America. But even inviting a child's friend along on a family hike or bike ride may make such activities more fun for kids.

- **Give gifts that encourage physical activity.** Kids might want the latest device or video game for their birthdays, but parents also can give gifts that encourage youngsters to be physically active. Bicycles, rollerblades, ice skates, and sports



Exercising alongside their children is an effective way for parents to get their kids to be more physically active.

equipment are just a handful of potential gifts that may compel kids to exercise more.

Childhood obesity is a significant problem, with the 2015-2016 NHANES reporting that 20.6 percent of youths between the ages of 12 and 19 were obese. Getting kids off the couch and exercising more often can help reduce those figures and ensure healthier futures for kids of all ages. FP185927

5 Things People with Autism Want You to Know

April is Autism Acceptance Month, a time when we reach out to ask for more understanding, acceptance and help in finding ways to include people with autism into our daily community life. So, what do people with autism really want you to understand?

1. **We are all individuals** - Autism affects everyone in different ways; if you've met one person with autism, you've only met one person with autism. Each of us is unique and different. And we are definitely not the stereotypes you see in popular culture, so please don't make assumptions that we are unfeeling robots, Rainman or savants.

2. **We have hobbies, not special interests** - People with autism may hyper-focus on a certain subject and become an expert in it; particularly ones we are comfortable with and interested in. Instead of singling this out, our hobbies should be nurtured (into fulfilling careers if possible), and not treated as just unimportant special interests.

3. **Understand why we stim** - People with autism sense the world differently and may experience sensory overload. In response to this, some people with autism might stim. Stimming is a self-soothing behavior such as rocking, humming and fidgeting, which helps us process our surroundings, reduce anxiety and provide comfort. It is important to be open-minded and flexible when you see a person stimming, we are trying to fit into our community.

4. **Our communication might be different** - For some people with autism, it is easier if sentences are kept short and simple. Others find it easier when key words and phrases are repeated. Sometimes people with autism do not communicate with words at all. This should never be mistaken for a lack of intelligence. Please be open-minded and try to find different ways to communicate meaningfully with us.

5. **We have empathy** - Some people think that when you have autism, that you aren't empathetic or can't feel empathy, but this is wrong. In many cases, we actually feel overwhelming levels of empathy and other feelings, but we may not be able to express them in typical ways. Also, most of us prefer to say exactly what we mean and feel, but we might not realize this may upset you.

BONUS TIP: We need more autism-friendly environments and understanding - Although each of us experiences the world differently, more can be done to make everyday environments more autism-friendly. Simple adjustments such as low-level lighting or decreasing noise levels can make a difference. The best way you can support the autism community is to be flexible, and remember that everyone is unique with different interests, needs, habits, likes and dislikes.

Have questions or need additional help or resources? The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is the community resource responsible for connecting, coordinating, and funding services for individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities such as autism. We help with everything from early intervention and education opportunities for children to employment and community inclusive living for adults. Call us at 330-725-7751 or visit www.mcbbdd.org for more information.

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ALMANAC

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 9, the 100th day of 2024. There are 266 days left in the year.

Today's history

- In 1413, the coronation of England's King Henry V took place in Westminster Abbey.
- In 1939, Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., after the Black singer was denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.
- In 1940, during World War II, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.
- In 1942, during World War II, some 75,000 Philippine and American defenders on Bataan surrendered to Japanese troops, who forced the prisoners into what became known as the Bataan Death March; thousands died or were killed en route.
- In 1959, NASA presented its first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton. Architect Frank Lloyd Wright, 91, died in Phoenix, Arizona.
- In 1968, funerals, private and public, were held for Martin Luther King Jr. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church and Morehouse College in Atlanta, five days after the civil rights leader was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.
- In 1979, officials declared an end to the crisis involving the Three Mile Island Unit 2 nuclear reactor in Pennsylvania, 12 days after a partial core meltdown.
- In 1996, in a dramatic shift of purse-string power, President Bill Clinton signed a line-item veto bill into law. (The U.S. Supreme Court struck down the veto in 1998.)
- In 2003, jubilant Iraqis celebrated the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime, beheading a toppled statue of their longtime ruler in downtown Baghdad.
- In 2005, Britain's Prince

Charles married longtime love Camilla Parker Bowles, who took the title Duchess of Cornwall.

- In 2010, Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens announced his retirement.
- In 2012, a Florida special prosecutor said a grand jury would not look into the Trayvon Martin case, leaving the decision of whether to charge the teen's shooter in her hands alone. (Prosecutor Angela Corey ended up filing second-degree murder charges against George Zimmerman, who pleaded not guilty, claiming self-defense; He was acquitted at trial.)
- In 2013, 13 people were shot to death during a pre-dawn, house-to-house rampage in the Serbian village of Velika Ivanca; authorities identified the gunman as a 60-year-old veteran of the Balkan wars who took his own life.

Today's birthdays

Satirical songwriter and mathematician Tom Lehrer is 96. Actor Michael Learned is 85. Actor Dennis Quaid is 70. Comedian Jimmy Tingle is 69. Country musician Dave Innis (Restless Heart) is 65. Talk show host Joe Scarborough is 61. Actor-sports reporter Lisa Guerrero is 60. Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey is 60. Actor Mark Pellegrino is 59. Actor-model Paulina Porizkova is 59. Actor Cynthia Nixon is 58. TV personality Sunny Anderson is 49. Rock singer Gerard Way (My Chemical Romance) is 47. Actor Keshia Knight Pulliam is 45. Rock musician Albert Hammond Jr. (The Strokes) is 44. Actor Charlie Hunnam is 44. Actor Ryan Northcott is 44. Actor Arlen Escarpeta is 43. Actor Jay Baruchel is 42. Actor Annie Funke is 39. Actor Jordan Masterson is 38. Actor Leighton Meester is 38. Actor-singer Jesse McCartney is 37. R&B singer Jazmine Sullivan is 37. Actor Kristen Stewart is 34. Actor Elle Fanning is 26. Rapper Lil Nas X is 25. Actor Isaac Hempstead Wright is 25. Classical crossover singer Jackie Evancho is 24.

WEATHER

TODAY: Mostly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms 74/50
WEDNESDAY: Chance of showers 62/53
THURSDAY: Showers and windy 67/44
FRIDAY: Showers and windy 50/40

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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LOTTERY

Ohio (Monday)

Midday Pick 3: 6-6-8, **Pick 3:** 3-9-4,
Midday Pick 4: 9-6-3-1, **Pick 4:** 6-3-2-1,
Midday Pick 5: 6-0-3-4-3, **Pick 5:** 1-5-9-0-3,
Rolling Cash 5: 6-15-17-31-37,
Classic Lotto: 19-21-25-36-42-47, **Kicker:** 9-2-7-9-1-6.
Rolling Cash 5 jackpot is \$130,000.
Classic Lotto jackpot is \$8.8 million.

Lucky for Life

SUNDAY: 2-6-11-39-45, **Lucky Ball:** 11.
MONDAY: The numbers were not available at press time.

Mega Millions

FRIDAY: 20-30-54-63-65, **Mega Ball:** 14, **Megaplier:** 3.
Next Mega Millions jackpot is an estimated \$97 million.

Powerball

MONDAY: The numbers were not available at press time.
Next Powerball jackpot is an estimated \$20 million.

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MEDINA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Fly-in event welcomes travelers for solar eclipse

Patrick Rhonemus
 The Gazette

GRANGER TWP. — The Medina Municipal Airport welcomed several planes from surrounding states to watch Monday's total solar eclipse.

Medina Municipal Airport Ground School instructor Joe Sopko said the airport's event was to provide access to the eclipse while also getting people interested in aviation.

"We are having an open house, people are walking in here, they pre-registered so we have an idea of how many were coming," he said. "They have some games for kids inside, and more outside on the lawn."

Sopko said the airport expected around 200 people to attend the airport's eclipse event. The event offered several activities from airplane and helicopter rides to food trucks and games. He said one draw was the access to plane parking spots at the airport for people who flew in.

"People come from all over, from the neighboring states," Sopko said. "I think we are figuring about 35 people are to



PATRICK RHONEMUS / GAZETTE

Medina Municipal Airport Ground School Instructor Joe Sopko said the airport was expecting around 35 planes to come to the airport as part of its fly-in event during Monday's total solar eclipse.

be coming in throughout the course of the day. Some would stay overnight; some might fly right back out. The FAA says that people are really going to be busy, all of the airports in the area are going to be busy."

The Medina Municipal Airport offers individuals interested in aviation the opportunity to take courses and learn

how to fly. Sopko said the airport opened in the 1950s as a private airport, and the operators had changed over the years, with it now being operated by Cold Stream Air.

Sopko said hundreds of people are taught how to fly at the Medina Municipal Airport. He said they offer two ground schools during the week; those

courses give people the information needed to pass the written test. In-plane flight lessons are also taught at the airport, Sopko said.

"We all think that learning to fly is one of the best things that we did," he said.

Contact reporter Patrick Rhonemus at (330) 721-4050 or prhonemus@medina-gazette.com.

ROUNDUP

Road closures announced for this week

Due to the recent rains, the following road closures that were planned for last week were rescheduled for this week. The road closures include:

- Windfall Road in Medina Township and Granger Township, between Gateway Drive and Granger Road, will be closed today for a culvert replacement.
- Holshoe Road in Homer Township, between Spencer and River Corners roads, will be closed on Wednesday.
- Holshoe Road in Homer Township, between River Corners and Pawnee roads, will be closed on Thursday.

Medina County Park District programs for the week

- **Senior Strides at River Styx Park today**
 Join park volunteer Connie from 10-11 a.m. today at River Styx Park, 8200 River Styx Road, for Senior Strides. Senior Strides is a once-a-month social hike for seniors, providing them a chance to make new friends and exercise all at once. Walks are about one to two miles in length. Participants should dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear. The program is intended for people 50 years old and up. No registration is required for the free program.
- **Natural Discoveries program at Allardale Park on Wednesday**
 Join the Medina County Park District from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at Allardale Park, 401 Remsen Road, for Natural Discoveries. The Natural Discoveries program is an award-based series of free nature programs. Participants will go on an easy walk to observe the unfolding of nature in the parks. No registration is required for the free program.

Friends of Lodi Union Cemeteries to meet

The Friends of the Lodi Union Cemeteries will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday at the Waite-Harris Historical House, 111 Harris St. Members will discuss the planned cleanup of the Lodi Woodlawn Cemetery at 9 a.m. April 20.

Contact Letha Mapes at (330) 635-7294 with any questions.

Library events happening throughout Medina County

■ **"Exploratory" at Wadsworth Library today**

Head to Wadsworth Library, 132 Broad St., from 6:30-7:30 p.m. today to read Deborah Underwood's book, "Bearplane." During the "Exploratory," kids will make air traffic control art, land and launch airplanes and more. Register at tinyurl.com/2tbhbkmt.

■ **2000s Kahoot Trivia at Buckeye Library on Wednesday**

Participants can test their 2000s show and cartoon knowledge at Buckeye Library, 6625 Wolff Road, from 2:15-3:30 p.m. Wednesday. The event is intended for students in grades 6-12.

■ **Candy Bacteria at Seville Library on Wednesday**

Create an edible bacteria strain in a petri dish of Jello at Seville Library, 45 Center St., from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday. Register at tinyurl.com/43vunjhy.

■ **Book Discussion with James Renner at Medina Library on Wednesday**

James Renner is a crime writer and investigative journalist, as well as the founder of The Porchlight Project, a non-profit that raises money for new DNA testing of cold cases in Ohio. From 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Renner will discuss his latest novel, "Little, Crazy Children" at Medina Library, 210 S. Broadway St. To register, visit tinyurl.com/heurtktxa.

■ **A Look Back at the Wadsworth Area Historical Society and the Johnson House Museum presentation at Wadsworth Library on Wednesday**

Join local historian Roger Havens from 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday at Wadsworth Library, 132 Broad St., as he shares a pre-

sentation on Wadsworth's history.

■ **Batter Up Storytime at Brunswick Library on Friday**

Wear a team jersey for stories and spring training activities during the Batter Up Storytime at Brunswick Library, 3649 Center Road, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday. Register at tinyurl.com/33c3v8ta.

Board offers toddler playgroup on Wednesday

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities will hold a "Toddler Rainbow Party," for families with children up to 3 years old, from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Brunswick Library, 3649 Center Road.

The MCBDD created its Play, Learn and Grow Group for young children and their parents/guardians. The goal of the group is to provide informal community gatherings, based on a specific theme, which gives young families a chance to meet, form connections and share experiences and challenges of raising toddlers.

During the event, MCBDD's early intervention specialists will be providing opportunities for sensory play, songs, toddler activities, early childhood development information and snacks.

"Young children learn best from each other, which is why activities like our Play, Learn and Grow Group are great opportunities for families of young children to gather, have some fun with their child and meet and learn from new toddler playmates," MCBDD Director of Children's Services Celeste Bajorek said.

Wednesday's program is free and open to any family with young children with or without disabilities. For more information or questions, contact the MCBDD Early Intervention staff at (330) 725-7751 or visit www.mcbdd.org/event-calendar.

— from staff reports

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Today

Brunswick Hills Township Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m., town hall, 1918 Pearl Road.

Brunswick Parks, Recreation and Community Committee, regular meeting, 6 p.m., recreation center, 3637 Center Road.

Buckeye Board of Education, regular meeting, 6 p.m., Buckeye High School Media Center, 3084 Columbia Road.

Chatham Township Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m., township community center, 6306 Avon Lake Road.

Granger Township Zoning Commission, regular meeting, 7 p.m. — canceled.

Harrisville Township Zoning Commission, regular meeting, 6:30 p.m., town hall, 209 Railroad St.

Hinckley Township Trustees, work session with plans to go into executive session, 4 p.m., administration building, 1410 Ridge Road, log into www.hinckleytpw.org for Zoom option.

Homer Township Zoning Commission, regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Homerville Community Center, 8964 Spencer Road.

Lafayette Township Zoning Commission, regular meeting, 6:30 p.m., safety services building, 6367 Technology Lane.

Litchfield Township Zoning Commission, regular meeting, 6:30 p.m., town hall, 9256 Norwalk Road.

Lodi Board of Public Affairs, regular meeting, 6 p.m., Lodi Village Hall, 110 Ainsworth St.

Medina Board of Control, regular meeting, 4:30 p.m., multipurpose room, 132 N. Elmwood Ave.

Medina Board of Education, special meeting to review the financial outlook of the district, levy options available and reductions, 5:30 p.m., professional development center, 777 E. Union St.

Medina County ADAMH Board Finance and Planning Committee, regular meeting, 5:30 p.m., conference room B/C, 246 Northland Drive.

Medina County Board of Elections, certification meeting, 3 p.m., Medina County Board of Elections, 3800 Stonegate Drive, Suite C.

Medina County commissioners, regular meeting, 9:30 a.m., commissioners hearing room, 144 N. Broadway St., virtual option at www.facebook.com/MedinaCountyCommissioners.

Medina County District Library Trustees Buildings Committee, regular meeting, 5 p.m., Medina Library, 210 S. Broadway St.

Medina County Land Bank, regular meeting, 12 p.m., suite 119, 144 N. Broadway St.

Medina Finance Committee, regular meeting, 6 p.m., followed by Medina City Council at 7:30 p.m., rotunda, 132 N. Elmwood Ave.

Medina Uptown Park Advisory Committee, regular meeting, 12 p.m., rotunda, 132 N. Elmwood Ave.

Montville Township Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m., administration and safety building, 6665 Wadsworth Road.

Sharon Township Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m., administration building, 1322 Sharon Copley Road.

Spencer Board of Public Affairs, regular meeting, 6 p.m., followed by Legislative and Planning at 7 p.m., followed by Safety Committee at 7:30 p.m., Spencer Municipal Building, 109 N. Main St.

Wadsworth City Council, work session, 5:30 p.m., council chambers, 120 Maple St.

Wednesday

Brunswick Board of Education, work session, 6:30 p.m., Brunswick Board of Education Office, 3643 Center Road.

Brunswick Board of Zoning Appeals, regular meeting, 6:30 p.m., city hall, 4095 Center Road.

Cloverleaf Board of Education, regular meeting, 6 p.m., Cloverleaf High School, 8525 Friendsville Road, virtual option available at www.cloverleaflocal.org.

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

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Recognition

Exhibit highlights the numerous contributions, changes from women to the music industry

John Benson
The Gazette

Hear them roar. That's the spirit of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame's recently opened exhibit "Revolutionary Women in Music: Left of Center."

Billed as the first of its kind at the downtown Cleveland venue, the display features matriarchs of music — from Beyoncé to Joan Jett, Siouxsie Sioux to Queen Latifah — who challenged traditional gender roles, broke down music industry boundaries and illuminated social injustices throughout the world.

"Revolutionary is a great adjective to describe these artists that we are celebrating," said Rock Hall Director of Curatorial Affairs Amanda Pecsénye, who along with VP of Curatorial Operations Shelby Morrison, curated the exhibit.

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IF YOU GO

WHAT: "Revolutionary Women in Music: Left of Center"
WHEN: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
WHERE: Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, 1100 Rock and Roll Blvd., Cleveland
TICKETS: \$35 for adults (\$30 for Northeast Ohio residents), \$25 for youth ages 6 to 12 and free for children ages 5 and younger
INFO: (216) 515-8425 or rockhall.com

the early mid-'70s to today, which is amazing."

The notion of the Rock Hall commenting on the "often misogynistic music industry" is an obvious pot-kettle situation that we'll get to in a second. It would be a shame to overshadow the venue's groundbreaking exhibit featuring artifacts from the Rock Hall's vault, as well as never-before-seen items from the artists' private collections.

The latter includes the entirety of Natalie Merchant's "Ophelia" video costumes, Christina Aguilera's tour wardrobe from her "Stripped" world tour's



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"Beautiful" performance and pieces from Liz Phair, Queen Latifah, Ani DiFranco, Sleater-Kinney and Kesha.

"The whole exhibit is really emotional to me," she said. "I love the guitar

that Joan Jett played both in her first band, The Runaways, as well as on her first four solo albums after she left that group.

"Another really highlight item is one

of the dresses that Beyoncé wears in the music video for girls 'Run the World (Girls),' which is thematically appropriate to the exhibit as a whole."

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Upcoming Presentations

Social Security and Medicaid Benefits Workshop
Thursday, May 2 from 12-3:30 pm
Held at the Medina County Achievement Center
4691 Windfall Road, Medina

This workshop will cover all the information you need to know about types of Social Security and Medicaid benefits for individuals with disabilities. Gain knowledge on getting benefits, asset limits, affects working may have on benefits, and more.

Understanding Traumatic Brain Injury

Tuesday, May 7 at 12:00 pm
Held virtually and in-person at
Medina County Achievement Center
4691 Windfall Road, Medina

Join Lauren Holly, Executive Director of the Brain Injury Association of Ohio, for a presentation on Traumatic Brain Injury. This presentation will cover basic information on brain injury, as well as provide information on resources and advocacy for people with TBI.

Register for presentations online at
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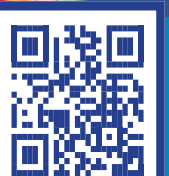
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More information at
www.mcbdd.org/mcbdd-apra-grant/

It's a Toddler Rainbow Party!

Free Community Toddler Playgroup
Wednesday, April 10 at 11:00 am
Brunswick Library - 3649 Center Road, Brunswick

The MCBDD's "Play, Learn and Grow" playgroup is an informal community gathering, based on a fun theme, which gives young families a chance to meet, form connections and share experiences and challenges of raising toddlers. The theme of this year's spring session is a "Toddler Rainbow Party". Activities include sensory play, songs, toddler activities, early childhood development information and, of course, snacks. The "Toddler Rainbow Party" is open to any family with children ages 0-3 with or without disabilities.



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BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

MCBDD offers Play, Learn and Grow Group

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- Spring Toddler Playgroup -



Families with children ages 0-3 are invited to join our Play, Learn, and Grow group for a morning of rainbow-themed activities.

Wednesday, April 10
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Brunswick Library - Sycamore Room
3649 Center Road
Brunswick, Ohio
44212

- Sensory Play
- Gross Motor Play
- Snacks
- Songs

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Wet yards, rain gardens, and water gardens

In Medina County, it's common to have excess water moving across your property. No one likes having a soggy yard where the mower gets stuck or where the dog wants to roll in and return covered in mud. So what is a person to do?

Usually folks start looking online for options, or maybe they recall having heard someone mention "rain gardens" and think, "That's what I need — a garden to soak up the rain!"

However, before looking at them as a solution, it's important to know what is and is not a rain garden.

What is a rain garden?

A rain garden is constructed with the sole job of capturing stormwater runoff and letting it soak into the ground at a slow natural rate. Runoff is water from rain and snowmelt



by Abby Costilow
Watershed Education Specialist

that flows over land or impervious surfaces, such as paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops and does not soak into the ground.

Rain gardens capture runoff and give it a place to soak in, protecting the environment.

What isn't a rain garden?

A rain garden is not a wet area in a yard that is hard to mow. However, if that wet area is fed by runoff, a rain garden can be installed by the source of runoff to help.

If that wet area holds water because it is a lower area, you can retire that section of the yard and plant native plants there.

This is called lawn reduction, which is great for the environment too.

Also, a rain garden is not a water garden that holds water for

weeks or year-round.

Rain gardens let water soak into the ground in a short time frame, usually within three days, which prevents mosquito eggs from surviving.

What is the anatomy of a rain garden?

Water source: A rain garden has a water source like a downspout, driveway, or swale that directs stormwater to the garden and prevents it from turning into runoff.

Basin: The inside of the garden is a basin dug to a depth based on the soil type.

Amended soils: Healthy amended soil is added to the basin, and native plants are grown within.

Berm: A berm holds the water within the rain garden.

Outlet: An outlet allows excess water to exit the garden during heavy rains.

This design helps prevent stormwater runoff from turning into flood waters or polluted waters that would have entered our streams otherwise.

If you need help designing a rain garden or if you have questions about retiring a wet yard into a native plant plot, reach out to Medina County Soil & Water Conservation for help at 330-722-9322.



BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Committed to Inclusion

MCBDD receives grant for inclusion efforts in County

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) recently applied for and was approved to receive \$133,000 in ARPA grant funding.

The grant funding was made available by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) to county boards across the state to empower them to undertake diverse initiatives and projects that offer flexible support and services to people living with developmental differences and their families.

Ultimately, these projects seek, according to the DODD, "to foster inclusiveness, accessibility, and independence with the goal of providing access to non-disability specific environments for people living with disabilities."

In planning how to best use the grant funds to impact Medina County, the MCBDD has developed an extensive plan targeting four areas:

Supported Connections – Traditional transportation options for people who use wheelchairs, or need transportation outside of normal business hours, is extremely limited.

Therefore, the MCBDD will use some of this funding to develop a program to incentivize transportation

providers in Medina County to expand services to meet the diverse needs of those who use wheelchairs and/or need transportation during weekend or evening hours.

Accessible Communities – The MCBDD will focus on investing in public infrastructure to increase accessibility for people with developmental differences in public places.

Plans are being developed to offer accessible equipment such as portable ramps for agencies and businesses in Medina County.

The portable ramps are a great option to increase community accessibility as they are lightweight and come in many sizes and weight limits and may be placed on top of existing steps when the need arises.

Local businesses and organizations will be able to improve accessibility for not only those who use a wheelchair, but for those with canes, walkers, crutches, or even strollers.

Universal Changing Tables – In Medina County, there is a specific need to enhance accessibility in public spaces for adults with developmental differences.

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es. Universal changing tables have been identified as an important need that counties must address.

The MCBDD will use a large portion of this funding to lead this transformation of improving access of essential facilities and is committed to seeking out partnerships with community entities for installation of universal changing tables.

Community Experience – One of the barriers to community experiences for people with developmental differences involves the financial limitations and concerns not only for themselves, but also for the needed participation of their support staff/caregiver.

The MCBDD will look at ways to work with local businesses and organizations to create opportunities and resources to pay for memberships, passes, and classes for individuals with disabilities and their support staff so they are able to attend recreational and leisure activities together.

This will allow caregivers to continue to work along-

side people with disabilities so they are able to provide the support they need to experience true community experiences and inclusion.

“We want to give opportunities to people with developmental differences to fully participate in their community and to enjoy recreation and social activities with everybody else,” stated Stacey Maleckar, MCBDD Superintendent. “We are very excited to receive these funds and to have the opportunity to make an impact locally. We look forward to putting some new and exciting initiatives in place for those who need it most.”

The MCBDD has until December 31, 2024, to use the ARPA Grant funding and has already begun reaching out to local businesses and organizations to create some collaborations and partnerships needed to achieve success.

Additional efforts will continue throughout the year, as potential new opportunities are discovered and explored.

COUNTY HOME

Board of Elections staff assist residents with voting

Earlier last month, Wendy, Denise, Barb, and Bonnie from the Board of Elections (BOE) came to assist some of our registered voting residents with ballots. Thank you ladies for helping our residents!

Coloring Easter Eggs

Access the Arts brought 10 dozen hard boiled eggs for the residents to color for Easter.

The residents had a great time, and the eggs became deviled eggs courtesy of Robin and her Aramark staff.

Thanks for the “egg”citement, Access the Arts!

Easter Meal

Once again the Kiwanis Easter ham sale provided delicious Keller smoked hams for the residents' Easter meal.

Two gracious, Kiwanian ladies,



who are both named Nancy, donated hams.

Tracey Frankhauser, owner of Medina County Pie Company, provided blackberry, blueberry, and cherry pies for dessert.

Additionally, apple and mixed berry pies from Giant Eagle were dropped off by Frank and Rose Galish. They deliver baked goods from Giant Eagle on behalf of Saint Vincent DePaul through the

Saint Francis Xavier Church.

Along with the donated hams, and the colored eggs that were transformed into deviled eggs, the residents also enjoyed sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, and rolls.

Our Aramark Food Service Manager Robin Storrow, and her staff, prepared an amazing meal for the residents.

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MCBDD

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- Upcoming Training -



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**Thursday,
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10:00 am - 12:00 pm

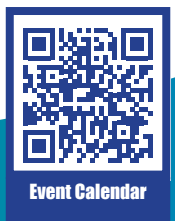
This training is offered in person at the Medina County Achievement Center, 4691 Windfall Road, Medina, OH, and virtually (Microsoft Teams).

Registration Required

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

Are you a provider in Medina County? Do you want to learn new skills or improve your current job coaching skills?

Join the Medina County Board of DD and Jason Dresden, MCBDD Employment Navigator, for a training on job coaching. During this training, attendees will learn about the role and responsibilities of a job coach, job coaching strategies and tools, documentation information, and more!



Event Calendar

APPLAUSE!

*New hires, promotions, certifications earned,
and announcements*

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) International for three years.

This is the highest accreditation an organization can receive.

The accreditation was awarded for community employment supports and community employment job development and employment planning services.

Congratulations, MCBDD!

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To Do: Tackle To-Do List

by Rachel Shepard

Does your to-do list seem never ending?

We all have a list of tasks and work that needs to get done.

My long to-do list usually includes everything from laundry, kids' activities and volunteer responsibilities to client work, marketing and reconciling the financial books.

There are times that I add things to my list that I have already accomplished just so I can cross them off and keep a record of completion.

Can you relate?

When overwhelmed, we tend to start with the easy tasks. It provides a sense of accomplishment when several easy and quick things can be crossed off the list.

The problem with this method is that the most important and hardest work gets pushed off to another day.

In 2024, I am challenging myself to start the workday with the hard "scary" thing first.

Sometimes, this is the thing that will take the longest. This is where block scheduling, which is blocking out sections of the day to cover specific tasks using the calendar, helps.

Prioritize tasks by using the Eisenhower Matrix, a simple matrix of four quadrants. At the top, there should be two columns that are labeled Urgent and Not Urgent. On the left side, the two rows are labeled Important and Not Important. Tasks are then placed within the quadrant that fits best.

Start with tasks that are urgent and important. Once the urgent and important tasks are complete, move on to the ones that are important but not urgent.

Urgent, non-important tasks can be delegated. Consider deleting the tasks that are not urgent and not important.

Once the to-do list is prioritized, narrow it down to the power list of the day. This power list will focus on three to five of the most critical tasks of the day. Then plan the most important activities during your most productive hours of the day.

Taking control of your to-do list and feel the satisfaction of a productive day and a job well done!

Rachel Shepard is the founder of LonaRock, LLC, and a Medina County resident. She specializes in helping businesses understand financials and access capital. Learn more about Shepard at <https://bit.ly/3h0LFEY> Shepard can be reached by email at rshepard@lonarock.com.

FROM THE EXPERTS

5 Things People with Autism Want You to Know

April is Autism Acceptance Month, a time when we reach out to ask for more understanding, acceptance and help in finding ways to include people with autism into our daily community lives. So, what do people with autism really want you to understand?

1. We are all individuals.

Autism affects everyone in different ways; if you've met one person with autism, you've only met one person with autism. Each of us is unique and different. And we are definitely not the stereotypes you see in pop culture, so please don't make assumptions that we are unfeeling robots, Rainman or savants.

2. We have hobbies, not special interests.

People with autism may hyper-focus on a certain subject and become an expert in it – particularly ones we are comfortable with and interested in. Instead of singling us out, our hobbies should be nurtured (into fulfilling careers if possible), and not treated as just unimportant special interests.

3. Understand why we stim.

People with autism sense the world differently and may experience sensory overload. In response to this, some people with autism might stim. Stimming is a self-soothing behavior such as rocking, humming and fidgeting, which helps us process our surroundings, reduce anxiety and provide comfort. It is important to be open-minded and flexible when you see a person stimming; we are trying to fit into our community.

4. Our communication might be different.

For some people with autism, it is easier if sentences are kept short and simple. Others find it easier when key words and phrases are repeated. Sometimes people with autism do not communicate with words at all. This should never be mistaken for a lack of intelligence. Please be open-minded and try to find different ways to communicate meaningfully with us.

5. We have empathy.

Some people think that when you have autism that you aren't empathetic or can't feel empathy, but this is wrong. In many cases, we actually feel overwhelming levels of empathy and other feelings, but we may not be able to express them in typical ways. Also, most of us prefer to say exactly what we mean and feel, but we might not realize this may upset you.

BONUS TIP: We need more autism-friendly environments and understanding.

Although each of us experiences the world differently, more can be done to make everyday environments more autism-friendly. Simple adjustments such as low-level lighting or decreased noise levels can make a difference. The best way you can support the autism community is to be flexible and remember that everyone is unique with different interests, needs, habits, likes and dislikes.

Have questions or need additional help or resources? The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is the community resource responsible for connecting, coordinating and funding services for individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities, such as autism. We help with everything from early intervention and education opportunities for children to employment and community inclusive living for adults. Call us at 330-725-7751 or visit www.mcbdd.org for more information.

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GARDENS/OUTDOORS

Plant of the Month: Begonias

Submitted by Bath Gamma Garden Club

While doing an annual January purge cleaning, Bath Gamma Garden Club member Pam Reitz found an old book on begonias published in 1967 and rediscovered the excitement about begonias.



Begonias can be grown indoors or outdoors. Photo by Pam Reitz.

What is so exciting? The types, textures and colors of leaf patterns. Flowers come in all colors except blue. They can grow as tiny single blossoms directly from a stem or as foot-wide clusters of hundreds of tiny flowers. Begonias can be grown indoors or outdoors and some species can even grow in significant shade. There

are over 2,000 different plant species in the genus *begoniaceae*.

Begonias of the *semperflorens* group, or wax begonias, are frequently grown as bedding plants outdoors. Wax begonias are incredibly attractive and make an excellent choice for mass plantings. They adapt well when brought inside the house for overwintering and can live 4-5 years.

Tuberous begonias are known as the "glorious flower group," producing the largest flowers at about 2-3 inches and a wide range of colors and shapes. Tuberous begonias are frequently used as container plants and the *pendula* type is great for hanging baskets, bringing color to the shade garden. Unlike other begonias, they require a dormant period. After the first frost, the tubers should be lifted, dried and stored in a cool dry place over winter and then restarted indoors in spring.

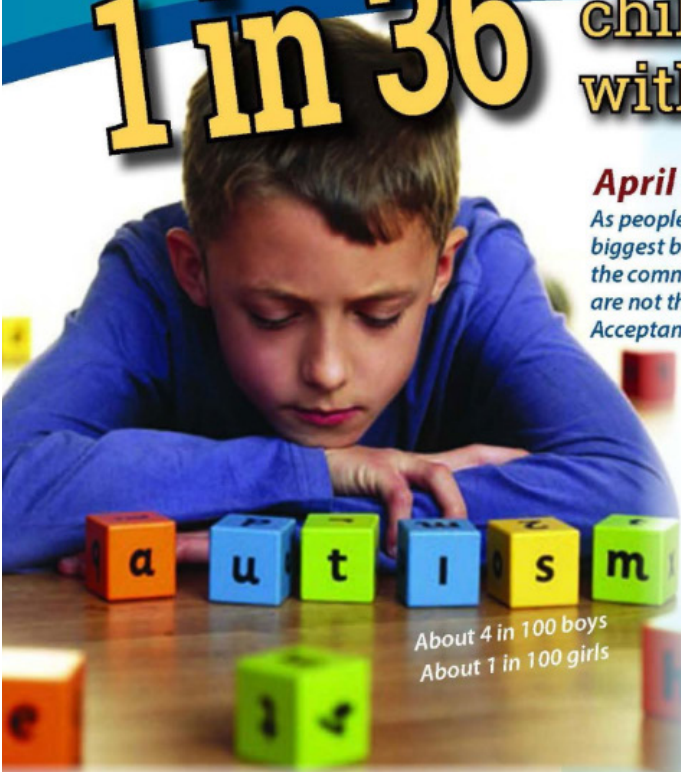
Rhizomatous types of begonias display an endless variety of leaf shape, color and texture. They are known for colorful intricate patterned leaves with a compact growth habit and can range from miniature to large. The leaves can be hairy, round and shiny or even star shaped. They produce a mass of small blooms in spring.

Considering that begonias occur in subtropical and tropical moist climates of Central and South America, Africa and southern Asia, they require warm temperatures ranging from 55 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit and benefit from humidity. Most are forest understory plants that require bright shade, and a few will tolerate bright sun (the *semperflorens* group). They require a well-drained growing medium, which is slightly acidic. Balanced moisture is critical. Water thoroughly when the top of the medium becomes dry to the touch. Growers prefer to fertilize at about one-fourth the recommended rate. Pruning should be done through soft pinching in late winter or early spring when new growth appears.

If you like variety, then begonias are your go-to plant. It has been suggested that a group of plants makes a better display than a single plant. The American Begonia Society is a good reference point for more specific details on various cultivars. ☺

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About 1 in 100 girls

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This Month's Highlights...

- MCBDD Receives Highest Accreditation Rating

The Medina County Board of DD is pleased to have received the highest accreditation an organization may obtain from CARF International. CARF International is an independent, non-profit accreditor of human service providers and networks. When an agency such as the MCBDD is CARF-accredited, it has passed an in-depth review and met rigorous guidelines for service and quality.

The MCBDD was reviewed in areas such as leadership, strategic planning, financial planning and management, health and safety and quality of services and supports. The summary stated there were only three areas for recommendations for improvement in the over 960 areas that were reviewed and there were many areas of strength and cited 12 outstanding examples. The reports also stated, "Overall, the services provided by the MCBDD are very beneficial to the community. Individuals who would not otherwise be able to fully participate in independent living, community inclusion and competitive employment are able to fully engage in the communities with the support of MCBDD."

Full CARF Summary is available at www.mcbdd.org/current-news/



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- DD Dialogues

In March, the MCBDD hosted a "DD Dialogues" roundtable event at the Medina County Achievement Center. The goal of the event was to bring together state elected officials with members of the developmental disabilities community to discuss key topics related to the people and families served by the MCBDD. The event provided an opportunity for state leaders to meet and talk with others to learn and share ideas, insights and solutions around vital and necessary support systems and resources in the disabilities field.



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 Today is Saturday, March 30, the 89th day of 2024. There are 276 days left in the year.

Today's history

- In 1822, Florida became a United States territory.
- In 1842, Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Georgia, first used ether as an anesthetic during an operation to remove a patient's neck tumor.
- In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal ridiculed by critics as "Seward's Folly."
- In 1870, the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibited denying citizens the right to vote and hold office on the basis of race, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish.
- In 1923, the Cunard liner RMS Laconia became the first passenger ship to circle the globe as it arrived in New York.
- In 1945, during World War II, the Soviet Union invaded Austria with the goal of taking Vienna, which it accomplished two weeks later.
- In 1959, a narrowly divided U.S. Supreme Court, in *Bartkus v. Illinois*, ruled that a conviction in state court following an acquittal in federal court for the same crime did not constitute double jeopardy.
- In 1975, as the Vietnam War neared its end, Communist forces occupied the city of Da Nang.
- In 1981, President Ronald Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington, D.C., hotel by John W. Hinckley Jr.; also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and a District of Columbia police officer, Thomas Delahanty.
- In 1987, at the 59th Academy Awards, "Platoon" was named best picture; Marlee Matlin received best actress for "Children of a Lesser God" and Paul Newman was honored as best actor for "The Color of Money."
- In 2010, President Barack

Obama signed a single measure sealing his health care overhaul and making the government the primary lender to students by cutting banks out of the process.

- In 2015, Comedy Central announced that Trevor Noah, a 31-year-old comedian from South Africa, would succeed Jon Stewart as host of "The Daily Show."
- In 2018, thousands of Palestinians marched to Gaza's border with Israel and Palestinian health officials said 15 of the protesters were killed by Israeli fire on the first day of what Hamas organizers said would be six weeks of daily protests against a border blockade; it was the area's deadliest violence in four years.
- In 2020, Florida authorities arrested a megachurch pastor after they said he held two Sunday services with hundreds in attendance in violation of coronavirus restrictions. (The charges were later dropped.)
- In 2022, Russian forces bombarded areas around Kyiv and another city just hours after pledging to scale back military operations in those places to help negotiations with Ukraine.

Today's birthdays

Game show host Peter Marshall is 98. Actor John Astin is 94. Actor-director Warren Beatty is 87. Rock musician Eric Clapton is 79. Actor Justin Deas is 76. Actor Paul Reiser is 68. Rap artist MC Hammer is 62. Singer Tracy Chapman is 60. Actor Ian Ziering is 60. TV personality Piers Morgan is 59. Rock musician Joey Castillo is 58. Actor Donna D'Errico is 56. Singer Celine Dion is 56. TV personality/producer Richard Rawlings is 55. Actor Mark Consuelos is 53. Actor Bahar Soomekh is 49. Actor Jessica Cauffiel is 48. Singer Norah Jones is 45. Actor Fiona Gubelmann is 44. Actor Katy Mixon is 43. Actor Jason Dohring is 42. Country singer Justin Moore is 40. Actor Tessa Ferrer is 38. Country singer Thomas Rhett is 34. Rapper NF is 33.

WEATHER

TODAY: Rain	57/38
SUNDAY: Cloudy.....	55/43
MONDAY: Morning showers	58/47
TUESDAY: Rain	58/39

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LOTTERY

Ohio (Friday)
 Midday Pick 3: 7-2-9, Pick 3: 0-8-2,
 Midday Pick 4: 1-3-5-3, Pick 4: 2-1-7-5,
 Midday Pick 5: 0-0-4-3-4, Pick 5: 0-4-8-2-1,
 Rolling Cash 5: 10-21-23-33-37,
 Rolling Cash 5 jackpot is \$140,000.
 Classic Lotto jackpot is \$8.3 million.

Lucky for Life
 THURSDAY: 9-15-29-38-39, Lucky Ball: 16.
 FRIDAY: The numbers were not available at press time.

Mega Millions
 FRIDAY: The numbers were not available at press time.
 Next Mega Millions jackpot is an estimated \$20 million.

Powerball
 WEDNESDAY: 37-46-57-60-66, Powerball: 8, Power Play: 2.
 Next Powerball jackpot is an estimated \$935 million.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Monday

Chatham Township Trustees, special meeting regarding the township handbook, 6 p.m., Chatham Township Community Center, 6306 Avon Lake Road.
Lafayette Township Trustees, regular meeting, 6:30 p.m., safety services building, 6367 Technology Lane.
Liverpool Township Trustees, Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, joint meeting to discuss the strategic plan, 7:30 p.m., Liverpool Township Office, 6801 School St.
Medina County Career Center Board of Education, work session, 12 p.m., center cafe, 1101 W. Liberty St.
Medina County Law Library Resources Board, regular meeting, 12:30 p.m., Medina County Law Library, 93 Public Square.
Montville Township Board of Zoning Appeals, special meeting for a training session, 6:30 p.m., administration and safety building, 6665 Wadsworth Road.
Seville Board of Public Affairs Council Utilities Committee, regular meeting, 6:45 p.m., followed by Government Committee at 7 p.m. or five minutes after BOPA, followed by

Finance Committee at 7:15 p.m. or five minutes after Government, council room, 120 Royal Crest Drive.

Wadsworth Board of Zoning Appeals, regular meeting, 7 p.m., council chambers, 120 Maple St.

Westfield Township Fire District, regular meeting, 6:30 p.m., followed by Westfield Township Trustees at 7 p.m., township hall, 6699 Buffham Road.

Tuesday

Guilford Township Trustees, regular meeting, 8 p.m., township hall, 3800 Guilford Road.

Hinckley Township Trustees, regular meeting, 6:30 p.m., administration building, 1410 Ridge Road, log into www.hinckleytwp.org for Zoom option.

Medina Cemetery Commission, regular meeting, 1 p.m., Amos Mears, 775 E. Washington St.

Medina County Commissioners, regular meeting, 9:30 a.m., commissioners hearing room, 144 N. Broadway St., virtual option at www.facebook.com/MedinaCountyCommissioners.

Medina County Commissioners, special meeting for the development of county

policy for economic development tools, 2:30 p.m., commissioners hearing room, 144 N. Broadway St.

Medina Economic Development Committee, regular meeting, 8 a.m., multipurpose room, 132 N. Elmwood Ave.

Medina Ward 1 and Ward 2, regular meeting, 7 p.m., Medina Fire Station 1, 300 W. Reagan Parkway.

Montville Township Trustees, training/discussion session for the Medina Transportation Task Force, 6 p.m., Medina County Highway Engineer's Office, 791 W. Smith Road.

Spencer Township Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m., township office, 110 N. Main St.

Wadsworth Committee-of-the-Whole, regular meeting, 6 p.m., followed by Wadsworth City Council at 6:30 p.m., council chambers, 120 Maple St.

Westfield Center Village Council, regular meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building, 6701 Greenwich Road.

Wednesday

Brunswick Hills Township Board of Zoning Appeals, public hearing, 7 p.m., town hall, 1918 Pearl Road.

Gloria Glens Village Council, regular meeting, 7 p.m., town hall, 7966 Lake Road.

Medina Civil Service Commission, regular meeting, 8 a.m. — canceled.

Medina County Board of Elections, regular meeting, 3 p.m., Medina County Board of Elections, 3800 Stonegate Drive, Suite C.

Thursday

Brunswick Hills Township Zoning Commission, regular meeting, 7 p.m., town hall, 1918 Pearl Road.

Brunswick Planning Commission, caucus meeting, 6:30 p.m., followed by a regular meeting, council chambers, 4095 Center Road.

Hinckley Township Zoning Commission, regular meeting, 7 p.m., administration building, 1410 Ridge Road, log into www.hinckleytwp.org for Zoom option.

Wadsworth Cable TV Commission, regular meeting, 4 p.m., council chambers, 120 Maple St.

York Township Zoning Commission, regular meeting, 7 p.m., York Town Hall, 6609 Norwalk Road.

ROUNDUP

Buckeye Eclipse Jubilee to be at football stadium

The Valley City Community Group will be presenting the Buckeye Eclipse Jubilee from noon to 3:30 p.m. April 8 at the Buckeye High School football stadium.

The event will feature guest speakers including Rebecca McCauley Rench, a program scientist in the Planetary Science Division at NASA. She will talk about what scientists know about eclipses on Earth and throughout the solar system. Junior prevet biology student Madison Brass will be in attendance as well and speak on "frogs when day becomes night."

There will also be activities including a photo booth, NASA robot, a telescope, train rides and more. Food trucks from Kona Ice, Brew Kettle, Franks & Shakes and Celeste Tasty Treats will be at the event, and there will also be freeze-dried treats from Uncle Crunch.

At the event, there will be 700 solar eclipse glasses available.

Visit valleycity.org for more details.

Board of Developmental Disabilities receives grant

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities was approved to receive \$133,000 in American Rescue Plan Act grant funding. It was made available by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities so county boards across the state could fund inclusion efforts.

The board developed a plan for the grant funding which targets the following areas:

- Develop a program to incentivize transportation providers in Medina County to expand services to meet the needs of those who use wheelchairs or need transportation during weekend or evening hours.
- Invest in public infrastructure to increase accessibility for people with developmental differences in public places such as portable ramps for agencies and businesses in the county.
- Improve facilities by funding universal changing tables.

■ Work with local businesses and organizations to create opportunities and resources to pay for memberships, passes and classes for people with disabilities and their support staff, so they are able to attend recreational and leisure activities together.

The board had until Dec. 31 to use the ARPA grant funding.

Local students named to Ohio University's president's list

The following Medina County students were named to the president's list at Ohio University for the fall 2023 semester:

- Dori Adams of Spencer
- Kailey Barrett of Brunswick
- Maddi Belpulsi of Valley City
- Brooke Boge of Hinckley
- Chase Buchner of Brunswick
- Jake Campagna of Hinckley
- Amelia Cassidy of Medina
- Sophia Fry of Wadsworth
- Chloe Haught of Brunswick
- Michelle Hawk of Wadsworth
- Alison Hayest of Medina
- Sean Hibbard of Wadsworth
- Colin Hilliard of Medina
- McKenna Jackson of Wadsworth
- Alyssa Kaiser of Brunswick
- Emily Kellogg of Hinckley
- Madeline Kinch of Wadsworth
- Carmen King of Brunswick
- Audrey Kotick of Seville
- Abbi Lindsey of Brunswick
- Annalise Loomis of Medina
- Stacie Maag of Wadsworth
- Arianna Marano of Brunswick
- Ashby Marsh of Valley City
- Thomas Matz of Valley City
- Faith Merkle of Wadsworth
- Bri Mullen of Brunswick
- Colin Murphy of Medina
- Olivia Ondrik of Wadsworth
- Peyton Pasadyn of Medina
- Tristan Perrine of Medina
- Makenna Riedel of Medina
- James Snider of Brunswick
- Emily Stibley of Brunswick
- Jessica Wallace of Medina
- Leilani Zeller of Medina

Road closures in Medina County

■ Ridgewood Road in Sharon Township will be closed on Monday for 30 days between Ridge Road and Graven Way for the replacement of bridge No. 26, which lies 650 feet west of Ridge Road. The road is expected to be open again on May 1.

■ Windfall Road in Medina and Granger townships will be closed on Tuesday between Gateway Drive and Granger Road for the replacement of culvert No. 16, which lies 1,765 feet south of Granger Road.

Road reconstruction updates in Medina

On Monday, the contractor for the West Smith Road reconstruction project in Medina will begin preparing for the placement of the new concrete pavement from the tracks near 232 W. Smith Road to just west of the drive apron for 316 W. Smith Road including the intersection of South Huntington Street.

The concrete installation for this section of pavement is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday. This section of West Smith Road will continue to be closed next week while the work is occurring and while the concrete is curing.

Access to local businesses will be maintained, but residents within the work zone will be asked to park away from the drives while the work is occurring.

Then, for the state Route 18 road reconstruction project in Medina, crews will continue to grade for sidewalk installation. The widening is complete and final paving operations are anticipated to begin at the end of May. Traffic configuration will have a minimum of one lane in each direction, and the River Styx Road and the East Smith Road intersection is scheduled to reopen on Monday.

— from staff reports



Ethelle Miranda shakes Wadsworth Mayor Robin Laubaugh's hand at the Village of St. Edward at Wadsworth on her 100th birthday on Wednesday.

MADISYN WOODRING / GAZETTE

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

From A1

"She's always running around," he said. "I'm in my 70s, and she can still get out of a chair and move from here to there faster than I can."

Ethelle Miranda is also social and can remember everyone's name in a room even after only meeting someone once, Kevin Miranda said. "You give her a couple of hours, and she'll know everybody," he said. "I remember she used to talk to little children, too. When I used to have my annual party at my house,

the little neighbor kids would come over, and they'd be talking to her for hours."

It was wonderful to see everyone come together to celebrate her 100th birthday, Kevin Miranda said.

"It's beyond amazing (for her to turn 100)," he said. "What else can we hope for? If you get 100 years out of life, the guy that controls it is smiling down on you."

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

Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities grant will be used for support and services

By Sam Boyer - cleveland.com

March 28th, 2024

MEDINA, Ohio -- The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) will receive a \$133,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant.

The grant funding was made available by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities to county boards across the state.

They are meant to empower them to undertake diverse initiatives and projects that offer flexible support and services to people who have developmental differences and their families.

Ultimately, these projects seek “to foster inclusiveness, accessibility and independence, with the goal of providing access to non-disability specific environments for people living with disabilities,” the state department notes.

In planning how to best use the grant funds to impact Medina County, the MCBDD has developed an extensive plan targeting four areas:

Supported Connections

Traditional transportation options for people who use wheelchairs or need transportation outside of normal business hours is extremely limited.

Therefore, the MCBDD will use some of this funding to develop a program to incentivize transportation providers in Medina County to expand services to meet the diverse needs of those who use wheelchairs and/or need transportation during weekend or evening hours.

Accessible Communities

The MCBDD will focus on investing in public infrastructure to increase accessibility for people with developmental differences in public places.

Plans are being developed to offer accessible equipment such as portable ramps for agencies and businesses in Medina County.

The portable ramps are a great option to increase community accessibility, as they are lightweight and come in many sizes and weight limits. They can be placed on top of existing steps when the need arises.

Local businesses and organizations will be able to improve accessibility for not only those people who use a wheelchair, but for those using canes, walkers, crutches or even strollers.

Universal Changing Tables

In Medina County, there is a specific need to enhance accessibility in public spaces for adults with developmental differences.

Universal changing tables have been identified as an important need that counties must address. The MCBDD will use a large portion of this funding to lead this transformation of improving access of essential facilities and is committed to seeking out partnerships with community entities for installation of universal changing tables.

Community Experience

One of the barriers to community experiences for people with developmental differences involves financial limitations and concerns, not only for themselves but for the needed participation of their support staff/caregiver as well.

The MCBDD will look at ways to work with local businesses and organizations to create opportunities and resources to pay for memberships, passes and classes for individuals with disabilities and their support staff so they are able to attend recreational and leisure activities together.

This will allow caregivers to continue to work alongside people with disabilities and provide the support they need to experience true community experiences and inclusion.

“We want to give opportunities to people with developmental differences to fully participate in their community and to enjoy recreation and social activities with everybody else,” said MCBDD Superintendent Stacey Maleckar.

“We are very excited to receive these funds and to have the opportunity to make an impact locally. We look forward to putting some new and exciting initiatives in place for those who need it most.”

The MCBDD has until Dec. 31 to use the ARPA grant funding and has already begun reaching out to local businesses and organizations to create some of the collaborations and partnerships needed to achieve success.

Additional efforts will continue throughout the year, as potential new opportunities are discovered and explored.

For more information on the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities, go to <https://www.mcbdd.org/>.

Lynch, Ostendorf named students of the month

Medina High School announced seniors Keagan Lynch and Carley Ostendorf are its March Students of the Month. These exceptional students have demonstrated outstanding academic achievements, leadership qualities and commitment to their community, making them exemplary student body representatives.

Keagan, known for her remarkable personality, exemplary academic skills and genuine demeanor, has consistently displayed unparalleled determination and hard work throughout high school. Keagan's dedication to academic excellence is evident in her rigorous class schedule, which includes various honors, advanced placement, and college credit-plus courses. She has been honored with the Medina High School Academic Distinction Award Summa Cum Laude for three years.

Keagan is an active member of the National Honor Society and HUDDLE. She also dedicates her time to



Carley Ostendorf



Keagan Lynch

work at Vantage Point Stables, where she cares for horses and assists with riding lessons and camps. With her sights set on attending the University of Cincinnati, Keagan's unwavering commitment to success ensures she will continue to thrive in any endeavor she pursues. Keagan is the daughter of Tom and Sarah Lynch.

Carley consistently demonstrates a natural thirst for knowledge and a curiosity in her academic pursuits. She actively engages in classroom discussions, articulating insightful questions to deepen her understanding of material.

Carley's academic journey is marked by her enrollment in challenging courses,

including advanced placement, honors, and college credit-plus, earning her the Medina High School Academic Distinction Award Summa Cum Laude each year. She is a distinguished National Honor Society, HUDDLE and Junior Leadership Medina County member.

Carley's leadership extends beyond the classroom. She has excelled in sports, playing catcher for the softball team and volunteering as an assistant coach for the Medina Youth Softball Medina Heat.

Additionally, Carley generously volunteers as a peer tutor at the Joyce B. Ebner Tutoring Center, assisting students with physical science and geometry. With aspirations to major in architecture in college, Carley's passion for learning and dedication to service exemplify her bright future ahead. Carley is the daughter of Brad and Holly Ostendorf.

Scholarship available through MCBDD

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is offering a \$1,500 scholarship to a local high school senior. The scholarship was founded to recognize and support young persons who are pursuing a career which serves individuals with developmental disabilities.

The field of developmental disabilities is faced with a growing crisis in its workforce. Finding and recruiting trained professionals for positions that range anywhere from administrators and therapists to educators and direct care workers is a daily struggle in the field.

The Medina County Board of DD hopes to address this workforce shortage by encouraging students to make an impact through public service and help improve the lives of thousands of individuals with developmental disabilities.

The Medina County Board of Developmental Dis-



File

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is offering a \$1,500 scholarship to a local high school senior.

abilities Donor Scholarship will award one \$1,500 scholarship this year. The Donated Funds Committee raises these funds through a series of events and activities along with corporate and private donations throughout the year.

Applicants must be current high school seniors accepted into an accredited training program in a field which may provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities. (i.e. special education, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, social work, behavioral sciences, etc.).

Applicants must also demonstrate involvement in, or provided services to, individuals with developmental disabilities through activities such as Special Olympics, classroom activities, volunteering, job shadowing, etc.

Interested students must complete and submit a Medina County Board of DD Donor Scholarship application form before Friday, March 29, 2024, to be considered. More information is available by calling 330-725-7751 ext. 318 or by visiting www.mcbdd.org/donor-scholarship.



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CHAMBER NEWS

It was a record-breaking day at the 2024 Easter Basket Auction!

We started with a goal of \$10,000 (which was \$1000 more than our previous record) and we exceeded that goal for a grand total of \$12,000 toward Scholarships for Wadsworth High School Seniors going into a business-related field!

Thank you to everyone who attended, all of our donors and our Board members, with a special thank you to our Auction committee - Aaron Barnhart, John Grillo, and Johanna Perrino, and our auctioneers, Sherriff Terry Grice and Chief Dan Chafin. As always, the crew at The Galaxy Banquet Center did a phenomenal job!



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Summer camp options abound



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Summer camp season will be here before parents know it. While children anxiously await the last day of school, adults know that it can be challenging to keep kids occupied and mentally stimulated when they aren't in the classroom. Although it may be alright to enjoy a few days lounging around and playing video games, too much sedentary behavior is not good for anyone, even children. Families turn to summer camp to provide children with activities to occupy their time when school is not in session.

Camps catering to a variety of interests are open to youngsters, so there's likely one out there to excite every child. Each year, more than 25 million children and adults take part in the camp experience, says the American Camp Association. Summer camp gives kids a chance to spread their wings and enjoy new adventures. When seeking camps, families can consider interests, proximity, cost, and other variables. Here are some of the different types of camps families can consider.

Day camp

Day camps are a popular choice. Day camps tend to be general recreation camps that offer an array of activities. Campers are dropped off (or bussed) in the morning, and arrive home early evening. These camps are readily accessible and run by various organizations. Some camps enable you to pay by the week, rather than committing to an entire season.

Sleep-away camp

Like the name implies, sleep-away camp hosts campers overnight, typically for several weeks. This may be children's first extended time away from home, and there's bound to be a few nerves that spring up. Round-the-clock

activities and chances to bond with their peers can help kids overcome fears of being away from home.

Academic camp

Academic camps focus their attention on various subjects, putting like-minded children together. Academic summer programs ensure children's brains stay active, helping students avoid that dreaded "summer slide." Some of these camps mimic a school day so they are familiar to kids. Academic focus may vary from general academia to specific subjects like STEM to astronomy to the arts.

Scout camp

Boys and girls participating in scouting programs often have the option to attend summer camp. During camp kids will have an opportunity to earn badges and advance their rank. Many scout districts have relationships with a specific scout campsite where troops from all over live and advance together for a week or so during the summer.

Fitness and sports camps

Fitness-minded campers or those who play particular sports can investigate camps that focus on fitness and sports performance. These may be more rigorous than other types of camps since they involve lots of physical activity. Wilderness preparation camp is another type of camp that may fit into this category. It will highlight survival training and help mold active hikers and campers.

Summer camp options abound. It's only a matter of identifying a path for children and then seeking a camp that offers the desired program.

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When is the right time to look into summer camp?

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Summer camp provides children weeks of entertainment, camaraderie and opportunities to learn and grow. It also offers a welcome respite for parents and other caregivers from having to provide recreation for kids during summer vacation, especially if those kids will be attending a sleepaway camp.

Many children are emotionally ready to attend camp between the ages of eight and 10. Some need a little more time to mature. Parents may think they have plenty of time to investigate camps. Chances are if the weather has already warmed and summer vacation is on the horizon, then it's already too late to get kids into most summer camps.

According to HealthyChildren.org, a division of the American Academy of Pediatrics, it is important to start researching summer camps as soon as possible. Many start booking as early as January of the current term year. Furthermore, popular programs fill up quite fast. Even though summer weather may be furthest from one's mind in the middle of winter, this is the time when summer camp decisions must be made.

Start by asking for recommendations from others. The difficulty with this approach is that many people are very protective of their camp choices, especially if the programs are particularly popular. They may not be inclined to give up the secrets to their good thing, especially if that means kids will have to compete for limited spots. Parents also should conduct an internet search of camps in the area and look at online reviews and ratings.

Find out if the camp is accredited by the American Camp Association. This will not guarantee a risk-free environment, but ACA accreditation is a better bet for providing a camp that is safe and nurturing.

Price also may be a factor in the camp decision. Camps are not all priced the same, so it may require doing some math to figure out what is the best value. Location also can be a consideration. Having to drive a long distance away for camp can be a deterrent to some people.

Rest assured that families who are a little late to the game may be able to find summer camp accommodations. But they may have to make some concessions.

- Medina County Board of DD Offers Camperships -



SUMMER MEANS CAMP!

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is happy to offer camperships for students and adults with developmental disabilities to attend the camp of their choice this summer.

Two types of camperships are available:

- Student camperships are available to children who are ages 4 to 22, live in Medina County, have been found 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, have been found eligible for county board services and are not currently receiving Medicaid Waiver funding.

Camperships are up to \$400 each, with a limit of one (1) per person.

Individuals and families who are interested in applying for camperships should visit www.mcbdd.org/service-funding/ for more information and applications or call 330-725-7751 ext. 130.

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WRESTLING

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Gallion, wasn't close.

"I got a takedown early, then I got an escape and he got an escape," Limbert said. "There wasn't too much action. It was not as close as the score seemed. He never got close to scoring an offensive point against me."

Limbert, who is headed to wrestle at the University of Pittsburgh, where he will study business or engineering, said his second championship meant more than the first because he was able to share the feeling with three teammates. Flirting with the team championship didn't hurt.

"It means a little bit more considering it helped with the team and finishing with the runner-up finish obviously," he said.

Kaden King

The senior successfully defended his championship at 157, coming back strong from a midseason injury to finish 32-4. Two quick pins, followed by a 7-2 semifinal win over Danny Beckett of Columbus Bishop Hartley, were topped off by a thrilling 3-1 sudden victory win over Clyde's Lance Overmyer in the state championship match.

King took advantage of a less-than-stellar shot by Beckett but had to wait out the official's call on the winning points.

"It was very, very exciting to have all eyes on me, being the last match out there," King said. "It was a little nerve-wracking. Not nervous in my ability, just in the situation."

I had been pushing the pace and attacking the whole match. He took a half-decent shot and came up short. Coach (Jim) Hewitt preaches head and hands. I think I had two (points) for about 20 seconds before they called it."

Eddie Neitenbach

Nobody dominated in Columbus, perhaps at any weight or in any division, than the 190-pound senior, who finished his year 47-1. His four matches at state lasted a total four minutes and 44 seconds out of a possible 24 minutes. The first three of those took all of 1:44, including pins in 30 and an incredible six seconds.

"I definitely expected it, if not a little more domination," Neitenbach said. "Going into the tournament, that's exactly why I said, 'I want to spend the least time on the mat.'"

Neitenbach, like Limbert and King is a three-time placer. His 2022 season was derailed by a failed skin test at the state tourney, and he was slowed by an injury a year ago but still placed third.

"Last year, I had a high ankle sprain," he said. "After the tournament I was off for like four weeks. This was the best year of wrestling I've had."

Others

At 144 pounds, junior Danny Beckett placed third. Junior Austin McKee won a match at 138 but did not place. Senior Dillon Badiu lost a pair, but had to default his second match with an injury after getting dinged in the first round.

"I'm not sure if this will ever be topped but we will try," Tecco said. "The group that will be here next year are already working towards their goals of being on top."

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Highest Accreditation



Full CARF Summary is available at www.mcbdd.org/current-news/

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is pleased to announce that it has been accredited by CARF International for a period of three years, the highest accreditation an organization may receive. CARF International (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities), is an independent, non-profit accreditor of human service providers and networks.

During the accreditation process, the MCBDD was reviewed in areas such as leadership, strategic planning, financial planning and management, health and safety and quality of services and supports. The summary stated that the MCBDD had only three areas for recommendations for improvement in the over 960 areas that were reviewed. The summary highlighted many areas of strength and cited 12 outstanding examples. "Overall, the services provided by the MCBDD are very beneficial to the community. Individuals who would not otherwise be able to fully participate in independent living, community inclusion and competitive employment are able to fully engage in the communities with the support of MCBDD," stated the CARF panel.

March is DD Awareness Month

Compassionate. Strong. Adventurous. Hardworking. Hopeful.

One or more of these words may describe you. They also describe people with developmental disabilities. March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, a time when we celebrate the abilities of all people! The MCBDD encourages you to take time to get to know someone with a disability. Learning about people with disabilities helps create a better understanding and allows us to work together to make our community one that is built on the abilities of ALL citizens. We invite you to join us as we look for new and more meaningful ways to welcome and include people with developmental differences into our community.

Scholarship Available

The Medina County Board of DD is offering a \$1500 scholarship to a local high school senior. Applicants must intend to enter into a field of study (i.e. special education, physical therapy, behavioral sciences, speech therapy, social work, etc.) which may provide services to individuals with disabilities. **Application deadline is Friday, March 29, 2024.**

Application and more information at www.mcbdd.org/donor-scholarship/

DD Dialogues

On Monday, March 4, 2024, the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) hosted a "DD Dialogues" roundtable event at the Medina County Achievement Center. The goal of the event was to bring together state elected officials with members of the developmental disabilities community to discuss key topics related to the people and families served by the MCBDD.

The event provided an opportunity for state leaders to meet and talk with others to learn and share ideas, insights and solutions around vital and necessary support systems and resources in the disabilities field.



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- Upcoming Meeting -



2024 Advocacy Meetings

Upcoming Meetings

March 26	August 27
April 23	September 24
May 28	October 22
June 25	November 26
July 23	

At each meeting, we will:

- Share state and local news
- Learn about upcoming opportunities
- Plan next meeting
- Talk about important issues

Join the time that works best for you!

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
or 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM

These meetings will be held virtually over Zoom.

VIRTUAL LINK WILL BE SENT CLOSER TO MEETING DATE

For questions and to register, contact Molly Usner,
MCBDD Community Resource Coordinator at
330-725-7751 ext. 119 or by email at mollyu@mcbdd.org.

APPLAUSE!

New hires, promotions, certifications earned, and announcements

A \$1,500 scholarship is being offered to a local high school senior by the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

The scholarship recognizes and supports those pursuing a career that serves individuals with developmental disabilities.

Funds for the scholarship are raised by the Donated Funds Committee through a variety of fundraisers.

Applicants must be a current high school senior and have been accepted into an accredited training program in a field that provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities. (i.e. special education, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, social work, behavioral sciences, and more).

Involvement in or having provided services to individuals with developmental disabilities through activities such as, but not limited to, Special Olympics, classroom activities, volunteering, and job shadowing is a must to be considered.

Application forms are due before Friday, March 29, 2024, and are available by calling 330-725-7751 Ext. 318 or by visiting www.mcbdd.org/donor-scholarship/

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BUSINESS: THE NETWORKER

Networking With Insight

by Bob Arnold

Life's twists and turns are sometimes exhilarating and at other times frightening. No matter what, they come upon us at unexpected times and in variable intensities.

My first book was a book of insight that focused on where the 'real' power is in networking. This was a result of hearing from a variety of networkers who believed that networking is scary.

I found that real power rests in one simple observation at the beginning of a relationship. Then the scary feelings simply melt away.

The exhilarating times come when we find out something that makes our day and brings a truth to mind that makes so much sense for us to engage with.

Over the last three months, I have found that there are those who recognize and accept that change is a constant. They seek to help others change their world in ways they never imagined.

In fact, it is becoming very clear to me that change is a superpower; a power that sees through the fog of the obvious to expose our presence.

Networking insight involves listening, being present and gathering ideas.

Instead of starting with the end in mind, we should focus on the process and see how we can arrange, and build, the pieces that will grow our network. This is the result of listening, presence, and gathering.

Insight is not stagnant. One of the reasons we should not start with the end in mind is because the end should never arrive. We should reach destinations which become stepping stones to other destinations.

Reaching these destinations opens up whole new worlds for our networks, worlds they did not know prior to knowing you.

I see someone I just met as one who can teach my network new ways of seeing and reaching new opportunities.

Instead of shying away from those in your network or avoiding the new person at a gathering, consider how you could help them to change. Who knows, you may find out they were the destination you were seeking.

That is the power of networking with insight!

Bob Arnold is the founder of ONward Networking and the international best-selling author of "The Uncanny Power of the Networking Pencil," which can be purchased at <https://amzn.to/2KSy3Xm>. Learn more about Arnold at <https://bit.ly/3VLzr1S> Contact Arnold at TheNetworkingPencil@gmail.com



MCBDD Receives Highest Accreditation

The [Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities](#) was recognized by the Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities International for a period of three years for their tremendous work in the community. MCBDD received accreditation for community employment supports, community employment job development and employment planning services.

Welcome New Members!



Thank You Renewing Members!

- City of Brunswick
- Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC
- Lorain-Medina Rural Electric
- Sisson & Banvas. Attorneys at
- Great Lakes Construction Company
- Lafayette Township
- Focus CFO
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you guys! Thank you!
Felicity + Janie

ARPA Grant

In December 2023, the Medina County Board of DD applied for and received approval for ARPA funding in four different areas. This funding was made available to empower counties to undertake diverse initiatives and projects that offer flexible support and services to people living with developmental disabilities and their families. Ultimately, these projects seek to foster inclusiveness, accessibility, and independence to enable access to non-disability-specific environments for people living with disabilities.



Supported Connections

We recognize that traditional transportation options for people that use wheelchairs or need transportation outside of normal business hours is extremely limited. Therefore, we want to develop a program to incentivize transportation providers to expand services to meet the diverse needs of those who use wheelchairs and/or need transportation during weekend or evening hours.

Accessible Communities

We want to invest in public infrastructure to increase accessibility for people with developmental disabilities. We would like to offer accessible equipment such as portable ramps for agencies and businesses in Medina County. The portable ramps are a great option to increase community accessibility as they are lightweight and come in many sizes and weight limits and may be placed on top of existing steps when the need arises. Local businesses and organizations will improve accessibility for not only those that use a wheelchair, but for those with canes, walkers, crutches, or even strollers.

Universal Changing Tables

In Medina County, there is a specific need to enhance accessibility in public spaces for adults with developmental disabilities. Universal changing tables have been identified as an important need that our county must address. We want to use this funding to lead this transformation of improving access of essential facilities and we are committed to seeking out partnerships within community entities for installation of universal changing tables.

Community Experience

We know that one of the barriers to community experiences for people with developmental disabilities involves financial concerns for support staff/caregivers in order to participate as well. We are looking at ways to help create inclusive grant opportunities for local business as well as for provider agencies to pay for memberships, passes, and classes for individuals and their support staff to participate in recreational and leisure activities.