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medina county board of developmental disabilities

# Monthly Board Meeting

## April 28, 2025

### Regular Board Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

- Executive Session: Following General Session (if needed)
- *Link to livestream available on*  
<https://www.mcbdd.org/event-calendar/>

*MCBDD Board Meetings will be held in Board Conference Rooms 1 & 2.  
Attendees are requested to follow all posted safety guidelines.*

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**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
**Regular Board Meeting Agenda**  
**April 28, 2025**

- I. Call to Order (5:00 p.m.)**
- II. General Session (5:00 p.m.)**
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance**
  - B. Mission Statement Affirmation**
  - C. Acceptance of Agenda**
  - D. Approval of Minutes**
    - 1. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, March 24, 2025 (ACTION)
  - E. Committee Report & Approval of Minutes**
    - 1. Donated Funds Committee Report
    - 2. Approval of the Minutes from the Donated Funds Committee Meeting, April 21, 2025 (ACTION)
  - F. Old Business - No Old Business**
  - G. New Business – No New Business**
  - H. Reports Review**
    - a. Superintendent's Report
    - b. Financial Reports:
      - Revenue
      - Expenditures
      - Cash Balance
      - Cash Flow
      - Voucher Report
    - c. Acceptance of Financial Reports Resolution #12-25 (ACTION)
    - d. Board Stats Report
    - e. Quarterly Reports
- III. Open Forum (Board Policy Ch. 2, Sec. 4 E)**
  - The Board maintains discretion to hold an Open Forum
  - The Board may not elect to address public comments during Open Forum; however, the Board shall provide acknowledgement, and response will be provided within a reasonable timeframe
  - Five (5) minutes allotted per speaker
  - Forty-five (45) minutes, total of (9) speakers
- IV. Executive Session (if needed)**
- V. Adjournment**

**The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2025**

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# Meeting Minutes

**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 24, 2025**

**I. Call to Order**

The MCBDD Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Board President Andy Olah at 5:03 p.m. Other Board Members present included the following: Dave Hartman, Debbie Bokmuller, Adina Kolar, and Lisa Dreaden. Mark Gryskiewicz and Kelly Smith were excused.

Staff present included the following: Stacey Maleckar, Shannon Lees, Diana Davis, Carey Bates, Patti Hetkey, Bobby Richards, Ed Dryer, Jennie Petrarca, John Krebs, Jason Dresden, Rob Ziemkiewicz, Marie Friss, and Maggie Skultety.

Others present included the following: Wayne Carroll.

A Motion was made by Andy Olah, seconded by Dave Hartman, to accept the Revised Agenda. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

**II. General Session**

Mr. Olah stated that there is a revised Agenda that was distributed to the Board. He also stated that Ms. Dreaden, Board Secretary, is not in attendance and asked for a volunteer to take Minutes. Mr. Hartman volunteered.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**B. Mission Statement Affirmation**

The Mission Statement was recited.

**C. Approval of Minutes**

**1. Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, February 24, 2025**

A Motion was made by Ms. Bokmuller, seconded by Ms. Dreaden, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on February 24, 2025. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

**D. Presentations**

**1. Community Partnerships for Community Employment – Focus Area 1**

Mr. Dryer presented information to the Board regarding the following:

- The three main components of Community Partnership:
  - Medina County Collaborative;
  - Business Advisory Committee; and
  - Opportunities for Ohioans w/Disabilities (OOD).
- Community Employment Key Staff:
  - John Krebs, Community Supports Manager;
  - Jason Dresden, Employment Navigator; and

- Rob Ziemkiewicz, Economic Developer.
- Goals for the Collaborative, Business Advisory Committee, and OOD.
- The Paths to Employment and Referral Process to OOD.
- How we find employers for individuals with disabilities; interest of individual and needs of business are important factors.
- Reporting: we are currently working on a plan for the best way to collect data and report.
- Measuring Success: success is measured through increases in community partnerships, provider relationships, OOD partnership, and the number of individuals employed.

## **E. Follow Up**

### **1. How many independent providers are providing services for family members?**

Ms. Maleckar stated that eight children are approved for extraordinary care; must be parent of a minor child. Ms. Bokmuller clarified that the original question was inquiring if we are seeing an increase in DSPs in the DD field due to programs such as the DSPU at the career center, provider mingles, etc., or are people becoming providers for a family member due to a lack of available providers. She asked how this could be measured. Ms. Maleckar stated outside of reviewing each ISP, this would be difficult to measure. She stated we do not have an accurate way to measure and any number we could find would be a snapshot in time. Ms. Bates stated that it is difficult for us to know who providers are hiring; unless it is a new provider or we are aware due to an incentive that we are offering, we do not have access to the information. We know about those providing extraordinary care because we are involved in the assessment process. We do not see a DSP's name attached to billing when through a provider agency; we only see the total amount of hours billed for the individual. Mr. Dryer stated that the need for DSPs by provider agencies has decreased. As a whole, we are seeing the DSP numbers trend in the right direction.

## **F. Old-Business**

There was no Old-Business.

## **G. New Business**

### **1. Excess Property Resolution #10-25 (ACTION)**

A Motion was made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Ms. Dreaden, to approve Resolution #10-25 to declare the requested items as Excess Property in accordance with ORC 307.12. There was no discussion. The Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote.

## **H. Reports Review**

- Superintendent's Report – Ms. Maleckar reviewed the Superintendent's Report. The following was shared:
  - Ms. Maleckar stated that the following are topics of discussion among Superintendents and local/state legislature: property tax costs, possible elimination of replacement levies, budget commission's role, Homestead exemption, Medicaid changes. The OACB Insider and OACB Policy Brief publications are a great source for up to date information on these and other topics that are important to the DD field. Those who have a Member Connect account should be getting these publications.



- Ms. Hetkey gave a brief description of a ROTH tag: a tag that can be attached to anything an individual carries-purse, backpack, etc.-which when opened, gives important information about the individual with a disability. ROTH tags are completely voluntary.
- We have received 11 donor scholarship applications, so far.
- Financial Reports – Ms. Bates reviewed.
  - Revenue
    - CAP Housing (State Grants) - \$299,640.00.
    - DODD ARPA (State Grants) - \$73,438.69.
    - No donations.
  - Expenditures
    - Repairs – salt spreader, auto door opener, heater and heat pumps.
    - Fees – food service license, fire suppression inspection.
    - Advertising – annual renewals (get discounts).
    - Contract Services - \$55,139.20 (prior year expense).
    - Contract Services - \$62,375.00 – annual renewals & other local services.
    - Special Projects – Provider Support Programs: DSP-U internship, employee referral, Success Coach.
    - Match – five individuals in developmental center - \$37,983.00.
    - Prior year carryover - \$69,110.00.
  - Cash Balance
    - \$35.2M – 2024 check voided and re-issued affecting the February cash balance. Should be in line with the county amount for next month.
  - Monthly Cash Flow
    - \$517,393.29 use of Fund Balance.
  - Voucher Report
    - Board questions addressed.

### **Approval of Financial Reports Resolution #11-25 (ACTION)**

A Motion was made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Ms. Bokmuller, to approve Resolution #11-25 to approve the Financial Reports for February, 2025. The Motion was approved with a unanimous “yes” vote.

- Enrollee Stats
  - Ms. Maleckar stated she has nothing significant to report.
- EI Report
  - New report – shows number of EI referrals, as well as other information.
- Personnel Control Report
  - Ms. Maleckar reviewed open positions. No concerns.
- Focus Area 1 Dashboard
  - No questions from the Board.

### **I. Discussion**

Ms. Bokmuller gave a brief recap of her conversation with Stacey following an email she sent to both Ms. Maleckar and the Board with questions. Mr. Olah acknowledged receipt of the email and proposed a Board Work Session in order to provide training for new Board Members regarding the topics in the email and to maintain a well-educated Board. Ms. Lees will schedule the work

session. Ms. Bokmuller requested any working documents that will be included as topics on the agenda be sent ahead of time for review by the Board.

Note: Board Work Sessions are not open to the public. There will be no discussion of Board business and no decisions will be made.

### **III. Open Forum**

Wayne Carroll: Mr. Carroll asked if there are representatives from ICFs included in the annual MUI Stakeholder meeting. Ms. Petrarca stated that there is not because ICFs report their MUIs directly to the state. Mr. Carroll then asked, in regard to our Mission Statement and citizenship, what we are doing to include individuals with disabilities in the political process i.e. voter registration. Ms. Bates responded that SSAs promote voting at the annual ISP meetings and the agency, as a whole, does a lot to promote voting, as well as through the Advocacy programs. Ms. Bokmuller replied that she understands Mr. Carroll's concern and also that some individuals are not interested in the political process. Mr. Olah stated it is important to encourage without influencing one way or the other.

### **IV. Executive Session**

No Executive Session was held.

### **V. Adjournment**

A Motion was made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Ms. Bokmuller, to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. The Motion was approved with a unanimous "yes" vote.

### **FOR APPROVAL**

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Board Chair  
Medina County Board of DD

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Board Secretary  
Medina County Board of DD

# Committee Reports & Minutes Approval



**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
**Donated Funds Committee Meeting**  
**April 21, 2025**

**I. Call To Order**

The Donated Funds Committee Meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Dave Hartman at 12:04 p.m.

Other Committee members present included: Kelly Smith, Annie Finnerty, Carey Bates, Patti Hetkey, Mark Gryskiewicz (virtually).

**II. 2025 MCBDD Donor Scholarship Recipient Selection**

Fifteen applications for the 2025 Donor Scholarship were reviewed and discussed. The 2025 scholarship award is \$1500. After discussion, the Committee selected Monica Horschler (Medina High School) as the 2025 Donor Scholarship recipient.

The committee also held discussion about creating an additional opportunity/scholarship to directly support students who complete the DSP-U program. Suggestions and recommendations will be gathered, developed, and presented to the committee for discussion for the 2026 scholarship cycle.

**III. Donated Funds Cash Account Overview**

An overview of Donated Funds accounts was presented by Carey Bates, MCBDD Director of Business. General knowledge questions about the specific areas of donations, balances within donated funds categories, yearly budgeting, administration of donated funds, revenue sources, and line item specifics were discussed.

**IV. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Kelly Smith, seconded by Carey Bates, adjourn the Donated Funds Committee Meeting at 12:53 p.m. All members voted “yes.”

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Committee Chair

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Date

Old Business

No Old Business

New  
Business  
No New Business



# Monthly Reports

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT****April, 2025****SSA**

- Three new SSAs started this past month and they are all completing their training and starting to be assigned cases. They are so excited to be on board and are eager to learn!
- The SSA Department recently completed the final session of a three-part training series from the Hope Recovery Center, dedicated to recognizing and supporting people struggling with addiction. While not always an easy topic to learn about, this important information assists the SSAs that have individuals with dual diagnosis, as well as their family members that battle with substance abuse.

**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 3/26 and provided general agency information and information related to seniors and family members who may have disabilities.
- MCBDD participated in the St. Ambrose Health and Wellness Fair on 3/30 and provided general agency information and information related to early intervention and developmental milestones.
- The MCBDD participated in the Black River High School Career Day on 4/17 and provided information about the variety of careers available in the DD field.
- The MCBDD participated in the Brunswick High School Career Day on 4/23 and provided information about the variety of careers available in the DD field.
- The MCBDD is happy to announce the 2025 Stand Out Champion Award recipients are the following: Melanie Kasten-Krause, Nicole Moehring, and Trenton Fumich.

**Upcoming Engagements and Promotions**

- Wadsworth Family Fun Carnival: 5/3.
- MCBDD Ice Cream Social: 6/27 from 6-8:00 p.m. on Medina Public Square (Rain location – Medina County Achievement Center).
- May promotions will include Mental Health Resources and Early Intervention and Developmental Milestones.

**EARLY INTERVENTION (EI)**

- There were 34 new referrals for March, with a total of 241 kids currently being served by our program.
- The new EI Service Coordinator is fully trained and oriented and is taking new referrals regularly.
- We received the name we will utilize to send verification records for our current state compliance indicator, Timely Receipt of Services (TRS). Submission is due no later than 4/10.

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- EI Coordinator is observing one home visit per quarter for each of our service provider staff with a follow-up meeting. We just completed our first quarter of observations and it was wonderful to see the excellent work our provider staff is doing out in the field and to have an opportunity to meet with each of them individually.

### **SCHOOL AGE**

- PBIS: Windfall School students had an Easter egg hunt in the courtyard and the SSA Department provided an egg hunt, as well, for the students.
- Community outings have continued and Casey Smith's classroom has been increasing their vocational skills by completing tasks at National Design Mart.
- We have a new student enrolled from Highland in the Middle School classroom.

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORTS & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

#### **Community Partnerships**

The DSP-U partnership with Medina County Career Center has had another successful year with all the participating students completing all of the required coursework and internships. On Thursday, 4/17, a celebration luncheon was held at the Career Center to recognize the achievement of our six graduates. Congratulations! The partnership will continue for a third year as we presented the program to the Teaching Professions junior class.

#### **Past Trainings and Presentations**

Date	Title of Training	Presenter	Target Audience
3/18/25	CIT Training-DD Awareness <i>Attendance: 24</i>	Jennie Petrarca, MCBDD	Law Enforcement
4/16/25	Independent Provider Meet & Greet Topic: EVV Changes	Courtney Jordan, MCBDD	Independent Providers
4/23/25 & 4/24/25	Crisis Prevention Training	Jerry Thomas, MCBDD	Providers at Enhance Ability
4/24/25	Employment Provider/OOD/SSA Mingle	Pattie Dempsey, OOD & Jason Dresden, MCBDD	Employment providers, OOD Staff, SSAs
4/25/25	Social Security & Medicaid Benefits Workshop	Kim Bernardi, MCBDD	Families/Individuals/Other Community Stakeholders, Providers

#### **Upcoming Trainings and Presentations**

Date	Title of Training	Presenter	Target Audience
5/13/25	Compassionate Presence: Empathy in Practice	Jerry Thomas, MCBDD	Providers Families/Individuals/Other Community Stakeholders
6/4/25	Frontline Supervisor Training: Elements of Effective Team Communication	Crystal Brodzinski & Nicole Richter, MCBDD	Agency Providers



## **Advocacy**

### **Meeting**

- On 3/25, the meeting was held via Zoom with 22 in attendance. We discussed various topics including: a new app, *Supercook*, to help meal planning; billboards in major cities showcasing people with Down Syndrome on behalf of *World Down Syndrome Day*; and packaging for make-up showing subtle changes to be more inclusive to those with vision disabilities.
- Our next meeting will be 4/29 at Midwest where we will be using paint to express an experience we had while advocating for ourselves or someone else.

### **People Together**

- On 3/7, Molly Usner was joined by Advocate, Ashley, to talk to 33 students at St. Francis about visible and non-visible disabilities.
- On 3/14, Advocates - Adina, Ashley, Jeremy, and Alida talked to 47 students at Buckeye. We talked about things they like/dislike (green beans were a big dislike of the group!) and struggles they've overcome to highlight resilience and kindness.

### **Leadership Academy**

- Participants have been selected; we are moving forward with preparing for our 2025 class. The first class was held on 4/22.

## **Provider Support**

### **DSP Spotlight**

**Nina McMillan** was recognized for the April DSP Spotlight. Nina has been serving individuals as a DSP for Midwest's Medina location for three years. Nina started in the field working with Special Education students at Copley-Fairlawn Schools. When asked, has there ever been anyone that has stood out to you as a mentor in this field? Nina replied *"This field is packed with people that are passionate about helping individuals with developmental disabilities. There have been so many SSAs, behavior specialists, as well as other DSPs that have helped me. We all understand that we have to work together to help our individuals succeed and accomplish their goals!"* **Congratulations, Nina!!!**

## **Spring DSP Appreciation Event**

- 741 DSP treat bags were delivered to 16 participating provider agencies in Medina County. Each bag contained two delicious Grandma's Chocolate Brownie Cookies, a Thank You Card, and a "Scratch Off" chance to win a prize.



## **OPERATIONS**

- The Gutter Project is complete.
- MCBDD will be a voting location on 5/6.
- Replacement cycle laptops arrived – we are working on distributing to staff.

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

### **135 Athletes; 23 Unified Partners - Total**

130 Bowling; 23 Unified Partners

5 Powerlifting

(16) Pickleball – is not counted in total above (will be a sanctioned sport in future).

- Powerlifting - began on 3/13.
- Basketball - The banquet was held on 3/11.
- Swim – The banquet was held on 3/13.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Wadsworth YMCA Pickleball continues on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m., weekly. Sixteen Athletes currently participate and the YMCA Pickleball Coordinator cannot accept any more Athletes at this time due to space and assistance needed.
- S.O. Ohio has selected Pickleball and Cornhole as exhibition sports in 2025, aiming to have regional events in 2026 and state-held events in 2027 for these two sports. The Wadsworth YMCA Pickleball Coordinator is interested in coaching and holding practices at their location; details TBD as S.O. Ohio develops sport rules and what season (both) sports will be offered.
- S.O. Ohio has collaborated with local YMCAs to offer free membership to current S.O. Athletes in the state. S.O. Medina continues to participate and share information regarding this free membership.
- Indoor State Winter Games (Basketball and Swim) was held the weekend of 3/7-9 at The Ohio State University.
- Spring sports sign-up began on 4/1, an email with information has been distributed, and rosters are being finalized (Track, Volleyball, Bocce, and Tennis).
- The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest was held on Sunday, 3/30, in the Windfall Gym; 35 Athletes participated.
- An operating budget is being created by the S.O. Coordinator for the Medina S.O. program with multiple executive board meetings scheduled to collaborate.
- 4/12 – Volleyball Tournament was scheduled at Oberlin College.
- 4/12 – Bowling Tournament was scheduled in Portage County.
- 4/13 – CAVS game – free tickets for all Special Olympics Ohio Athletes who competed at State Indoor Winter Games this past March: Medina took nine Athletes who were able to attend.
- 4/27 – Regional Track Event at Bedford High School.
- 5/3 – Regional Tennis scheduled at Thrive Thru Tennis in Broadview Heights.
- 5/4 – Regional Volleyball scheduled at Pinnacle in Medina.
- 5/4 – Regional Powerlifting scheduled at Medina High School weight room.
- 5/4 – Regional Bocce scheduled at Pinnacle in Medina.
- 5/5 – Spring 2025 Bowling Banquet scheduled.
- 5/10 – Raymond Biegel Memorial Tournament scheduled at MCBDD.
- 6/13-25 – State Summer Games scheduled at OSU.
- 6/21 – Fiona’s Car Show scheduled at MCBDD.
- 7/1 – Golf scheduled to begin at Bunker Hill Golf Course.

**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
**MONTHLY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS**  
**ALL FUNDS**  
**3/31/2025**

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	29,000	6,892	-	-	6,892	7,478	(587)	(7.84)	23.76
3300-40001	REAL ESTATE TAX (3)	18,306,715	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3300-40011	ROLLBACK/HOMESTEAD TAX (2)	2,125,980	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3300-40250	FEES	-	-	-	-	-	900	(900)	(100.00)	-
3300-40420	GENERAL REIMBURSEMENTS	1,271,920	103,765	126,950	146,173	376,889	365,501	11,388	3.12	29.63
3300-40435	MEDICAID SETTLEMENT (7)	1,240,000	-	-	-	-	1,007,451	(1,007,451)	(100.00)	-
3300-40438	TARGETED CASE MGT (5)	1,086,000	79,146	65,290	94,040	238,476	231,699	6,776	2.92	21.96
3300-40439	WAIVER INCOME (5)	22,000	1,679	-	-	1,679	6,949	(5,270)	(75.83)	7.63
3300-40440	MAC	714,000	-	-	-	-	140,024	(140,024)	(100.00)	-
3300-40599	OTHER REVENUE	12,000	863	-	160	1,023	8,528	(7,504)	(88.00)	8.53
3300-40601	GRANTS - FEDERAL (4)	128,580	1,718	-	22,140	23,858	16,115	7,743	48.05	18.55
2855/3300-40602	GRANTS - STATE (4)	13,500	2	373,079	2,048	375,128	3,336	371,792	11,144.86	2,778.73
3300-40606	OOD	-	-	-	-	-	10,795	(10,795)	(100.00)	-
3300-40612	DEPT OF ED SUBSIDY	640,000	56,302	50,284	47,236	153,822	159,408	(5,587)	(3.50)	24.03
3300-40710	RENT	111,644	9,262	9,262	9,262	27,786	27,786	-	-	24.89
3315/3300-40712	REFUNDS	3,500	3,422	2,343	-	5,764	-	5,764	-	164.70
3315-40072	DONATIONS (6)	5,000	15	-	1,200	1,215	600	615	102.50	24.30
3315-40503	INTEREST	3,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>25,713,339</b>	<b>263,065</b>	<b>627,208</b>	<b>322,259</b>	<b>1,212,532</b>	<b>1,986,571</b>	<b>(774,040)</b>	<b>(38.96)</b>	<b>4.72</b>

check: 263,065.32 627,207.74 322,258.55 1,212,531.61 1,986,571.32

2855-40450	TRANSFERS (8)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
						1,212,531.61	1,986,571.32	(774,039.71)		

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) - 2025 waiver revenue is Transit NMT waiver billing only.
6. Donations received (3315-40072): Jan - \$15.00 (Soc/Rec Program file folder cash found - to Community Supports), Mar - \$1,200 (Robert Sefcik for camperships - to Children Services)
7. Medicaid Settlement - cost report and waiver match reconciliations. For CY25, FY23 waiver match reconciliation and CY22 cost report settlement.
8. Cash transfer from general fund to capital improvement fund - no cash transfers expected in CY25.

**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
**MONTHLY EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**  
**ALL FUNDS**  
**MARCH 2025**

ACCT	TITLE	INITIAL BUDGET	BUDGET CHANGES	ADJUSTED BUDGET	JAN	FEB	MAR	YTD VARIANCE ANALYSIS				UNSPENT BALANCE 2025	% SPENT
								YTD BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	YTD PRIOR YEAR	INCREASE (DECREASE)		
VARIOUS	SALARIES (5)	8,974,937	-	8,974,937	686,624	664,841	677,333	2,071,139	2,028,798	1,902,333	126,465	6,946,139	25.00%
3300-50060	WORKERS COMP	89,657	-	89,657	6,866	6,649	6,773	20,690	20,288	19,024	1,265	69,369	22.63
3300-50070	UNEMPLOYMENT	15,532	-	15,532	-	-	-	3,584	-	-	-	15,532	-
3300-50080	PERS	1,050,633	-	1,050,633	76,763	74,907	73,804	242,454	225,474	218,660	6,814	825,159	21.46
3300-50081	MEDICARE	130,007	-	130,007	9,559	9,260	9,435	30,002	28,254	25,963	2,291	101,753	21.73
3300-50082	STRS	219,340	-	219,340	14,986	15,681	16,456	50,617	47,122	48,871	(1,749)	172,218	21.48
3300-50090	HOSPITALIZATION	2,607,955	-	2,607,955	184,250	174,992	176,559	651,989	535,801	559,611	(23,810)	2,072,154	20.54
3300-50091	DENTAL INSURANCE	135,000	-	135,000	20,079	-	10,319	33,750	30,398	29,140	1,258	104,602	22.52
3300/3315-50100	SUPPLIES	227,925	-	227,925	8,119	6,961	14,117	56,981	29,197	16,188	13,009	198,728	12.81
3300-50200	MATERIALS	24,850	-	24,850	913	791	491	6,213	2,196	3,113	(917)	22,654	8.84
3300-50230	REPAIRS	51,300	-	51,300	498	1,708	1,469	12,825	3,675	3,685	(10)	47,625	7.16
3300-50250	EMERGENCY RELIEF	25,000	-	25,000	-	273	107	6,250	380	2,308	(1,928)	24,620	1.52
3300-50450	FEES	374,350	-	374,350	90,832	870	375	93,588	92,077	94,282	(2,206)	282,273	24.60
3300-50515	PROPERTY & LIABILITY INS	62,550	-	62,550	24,744	-	-	15,638	24,744	24,216	528	37,806	39.56
3300-50536	VEHICLE INSURANCE	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	2,500	10,000	9,000	1,000	-	100.00
3300-50540	ADVERTISING	43,300	-	43,300	1,150	4,730	1,575	10,825	7,455	14,829	(7,375)	35,845	17.22
3300/3315-50541	PRINTING	7,250	-	7,250	251	-	80	1,813	331	118	213	6,919	4.57
3300/3315-50560	TRAVEL/TRAINING	141,200	-	141,200	10,349	3,808	5,729	35,300	19,886	22,376	(2,489)	121,314	14.08
3300/3315-50580	CONTRACT SERVICES	2,350,830	-	2,350,830	128,083	117,515	342,383	587,708	587,981	658,155	(70,173)	1,762,849	25.01
3300-50590	SPECIAL PROJECTS	463,350	-	463,350	325,590	5,367	12,199	115,838	343,156	35,949	307,207	120,194	74.06
3300-50600	GASOLINE	2,400	-	2,400	98	566	277	600	941	572	369	1,459	39.20
3300/3315-50610	OTHER EXPENSE (3)	87,135	-	87,135	52,699	1,065	2,804	21,784	56,568	62,998	(6,430)	30,567	64.92
VARIOUS	UTILITIES	285,600	-	285,600	22,613	10,630	27,227	71,400	60,470	65,758	(5,288)	225,130	21.17
3300/3315-50711	RENTALS	5,900	-	5,900	-	40	383	1,475	423	798	(375)	5,477	7.16
3300/3315-50780	EQUIPMENT	146,100	-	146,100	1,599	940	7,694	36,525	10,233	16,760	(6,527)	135,867	7.00
2855-50580	CONTRACT SERVICES (CI)	25,000	-	25,000	-	-	-	6,250	-	3,700	(3,700)	25,000	-
2855-50590/50780	CAPITAL PROJECTS/EQUIP (CI)	691,000	-	691,000	-	5,025	-	172,750	5,025	300,338	(295,313)	685,975	0.73
2856-50590	CAPITAL PROJECTS (SALES TAX)	29,000	-	29,000	-	-	-	7,250	-	-	-	29,000	-
<b>SUBTOTAL - EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>18,277,101</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,277,101</b>	<b>1,676,666</b>	<b>1,106,618</b>	<b>1,387,590</b>	<b>4,367,735</b>	<b>4,170,874</b>	<b>4,138,745</b>	<b>32,129</b>	<b>14,106,227</b>	<b>22.82</b>
3300-50623	MEDICAID LOCAL MATCH (2)	10,086,000	-	10,086,000	1,907,547	37,983	34,307	2,521,500	1,979,837	1,549,310	430,527	8,106,164	19.63
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>		<b>28,363,101</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,363,101</b>	<b>3,584,213</b>	<b>1,144,601</b>	<b>1,421,897</b>	<b>6,889,235</b>	<b>6,150,710</b>	<b>5,688,055</b>	<b>462,656</b>	<b>22,212,391</b>	<b>21.69</b>
<b>PRIOR YEAR CARRYOVER (4)</b>				<b>479,926</b>	<b>69,110</b>	<b>13,678</b>			<b>562,715</b>	<b>571,213</b>	<b>(8,499)</b>		
check:		28,363,101	0	28,363,101	3,584,212.81	1,144,601.03	1,421,896.64	6,889,235	6,150,710.48	5,688,054.95		22,212,391	
3300-50960	TRANSFERS (6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3300-50981	RESERVE GENERAL (7)	9,528,651	-	9,528,651	-	-	-	9,528,651	-	8,544,280	984,371	9,528,651	-
2855-50981	RESERVE CAPITAL (7)	1,467,357	-	1,467,357	-	-	-	1,467,357	-	2,183,357	(716,000)	1,467,357	-
<b>TOTAL RESERVE AMOUNTS:</b>		<b>10,996,008</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,996,008</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,996,008</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,727,637</b>	<b>268,371</b>	<b>10,996,008</b>	<b>-</b>

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**FOOTNOTES:**

1. This report combines all funds for MCBDD (General, Capital, Sales Tax and Donated); Initial Budget is the initial approved 2025 Budget. Budget changes are for appropriation transfers, increases or decreases that occur
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 2024 expenses paid in 2025.
5. Salaries - three pay months (May and October 2025).
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 2025)
7. Reserve - Designated reserve accounts covered by ORC 5705.222 (C)

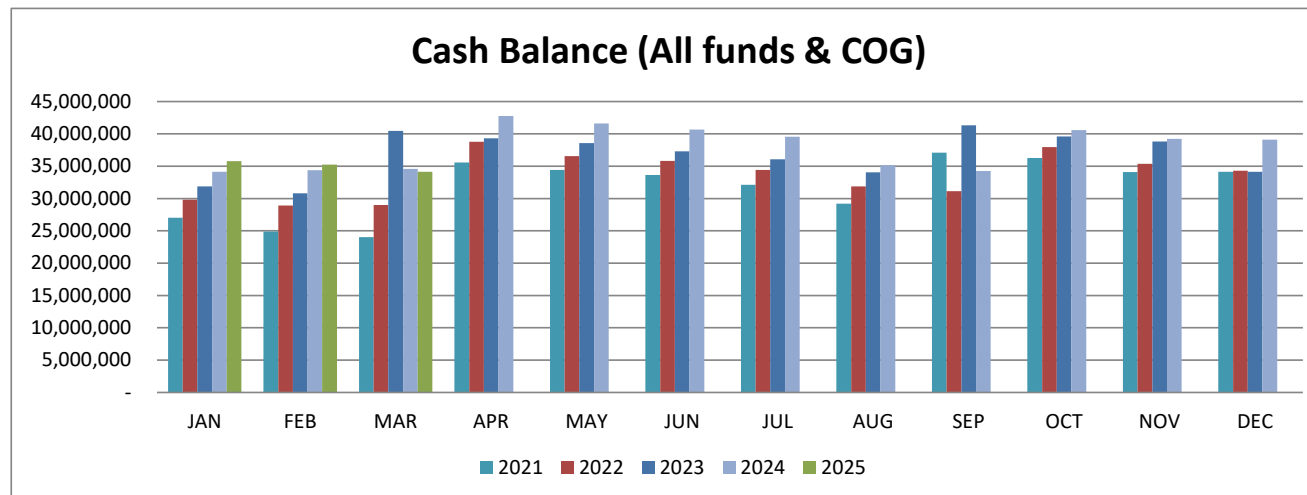
**MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
CASH BALANCE FOR MONTH ENDING:**

**March 31, 2025**

			CURRENT YEAR	PRIOR YEAR	NET CHANGE
<b>FUND #</b>	<b>2855</b>	Capital Fund	3,057,744.30	2,637,594.04	420,150.26
	<b>2855</b>	Capital Fund Reserve	1,467,357.00	2,183,357.00	(716,000.00)
	<b>2856</b>	Capital Sales Tax Fund	21,122.97	15,499.69	5,623.28
	<b>3300</b>	General Fund	19,951,964.20	20,834,666.39	(882,702.19)
	<b>3300</b>	General Fund Reserve	9,528,651.00	8,544,280.00	984,371.00
	<b>3315</b>	Donated Fund	62,212.36	75,080.47	(12,868.11)
	<b>NA</b>	Residential Fund- Held by NEON	51,114.87	293,762.99	(242,648.12)
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34,140,166.70</b>	<b>34,584,240.58</b>	<b>(444,073.88)</b>
		<b>RESERVE TOTAL</b>	<b>10,996,008.00</b>	<b>10,727,637.00</b>	<b>268,371.00</b>
		<b>TOTALS LESS RESERVES</b>	<b>23,144,158.70</b>	<b>23,856,603.58</b>	<b>(712,444.88)</b>

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

Note 2: Reserve accounts in accordance with ORC 5705.222



MEDINA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MONTHLY CASH FLOW 3/31/2025						
FUND	DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	JAN	FEB	MAR	YTD TOTAL
2855	Capital Improvements Revenue		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,530,126.30
2855	Capital Improvements Expenses		\$ -	\$ 5,025.00	\$ -	\$ 5,025.00
	<b>Total Cash Available:</b>	<b>\$ 4,530,126.30</b>	<b>\$ 4,530,126.30</b>	<b>\$ 4,525,101.30</b>	<b>\$ 4,525,101.30</b>	<b>\$ 4,525,101.30</b>
2856	Capital Sales Tax Revenue		\$ 6,891.51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,122.97
2856	Capital Sales Tax Expenses		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>Total Cash Available:</b>	<b>\$ 14,231.46</b>	<b>\$ 21,122.97</b>	<b>\$ 21,122.97</b>	<b>\$ 21,122.97</b>	<b>\$ 21,122.97</b>
3300	General Fund Revenue		\$ 256,158.81	\$ 627,207.74	\$ 321,058.55	\$ 35,626,000.68
3300	General Fund Expenditures		\$ 3,584,212.81	\$ 1,139,276.03	\$ 1,421,896.64	\$ 6,145,385.48
	<b>Total Cash Available:</b>	<b>\$ 34,421,575.58</b>	<b>\$ 31,093,521.58</b>	<b>\$ 30,581,453.29</b>	<b>\$ 29,480,615.20</b>	<b>\$ 29,480,615.20</b>
3315	Donated Fund Revenue		\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 63,712.36
3315	Donated Fund Expenditures		\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
	<b>Total Cash Available:</b>	<b>\$ 62,497.36</b>	<b>\$ 62,512.36</b>	<b>\$ 62,212.36</b>	<b>\$ 63,412.36</b>	<b>\$ 63,412.36</b>
ALL	All Fund Revenue		\$ 263,065.32	\$ 627,207.74	\$ 322,258.55	\$ 40,240,962.31
ALL	All Fund Expenditures		\$ 3,584,212.81	\$ 1,144,601.03	\$ 1,421,896.64	\$ 6,150,710.48
	<b>Total Cash Available:</b>	<b>\$ 39,028,430.70</b>	<b>\$ 35,707,283.21</b>	<b>\$ 35,189,889.92</b>	<b>\$ 34,090,251.83</b>	<b>\$ 34,090,251.83</b>

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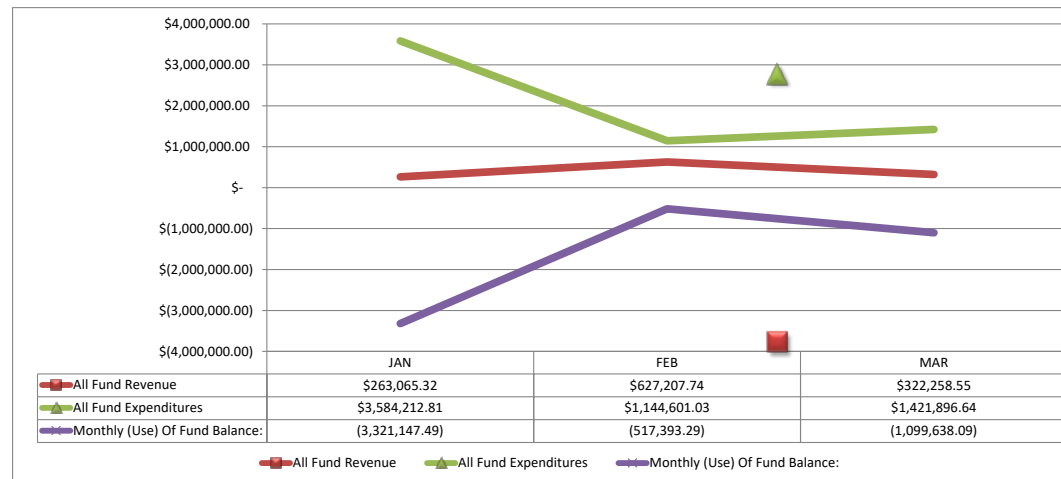
See Footnote 2

Monthly (Use) Of Fund Balance: (3,321,147.49) (517,393.29) (1,099,638.09) (4,938,178.87)

**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 3/31/25: \$242,061.11)

(2) 2/28/25 actual cash balance for fund 3300 (\$30,581,453.29). The County Auditor reports \$30,581,499.45. The difference of \$46.16 is due to a 2024 voided check that wasn't posted until 3/17/25, not in February 2025 when the check was re-issued and the void originally entered.



March Voucher Report  
Summary By Vendor

Sum of AMOUNT	Fund	
Vendor	3300	Grand Total
<b>4 IMPRINT INC</b>		
CS-SUPPLIES	\$ 522.79	\$ 522.79
HR-SUPPLIES (LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM)	\$ 312.47	\$ 312.47
<b>4 IMPRINT INC Total</b>	<b>\$ 835.26</b>	<b>\$ 835.26</b>
<b>ACHIEVEMENT CENTERS</b>		
CRC-RESPITE SERVICES APPLICATION FEE (LW)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
CRC-RESPITE SERVICES-02/07/25-02/09/25 (LW)	\$ 104.10	\$ 104.10
<b>ACHIEVEMENT CENTERS Total</b>	<b>\$ 154.10</b>	<b>\$ 154.10</b>
<b>AIRGAS USA LLC</b>		
NU-ANNUAL OXYGEN TANK RENTAL FEES-FEB 25	\$ 28.56	\$ 28.56
<b>AIRGAS USA LLC Total</b>	<b>\$ 28.56</b>	<b>\$ 28.56</b>
<b>ALONOVUS CORP</b>		
CR-ADVERTISING & PRINTING-02/20/25	\$ 549.75	\$ 549.75
<b>ALONOVUS CORP Total</b>	<b>\$ 549.75</b>	<b>\$ 549.75</b>
<b>AMAZON CAPITAL SERVI</b>		
A-SUPPLIES	\$ 622.27	\$ 622.27
A-SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,196.32	\$ 1,196.32
CR-SUPPLIES	\$ 68.40	\$ 68.40
CS/ASM-SUPPLIES	\$ 146.00	\$ 146.00
CS-SUPPLIES (DSP APPRECIATION-SPRING EVENT)	\$ 66.30	\$ 66.30
ES-SUPPLIES	\$ 440.23	\$ 440.23
HR-SUPPLIES	\$ 200.98	\$ 200.98
INT-SUPPLIES	\$ 17.99	\$ 17.99
SA-SUPPLIES	\$ 316.10	\$ 316.10
SP-SUPPLIES	\$ 177.47	\$ 177.47
<b>AMAZON CAPITAL SERVI Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,252.06</b>	<b>\$ 3,252.06</b>
<b>AMERICAN RED CROSS H</b>		
CS-FIRST AID/CPR STAFF-12/24/24 (PW)	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
CS-FIRST AID/CPR-01/13/25-02/10/25 (NR/DH/PW/JT)	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
CS-FIRST AID/CPR-01/21/25-02/26/25 (NR/DH)	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
CS-FIRST AID/CPR-01/28/25-02/19/25 (PW/DH/JT/NR)	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00
CS-FIRST AID/CPR-01/30/25-03/10/25 (NR/JT/PW)	\$ 574.00	\$ 574.00
<b>AMERICAN RED CROSS H Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,574.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,574.00</b>
<b>APOLLO PEST CONTROL</b>		
M-PEST CONTROL SVCS-02/26/25	\$ 88.00	\$ 88.00
M-PEST CONTROL SVCS-03/18/25	\$ 88.00	\$ 88.00
<b>APOLLO PEST CONTROL Total</b>	<b>\$ 176.00</b>	<b>\$ 176.00</b>
<b>APSE</b>		
ASM-CESP EXAM/APPLICATION FEES (JK)	\$ 199.00	\$ 199.00
<b>APSE Total</b>	<b>\$ 199.00</b>	<b>\$ 199.00</b>
<b>ARMSTRONG CABLE SERV</b>		
AT/M-INTERNET SERVICES-03/15/25-04/14/25	\$ 304.90	\$ 304.90
<b>ARMSTRONG CABLE SERV Total</b>	<b>\$ 304.90</b>	<b>\$ 304.90</b>
<b>ASIAN SERVICES IN AC</b>		
EI-INTERPRETER SERVICES-02/07/25 (ARP)	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
<b>ASIAN SERVICES IN AC Total</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<b>AUTISM PERSONAL COAC</b>		
CRC-AUTISM COACHING SESSIONS-2/18,3/12,&19/25(ER)	\$ 187.50	\$ 187.50
<b>AUTISM PERSONAL COAC Total</b>	<b>\$ 187.50</b>	<b>\$ 187.50</b>
<b>B &amp; H PHOTO</b>		
IT/INT/SSAS-SUPPLIES	\$ 1,697.85	\$ 1,697.85
IT-SUPPLIES	\$ 45.88	\$ 45.88
SA-EQUIPMENT	\$ 5,738.04	\$ 5,738.04
<b>B &amp; H PHOTO Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,481.77</b>	<b>\$ 7,481.77</b>

March Voucher Report  
Summary By Vendor

Sum of AMOUNT	Fund	
Vendor	3300	Grand Total
<b>BIOMETRIC INFORMATIO</b>		
HR-FINGERPRINTING SYSTEM ANNUAL MAINT/SUPPORT	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
<b>BIOMETRIC INFORMATIO Total</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>
<b>BORDEN DAIRY</b>		
DS-FSLP-CAFETERIA GROCERIES	\$ 190.11	\$ 190.11
<b>BORDEN DAIRY Total</b>	<b>\$ 190.11</b>	<b>\$ 190.11</b>
<b>BRITTCO LLC</b>		
IT-SOFTWARE MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION-FEB 25	\$ 3,550.00	\$ 3,550.00
IT-SOFTWARE MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION-MAR 25	\$ 3,550.00	\$ 3,550.00
<b>BRITTCO LLC Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,100.00</b>
<b>BUEHLERS FOOD MARKET</b>		
A-CATERING FOR BOARD MEETING-02/24/25	\$ 52.61	\$ 52.61
HR-CATERING FOR INSERVICE DAY-03/07/25	\$ 592.55	\$ 592.55
<b>BUEHLERS FOOD MARKET Total</b>	<b>\$ 645.16</b>	<b>\$ 645.16</b>
<b>CALL JENIFER</b>		
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 120.68	\$ 120.68
<b>CALL JENIFER Total</b>	<b>\$ 120.68</b>	<b>\$ 120.68</b>
<b>CALL2RECYCLE INC</b>		
IT-SUPPLIES	\$ 68.00	\$ 68.00
<b>CALL2RECYCLE INC Total</b>	<b>\$ 68.00</b>	<b>\$ 68.00</b>
<b>CAMPO MARK J</b>		
CRC-HOME MODIFICATION CONSULTATIONS-JAN 25	\$ 1,404.00	\$ 1,404.00
<b>CAMPO MARK J Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,404.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,404.00</b>
<b>COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO</b>		
M-GAS-01/16/25-02/13/25	\$ 1,774.20	\$ 1,774.20
<b>COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,774.20</b>	<b>\$ 1,774.20</b>
<b>CONSTELLATION NEWENE</b>		
M-GAS-JAN 25	\$ 3,323.95	\$ 3,323.95
<b>CONSTELLATION NEWENE Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,323.95</b>	<b>\$ 3,323.95</b>
<b>CONSUMER SUPPORT SER</b>		
CRC-NMT-01/02/25-01/31/25 (MC/MD/MR/CW)	\$ 3,430.92	\$ 3,430.92
CRC-NMT-02/03/25-02/28/25 (CW/MC/MD/MR)	\$ 2,999.79	\$ 2,999.79
<b>CONSUMER SUPPORT SER Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,430.71</b>	<b>\$ 6,430.71</b>
<b>CRISIS PREVENTION IN</b>		
CS-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES (NR/JT)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>CRISIS PREVENTION IN Total</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>CRITZER KELLY</b>		
OT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 270.48	\$ 270.48
<b>CRITZER KELLY Total</b>	<b>\$ 270.48</b>	<b>\$ 270.48</b>
<b>CROSS CREEK APARTMEN</b>		
CRC-RENTAL ASSISTANCE-APR 25 (LM)	\$ 512.00	\$ 512.00
<b>CROSS CREEK APARTMEN Total</b>	<b>\$ 512.00</b>	<b>\$ 512.00</b>
<b>CROWN TROPHY OF MEDI</b>		
A-SUPPLIES (NAME BADGES)	\$ 144.00	\$ 144.00
<b>CROWN TROPHY OF MEDI Total</b>	<b>\$ 144.00</b>	<b>\$ 144.00</b>
<b>CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOAR</b>		
SSA-PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES-FEB 25	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
<b>CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOAR Total</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF</b>		
DENTAL PREMIUM-MAR 25	\$ 10,319.36	\$ 10,319.36
<b>DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,319.36</b>	<b>\$ 10,319.36</b>
<b>DERGA ANDREW</b>		
SSAS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 42.70	\$ 42.70
<b>DERGA ANDREW Total</b>	<b>\$ 42.70</b>	<b>\$ 42.70</b>
<b>E.S. BEVERIDGE &amp; ASS</b>		
HR-COBRA ADMIN SERVICES-MAR 25	\$ 102.00	\$ 102.00
<b>E.S. BEVERIDGE &amp; ASS Total</b>	<b>\$ 102.00</b>	<b>\$ 102.00</b>



Sum of AMOUNT	Fund	
Vendor	3300	Grand Total
<b>ENHANCE ABILITY LLC</b>		
CRC-ADS-12/02/24-02/21/25 (VH)	\$ 3,575.00	\$ 3,575.00
CRC-ADS-12/03/24-01/07/25 (MS)	\$ 1,072.25	\$ 1,072.25
CRC-NMT-12/02/24-02/21/25 (VH)	\$ 1,103.31	\$ 1,103.31
CRC-NMT-12/03/24-01/07/25 (MS)	\$ 452.64	\$ 452.64
<b>ENHANCE ABILITY LLC Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,203.20</b>	<b>\$ 6,203.20</b>
<b>FAIRLAWNGIG</b>		
M-BUSINESS STATIC 13/BUSINESS BASIC-03/16-04/15/25	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
<b>FAIRLAWNGIG Total</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>
<b>FIRST COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
M-TELEPHONE-MAR 25	\$ 2,716.42	\$ 2,716.42
<b>FIRST COMMUNICATIONS Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,716.42</b>	<b>\$ 2,716.42</b>
<b>FULTON SAVANAH</b>		
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 153.65	\$ 153.65
<b>FULTON SAVANAH Total</b>	<b>\$ 153.65</b>	<b>\$ 153.65</b>
<b>GOLD CARE SERVICES</b>		
CRC-RESPITE SERVICES-FEB 25 (KB)	\$ 960.00	\$ 960.00
<b>GOLD CARE SERVICES Total</b>	<b>\$ 960.00</b>	<b>\$ 960.00</b>
<b>GORDON FOOD SERVICE</b>		
CR-SUPPLIES-PUBLIC OFFICIALS ROUNDTABLE-03/03/25	\$ 98.92	\$ 98.92
CS-SUPPLIES	\$ 82.95	\$ 82.95
CS-SUPPLIES (DSP APPRECIATION)	\$ 489.29	\$ 489.29
DS-CATERING (111.30)/FSLP-CAFE. GROCERIES (177.84)	\$ 289.14	\$ 289.14
DS-FSLP-CAFETERIA GROCERIES	\$ 392.66	\$ 392.66
HR-SUPPLIES-INSERVICE DAY-03/07/25	\$ 546.31	\$ 546.31
<b>GORDON FOOD SERVICE Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,899.27</b>	<b>\$ 1,899.27</b>
<b>GREENLEAF FAMILY CEN</b>		
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-01/24/25-01/31/25 (RS)	\$ 780.00	\$ 780.00
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-02/03/25-02/13/25 (RS)	\$ 910.00	\$ 910.00
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-02/14/25-02/21/25 (RS)	\$ 780.00	\$ 780.00
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-02/24/25-02/28/25 (RS)	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-03/03/25-03/06/25 (RS)	\$ 520.00	\$ 520.00
CRC-INTERPRETER SVCS-03/07/25-03/13/25 (RS)	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
<b>GREENLEAF FAMILY CEN Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,290.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,290.00</b>
<b>HOME DEPOT CREDIT SE</b>		
M-MATERIALS	\$ 276.82	\$ 276.82
M-SUPPLIES	\$ 103.32	\$ 103.32
<b>HOME DEPOT CREDIT SE Total</b>	<b>\$ 380.14</b>	<b>\$ 380.14</b>
<b>HUMPHREY DEBBIE</b>		
EI-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 441.00	\$ 441.00
<b>HUMPHREY DEBBIE Total</b>	<b>\$ 441.00</b>	<b>\$ 441.00</b>
<b>HUNTINGTON NATIONAL</b>		
CE-APSE CESP RECERTIFICATION FEE (JD)	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
CRC-EMERGENCY UTILITY PAYMENT (TIMBER TRAIL)	\$ 106.96	\$ 106.96
<b>HUNTINGTON NATIONAL Total</b>	<b>\$ 231.96</b>	<b>\$ 231.96</b>
<b>I AM BOUNDLESS INC</b>		
CRC-ADS-01/03/25-01/31/25 (MW/DH)	\$ 345.10	\$ 345.10
CRC-ADS-02/07/25-02/28/25 (MW)	\$ 238.00	\$ 238.00
CRC-NMT-01/03/25-01/31/25 (DH/MW)	\$ 311.19	\$ 311.19
<b>I AM BOUNDLESS INC Total</b>	<b>\$ 894.29</b>	<b>\$ 894.29</b>
<b>INDEPENDENT EMPLOYME</b>		
CRC-NMT-02/09/25-02/22/25	\$ 2,224.68	\$ 2,224.68
CRC-NMT-02/23/25-03/08/25	\$ 2,208.84	\$ 2,208.84
<b>INDEPENDENT EMPLOYME Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,433.52</b>	<b>\$ 4,433.52</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL INSTIT</b>		
SSA-INTERPRETER SERVICES-01/10/25 (AB)	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00
SSA-INTERPRETER SERVICES-11/11/24 & 11/18/24 (AB)	\$ 96.00	\$ 96.00
<b>INTERNATIONAL INSTIT Total</b>	<b>\$ 144.00</b>	<b>\$ 144.00</b>

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<b>INTERVENTION FOR PEA</b>		
CRC-ADS-FEB (MW)	\$ 178.50	\$ 178.50
CRC-ADS-FEB 25 (JV)	\$ 238.00	\$ 238.00
CRC-ADS-FEB 25 (LC)	\$ 416.50	\$ 416.50
CRC-NMT-FEB 25 (JV)	\$ 226.32	\$ 226.32
CRC-NMT-FEB 25 (LC)	\$ 396.06	\$ 396.06
CRC-NMT-FEB 25 (MW)	\$ 169.74	\$ 169.74
<b>INTERVENTION FOR PEA Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,625.12</b>	<b>\$ 1,625.12</b>
<b>INVO HEALTHCARE ASSO</b>		
OT-COTA SERVICES-02/02/25-02/28/25	\$ 5,136.20	\$ 5,136.20
<b>INVO HEALTHCARE ASSO Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,136.20</b>	<b>\$ 5,136.20</b>
<b>IRON MOUNTAIN INC</b>		
A-STORAGE/SERVICE PERIOD-01/29/25-03/31/25	\$ 377.13	\$ 377.13
<b>IRON MOUNTAIN INC Total</b>	<b>\$ 377.13</b>	<b>\$ 377.13</b>
<b>JACK CONNIE</b>		
AT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 184.80	\$ 184.80
<b>JACK CONNIE Total</b>	<b>\$ 184.80</b>	<b>\$ 184.80</b>
<b>JOHNSON CONTROLS SEC</b>		
M-FIRE ALARM SERVICE CONTRACT-03/01/25-05/31/25	\$ 336.51	\$ 336.51
<b>JOHNSON CONTROLS SEC Total</b>	<b>\$ 336.51</b>	<b>\$ 336.51</b>
<b>JOYCE JOANNE</b>		
PBS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 32.62	\$ 32.62
<b>JOYCE JOANNE Total</b>	<b>\$ 32.62</b>	<b>\$ 32.62</b>
<b>KAMM STAR CONTRACTOR</b>		
M-CONTRACT REPAIRS	\$ 318.00	\$ 318.00
<b>KAMM STAR CONTRACTOR Total</b>	<b>\$ 318.00</b>	<b>\$ 318.00</b>
<b>KAPTEIN MEGAN</b>		
PT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 129.22	\$ 129.22
<b>KAPTEIN MEGAN Total</b>	<b>\$ 129.22</b>	<b>\$ 129.22</b>
<b>KIRKPATRICK SHERRI</b>		
BO-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 77.14	\$ 77.14
<b>KIRKPATRICK SHERRI Total</b>	<b>\$ 77.14</b>	<b>\$ 77.14</b>
<b>KOINONIA ENTERPRISES</b>		
CRC-IES-02/10/25-02/28/25 (NZ/NB/AB/MD/JF/JL)	\$ 346.50	\$ 346.50
<b>KOINONIA ENTERPRISES Total</b>	<b>\$ 346.50</b>	<b>\$ 346.50</b>
<b>LANGUAGE LEARNING AS</b>		
SP/OT/PT-THERAPY SERVICES-01/28/25-02/21/25	\$ 20,045.00	\$ 20,045.00
SSA-HOME MODIFICATION ASSESSMENTS-01/27-02/22/25	\$ 272.71	\$ 272.71
<b>LANGUAGE LEARNING AS Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,317.71</b>	<b>\$ 20,317.71</b>
<b>LAVOY CYNTHIA</b>		
PBS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 223.86	\$ 223.86
<b>LAVOY CYNTHIA Total</b>	<b>\$ 223.86</b>	<b>\$ 223.86</b>
<b>LEE NASTACIA</b>		
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 256.27	\$ 256.27
<b>LEE NASTACIA Total</b>	<b>\$ 256.27</b>	<b>\$ 256.27</b>
<b>MAJKRZAK ASHLEY</b>		
EI-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 290.85	\$ 290.85
<b>MAJKRZAK ASHLEY Total</b>	<b>\$ 290.85</b>	<b>\$ 290.85</b>
<b>MAJOROS PAULA</b>		
DS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 65.80	\$ 65.80
M-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 47.60	\$ 47.60
SO-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 7.70	\$ 7.70
<b>MAJOROS PAULA Total</b>	<b>\$ 121.10</b>	<b>\$ 121.10</b>
<b>MALECKAR STACEY</b>		
A-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 65.80	\$ 65.80
<b>MALECKAR STACEY Total</b>	<b>\$ 65.80</b>	<b>\$ 65.80</b>
<b>MAX-ABILITY</b>		
M-SUPPLIES	\$ 607.50	\$ 607.50
<b>MAX-ABILITY Total</b>	<b>\$ 607.50</b>	<b>\$ 607.50</b>

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<b>MAYES HANNAH</b>		
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 125.79	\$ 125.79
<b>MAYES HANNAH Total</b>	<b>\$ 125.79</b>	<b>\$ 125.79</b>
<b>MEDINA CHAMBER OF CO</b>		
CE-ANNUAL MEMEBERSHIP FEES	\$ 295.00	\$ 295.00
CE-REGISTRATION FEE-09/10/24 (JD)	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00
<b>MEDINA CHAMBER OF CO Total</b>	<b>\$ 317.00</b>	<b>\$ 317.00</b>
<b>MEDINA COUNTY ENGINE</b>		
M-SUPPLIES (BULK SALT FOR PARKING LOT/SIDEWALKS)	\$ 250.11	\$ 250.11
<b>MEDINA COUNTY ENGINE Total</b>	<b>\$ 250.11</b>	<b>\$ 250.11</b>
<b>MEDINA COUNTY SANITA</b>		
M-WATER/SEWER-01/13/25-02/28/25	\$ 1,361.02	\$ 1,361.02
<b>MEDINA COUNTY SANITA Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,361.02</b>	<b>\$ 1,361.02</b>
<b>MEDINA COUNTY TRANSI</b>		
CRC-NMT-DEC 24	\$ 2,388.01	\$ 2,388.01
CRC-NMT-FEB 25	\$ 2,465.31	\$ 2,465.31
CRC-NMT-JAN 25	\$ 3,016.79	\$ 3,016.79
<b>MEDINA COUNTY TRANSI Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,870.11</b>	<b>\$ 7,870.11</b>
<b>MEDINA CREATIVE ACCE</b>		
CRC-ADS-01/02/25-01/27/25 (LI)	\$ 416.50	\$ 416.50
CRC-ADS-01/02/25-01/30/25 (MS)	\$ 456.96	\$ 456.96
CRC-ADS-01/02/25-01/30/25 (TE)	\$ 437.92	\$ 437.92
CRC-ADS-01/06/25-01/23/25 (BB)	\$ 164.22	\$ 164.22
CRC-ADS-01/06/25-01/27/25 (EO)	\$ 238.00	\$ 238.00
CRC-ADS-01/06/25-01/31/25 (NM)	\$ 997.22	\$ 997.22
CRC-ADS-02/01/25-02/27/25 (LI)	\$ 595.00	\$ 595.00
CRC-ADS-02/03/25-02/24/25 (EO)	\$ 238.00	\$ 238.00
CRC-ADS-02/03/25-02/27/25 (MS)	\$ 357.00	\$ 357.00
CRC-ADS-02/03/25-02/27/25 (TE)	\$ 521.22	\$ 521.22
CRC-ADS-02/03/25-02/28/25 (NM)	\$ 1,071.00	\$ 1,071.00
CRC-ADS-02/06/25-02/13/25 (BB)	\$ 178.50	\$ 178.50
CRC-ADS-02/19/25 (CG)	\$ 59.50	\$ 59.50
CRC-NMT-01/02/25-01/30/25 (TE)	\$ 424.35	\$ 424.35
CRC-NMT-01/06/25-01/23/25 (BB)	\$ 28.29	\$ 28.29
CRC-NMT-01/06/25-01/27/25 (EO)	\$ 226.32	\$ 226.32
CRC-NMT-01/06/25-01/31/25 (NM)	\$ 2.88	\$ 2.88
CRC-NMT-02/03/25-02/24/25 (EO)	\$ 226.32	\$ 226.32
CRC-NMT-02/03/25-02/27/25 (TE)	\$ 480.93	\$ 480.93
CRC-NMT-02/06/25-02/13/25 (BB)	\$ 56.58	\$ 56.58
CRC-NMT-11/07/24 (TE)	\$ 4.16	\$ 4.16
CRC-NMT-12/10/24 (NM)	\$ 14.08	\$ 14.08
CS-DSP-U PROVIDER INTERNSHIP GRANT	\$ 2,693.83	\$ 2,693.83
CS-PROVIDER SUCCESS COACH PROGRAM	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
CS-SUCCESS COACH PROGRAM	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
<b>MEDINA CREATIVE ACCE Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,788.78</b>	<b>\$ 10,788.78</b>
<b>MEDINA CREATIVE HOUS</b>		
CRC-HOUSING SUBSIDY-JAN 25 (ADJUSTED)	\$ 374.97	\$ 374.97
CRC-HOUSING SUBSIDY-MAR 25	\$ 1,698.88	\$ 1,698.88
<b>MEDINA CREATIVE HOUS Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,073.85</b>	<b>\$ 2,073.85</b>
<b>MIDWEST INNOVATIONS</b>		
CRC-ADS-02/10/25-02/14/25 (JS/NH/JH)	\$ 1,365.44	\$ 1,365.44
CRC-ADS-02/17/25-02/21/25 (JS/NH/JH)	\$ 1,215.23	\$ 1,215.23
CRC-ADS-02/24/25-02/28/25 (JS/NH/JH)	\$ 1,405.87	\$ 1,405.87
CRC-ADS-03/03/25-03/07/25 (JS/NH/JH)	\$ 1,115.09	\$ 1,115.09
CRC-ADS-03/10/25-03/14/25 (JS/NH/JH)	\$ 1,210.42	\$ 1,210.42
CRC-NMT-02/10/25-02/14/25 (JS/NH/JH)	\$ 537.51	\$ 537.51
CRC-NMT-02/17/25-02/21/25 (JS/NH/JH)	\$ 622.38	\$ 622.38
CRC-NMT-02/24/25-02/28/25 (JS/NH/JH)	\$ 622.38	\$ 622.38
CRC-NMT-03/03/25-03/07/25 (JS/NH/JH)	\$ 537.51	\$ 537.51
CRC-NMT-03/10/25-03/14/25 (JS/NH/JH)	\$ 565.80	\$ 565.80
M-CUSTODIAL SERVICES-FEB 25	\$ 390.00	\$ 390.00
<b>MIDWEST INNOVATIONS Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,587.63</b>	<b>\$ 9,587.63</b>

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<b>MILESTONES AUTISM RE</b>		
SSA-REGISTRATION FEE-06/10/25-06/11/25 (CL)	\$ 207.99	\$ 207.99
<b>MILESTONES AUTISM RE Total</b>	<b>\$ 207.99</b>	<b>\$ 207.99</b>
<b>MINUTEMAN PRESS</b>		
CR-PRINTING (BUSINESS CARDS)	\$ 80.03	\$ 80.03
<b>MINUTEMAN PRESS Total</b>	<b>\$ 80.03</b>	<b>\$ 80.03</b>
<b>MOMENTUM AGENCIES</b>		
CS-REFRESH VEHICLE RENTAL-FEB 25	\$ 7,830.00	\$ 7,830.00
<b>MOMENTUM AGENCIES Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,830.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,830.00</b>
<b>MUSIC IZZ GROOVY - M</b>		
SA-MUSIC THERAPY SERVICES-FEB 25	\$ 825.00	\$ 825.00
<b>MUSIC IZZ GROOVY - M Total</b>	<b>\$ 825.00</b>	<b>\$ 825.00</b>
<b>NEON</b>		
SSA-MUI INVESTIGATIONS-FEB 25	\$ 27.50	\$ 27.50
SSA-MUI INVESTIGATIONS-JAN 25	\$ 713.35	\$ 713.35
SSA-PCR MILEAGE (CE) & QARN MILEAGE (MK)-JAN 25	\$ 170.87	\$ 170.87
SSA-PCR MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT-FEB 25 (CE)	\$ 76.30	\$ 76.30
SUPPORTED LIVING EXPENSES FSS SUBSIDY TRANSFER	\$ 208,900.00	\$ 208,900.00
<b>NEON Total</b>	<b>\$ 209,888.02</b>	<b>\$ 209,888.02</b>
<b>NEWCOMER-HAAS JENNIF</b>		
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 175.56	\$ 175.56
<b>NEWCOMER-HAAS JENNIF Total</b>	<b>\$ 175.56</b>	<b>\$ 175.56</b>
<b>OHIO ASSOCIATION OF</b>		
ES-REGISTRATION FEE-12/04/24 (TS)	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00
SSA-REGISTRATION FEE-12/04/24 (CL)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
<b>OHIO ASSOCIATION OF Total</b>	<b>\$ 205.00</b>	<b>\$ 205.00</b>
<b>OHIO EDISON COMPANY</b>		
M-ELECTRIC-01/17/25-02/14/25	\$ 15,776.41	\$ 15,776.41
<b>OHIO EDISON COMPANY Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,776.41</b>	<b>\$ 15,776.41</b>
<b>OHIO SELF DETERMINAT</b>		
A-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE-2025	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
<b>OHIO SELF DETERMINAT Total</b>	<b>\$ 850.00</b>	<b>\$ 850.00</b>
<b>ONEBRIDGE SUPPORT SE</b>		
CRC-ADS-02/04/25-02/26/25 (AG)	\$ 952.75	\$ 952.75
CRC-NMT-02/04/25-02/26/25 (AG)	\$ 32.00	\$ 32.00
<b>ONEBRIDGE SUPPORT SE Total</b>	<b>\$ 984.75</b>	<b>\$ 984.75</b>
<b>OTC BRANDS INC</b>		
CR-SUPPLIES FOR DD AWARENESS MONTH	\$ 101.87	\$ 101.87
<b>OTC BRANDS INC Total</b>	<b>\$ 101.87</b>	<b>\$ 101.87</b>
<b>PALASIK MEGAN</b>		
SP-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 425.81	\$ 425.81
<b>PALASIK MEGAN Total</b>	<b>\$ 425.81</b>	<b>\$ 425.81</b>
<b>PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL</b>		
A-POSTAGE METER LEASE-01/01/25-03/29/25	\$ 340.01	\$ 340.01
A-POSTAGE METER LEASE-12/30/24-12/31/24	\$ 7.72	\$ 7.72
<b>PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL Total</b>	<b>\$ 347.73</b>	<b>\$ 347.73</b>
<b>PITNEY BOWES RESERVE</b>		
VARIOUS-POSTAGE RESERVE ACCOUNT	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
<b>PITNEY BOWES RESERVE Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>
<b>PRO DOOR AND SECURIT</b>		
M-CONTRACT REPAIRS (INTERIOR DOOR REPAIR)	\$ 1,151.05	\$ 1,151.05
<b>PRO DOOR AND SECURIT Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,151.05</b>	<b>\$ 1,151.05</b>
<b>RET3 JOB CORP</b>		
IT-RECORDS DESTRUCTION	\$ 32.00	\$ 32.00
<b>RET3 JOB CORP Total</b>	<b>\$ 32.00</b>	<b>\$ 32.00</b>
<b>RICCI CAITLYN</b>		
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 28.56	\$ 28.56
<b>RICCI CAITLYN Total</b>	<b>\$ 28.56</b>	<b>\$ 28.56</b>
<b>RICHARDS ROBERT</b>		
IT-ZOOM RENEWAL FOR ADVOCACY GROUP REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 159.90	\$ 159.90
<b>RICHARDS ROBERT Total</b>	<b>\$ 159.90</b>	<b>\$ 159.90</b>
<b>S.A. COMUNALE CO INC</b>		
M-BACKFLOW INSPECTIONS	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
<b>S.A. COMUNALE CO INC Total</b>	<b>\$ 375.00</b>	<b>\$ 375.00</b>

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<b>SAINT AMBROSE PARISH</b>		
CR-HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR BOOTH SPACE-03/23/25	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
<b>SAINT AMBROSE PARISH Total</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
<b>SASS NICOLE</b>		
PT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 285.04	\$ 285.04
<b>SASS NICOLE Total</b>	<b>\$ 285.04</b>	<b>\$ 285.04</b>
<b>SAXER SHEILA</b>		
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 37.17	\$ 37.17
<b>SAXER SHEILA Total</b>	<b>\$ 37.17</b>	<b>\$ 37.17</b>
<b>SCHINDLER NATASHA</b>		
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 70.70	\$ 70.70
<b>SCHINDLER NATASHA Total</b>	<b>\$ 70.70</b>	<b>\$ 70.70</b>
<b>SCHOLASTIC INC</b>		
SA-SUPPLIES	\$ 358.38	\$ 358.38
<b>SCHOLASTIC INC Total</b>	<b>\$ 358.38</b>	<b>\$ 358.38</b>
<b>SCOZZARO CHRISTINE</b>		
EI-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 123.90	\$ 123.90
<b>SCOZZARO CHRISTINE Total</b>	<b>\$ 123.90</b>	<b>\$ 123.90</b>
<b>SCRIPTYPE PUBLISHING</b>		
PR-ADVERTISING & PRINTING	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
<b>SCRIPTYPE PUBLISHING Total</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>SKILLPATH SEMINARS</b>		
CR-REGISTRATION FEE-04/04/25 (AB)	\$ 199.00	\$ 199.00
<b>SKILLPATH SEMINARS Total</b>	<b>\$ 199.00</b>	<b>\$ 199.00</b>
<b>SMITH AMY C</b>		
SO-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 96.60	\$ 96.60
<b>SMITH AMY C Total</b>	<b>\$ 96.60</b>	<b>\$ 96.60</b>
<b>SMITH AMY L</b>		
INT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 132.30	\$ 132.30
<b>SMITH AMY L Total</b>	<b>\$ 132.30</b>	<b>\$ 132.30</b>
<b>SMITH BENJAMIN</b>		
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 23.38	\$ 23.38
<b>SMITH BENJAMIN Total</b>	<b>\$ 23.38</b>	<b>\$ 23.38</b>
<b>SNAP GOURMET FOODS</b>		
DS-FSLP-CAFETERIA GROCERIES-MAR 25	\$ 1,232.60	\$ 1,232.60
<b>SNAP GOURMET FOODS Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,232.60</b>	<b>\$ 1,232.60</b>
<b>SOCIETY FOR HANDICAP</b>		
A-OMBUDSMAN SERVICES-JAN/FEB 25	\$ 681.10	\$ 681.10
CS-PROVIDER SUCCESS COACH PROGRAM	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
<b>SOCIETY FOR HANDICAP Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,131.10</b>	<b>\$ 1,131.10</b>
<b>SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF</b>		
SO-SPECIAL OLYMPICS BUDGET-FEB 25	\$ 1,666.00	\$ 1,666.00
<b>SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,666.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,666.00</b>
<b>STATE INDUSTRIAL PRO</b>		
M-AIR CARE PROGRAM	\$ 335.96	\$ 335.96
M-SUPPLIES	\$ 552.34	\$ 552.34
M-WATER TREATMENT PROGRAM	\$ 431.42	\$ 431.42
<b>STATE INDUSTRIAL PRO Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,319.72</b>	<b>\$ 1,319.72</b>
<b>STATEFOODSAFETY.COM</b>		
DS-PERSON IN CHARGE FOOD PROTECTION CERT (AK)	\$ 17.99	\$ 17.99
<b>STATEFOODSAFETY.COM Total</b>	<b>\$ 17.99</b>	<b>\$ 17.99</b>
<b>SUMMA HEALTH CORP</b>		
HR-STAFF PHYSICAL-02/13/25 (HH)	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
<b>SUMMA HEALTH CORP Total</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>
<b>SUP-R-DIE, LLC</b>		
M-SUPPLIES	\$ 172.00	\$ 172.00
<b>SUP-R-DIE, LLC Total</b>	<b>\$ 172.00</b>	<b>\$ 172.00</b>
<b>THE GAZETTE</b>		
CR-ADVERTISING & PRINTING-02/22/25	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
<b>THE GAZETTE Total</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>
<b>THESSLSTORE.COM</b>		
IT-WILCARD SSL (36 MONTHS)	\$ 260.68	\$ 260.68
<b>THESSLSTORE.COM Total</b>	<b>\$ 260.68</b>	<b>\$ 260.68</b>
<b>THOMAS JOHN</b>		
SSAS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 77.70	\$ 77.70
<b>THOMAS JOHN Total</b>	<b>\$ 77.70</b>	<b>\$ 77.70</b>

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<b>T-MOBILE</b>		
TELEPHONE-01/29/25-02/28/25	\$ 1,777.91	\$ 1,777.91
<b>T-MOBILE Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,777.91</b>	<b>\$ 1,777.91</b>
<b>TREASURER STATE OF O</b>		
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-02/01/25-02/28/25 (AS)	\$ 6,861.40	\$ 6,861.40
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-02/01/25-02/28/25 (JM)	\$ 6,861.40	\$ 6,861.40
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-02/01/25-02/28/25 (JW)	\$ 6,861.40	\$ 6,861.40
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-02/01/25-02/28/25 (MD)	\$ 6,861.40	\$ 6,861.40
CRC-WAIVER LOCAL MATCH-02/01/25-02/28/25 (MR)	\$ 6,861.40	\$ 6,861.40
HR-BCI/FBI CHECKS & RAPBACKS-FEB 25	\$ 332.00	\$ 332.00
<b>TREASURER STATE OF O Total</b>	<b>\$ 34,639.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,639.00</b>
<b>ULMER PAXTON</b>		
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 230.86	\$ 230.86
<b>ULMER PAXTON Total</b>	<b>\$ 230.86</b>	<b>\$ 230.86</b>
<b>UNITED BUSINESS SUPP</b>		
A/ES/ASM/SSAS/M-CENTRAL SUPPLY INVENTORY	\$ 100.90	\$ 100.90
M-SUPPLIES	\$ 2,624.95	\$ 2,624.95
<b>UNITED BUSINESS SUPP Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,725.85</b>	<b>\$ 2,725.85</b>
<b>UNITED DISABILITY SE</b>		
CRC-IES-11/30/24	\$ 230.00	\$ 230.00
<b>UNITED DISABILITY SE Total</b>	<b>\$ 230.00</b>	<b>\$ 230.00</b>
<b>USNER MOLLY</b>		
CS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 206.50	\$ 206.50
<b>USNER MOLLY Total</b>	<b>\$ 206.50</b>	<b>\$ 206.50</b>
<b>VIAQUEST DAY AND EMP</b>		
CRC-ADS-01/02/25-01/30/25 (ES)	\$ 699.72	\$ 699.72
CRC-ADS-02/03/25-02/27/25 (ES)	\$ 640.22	\$ 640.22
CRC-NMT-01/02/25-01/30/25 (ES)	\$ 772.53	\$ 772.53
CRC-NMT-02/03/25-02/27/25 (ES)	\$ 705.26	\$ 705.26
<b>VIAQUEST DAY AND EMP Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,817.73</b>	<b>\$ 2,817.73</b>
<b>VISUAL EDGE IT INC</b>		
COPIER MAINTENANCE-01/28/25-02/27/25	\$ 1,144.39	\$ 1,144.39
CR-PRINTER MAINTENANCE OVERAGE-01/01/25-01/31/25	\$ 18.65	\$ 18.65
CR-PRINTER MAINTENANCE OVERAGE-11/01/24-12/31/24	\$ 34.63	\$ 34.63
CR-PRINTER MAINTENANCE-02/01/25-04/30/25	\$ 155.25	\$ 155.25
PRINTER MAINTENANCE-03/01/25-03/31/25	\$ 551.25	\$ 551.25
<b>VISUAL EDGE IT INC Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,904.17</b>	<b>\$ 1,904.17</b>
<b>WACHSBERGER DIANA</b>		
SP-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 190.33	\$ 190.33
<b>WACHSBERGER DIANA Total</b>	<b>\$ 190.33</b>	<b>\$ 190.33</b>
<b>WADSWORTH AREA CHAMB</b>		
ASM-REGISTRATION FEE-02/19/25 (JK)	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00
CE-REGISTRATION FEE-04/24/25 (RZ)	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
<b>WADSWORTH AREA CHAMB Total</b>	<b>\$ 31.00</b>	<b>\$ 31.00</b>
<b>WADSWORTH COMMUNICAT</b>		
CR-RADIO UNDERWRITING & ADVERTISING-MAR 25	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
<b>WADSWORTH COMMUNICAT Total</b>	<b>\$ 125.00</b>	<b>\$ 125.00</b>
<b>WALMART COMMUNITY</b>		
CR-SUPPLIES-WADS. CHAMBER LUNCH/AUCTION-3/19/25	\$ 151.68	\$ 151.68
<b>WALMART COMMUNITY Total</b>	<b>\$ 151.68</b>	<b>\$ 151.68</b>
<b>WE THRIVE TOGETHER</b>		
CS-ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION-01/01/25-12/31/25	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00
<b>WE THRIVE TOGETHER Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,750.00</b>
<b>WEX BANK</b>		
M-GASOLINE-FEB 25	\$ 147.32	\$ 147.32
T-GASOLINE-FEB 25	\$ 129.96	\$ 129.96
<b>WEX BANK Total</b>	<b>\$ 277.28</b>	<b>\$ 277.28</b>
<b>WILLIAMS DISTRIBUTIN</b>		
M-EQUIPMENT (BOILER CONTROL PANEL)	\$ 1,072.01	\$ 1,072.01
<b>WILLIAMS DISTRIBUTIN Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,072.01</b>	<b>\$ 1,072.01</b>

March Voucher Report  
Summary By Vendor

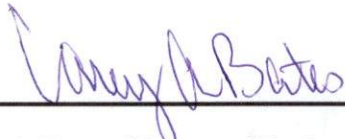
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Vendor	3300	Grand Total
<b>WINDFALL INDUSTRIES</b>		
A/CE/M-VARIABLE AGREEMENT-JAN 25	\$ 2,863.36	\$ 2,863.36
CRC-ADS-DEC 24	\$ 6,117.10	\$ 6,117.10
CRC-IES-DEC 24 (CT)	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00
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CRC-IES-DEC 24 (JM)	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00
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CRC-IES-DEC 24 (MS)	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00
CRC-IES-DEC 24 (NA)	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00
CRC-IES-OCT 24 (CT)	\$ 230.00	\$ 230.00
CRC-IES-OCT 24 (LS)	\$ 230.00	\$ 230.00
CRC-IES-OCT 24 (SW)	\$ 230.00	\$ 230.00
CRC-IES-SEP 24 (MR)	\$ 230.00	\$ 230.00
CRC-NMT-JAN 25	\$ 12,660.69	\$ 12,660.69
CS-SUCCESS COACH PROGRAM	\$ 325.00	\$ 325.00
<b>WINDFALL INDUSTRIES Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,416.15</b>	<b>\$ 24,416.15</b>
<b>WM CORPORATE SERVICE</b>		
M-TRASH-03/01/25-03/31/25	\$ 497.08	\$ 497.08
<b>WM CORPORATE SERVICE Total</b>	<b>\$ 497.08</b>	<b>\$ 497.08</b>
<b>WOLFF BROTHERS SUPPL</b>		
M-MATERIALS	\$ 214.63	\$ 214.63
<b>WOLFF BROTHERS SUPPL Total</b>	<b>\$ 214.63</b>	<b>\$ 214.63</b>
<b>YAKO-SCHUESZLER MARY</b>		
OT-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 201.60	\$ 201.60
<b>YAKO-SCHUESZLER MARY Total</b>	<b>\$ 201.60</b>	<b>\$ 201.60</b>
<b>YOUR GUARDIAN ANGELS</b>		
CRC-ADS-02/23/25-03/01/25 (AB/JJ/KL)	\$ 429.00	\$ 429.00
CRC-ADS-03/02/25-03/08/25 (AB/JJ/KL)	\$ 429.00	\$ 429.00
CRC-ADS-03/09/25-03/15/25 (AB/JJ/KL)	\$ 429.00	\$ 429.00
CRC-NMT-02/10/25-02/14/25 (AB)	\$ 282.90	\$ 282.90
CRC-NMT-02/17/25-02/21/25 (AB)	\$ 282.90	\$ 282.90
CRC-NMT-02/23/25-03/01/25 (AB/JJ/KL)	\$ 509.22	\$ 509.22
CRC-NMT-03/02/25-03/08/25 (AB/JJ/KL)	\$ 565.80	\$ 565.80
CRC-NMT-03/09/25-03/15/25 (AB/JJ/KL)	\$ 537.51	\$ 537.51
<b>YOUR GUARDIAN ANGELS Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,465.33</b>	<b>\$ 3,465.33</b>
<b>ZINGALES SAMANTHA</b>		
SSA-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 51.66	\$ 51.66
<b>ZINGALES SAMANTHA Total</b>	<b>\$ 51.66</b>	<b>\$ 51.66</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 461,583.03</b>	<b>\$ 461,583.03</b>

**Financial Statements for the month of March 2025**

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, 2025.
2. Statement of Expenses for the period ending March 31, 2025.
3. Statement of Cash Balance for the period ending March 31, 2025.
4. Statement of Monthly Cash Flow for the period ending March 31, 2025.
5. Voucher Reports for the month of March 2025.

By:



4/9/25

Carey A. Bates, Director of Business

Date

By:



4/10/25

Stacey Maleckar, Superintendent

Date

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





**RESOLUTION #12-25**

**April 28, 2025**

**ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2025**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to authorize the Board to accept the financial reports for the month of March, 2025.

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED AND ASSIGNED RESOLUTION #12-25.**

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

# medina county board of developmental disabilities

## - Board Statistics - 2025

Statistics are as of the last day of the previous month

### Enrollee Statistics

Unduplicated Counts	2024		2025											
	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Eligible Children Active / Ages 0-22	811	799	805	812	810									
Eligible Adults Active / Ages 23+	733	733	738	737	744									
<b>TOTAL Eligible Individuals</b>	<b>1544</b>	<b>1532</b>	<b>1543</b>	<b>1549</b>	<b>1554</b>									

### Individual Service Enrollment

#### CHILDREN'S SERVICES

#### SERVICE AND SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION (SSA)

	Early Intervention Referrals	Enrolled Early Intervention	Enrolled Windfall School	New Individuals Found Eligible	Total Individuals Assigned SSA/I&R
<b>2024</b>					
NOV	26	221	37	14	1253
DEC	25	218	37	27	1255
<b>2025</b>					
JAN	31	218	39	35	1264
FEB	39	219	39	22	1269
MAR	34	226	38	36	1282
APR					
MAY					
JUN					
JUL					
AUG					
SEP					
OCT					
NOV					
DEC					

**NOTE:**

### MCBDD

### Staffing Statistics

	Total Approved Positions	Current Open Positions
JAN	137	3
FEB	137	4
MAR	137	1
APR		
MAY		
JUN		
JUL		
AUG		
SEP		
OCT		
NOV		
DEC		

**Year to Date Turnover Rate:**

4.4%

**Positions Affected This Month:**

1 Intervention Specialist (to be filled 2025/2026 school year)

# Quarterly Reports

## Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

### - Contract Report -

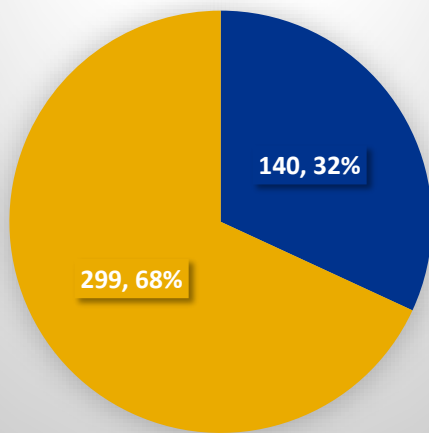
Received 1/1/2025-3/31/2025

*Italicized - not listed on previous quarter's report*

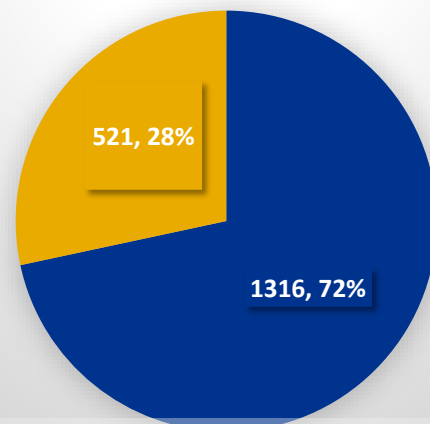
Contracts to be Approved by Board	Contract Approved by Superintendent	NAME OF CONTRACTOR	SERVICE PROVIDED BY MCBDD	SERVICE RECEIVED BY MCBDD	START DATE	END DATE	CONTRACT RATE	CONTRACT MAXIMUM	DATE APPROVED	DATE RECEIVED	Responsible Department
	x	Midwest Family of Companies	Lease of space	Revenue contract	5/13/2025	5/12/2028	\$9,540.00 per month	\$ 343,440.00	3/31/2025	3/31/2025	Operations/Community Support -Ed
	x	Consumer Support Services		Locally Funded Day Services & NMT	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	Medicaid Rate	\$ 42,000.00	2/21/2025	3/11/2025	Business Office
	x	Your Guardian Angels	Amendment	Locally Funded NMT, added day services	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	Medicaid Rate	\$ 50,000.00	2/19/2025	2/19/2025	Business Office
x	x	Windfall Industries	Amendment 2	Locally Funded Day Services, Transportation, Career Planning, IES	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	Medicaid Rate	\$ 207,000.00	1/28/2025	1/29/2025	Business Office
	x	ESC of Medina County		Therapeutic Youth Respite Services - BCBA & RBT	11/1/2024	12/31/2025	See contract	\$19,702.00	1/27/2025	1/27/2025	SSA
x	x	Independent Employment Services, LLC		Locally Funded Individual Employment Support & Career Planning and Transportation	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	Medicaid Rate	\$ 85,000.00	11/19/2024	1/2/2025	Business Office
	x	Midwest Community Services, LLC		Locally Funded Contract Services - custodial services	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$15.00/hour	\$ 8,100.00	11/12/2024	1/2/2025	Operations - Paula/Bobby

# - Provider Report -

Calendar Year 2024

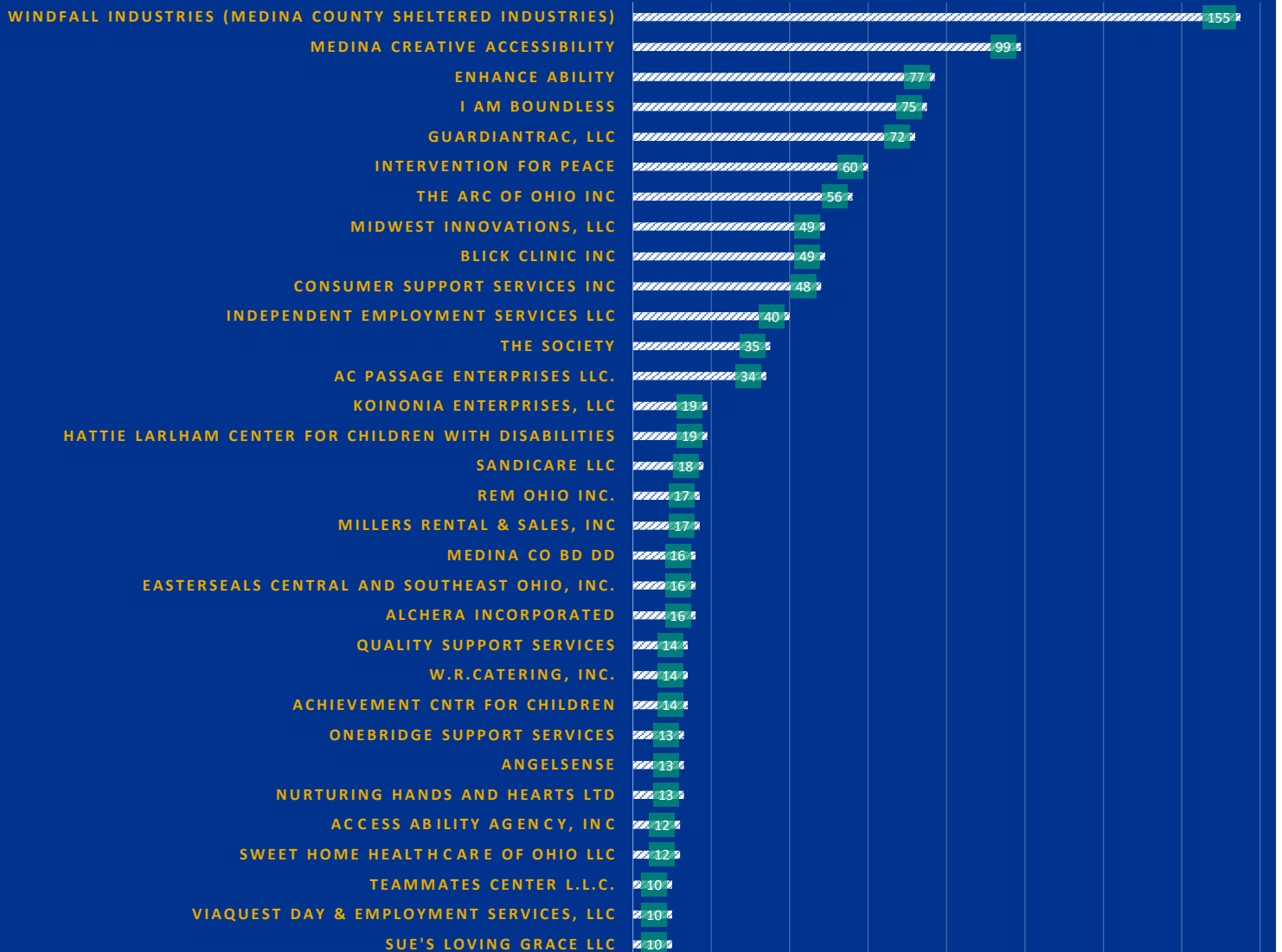


■ # of Agency Providers    ■ # of Independent Providers



■ Individuals Served By Agency Providers  
■ Individuals Served By Independent Providers

## AGENCY PROVIDERS SERVING >10 INDIVIDUALS



NOTE: Based on all service authorizations (local & waiver)

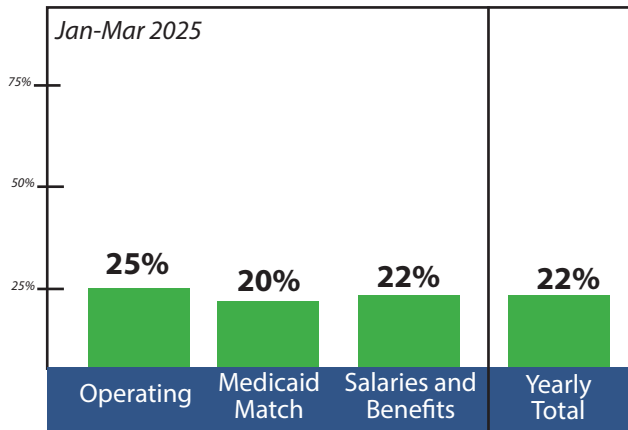
# - 2025 Fiscal Indicators -

## 1ST QUARTER



### EXPENSES

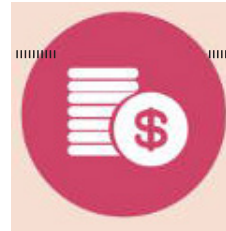
**Projected for 2025**  
**\$28,363,101.00**  
**Current Year-to Date**  
**\$6,150,710.48**



Under Projection

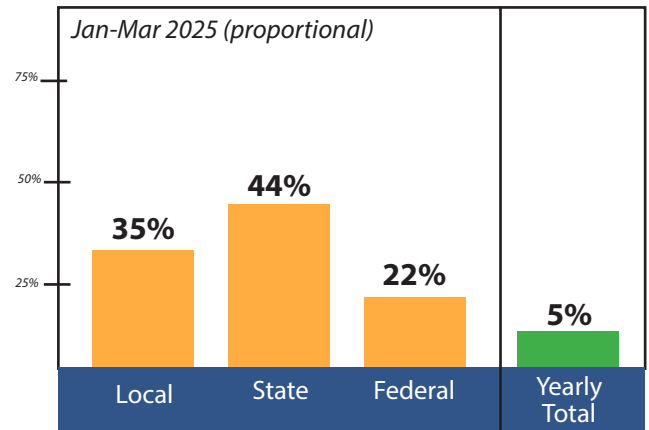


At Projection



### REVENUE

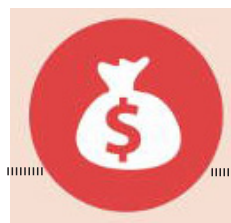
**Projected for 2025**  
**\$25,713,339.00**  
**Current Year-to-Date**  
**\$1,212,531.61**



Over Projection



Neutral



### SERVICE RELATED COSTS

Service Dates - Billing Cycle  
 10/1/2024 thru 12/31/2024

#### Paid to Providers for Services Needed

**\$10,783,235.83**  
 - .15% from last quarter

#### MCBDD Local Match Responsibility

for Provider Services Above  
**\$2,943,412.38**  
 - .02% from last quarter

Service Dates  
 1/1/2025 thru 3/31/2025

**Local Funding**  
**\$898,199.28**

*Local funding is used to pay for services and supports not reimbursed through Medicaid. Funding may consist of payments made to providers for people not enrolled in Medicaid and/or fills gaps that Medicaid does not address.*

*Funding may cover items such as early intervention services, family supports services, supported living, etc.*

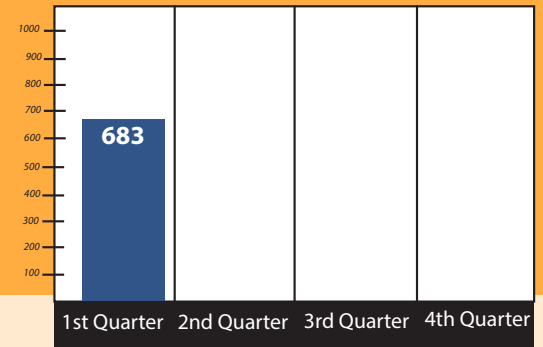
### WAIVERS\*

**2025 Starting Waiver Count** **672**

#### Year to Date

**Additional +26**  
**Removed -15**  
 From Start of Year  
**Net +11**

Current Total



#### 1st Quarter

Type	Jan. 1	Additional	Removed	Mar. 31
I/O	361	18	-3	376
Level 1	254	8	-7	255
Self	57	0	-5	52

#### Waiver Costs Caps Per Type

I/O Waiver (ranges 1-9)	\$6,751-\$500,000+ (no cost cap)
Level 1 Waiver (child)	\$41,424
Level 1 Waiver (adult)	\$62,136
SELF Waiver (child)	\$41,424
SELF Waiver (adult)	\$62,136

# Community Engagement

## Community Engagement

### April 28, 2025

1. Helping People Succeed/Mimi Magazine/March 2025
2. March is Declared DD Awareness Month/MCEDC/March 2025
3. Helping People Succeed/Joy Magazine/March 2025
4. Congratulations to Adina Kolar/Joy of Medina County Magazine/March 2025
5. Celebrating DD Awareness/The Gazette/March 15, 2025
6. DD Dialogue/Cleveland.com/March 16, 2025
7. Board of DD offers scholarship/The Gazette/March 19, 2025
8. Celebrating DD Awareness/Medina Weekly/March 20, 2025
9. Local roundtable centers on DD issues/Medina Weekly/March 20, 2025
10. MCBDD hosts roundtable to discuss vital issues for people with disabilities/Medina County Commissioners' Newsletter/March 21, 2025
11. MCBDD Offers Camperships/The Gazette/March 22, 2025
12. Summer Camp for Children with Disabilities/The Gazette/March 22, 2025
13. Board of DD volunteers for morning of service/The Gazette/March 26, 2025
14. Board of DD scholarship deadline approaching/The Gazette/March 28, 2025
15. Wadsworth Chamber Thank You Note/April 2025
16. 1 in 36 children are diagnosed with a form of autism/The Hinckley Record/April 2025
17. 1 in 36 children are diagnosed with a form of autism/Mimi Magazine/April 2025
18. 1 in 36 children are diagnosed with a form of autism/Joy of Medina County Magazine/April 2025
19. Staff volunteer for county-wide morning of service/Medina County Commissioners' Newsletter/April 4, 2025
20. A Guide for New Parents: Recognizing Autism/The Gazette/April 9, 2025
21. Mobile changing station to make return to Medina events this year/Cleveland.com/April 15, 2025
22. Independent Provider Meet & Greet flyer/April 16, 2025
23. 1 in 36 children are diagnosed with a form of autism/Medina Weekly/April 17, 2025
24. It's a Toddler Rainbow Party!/Medina County Commissioners' Newsletter/April 18, 2025
25. 1 in 31 children are diagnosed with a form of autism/The Gazette/April 19, 2025
26. Board of DD toddler playgroup/The Gazette/April 19, 2025
27. Social Security and Medicaid Benefits Workshop/MedinaCountyLife.com/April 20, 2025
28. Spring Toddler Playgroup flyer/April 23, 2025
29. OOD/SSA/Community Employment Provider Mingle flyer/April 24, 2025
30. Social Security & Medicaid Benefits Workshop flyer/April 25, 2025





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## How external 'roids fool you

by Dr. David Gutman,  
*Advanced Hemorrhoid Specialists*

One of the most common questions we get from patients inquiring about our services is whether we treat external hemorrhoids. This is a tricky question for us to answer for a few reasons.

First, sometimes what patients think are external hemorrhoids are, in fact, internal hemorrhoids that have protruded externally.

Second, symptoms that seem to be external in nature—such as itching, pain, and difficulty getting clean—are actually caused by internal hemorrhoids the majority of the time. It's an external manifestation of an internal problem.

And finally, true external hemorrhoids are nothing more than stretched out skin, similar to a skin tag, and generally don't cause any symptoms whatsoever. They form when there is too much pressure on the internal hemorrhoid system, and are only a cosmetic concern. Any symptoms that seem to be from external hemorrhoids are usually caused by the hidden internal hemorrhoids.

The bottom line is that if you are



David Gutman, MD

having any symptoms from your hemorrhoids, it's important to be seen. Don't self-diagnose or make assumptions because if you're suffering, we can usually help.

I offer two easy, safe and effective non-surgical procedures that safely eliminate internal hemorrhoids. Both take just a few seconds to do. Since they are performed in an area with no nerve endings, they can be administered right in the comfort of my office without anesthesia.

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To reach Dr. David Gutman of *Advanced Hemorrhoid Specialists*, call 216-772-4653. He has two office locations: 25200 Chagrin Blvd., Suite 109, in Beachwood; and 2660 W. Market Street, Suite 250, in Fairlawn. To learn more, visit [SensitiveCare.com](http://SensitiveCare.com).

## - Helping People Succeed -



From the time a child is born with a developmental difference, until the end of their life, we are here to help them through life's challenges. We help with everything from early intervention and education for children to employment and community inclusive living for adults.

### This Month's Highlights...

#### MCBDD Sees 17% Increase in Need for Vital Services\*

The Medina County Board of DD has seen a 17% increase in need for services for people with developmental differences over the last four years.

The MCBDD serves about 1544 people:

- 811 children between the ages of 0 to 22 through early intervention and educational services

- 733 adults ages 23 and up through its employment and community inclusive living services.

Thank you Medina County for welcoming people with developmental differences into our community each and every day.

#### DD Dialogues

On March 3, the Medina County Board of DD hosted a "DD Dialogues" round table event. The goal of the event was to bring state elected officials and leadership at area agencies and organizations together with members of the developmental differences community to discuss 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, concerns and solutions around vital and necessary support systems and resources, both in Medina County and across the state, which impact the disabilities field.

Learn more at: [www.mcbdd.org/current-news/](http://www.mcbdd.org/current-news/)



\*Jan 2020 - Nov 2024



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board of developmental disabilities  
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The Medina County Commissioners have declared March as Developmental Differences Awareness Month. Superintendent Stacey Maleckar and colleagues from the [Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities](#) were on hand to receive the proclamation. Thanks to the Board of DD for the important work they do in Medina County!





## HOME AND GARDEN: DIG IT!

**Tips for Mulching Successfully**

by Michelle Riley

Mulch can be beneficial to the landscape and garden as well as detrimental, the key is to know the difference.

The benefits of proper mulching include:

- keeping the root system of plants cool in the heat of the summer
- keeping the root system of plants warm in the cold winter months
- better moisture retention
- weed suppression
- as the mulch naturally decomposes it adds beneficial organic material to the soil
- aesthetics

The cons of improper mulching include:

- Applying mulch too early in the season can cause soil temperatures to rise abnormally, which may stimulate the root systems of plants prematurely. This can result in plants being vulnerable to damage if a late freeze occurs. Spring mulching should only be applied once soil temperatures are 45 degrees or above for a minimum of two weeks or longer.

• Mulching too deeply creates a lack of oxygen in the soil, causing plants to become shallow rooted as they search for air. Mulch should only be applied at a depth of 2 to 3 inches maximum as to not impede water or airflow to the plants root system.

• Mulching too deeply around tree trunks can create a volcano appearance which can result in trunk rot and an invitation for insect infestation. Mulch should be kept 2 to 3 inches away from tree trunks and the stems of shrubs and

most perennials.

• Mulching too deeply around shrubs and perennials can rot stems and roots as well as promote disease. As an example - rhododendron, azalea, pieris and kalmia are prone to stunted and abnormal growth when mulched too deeply or too closely.

• Choosing the wrong mulch for the area can promote fungal bodies such as artillery fungus and can also steal nutrients from the soil. When using bark mulch, single, double or triple shred, the mulch should be cultivated a few times throughout the growing season to keep fungus at bay.

Some of the most advantageous mulches include:

- soil conditioner
- compost
- leaf humus
- pine needles
- tree bark

Every situation is different. Choose a mulch that will improve soil structure, retain proper moisture and suppress weeds.

Michelle Riley is a local horticulturist, landscape designer, and consultant. She is the founder of the gardening subscription service, the Plant Shorts Posse; <https://michellerileyhorticulturist.com>; and <https://neohiogarden.com>. She also is the president of All About You Signature Landscape Design, Inc. Learn more about Riley at <https://bit.ly/3BavKLk>. Riley can be contacted at Info@MichelleRileyHorticulturist.com or by calling 234-678-8266

## Helping People Succeed

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### This Month's Highlights...

#### MCBDD Receives Highest Accreditation

The Medina County Board of DD is pleased to announce it has been accredited by the Ohio Department of DD for a period of three years, the highest accreditation level an organization may receive. This means the MCBDD has passed an intensive on-site review and meets guidelines for operations, service and quality. Accreditation reviews ensure the MCBDD is meeting standards as outlined in about 370 areas of the Ohio Administrative Code.

An eight-member State Review Team took a look at the agency's daily operations and processes, while also evaluating its ability to help people with developmental differences become engaged within the community. DODD reviewers specifically complemented the MCBDD on its agency wide commitment to creating important working relationships with the people and families it serves.

#### March is DD Awareness Month

*Compassionate. Strong. Adventurous. Hardworking. Hopeful.* 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 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.





## BUSINESS: THE NETWORKER

**Turning Failure Into Success**

by Bob Arnold

Computer networks and personal networking can experience failures for very similar reasons: disruptions, misconfigurations, vulnerabilities, resources, and disaster recovery.

A network failure can be experienced at any networking event if not properly prepared.

First, it is important to admit everyone has fails when networking.

There can be a disruption in networking efforts due to misconfigurations. If the mindset and actions are not focused on how to effectively network, it will disrupt the flow of a good network.

Never forget that all networking events are helpful to business or personal pursuits. It is a must to take a few minutes and think about how to get in tune with that particular event.

It is also important to be attuned to the vulnerabilities that could be faced at an event.

One vulnerability is running into someone you know, spending the entire event with them, and not getting to know someone new. A networking is grown mainly by meeting new people who may be future friends.

Facing the temptation to rattle off a canned speech about what you do runs the risk of forgetting to get to know the other person. Big one here! The most effective networking with a new friend is to get to know them better. Then contact them after the event and set up a coffee time with them.

It is important to fight the temptation to sit down at a table right away and not mingle with the others in the room. While understandable that it is very hard to say, "Hi, I'm \_\_\_\_\_. And, you are?" it is still important to do so!

Always remember to have enough resources when attending an event. Have plenty of business cards to share; however, the best resource is being attentive to others. Smile and pay attention to what they say and ask appropriate questions.

Finally, the best disaster recovery is to simply listen to your new friend. Keep them talking, and disaster will be avoided.

Enjoy your event!!

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**Congratulations to Adina Kolar**, the first person with a developmental difference to be appointed to the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities board.

Kolar is a recent MCBDD Leadership Academy graduate and a long-time advocate for people with disabilities, according to MCBDD.

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# Il Volo makes classic pop

John Benson  
The Gazette

It's all about the applause for Il Volo.

The latest fanfare for the operatic pop trio, which returns to Playhouse Square's KeyBank State Theatre on Sunday, is its new album "Ad Astra." The 2024 project marks a first for Piero Barone, Ignazio Boschetto and Gianluca Ginoble who for the better part of two decades have released known material from the opera, classical symphonics and pop world.

This time out, Il Volo upped the ante by recording 11 new bel canto (Italian for beautiful singing) songs along with a few classics.

"We never done an album with new songs," said Barone, 31, calling from Los Angeles. "We've always been singing Italian melodies. For the very first time, we decided to record an album with many new songs like 'Capolavoro' and 'Ad Astra.'" "We just want to refresh our repertoire and mix our own repertoire with the Italian melody that is part of the Italian culture." It was nearly two decades ago when the operatic pop world was turned on its head after the threesome appeared on popular Italian talent show "Ti Lascio Una Canzone" and performed a flawless rendition of the Neapolitan standard "O Sole Mio." Born out of reality television, the teenage boys won the competition and seemingly overnight became global stars.

So the notion of changing up their platinum and gold formula wasn't an easy decision, but Barone said the time was right.

"Every time you release a new album, a new project, you're always nervous," he said. "But at the end, the answer is in the hands of the



PHOTO PROVIDED

The operatic pop trio Il Volo.

### IF YOU GO

**WHO:** Il Volo  
**WHEN:** 7 p.m. Sunday  
**WHERE:** KeyBank State Theatre, 1519 Euclid Ave., Cleveland  
**TICKETS:** \$39 to \$125  
**INFO:** 216-241-6000 or PlayhouseSquare.org

audience. You just hope that they enjoy what you did in the studio." That's exactly what happened with "Ad Astra," with the group subsequently releasing an expanded international version that includes covers of Simon & Garfunkel's "The Sound Of Silence" and Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah." Despite the fact Il Volo is revered around the globe, with 1 million Instagram subscribers, 2 million YouTube followers and 2.1 million likes on TikTok, the trio recently received perhaps its greatest compliment.

More so, the experience not only solidified Il Volo's place in the international classical musical world but also provided momentum going

forward.

Late last year, Il Volo made a guest appearance at an Andrea Bocelli concert in Los Angeles. The legendary singer introduced them by saying, "And now I want to invite to the stage three great young singers. They are Italian, they are the new generation." "We've always been following the steps of the like Bocelli and Pavarotti," Barone said. "Being on stage with the person who inspired us since the very first moment, it's something that you cannot describe."

"He said, 'The new generation.' Actually, that's been our dream and our goal from the beginning."

"We are the first Italian young guys who bring this music to the younger generation through streaming music."

And now that Il Volo has the ear of younger generations, coupled with releasing new original material, that bodes well for the group's future.

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

## MOVIE TIMES

### HICKORY RIDGE CINEMAS

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#### Novocaine (R)

Friday: 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.;  
Saturday: 1:30, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.;  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.; 1:30, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.;  
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#### The Day the Earth Blew Up: A Looney

**Tunes Movie (PG)** Friday: 4:05 and 7:05 p.m.;  
Saturday: 1:05, 4:05 and 7:05 p.m.;  
Sunday: 10:50 a.m.; 1:05, 4:05 and 7:05 p.m.;  
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#### Mickey 17 (R)

Friday: 4:25 and 7:25 p.m.;  
Saturday: 1:25, 4:25 and 7:25 p.m.;  
Sunday: 10:25 a.m.; 1:25, 4:25 and 7:25 p.m.;  
Monday through Thursday: 4:25 and 7:25 p.m.

#### Rule Breakers (PG)

Friday: 3:20 and 8:30 p.m.;  
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Sunday: 10:05 a.m.; 1:05, 3:20 and 8:30 p.m.;  
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#### Last Breath (PG-13)

Friday: 4:20 and 7:20 p.m.;  
Saturday: 1:20, 4:20 and 7:20 p.m.;  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.; 1:20, 4:20 and 7:20 p.m.;  
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#### Captain America: Brave New World (PG-13)

Friday: 4:15 and 7:15 p.m.;  
Saturday: 1:15, 4:15 and 7:15 p.m.;  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.; 4:15 and 7:15 p.m.;  
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#### Paddington in Peru (PG)

Friday: 8:45 p.m.;  
Saturday through Thursday: 3:45 p.m.

#### Dog Man (PG)

Friday: 4 and 7 p.m.; Saturday: 4 and 7 p.m.;  
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#### Sonic the Hedgehog 3 (PG)

Friday: 4:10 and 7:10 p.m.;  
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Regal Medina information has been discontinued at the theater's request.



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Robert Pattinson as Mickey 18 and Robert Pattinson as Mickey 17 in "Mickey 17."

## 'Mickey 17' edges out 'Captain America' at No. 1

"Parasite" filmmaker Bong Joon Ho's original science fiction film "Mickey 17" opened in first place on the North American box office charts.

The studio estimates the Robert Pattinson-led film earned \$19.1 million in its first weekend, enough to dethrone "Captain America: Brave New World" after a three-week reign.

Overseas, "Mickey 17" has already made \$34.2 million,

bringing its worldwide total to \$53.3 million.

But profitability for the film is a long way off: It cost a reported \$118 million to produce, which does not account for millions spent on marketing and promotion.

A week following the Oscars, where "Anora" filmmaker Sean Baker made an impassioned speech about the importance of the theatrical experience – for film-

makers to keep making movies for the big screens, for promoters to promote and for audiences to keep going – "Mickey 17" is the perfect representation of this.

It's an original film from an Oscar-winning director led by a big star with a blockbuster budget and given a robust theatrical release by Warner Bros., one of the few major studios remaining.

– The Associated Press

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## We all could use a good laugh: Whit & Whimsey

By Sam Boyer - cleveland.com

March 16th, 2025

**Roundtable:** The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities hosted a “DD Dialogues” roundtable event on Monday, March 3 at the Medina County Achievement Center. The event brought together elected state and local officials with leadership from various agencies and organizations in Medina County to discuss critical issues and areas which continue to be of greatest need for people with developmental differences and their families.

The Medina County Board of DD hosted the event as an opportunity to help elected officials understand the impact of preserving critical funding and support for the Ohio DD system. The event began with a brief welcome by MCBDD Superintendent Stacey Maleckar followed by introductions of attendees which included State Senator Mark Romanchuk (R-22), State and Representative Melanie Miller (R-67).

The roundtable provided an opportunity for elected officials to engage directly with MCBDD leadership, families, and community advocates to gain insights into the challenges and successes within the developmental differences system. Topics included funding, policy initiatives, community services, and ongoing efforts to enhance inclusion and support for individuals with disabilities.

During the event, invited guests shared firsthand experiences about individuals and families who rely on critical services and the continued support needed so people with developmental differences have the care they need to have safe and meaningful lives. Family members shared stories of how current funding and resources enable their families to tackle the daily challenges that come having a family member with a developmental difference.

GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE FOR MINORS

# Appeals court blocks Ohio’s ban

**Julie Carr Smyth**  
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Ohio’s ban on gender-affirming care for minors is unconstitutional and must be permanently blocked from being enforced, a three-judge panel of appellate judges ruled Tuesday. The law also banned trans women and girls from participating in female sports.

The state attorney general vowed an immediate appeal.

On Tuesday, the state’s 10th District Court of Appeals reversed the decision made last summer to allow the law to go into effect after a judge found it “reasonably limits parents’ rights.” The law bans counseling, gender-affirming surgery and hormone therapy for minors, unless they are already receiving such therapies and a doctor deems it risky to stop.

The litigation was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU of Ohio and the global law firm Goodwin, who argued the law not only denies health

care to transgender children and teens, but specifically discriminates against them accessing it.

The court agreed and cited a number of flaws in the lower court’s reasoning. She said that the Ohio law does not outlaw identical drugs when they’re used for other reasons, only when they’re used for gender transitioning, which makes it discriminatory. She also said that a prescription ban is not a reasonable exercise of the state’s police power when it is weighed against the rights of parents to care for their children.

Addressing proponents’ arguments that minors are not in a position to understand the long-term impacts such procedures could have on their lives, the judge said that, while they

may not be, their parents are.

“Thus, in considering whether the H.B. 68 ban is reasonable, it is necessary to keep in mind that the law recognizes the maturity, experience, and capacity of parents to make difficult judgments and act in their children’s best interest,” she wrote.

The ACLU called the ruling “historic.” “This win restores the right of trans youth in Ohio to choose vitally important health care, with the support of their families and physicians,” Freda Levenson, legal director of the ACLU of Ohio, said in a statement. “We are gratified by the Court’s decision, which soundly rejects this interference of politicians with Ohioans’ bodily autonomy.”

Tuesday’s ruling marked the second

blow for the legislation.

Republican Gov. Mike DeWine vetoed the law in December 2023, after touring the state to visit children’s hospitals and talking to families of children with gender dysphoria. He cast his action as thoughtful, limited and “pro-life” — citing the suicide risks associated with minors who don’t get proper treatment for gender dysphoria.

DeWine simultaneously announced plans to move to administratively ban gender-affirming surgeries until a person is 18, and to position the state to better regulate and track gender-affirming treatments in both children and adults. He hoped the move would allay concerns of fellow Republicans at the Ohio Statehouse, but the administration swiftly backed off that

plan after transgender adults raised serious concerns about how state regulations could impact their lives and health.

Ohio lawmakers stood their ground on the bill, easily overriding his veto — making Ohio the 23rd state to ban gender-affirming health care for trans youth.

Republican Attorney General Dave Yost, a candidate to succeed DeWine next year, quickly released a statement saying that he will appeal Tuesday’s ruling.

“This is a no-brainer — we are appealing that decision and will seek an immediate stay,” he said. “There is no way I’ll stop fighting to protect these unprotected children.”

Levenson acknowledged Tuesday that it’s likely not the end of the legal dispute, but said her organization remained “fervently committed” to preventing the bill from ever taking effect again.

## BLOTTER

### Medina police

**Saturday, March 15**  
11:33 a.m. — Lake Road/Lafayette Road; an officer conducted a traffic stop and cited the driver with going 59 mph in a 35-mph zone.  
8:47 p.m. — South Court Street/Lafayette Road; an officer conducted a traffic stop and cited the driver with speeding and expired plates.  
**Sunday, March 16**  
1:55 a.m. — 900 block of North Court Street; a man flagged down an officer about his missing cellphone. The man had an active warrant through the Brunswick Police Department and was arrested.  
3:25 p.m. — East Reagan Parkway/Ashwood Lane; an officer conducted a traffic stop and cited the woman with speeding.

**Monday, March 17**  
10:40 a.m. — 900 block of West Smith Road; a shredder belt caught on fire.  
7:59 p.m. — Wadsworth Road/Springbrook Drive; an officer conducted a traffic stop and arrested a man for criminal trespass.

### Medina Township police

**Sunday, March 2**  
3:34 p.m. — 4100 block of Pearl Road; the theft of food was reported.  
7:54 p.m. — 4000 block of Pearl Road; a gray Honda struck a black Infinity.  
10:09 p.m. — Marks Road/Hamilton Road; a citation was issued to a driver with a suspended driver’s license.  
**Monday, March 3**  
2:02 a.m. — 3600 block

of Medina Road; an officer conducted a traffic stop, which is under prosecutor review.  
11:05 a.m. — 4900 block of Grande Shops Avenue; a late theft report was made from Sir Troy’s Toy Kingdom. A man stole a toy action figure.  
**Tuesday, March 4**  
10:47 a.m. — 4100 block of Pearl Road; there was a private property crash after a semi struck a gate.  
**Wednesday, March 5**  
8:06 a.m. — 1000 block of East Washington Street; a woman was arrested on a felony warrant out of the Medina County Sheriff’s Office.  
**Thursday, March 6**  
3:05 p.m. — 3500 block of Hamlin Road; damage to a mailbox was reported. There was red paint transferred onto a white mailbox.  
4:29 p.m. — 4100 block of Fenn Road; a Dodge rear-ended a Nissan.

**Friday, March 7**  
10:11 p.m. — 800 block of North Court Street; there was a hit-and-skip crash involving two vehicles with no reported injuries.  
**Saturday, March 8**  
10:20 p.m. — Marks Road/Fenn Road; a traffic citation was issued for driving under a noncompliance license suspension and operating a vehicle without a driver’s license.

### Montville Township police

**Sunday, March 2**  
12:36 a.m. — Lake Ridge Drive/River Styx Road; an officer conducted a traffic stop for failing to dim. The driver was cited with no operator’s license and was picked up by a valid driver.  
2:04 a.m. — Medina Road; an officer conducted a traffic stop for failing to maintain

marked lanes, an improper turn and failing to dim. The driver exhibited indicators of impairment and was submitted to sobriety tests. He was arrested for operating a vehicle while impaired and transported to the police department, where he submitted a breath sample.  
**Monday, March 3**  
2:02 a.m. — Medina Road; an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with only one headlight. The driver and passenger were both juveniles, thus being unable to drive from the scene. The driver later reached his adult brother to pick them up.  
6:16 p.m. — Wadsworth Road/Fox Meadow Drive; a semitractor-trailer experienced transmission problems caused by a computer. A driver was able to pull onto a wide shoulder and will fix a new computer module as soon as possible.

**Thursday, March 6**  
7:04 p.m. — Wadsworth Road; a complaint was made of someone applying for a student loan in the caller’s name without her permission.  
**Friday, March 7**  
9:25 a.m. — Montville Trails Drive; a vehicle hit a parked truck. No injuries were reported.  
12:46 p.m. — Wadsworth Road; a vehicle pulled into the Montville Township Police Department lot and struck the handicap sign. No damage was caused to the sign, but the car’s plastic grille broke.  
**Saturday, March 8**  
10:31 a.m. — River Styx Road; an officer responded to the report of a non-active burglary and after an investigation, a juvenile boy was transported to the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center and booked on burglary charges.

## ROUNDUP

### Nine alumni inducted into Medina Schools hall of fame

On Friday, Medina Schools honored nine alumni as they were formally inducted into the Medina Schools hall of fame during a recognition dinner at the Blair Conference Center.

The following people were inducted into the class of 2023:

- Rear Adm. Greg Newkirk
- Frank Shotwell III
- Jessica Toocheck
- Scott Tuchek

The following people were inducted into the class of 2024:

- Sam Chester
- Jim Gowe
- Robert Harvilla
- Brian Huber
- Austin Schreiber

“One of the best parts of the hall of fame is learning about the incredible achievements of our inductees,” hall of fame founder and committee chair Jeanne Pritchard said. “The hall of fame is a tribute to our school system and the dedicated educators who played a role in shaping these remarkable individuals. It also allows us to honor those who may not always be in the spotlight but have profoundly impacted our

community.”

The next hall of fame event will occur in the spring of 2027. Community members are encouraged to submit nominations by visiting [medinabees.org](http://medinabees.org). For more information, contact Amy Busby at [busbya@medinabees.org](mailto:busbya@medinabees.org).

**Natural Resource Assistance Council membership being OK’d**

District 9 of the Ohio Public Works Commission is accepting applications for membership in its Natural Resource Assistance Council. The Lorain County Engineer’s Office will take applications on its behalf until April 11.

The council was formed to implement the Clean Ohio program, as approved by Ohio voters. The council comprises representatives from Huron, Lorain and Medina counties.

The council will accept nominations from the following five categories:

- A county, municipal corporation, township, conservancy district, regional or joint district or unit of local government, or regional or joint political subdivision that is located within the geographical jurisdiction or the appointing integrating committee.
- A conservation organization, an environmental advocacy organization, an organization with a primary interest in watershed protection

and restoration, the Department of Natural Resources, the environmental protection agency or the United States Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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- An organization representing business, local realtors or a planning agency, including a port authority located within the geographical jurisdiction of the appointing integrating committee.

Nomination forms can be found at [bit.ly/3Fj9wM4](http://bit.ly/3Fj9wM4). All interested parties must return the form, a letter of support from the appointing authority and a resume or summary of qualifications.

For more information, call the Lorain County Engineer’s Office at (440) 329-5586.

**Board of Developmental Disabilities offers scholarship**

The Medina County Board of Developmental

Disabilities is offering a scholarship opportunity for Medina County high school students.

The scholarship was founded to recognize and support young people who are considering a career that may serve individuals with developmental disabilities. The board is offering one \$1,500 scholarship this year.

Applicants must be current Medina County high school seniors and accepted into an accredited program in a field that may provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Fields include special education, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, social work and behavioral sciences.

Applicants should also demonstrate involvement in activities associated with people with developmental disabilities like Special Olympics, classroom activities, volunteering or job shadowing.

Interested students must complete and submit a Medina County Board of DD donor scholarship application before March 31 to be considered.

Forms are available by calling (330) 725-7751, ext. 318 or [tinyurl.com/3z392wn2](http://tinyurl.com/3z392wn2).

— from staff reports

## USAID

From A1

The administration, with Musk’s and DOGE’s support, went on to order all but a fraction of the agency’s staffers off the job through forced leaves and firings, and terminated what the State Department said was at least 83 percent of USAID’s program contracts.

The moves were part of a broader push by Musk and the Trump administration to eradicate the 6-decade-old foreign assistance agency and most of its work overseas.

Trump on Inauguration Day issued an executive order directing a freeze of foreign assistance funding and a review of all U.S. aid and development work abroad,

charging that much of foreign assistance was wasteful and advanced a liberal agenda.

Democratic lawmakers and other supporters of USAID have argued Trump had no authority to withhold funding that Congress already approved.

Chuang said DOGE’s and Musk’s fast-moving destruction of USAID likely harmed the public interest by depriving elected lawmakers of their “constitutional authority to decide whether, when and how to close down an agency created by Congress.”

The lawsuit was filed by the State Democracy Defenders Fund. Norm Eisen, the nonprofit’s executive chair, said the ruling is a milestone in pushback to DOGE and the first to find that Musk’s

actions violate the Constitution’s Appointments Clause, which mandates presidential approval and Senate confirmation for certain public officials.

“They are performing surgery with a chainsaw instead of a scalpel, harming not just the people USAID serves but the majority of Americans who count on the stability of our government,” he said in a statement.

Oxfam America’s Abby Maxman in a statement urged all staffing and funding to be reinstated. “The funding freeze and program cuts are already having life or death consequences for millions around the world,” said the chief executive of the humanitarian group.





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## Outstanding Citizen



City of Medina

Pictured left to right: Mayor Dennis Hanwell and the Gaedes – Summer, Seth and Kelsey.

## Mayor honors Summer Gaede, 4, for litter cleanups

Summer Gaede learned about litter in preschool, and the 4-year-old took that lesson to heart.

She now walks around her Medina neighborhood wearing plastic gloves and carrying a trash bag to pick up litter, according to city officials.

Mayor Dennis Hanwell presented Summer with a Good Citizen Award at the City Council meeting on March 10, where she was joined by her parents Kelsey and Seth.

## Committed to Inclusion



MCBDD

Superintendent Stacey Maleckar (second from right) speaks to state officials and local leaders as part of the recent Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities' DD Dialogues roundtable event.

## Local roundtable centers on DD issues

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## Community News? Let us know!

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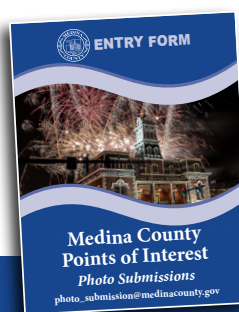
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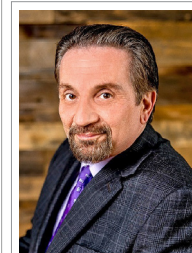
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Thomas Condosta, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney – Medina County Prosecutor's Office, will cover these scenarios as well as others. In this class, he will teach what you need to know about identity theft. You will learn and have the opportunity to ask questions.



**Speaker:**  
Thomas Condosta,  
Assistant Prosecuting  
Attorney – Civil Division  
and Director of the  
Medina County  
Scam Squad

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in identity theft and  
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with law enforcement to  
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## Quality tutoring in Reading, Math and Speech Therapy

Every summer for 50 years, the Summer Reinforcement Program has provided quality tutoring in Reading and Math plus Speech Therapy for kids who struggle with classroom skills. If your child's school year ended less than hopeful, we can help you!

The Summer Reinforcement Program is a program where learning is the goal and your child is the focus. Summer is a perfect time for a gentle approach to tutoring-no tests, no homework, no quizzes. The Program offers small class sizes with only 12-15 children per room; all Medina County children ages 3-14 years are welcome. We teach using play-board games, activities, stories, journal writing and teacher-time that supports your child. Classroom activities provide a "re-teach" of basic classroom skills in Reading and Math suitable for each child's grade level. The Bookmobile

visits the school weekly. The Summer Reinforcement Program offer a responsible program of structured educational activities. This is not a play camp or craft camp. Sessions are held at Blake Elementary School, 4704 Lexington Ridge Rd., Medina for five weeks, from Jun 9 to July 11 from 9:00-12:00 noon. An important component of the programming is Speech Therapy. Music Therapy is offered once a week. Speech Therapy is offered in both individual and small group settings. In addition- your child will participate in the "Reading Club" where literacy skills are reinforced in small group. Technology and Chromebooks are available in classrooms for expanded learning. Make this a summer of fun and learning for your child. For more information and application call 330-813-1367 for details.

## Summer Camp at Spring Garden Waldorf School

Spring Garden Waldorf School is excited to announce its 2025 Summer Camp lineup, offering a diverse range of programs designed to inspire and engage children of various ages. Nestled on a picturesque 16-acre campus in Copley, Ohio, our camps provide the perfect setting for exploration, creativity, and growth.

### Magic Meadow Early Childhood Camp

Tailored for children aged 3.5 to 6, this camp runs from July 7 to July 25, operating weekdays from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Young campers will delight in nature crafts, storytelling, and playful activities that mirror our school's nurturing environment. Tuition is \$350 per week.

### Learn to Bike

Scheduled for July 7 to 11, this camp caters to rising Kindergarten through 2nd graders. Sessions are available from 9:00 to 11:45 AM or 12:15 to 2:45 PM, each priced at \$185. Children will build confidence and skills, transitioning from training wheels to independent riding.

### Magical Week in the Forest

From July 21 to 25, rising 1st through 3rd graders are invited to immerse themselves in nature. Campers will engage in nature walks, art projects, and storytelling from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM daily. The week-long adventure is priced at \$375.

### Amplified Riding

Designed for rising 2nd to 5th graders, this camp runs from July 14 to 18, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Participants will enhance their

biking skills, focusing on safety and agility, under the guidance of Chapman and Bortz. The camp fee is \$360.

### Theater & Puppet Camp

Also taking place from July 7 to 11, this creative camp is perfect for rising 3rd to 6th graders. Campers will delve into theater arts, crafting puppets, scripting performances, and exploring improvisation from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Tuition is set at \$375.

### Sports Discovery Camp

For rising 5th to 8th graders, this camp offers a blend of traditional and lifetime sports from July 21 to 25, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Activities include volleyball, basketball, badminton, and more, emphasizing both physical skills and mental well-being. The camp fee is \$375.

### Art Around the World

Running from July 14 to 18, this artistic journey is tailored for rising 5th to 8th graders. Campers will explore global art forms, creating projects inspired by various cultures, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Tuition is \$375.

As a Qualified Service Provider for the Afterschool Child Enrichment (ACE) program, eligible families may receive reimbursement for select camps. For more details and registration, please visit our Summer Camp page.

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LOCATION: Copley, OH

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- 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 differences 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/](http://www.mcbdd.org/service-funding/) for more information and applications, or call 330-725-7751 ext. 130.

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# Summer Camp for Children with Disabilities

## Tips for Choosing the Right Camp for Your Child

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

**Start at the End**

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

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

When entrusting your child's care to others it is SO important they understand how to take good care of your child. Be completely honest when talking with camp personnel about the needs of your child. Let them know if there are any accommodations or limitations. Ask for references and talk to other parents about their experiences with the

camp you are considering.

**Get the Details**

Ask camp personnel about past experiences they've had with children with disabilities. Ask about staff training in supporting kids with different abilities. Ask for information about the number of campers - a ratio of one to three or four is pre-

ferred for children with disabilities. Know the camp's policy regarding family communication.

For more information or help, contact the Medina County Board of DD Children's Services Department at 330-725-7751, option 1 or visit [www.mcbsd.org](http://www.mcbsd.org).

# Camp Curiosity: Summer Science Camps

## Great Lakes Science Center

Welcome to Camp Curiosity 2025! Our week-long summer day camps for kids in grades K-6 offer unforgettable science adventures, new opportunities to grow their interests, and the chance to make new friends and create amazing memories. Great Lakes Science Center camps combine fun with various STEM themes designed to keep kids engaged and learning during the summer.

This year, we have new camps focused on space, plants, weather, chemistry, LEGOs and Cleveland inventors. Kids can make some waves while exploring a Great Lakes steamship, discover how to build structures that can withstand the power of an earthquake or learn how to solve mysteries like Sherlock Holmes. Whether your kid dreams of exploring space, loves tinkering with simple machines or longs to discover

what chemical reactions can be created with ingredients from your kitchen, there is a camp sure to capture their interest.

Camp themes are available for both grade bands (K-2 and 3-6), but specific activities are tailored appropriately for each age group. Sessions begin June 2 and run through the week of August 11.

Register by March 31 and receive \$20 off. Discounts are also available for multi-week registration, siblings, and returning camp alumni, and discounts can be combined. Members always save \$25 per camp. Before- and after-care are available. Scholarships are also available, which allow us to provide summer camp opportunities to underserved youth.

Camp Curiosity is presented by Timken. For more information and to register call 216-621-2400 or visit [GreatScience.com](http://GreatScience.com).

# When is the right time to look into summer camp?

Metro Creative

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.



# CAMP CURIOSITY

## 2025 SUMMER CAMPS



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*Today is Wednesday, March 26, the 85th day of 2025. There are 280 days left in the year.*

Today’s history

■ In 1812, an earthquake devastated Caracas, Venezuela, causing as many as 30,000 deaths. (The U.S. Congress later approved \$50,000 in food aid to be sent to Venezuela — the first example of American disaster assistance abroad.)  
■ In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first American ice hockey team to win the Stanley Cup, defeating the Montreal Canadiens 9-1 to win the championship series, three games to one.  
■ In 1979, a peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and witnessed by President Jimmy Carter at the White House.  
■ In 1992, a judge in Indianapolis sentenced former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson to six years in prison on rape charges. (Tyson would ultimately serve less than three years of the sentence.)  
■ In 1997, the bodies of 39 members of the Heaven’s Gate religious cult who took their own lives were found inside a rented mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, California.  
■ In 2013, Italy’s top criminal court overturned the acquittal of American Amanda Knox in the grisly murder of British roommate Meredith Kercher and ordered Knox to stand trial again. (Although

convicted in absentia, Knox was exonerated by the Italian Supreme Court in 2015.)  
■ In 2018, a toxicology report obtained by The Associated Press revealed that the late pop superstar Prince had levels of fentanyl in his body that multiple experts described as “exceedingly high.”  
■ In 2021, Dominion Voting Systems filed a \$1.6 billion defamation lawsuit against Fox News, saying the cable news giant falsely claimed that the voting company rigged the 2020 election. (Fox would eventually agree to pay Dominion \$787.5 million in one of the largest defamation settlements in U.S. history.)

Today’s birthdays

Basketball Hall of Famer Wayne Embry is 88. Former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is 85. Author Erica Jong is 83. Journalist Bob Woodward is 82. Singer Diana Ross is 81. Rock singer Steven Tyler (Aerosmith) is 77. Actor-comedian Vicki Lawrence is 76. Actor-comedian Martin Short is 75. Country singer Ronnie McDowell is 75. Country singer Charly McClain is 69. TV personality Leeza Gibbons is 68. Football Hall of Famer Marcus Allen is 65. Actor Jennifer Grey is 65. Basketball Hall of Famer John Stockton is 63. Actor Michael Imperioli is 59. Country singer Kenny Chesney is 57. Actor Leslie Mann is 53. Google co-founder Larry Page is 52. Rapper Juvenile is 50. Actor Keira Knightley is 40. Actor-comedian Ramy Youssef is 34.

WEATHER

**TODAY:** Partly cloudy ..... **42/25**  
**THURSDAY:** Mostly cloudy ..... **57/39**  
**FRIDAY:** Rain ..... **64/58**  
**SATURDAY:** Mostly cloudy ..... **71/55**

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LOTTERY

Ohio (Tuesday)

**Midday Pick 3:** 7-9-5, **Pick 3:** 5-1-0,  
**Midday Pick 4:** 8-3-1-0, **Pick 4:** 7-9-6-1,  
**Midday Pick 5:** 8-9-9-6-0, **Pick 5:** 7-5-6-3-2,  
**Rolling Cash 5:** 13-18-19-31-38,  
**Rolling Cash 5 jackpot is \$351,000.**  
**Classic Lotto jackpot is \$2.4 million.**

Lucky for Life

**MONDAY:** 14-20-30-31-39, **Lucky Ball:** 1.  
**TUESDAY:** The numbers were not available at press time.

Mega Millions

**TUESDAY:** The numbers were not available at press time.  
**Next Mega Millions jackpot is an estimated \$344 million.**

Powerball

**MONDAY:** 6-23-35-36-47, **Powerball:** 12, **Power Play:** 2.  
**Next Powerball jackpot is an estimated \$484 million.**

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**Brunswick City Council,** special meeting, 6:30 p.m., city hall, 4095 Center Road.  
**Granger Township Trustees,** public hearing, 6:30 p.m., followed by a regular meeting at 7 p.m., administration building, 3717 Ridge Road.  
**Medina County Family First Council,** regular meeting, 9

a.m., conference room, 4800 Ledgewood Drive.  
**Montville Township Zoning Commission,** regular meeting, 7 p.m. — canceled.

Thursday

**Medina County Advisory Council on Aging,** regular meeting, 1 p.m., Senior and Adult Services, 246 Northland Drive.

**Medina County Data Board Technical Advisory Committee,** regular meeting, 9 a.m., multipurpose room, 555 Independence Drive.  
**Medina Township Trustees,** regular meeting, 7 p.m., town hall, 3799 Huffman Road.  
**York Township Trustees,** regular meeting, 7 p.m., town hall, 6609 Norwalk Road.

Friday

**NOACA Economic Development Subcommittee,** regular meeting, 8:30 a.m., followed by Equity Subcommittee at 10 a.m., followed by Business, Community, Rural and Emerging Leaders Council at 11:30 a.m., NOACA, 1299 Superior Ave., Cleveland, virtual option available at tinyurl.com/599xr2ej.

ROUNDUP



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Officers from the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2224 present a check for \$15,000 to Jessie Kane and Piper Morgan of Next Step Up, a Medina area homeless shelter, on Saturday.

Fraternal Order of Eagles donates \$15K to Next Step Up

On Saturday, The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2224 presented a \$15,000 donation to Next Step Up, which is a Medina-area homeless shelter.

Applications now open for 2025 Cool Beans Cafe entrepreneur scholarship

Main Street Medina announced applications are now open for the 2025 Cool Beans Cafe emerging entrepreneur scholarship.

It was established in 2024 by Cool Beans Cafe owner Laura Cavey. It supports aspiring entrepreneurs by awarding multiple scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 to high school and college students in Medina County.

Medina High School’s Class of 1970 will sponsor scholarships for Medina High School and Medina County Career Center students planning to launch entrepreneurial ventures. Awarded funds may be used to cover tuition and fees to invest directly in a student-run business.

“We are thrilled to provide this opportunity for young entrepreneurs in our community,” Main Street Medina board chair Brad Root said. “This scholarship is a fantastic way to support students passionate about business and innovation, whether they are just starting their journey in school or already running their own business.”

To qualify, applicants must:  
■ Be a U.S. citizen, national or legal permanent resident.  
■ Be a high school senior or a full-time college student at an accredited U.S. vocational, junior college or four-year institution.  
■ Demonstrate leadership through com-

munity service, extracurricular activities or other experiences.

■ Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.  
■ Not be an immediate family of the selection board, Main Street Medina or committee members.

Applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria:

■ Be enrolled in a business or entrepreneurship-related program at a college, university or technical school.  
■ Provide a business plan or a link to an existing business website and social media accounts.  
■ Own and operate a small business.

Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on the following:

■ Quality of essay submission, which is a maximum of 250 words.  
■ Potential economic impact of the applicant’s business.  
■ Leadership and community service experience.  
■ Academic standing.  
■ Two letters of recommendation from school or community leaders.  
■ A phone or in-person interview with the scholarship selection committee.

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday. Scholarship winners will be notified in early May.

For more details and to apply, visit mainstreetmedina.com or email info@mainstreetmedina.com.

Retired Teachers Association luncheon April 8

The Medina County Retired Teachers Association will hold its first 2025 luncheon at noon April 8 at Williams on the Lake. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

The cost of the buffet luncheon is \$15. Reservations are due by Saturday and can be made by contacting (330) 723-

2364. Checks should be made payable to MCRTA.

Nancy McNeal and Lloyd Knudsen will be recognized for their more than 20 years of service in association leadership positions.

Red cup bingo is the program for April’s meeting. Participants can put a donation into the red cups for the 2026 scholarship, which is given to a Medina County junior or senior in a college education program.

All retired teachers and administrators are welcome, including substitute teachers, private school teachers and college educators.

Board of Developmental Disabilities volunteers for morning of service

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities organized a morning of service in which its staff members volunteered at community organizations across the county.

Agencies included Cups Cafe, Forever Amber Acres, Habitat for Humanity, Hospice of Medina County, Hope and Healing Survivor Resource Center, Hope Recovery Farm, Kitten Krazy, Brunswick Library, Medina County Senior Center, Medina County SPCA, Soprema Senior Center, Woven with Promise, Community Action of Wayne/Medina, Medina Creative Accessibility and The Society.

“Community involvement is at the heart of what we do,” Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities Superintendent Stacey Maleckar said. “Our staff is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with developmental differences, and this morning of service is a reflection of that commitment to all members of Medina County.”

— from staff reports

BLOTTER

Medina police

**Saturday, March 22**  
1:56 p.m. — 300 block of North Court Street; there was a motor vehicle crash with no reported injuries.  
2:17 p.m. — 100 block of West Liberty Street; a motor vehicle crash with no reported injuries resulted in a citation/summons.  
5:06 p.m. — 5900 block of Third Street; a man shot a cat with an airsoft gun after the cat attacked a 1-year-old.  
**Sunday, March 23**  
12:55 a.m. — 100 block of Canterbury Lane; a man was arrested for persistent disorderly conduct, obstructing and resisting arrest.  
**Monday, March 24**  
2:19 p.m. — 600 block of East Washington Street; a complaint was made of trespassing.

Medina Township police

**Sunday, March 9**  
2:57 p.m. — 5000 block of Grande Boulevard; a woman fell due to dog excrement on the floor of a pet business.  
**Monday, March 10**  
9:17 a.m. — Burgundy Bay Boulevard/Medina Road; a woman had concerns regarding a man who was holding big rocks and looking like he was going to throw them at passing vehicles. The man was later detained as an illegal immigrant.  
9:39 a.m. — 4100 block of Creative Living Way; theft of funds

from a patient was reported.

**Wednesday, March 12**  
10:55 a.m. — Morning Song Drive/Marks Road; an officer conducted a traffic stop and cited the driver with having a suspended license.  
11:13 a.m. — 3100 block of Eastpointe Drive; a trespass notice was issued to someone at a motel.  
5:12 p.m. — 1200 block of North Court Street; a Buick rear-ended a Dodge.  
**Thursday, March 13**  
1:48 a.m. — 3000 block of Eastpointe Drive; a motion alarm went off; a window was broken and a dirt bike was stolen.  
9:49 a.m. — 4000 block of Pearl Road; theft suspects fled from the police and side-swiped three vehicles before crashing. There are pending felony charges.  
12:26 p.m. — 4100 block of Pearl Road; Toyota minivan side-swiped an unoccupied, parked Toyota Corolla. The driver claimed she was unaware of the damage. An unknown witness left a note of the observations.  
**Friday, March 14**  
5:19 a.m. — 4100 block of Pearl Road; a garbage truck struck a Kia while turning right on red.  
7:59 a.m. — Hamilton Road/ Foskett Road; a Hyundai driver failed to yield for a Honda. The Honda rear-ended the Hyundai. The Hyundai driver was determined to be at fault.  
12:02 p.m. — 4000 block of Pearl Road; the theft of \$345 in clothing was reported.

**Saturday, March 15**  
3:03 a.m. — 3100 block of Medina Road; a disturbance or fight resulted in the arrest of an adult.

Montville Township police

**Sunday, March 9**  
3:31 a.m. — River Styx Road; while responding to a possible stolen vehicle call at a nearby house, a vehicle matching the description was found leaving the area. A traffic stop was conducted for failing to signal. The vehicle’s VIN was found not to match the stolen vehicle, and the driver was released.  
11:37 p.m. — Medina Road; an officer conducted a traffic stop and through investigations that included tests and interviews, it was determined the driver was impaired and arrested. He was cited with operating a vehicle while impaired.  
**Monday, March 10**  
11:45 a.m. — Wooster Pike Road/Lexington Ridge Road; there was a two-vehicle crash with no reported injuries. One driver was cited with failure to obey a traffic control device.  
11:57 a.m. — Medina Road; there was a two-vehicle crash with no reported injuries. One vehicle sustained functional damage to the hood and grill, while the other reported no damage.  
**Tuesday, March 11**  
2:04 a.m. — Interstate 71;

an officer conducted a traffic stop and issued a citation for speeding.  
4:18 p.m. — Guilford Road; a woman reported that three dogs left her neighbor’s property and came onto hers, nipping at her dog. No injuries were reported, and the three dogs’ owner was warned about the animals at large.  
**Thursday, March 13**  
1:48 a.m. — Eastpointe Drive; a call was made regarding breaking and entering.  
6:15 a.m. — Poe Road; there was a motor vehicle crash with no reported injuries involving a deer.  
6:29 p.m. — Smith Road; a vehicle crashed into a pole. The crash resulted in injuries, but the driver declined transport. He was cited with reasonable control.  
**Friday, March 14**  
1:37 p.m. — River Styx Road; a caller reported that someone hacked her Facebook account and scammed her friends.  
**Saturday, March 15**  
3:03 a.m. — Medina Road; officers responded to a reported fight at Waffle House. One of the involved men was found to be persistently disorderly and was placed under arrest. He was transported to Medina County Jail without incident.  
7:29 p.m. — Tower Road; a man found that a lock to his gate had a bullet hole through it. There was also a trail camera installed on his property that he had not put up. He wanted the situation documented.

SWORN

From A1

He was later approached and asked if he wanted to be appointed to Council to fill an open seat. After thinking it over and talking with his wife and family, he decided to move forward with the appointment.

Kilgore said he is looking forward to

bringing his knowledge of safety forces to Village Council to bring a different perspective to discussions and legislation.

Seville Mayor Carol Carter agreed. “Everybody has a voice,” she said. “Some people think they are new, and they shouldn’t say anything. We all have an opinion and it’s the different opinions that make the best decisions. I think the way the world is, having someone like Kilgore with his background will bring a

different way of looking at things.” Kilgore said he looks forward to serving the village and its residents from a different position.

“I’m hoping to do my best for the village and its residents,” he said.

Kilgore was sworn in by Carteron Monday night during the special meeting.

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

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Today**  
**NOACA Economic Development Subcommittee**, regular meeting, 8:30 a.m., followed by Equity Subcommittee

at 10 a.m., followed by Business, Community, Rural and Emerging Leaders Council at 11:30 a.m., NOACA, 1299 Superior Ave., Cleveland, virtual option available at [tinyurl.com/599xr2ej](#).

ALMANAC

The Associated Press

*Today is Friday, March 28, the 87th day of 2025. There are 278 days left in the year.*

**Today’s history**

■ In 1898, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *United States v. Wong Kim Ark*, ruled 6-2 that Wong, who was born in the United States to Chinese immigrants, was an American citizen. It was the first Supreme Court decision to rule on the citizenship status of a child born in the United States to noncitizen parents.

■ In 1935, the notorious Nazi propaganda film “Triumph des Willens” (Triumph of the Will), directed by Leni Riefenstahl, premiered in Berlin with Adolf Hitler present.

■ In 1941, author Virginia Woolf, 59, drowned herself near her home in Lewes, East Sussex, England.

■ In 1969, the 34th president of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, died in Washington, D.C., at age 78.

■ In 1979, America’s worst commercial nuclear accident occurred with a partial melt-

BUDGET

From A1

“First and foremost, it’s all about the houses that would be taken from the residents,” he said. “We don’t want to see anyone ever lose their house.”

The transportation budget already passed through the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate. DeWine has until Monday to sign the bill, and he can veto or line-item veto parts of it.

“This is the last stop,” Hanek said. “We’re urging (Gov.) Mike DeWine to keep the repeal provision, to sign the trans-

WEATHER

<b>TODAY:</b> Showers .....	<b>63/60</b>
<b>SATURDAY:</b> Partly cloudy.....	<b>72/56</b>
<b>SUNDAY:</b> Showers.....	<b>68/52</b>
<b>MONDAY:</b> Rain.....	<b>57/32</b>

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LOTTERY

**Ohio (Thursday)**

**Midday Pick 3:** 8-4-4, **Pick 3:** 8-5-1, **Midday Pick 4:** 2-9-6-9, **Pick 4:** 6-0-3-6, **Midday Pick 5:** 7-7-5-3-7, **Pick 5:** 8-8-6-9-7, **Rolling Cash 5:** 4-5-17-25-34, **Rolling Cash 5 jackpot is \$110,000.** **Classic Lotto jackpot is \$2.5 million.**

**Lucky for Life**

**WEDNESDAY:** 8-12-15-39-44, **Lucky Ball:** 15.  
**THURSDAY:** The numbers were not available at press time.

**Mega Millions**

**TUESDAY:** 1-5-17-39-62, **Mega Ball:** 8, **Megaplier:** 2.  
**Next Mega Millions jackpot is an estimated \$20 million.**

**Powerball**

**WEDNESDAY:** 5-20-29-39-53, **Powerball:** 6, **Power Play:** 3.  
**Next Powerball jackpot is an estimated \$515 million.**

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FISH FRIES THROUGHOUT MEDINA COUNTY

Dine-in or carryout is available; call (330) 273-4892 after 3:30 p.m. to order ahead. Open to the public.

**Fraternal Order of Eagles Medina Aerie 2224 fish fry**, 4-8 p.m., at 696 Lafayette Road. Dinners include a walleye sandwich or a perch sandwich and fries for \$13, a walleye or perch dinner for \$15, mussels for \$9, a butterfly shrimp dinner for \$12 and a popcorn shrimp appetizer for \$6. A family four-pack of walleye or perch dinner costs \$55. Call (330) 723-7511 beginning at 3 p.m. to place an order.

**Medina Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5137 fish fry**, 5-7 p.m. every Friday through April 11, at 3916 Pearl Road, Medina. Dinners include four pieces of lake perch for \$17, three pieces of pollock for \$15, six pieces of shrimp for \$13, 12 pieces of shrimp for \$14, six pierogies including applesauce and coleslaw for \$13 and a bowl of clam chowder for \$6. Carryout is available starting at 4:30 p.m., people can call (330) 725-0884 to place an order

between 2-6 p.m. Open to the public.

**St. Ambrose Catholic Parish Lenten fish fry**, 4:30-7 p.m., every Friday through April 18, at 929 Pearl Road, Brunswick. Individual meals include a baked fish dinner, a fried fish dinner, and a pierogi dinner for \$14.50, including two sides. Each week there is a weekly special, learn more at [stambrose.us/Fish-Fry](#). Dine in at the Hilkert Hall gym or preorder takeout online.

**St. Colette Catholic Church fish fry**, 4:30-7 p.m., every Friday through April 11, at 330 W. 130th St., Brunswick. Dinners include fried fish costing \$13 for one and \$15 for two, baked fish costing \$14 for one and \$16 for two, a five-piece shrimp dinner for \$17, a five-piece pierogi dinner for \$14, a mac and cheese dinner for \$12 and 10 oz. bowl of clam chowder with crackers for \$8. All dinners come with a roll, butter and two sides. Children’s meals cost \$8, including a main meal of a piece of fried fish, baked fish, mac and cheese, two pierogies or cheese pizza and a side. Takeout is available from 4:30-6:30 p.m., orders must be placed in person. Only cash or checks are accepted.

**St. Stephen Catholic Church fish fry**, 5-7 p.m. every Friday through April 11, at Hackman Hall located at 44 Britton St., West Salem. Dinners cost \$14 and include two pieces of battered cod with fries and coleslaw, six pieces of battered shrimp with fries and coleslaw or 6 oz. grilled salmon fillet with sweet potato fries and coleslaw. There will also be a meal including six pierogies for \$7. Dine-in and carryout are available.

**Valley City Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5563 fish fry**, 5-7:30 p.m., every Friday through April 18, at 6731 Center Road, Valley City. Dinner includes either deep-fried fish, baked fish, deep-fried cajun fish bites or breaded shrimp with a choice of fries or a baked potato and coleslaw for \$15. The children’s menu includes chicken tenders and fries for \$8. All dinners are available for carryout.

ROUNDUP

accredited program in a field that may provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Applicants should demonstrate involvement in activities associated with people with developmental disabilities, such as Special Olympics, classroom activities, volunteering or job shadowing.

Application forms are available by calling (330) 725-7751, ext. 318 or at [www.mcbbdd.org/donor-scholarship](#).

**Senior named as Kiwanis student of the month**

Arrow Maynard, a Medina senior, was selected by the Medina County Kiwanis March Student of the Month for the Medina County Career Center by a panel of his peers.

Maynard is a senior in the cybersecurity and digital forensics program. He has volunteered for sophomore visitation and career center open house both junior and senior years and designed the class infographic for these events as well as the career center Key Club events.

Maynard is active in Medina’s theater club, working on the set crew. He has practiced karate for one year and has been a member of Girl Scouts for eight years.

Through scouting, he has organized the Sweethearts Dance, volunteered for Toys for Tots and the Girl Scout Senior Journey.

He has taken advanced academics courses including AP Computer Science Principles, AP Statistics and Robotics Engineering. Maynard has earned the CompTIA A+ certification and attend the Kent State University Engineering Camp. He was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society as a junior and was chosen Star Student senior year.

Maynard plans to attend Kent State University to obtain a degree in computer science.

**Medina County Law Library moved to the first floor**

The Medina County Law Library Resources Board announced the law library in the basement of the Medina County Courthouse has moved. The library is now on the first floor of the building at 72 Public Square. The library has legal encyclopedias, copies of the Ohio Revised Code and a variety of handbooks covering many areas of Ohio law. Attorneys and the public are invited to use the legal research materials in the library.

The library is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. Call (330) 725-9744 for more information.

— from staff reports

HONORS

From A1

“I was a little girl at the time and what I remember as my only real, true memories of that period of time was the difference in my grandmother,” Swedyk said. “How every single day, all day, she prayed for him and all his friends and all the soldiers over there.”

Swedyk said her grandmother’s prayers worked and her uncle came home after his time in Vietnam. Swedyk said she always thinks of the families whose family member did not come home, stating the importance of honoring them.

After Swedyk spoke, the floor was opened to anyone who wanted to share something about the Vietnam War and the veterans.

Aqua Neura-Witkowski, the sister of Capt. Theodore Neura, shared a similar story to Swedyk’s.

After her brother went to Vietnam, Neura-Witkowski said there wasn’t a day her mother didn’t pray. She often would catch her mom mouthing a prayer, she said.

Neura-Witkowski said every Easter, the whole family would gather to pray for hours on end.

“I want to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart because you are the people that made our country and saved our country for all of us people who are here enjoying our freedom,” she said.

After Neura-Witkowski spoke, Medina County Veterans Service Office Director Ed Zackery noted that her brother is the first name listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial of Medina County.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial of Medina County was designed to incorporate the number 3 and combinations of that number, to honor the 33 Medina County men who died in the Vietnam War.

In addition, the three-sided memorial has no front or back, with the intention that no veteran or group of veterans would be slighted.

As part of Thursday’s program, several people read the 33 names listed on the memorial, while a staff member rang a bell after each name to honor them.

After all the names were read, Vetereans of Foreign Wars Post 5137 members fired their guns three times, followed by David Harrison of Bugles Across America sounding taps.

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



SARA CRAWFORD / GAZETTE PHOTOS

Veteran David Zeleznak reads some of the 33 names listed on the memorial, while a staff member rings a bell after each name to honor them on Thursday.



VFW Post 5137 members fire their guns three times, followed by David Harrison of Bugles Across America sounding taps after all 33 names were read on Thursday.

WHATZIT?

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

THING=THING  
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SOLUTION UNDER: AUTOMOBILES

cyan A2 magenta A2 yellow A2 black A2





Dear Everyone @ MCB D D,

The Wadsworth Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank you for your generous contribution to our Easter Basket Auction on March 19th.

Thanks to you, we were able to raise \$12,000 to be awarded to Wadsworth High School Seniors that have chosen to go into a business-related field after graduation.

Thank you and have a Happy Easter!

Love, Janie and Felicity



# medina county board of developmental disabilities

# 1 in 36

## children are diagnosed with a form of autism

### April is Autism Acceptance Month

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

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- It is important parents know developmental milestones for their children and discuss any concerns with their doctor.
- A child with autism should begin early intervention services as soon as possible when they are diagnosed.

**For information about autism and early detection, call MCBDD Early Intervention Services, 330-725-7751, option 1**

### This Month's Highlights...

#### Local Officials Meet to Discuss DD Topics

In March, the Medina County Board of DD hosted a "DD Dialogues" round table event. The goal of the event was to bring elected officials and leadership from area agencies and organizations together with members of the developmental differences community to discuss 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, concerns and solutions around vital and necessary support systems and resources, in Medina County and the state.

*Learn more at: [www.mcbdd.org/current-news/](http://www.mcbdd.org/current-news/)*



#### In Service to the Community

On March 7, the Medina County Board of DD staff came together for a morning of volunteering in the community to support local non-profits and make positive impacts for people across Medina County. From organizing food pantries and sorting donations at area agencies to cleaning facilities and assisting with animals at therapy farms, MCBDD employees embraced the spirit of giving back with enthusiasm. The morning of service reinforced the MCBDD's commitment to social responsibility and collaboration while making a difference where it matters most.



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## SEMAGLUTIDE ALTERNATIVE | Dr. Laurel's PRP Bar



by Beth Newcomb

**B**oard-certified physician Dr. Laurel Matthews, of Dr. Laurel's PRP Bar, has recently added a revolutionary weight loss support option to augment her non-surgical service offerings.

Introducing WayLess, a natural, hemp-derived product featuring THCV. Unlike the semaglutide found in some weight loss products, WayLess is a safe, effective and natural way to gradually shed pounds.

"If you are currently taking semaglutide for weight loss, you can switch to WayLess to gradually wean yourself without having to worry about rebound weight gain," Dr. Laurel says.

What is THCV? A lot of people misunderstand these letters to imply that marijuana is present, but that's not the case. "Delta 9-Tetrahydrocannabinol

(THCV) is a hemp-derived compound. You will not get high, but you will also not crave food," she explains.

"Clear evidence demonstrates that THCV decreases appetite, increases the feeling of being 'full,' and up-regulates energy metabolism," Dr. Laurel says. "WayLess is a clinically useful remedy for weight loss and the management of obesity with an amazing lack of side effects—and it's way less expensive than semaglutide."

Dr. Laurel has just introduced a new extra-large (60 count) size bottle of WayLess, and for a limited time you can save when you order.

WayLess is available online at [WayLess4U.com](http://WayLess4U.com). For questions about WayLess, call 216-774-9733 or click on Contact on the website to view your options for submission. Mini readers can save \$10 off the new extra-large bottle by entering MIMIPRP at checkout.

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## HOME AND GARDEN: SO, THIS HAPPENED

## Finding Our Cool and Giving Grace

by Stephanie Leigh Reed

Until this past year, I had the feeling that I had graduated only a couple of years ago, stuck somewhere between "it's been forever" and "it was only yesterday."

That was until my 20-year reunion.

As far as I know, this is my first time being this age, wading through the fresh chaos every day brings, met with decisions or situations that feel well beyond my understanding or capability.

I think, "I can't possibly be in charge. I'm just a kid."

What a realization to look at my partner's grandmother and both of our mothers and understand this is their first time, too.

We are all just children. Walking around in different versions of our bodies, and somehow, we just do it because we're expected to.

If you ever want to be humbled by the passing of time, I suggest a trip to a mall.

Quite quickly you realize how much time has passed when the person asking you to sign up for the rewards program seems too young to have a job but has to explain how to insert your card...twice.

We all make fun of the "walk to school uphill both ways" stories until you are caught saying, "We used to be dropped off here with \$4. You could get a coupla packs of clearance earrings and still have change for a slushie."

The point is, we should give ourselves and other generations some grace.

I have never understood why people looked at the Beatles and screamed for them to cut their hair or why anyone was upset when a woman wanted to wear pants.

However, I also do not understand everything that my oldest child likes or thinks funny, but I can appreciate the fact that I was once smack dab in the center of pop culture and was also considered strange, and it was fun.

I think the coolest part about realizing you are no longer considered hip and getting comfortable with it is that you can lean into the kind of cool you always wanted to be.

You can be who you are, unapologetically at home playing word games, listening to a Billy Joel record, and excited over a good deal on trash bags.

While we settle into our comfort, we could be kinder to those who actually are just girls and boys because we all have wished someone had taken a moment to understand us or, at the very least, love us anyway.

Stephanie Leigh Reed is currently a mostly stay-at-home mom, but also an artist, activist, advocate, and independent community outreach consultant. She has lived in Medina County most of her life and has two children, ages 3 and 12.



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## Medina to commemorate Paul Revere's ride for America-250 kickoff

Hear ye, hear ye good people of Medina and visitors from afar! The City of Medina will host Two Lights for Tomorrow, a nationwide initiative to commemorate what happened on the night of Friday, April 18, 1775, that became the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

This is the date of Paul Revere's famous ride through Middlesex County, Massachusetts to alert the Minutemen of the impending attack from the British forces, and whether they would come by land or by sea.

This is one of the events that will happen in 2025, as we count down to 2026, and the city's year-long celebration of the nation's 250th birthday.



Medina citizens and visitors of all ages are invited to gather with their lanterns in the Medina Square on Friday, April 18, at 8:30 p.m.

Sybil Ludington, aka Medina's Eleanor Kristan, will share with us the famous poem, "Paul Revere's Ride," that was written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in 1860, 85 years after the event. The poem is a fictionalized version of what actually happened on this night.

You will also hear from William Dawes, aka Medina's Charles Ramer, a tanner by trade and member of the Boston militia.

Dawes, who was actually one of several men who rode at the same time as Paul Revere on April 18, will share with attendees what ac-

tually happened on this important date in history.

Paul Revere, aka Sam Bohner, will make an appearance looking for the signal lights in the church tower, and there will be an opportunity for photos with our visitors from the past.

The residents of Medina are also asked to join the nation in leaving two lights burning in their homes through the night of April 18 to help commemorate the ride.

They are also requested to complete some type of community service on Saturday, April 19, so contact your favorite local charity to see what you might do to help.

Leading up to this event, during the week of April 14, the Medina Library will host a craft project for children, at which they can make their own lantern to bring to the park on the evening of April 18.

### BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

## Staff volunteer for county-wide morning of service

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) demonstrated its commitment to giving back by organizing a special morning of service, where staff members volunteered at various community organizations across the county.

As part of the MCBDD's annual In-Service Day on Friday, March 7, MCBDD employees stepped away from their daily roles to support local nonprofits and service organizations, reinforcing the MCBDD's goal of fostering an inclusive and supportive community for all.

Area agencies which opened their doors to the MCBDD efforts included: Cups Café, Forever Amber Acres, Habitat for Humanity, Hospice of Medina County, Hope



Photos provided

MCBDD staff members spent a morning of service by volunteering for various agencies throughout Medina County as part of their annual In-Service Day 2025.

and Healing Survivor Resource Center, Hope Recovery Farm, Kitten Krazy, Brunswick Library, Medina County Senior Center, Medina County SPCA, Soprema Senior Center, Woven with Promise, Community Action Wayne/Medina, Medina Creative Accessibility and The Society.

Volunteers participated in a variety of activities, including organizing food, sorting donations, cleaning facilities, and helping maintain animal shelters and farms.

"Community involvement is at the heart of what we do," said Stacey Maleckar, MCBDD Superintendent. "Our staff is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with developmental differences, and this morning of service is a reflection of that commitment to all members of Medina County."

This initiative not only benefit-

ed the organizations served but also allowed MCBDD staff to connect with the broader community in meaningful ways.

By stepping outside their regular roles, volunteers gained a deeper appreciation for the partnerships that help make Medina County a more welcoming place for people with disabilities.

The morning of service reinforced the MCBDD's commitment to social responsibility and collaboration to making a difference.





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# How to keep indoor air clean during allergy season

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Seasonal allergies can turn a warm and welcoming spring or summer day into something else entirely. Congestion, runny nose, sneezing, and itchy eyes are just some of the unpleasant symptoms of seasonal allergies, which are most often triggered by high pollen counts during spring and summer.

The Mayo Clinic advises seasonal allergy sufferers to stay indoors when pollen counts are high. But what about indoor air quality? The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America reports that eight out of 10 people are exposed to dust mites and six out of 10 are exposed to cat or dog dander. Dust mites and pet dander can each trigger allergic reactions. Pair those two triggers with higher pollen counts common in spring and summer and it's no wonder that many seasonal allergy sufferers are ambivalent about the warm weather seasons. Fortunately, steps can be taken to keep indoor air clean during allergy season.

• **Close windows and doors.** Many people embrace opportunities to open their windows and doors on warm days, but doing so allows outdoor allergens like pollen to get inside. Pollen can attach to furniture and clothing, and that can make time indoors unpleasant for allergy sufferers. Maintain indoor air quality by closing windows and doors on windy days and/or days when pollen counts are high.

• **Employ air cleaning devices.** The AAFA notes that air cleaners with Certified Asthma & Allergy Friendly® filters can filter nearly 98 percent of allergen particles in the air. The AAFA maintains a list of certified air cleaners at [asthmaandallergyfriendly.com](https://asthmaandallergyfriendly.com).

• **Keep a clean home.** The Mayo Clinic notes that, in most homes, items such as bedding, upholstered furniture and carpeting provide an ideal environment for dust mites, which are microscopic bugs that trigger allergic reactions in many people. The AAFA recommends keeping surfaces in a home clean and uncluttered to control dust mites. Washing bedding and uncovered pillows in hot water each week also can help to corral dust mites and improve indoor air quality.

• **Vacuum frequently.** Frequent vacuuming is another way to improve indoor air quality. The AAFA maintains a list of



Certified Asthma & Allergy Friendly® vacuums that have been tested and found to prevent allergens from reentering the air.

• **Prevent mold and treat areas where infestations have occurred.** Mold also contributes to poor indoor air quality. Dehumidifiers can be used to reduce mold and dust mites, making these beneficial additions to allergy sufferers' homes. Minimizing house plants around the house and addressing

leaky fixtures immediately are some additional measures to prevent mold infestations.

It may not be enough to simply stay indoors to avoid allergic reactions on spring and summer days. Embracing measures to improve indoor air quality can be vital for allergy sufferers as well.

# A Guide for New Parents: Recognizing Autism

Becoming a parent brings a mix of excitement, joy, and, of course, a lot of learning. As your child grows and reaches milestones, you might notice certain things that seem a little different. Sometimes, these differences could be a sign of autism.

### What Is Autism?

Autism, or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), is a condition that affects how a person thinks, learns, and interacts with others. It's called a "spectrum" because it can look different in every individual. Some children may have challenges with communication or social skills, while others may have exceptional talents or interests in specific areas. It's important to remember that autism is not a disease, and it's not something that can be "cured." It's simply a different way of experiencing and engaging with the world. Many people with autism grow up to lead successful, fulfilling lives, and with the right support, they thrive.

### Signs of Autism in Young Children

Every child is unique, so autism might look different from one child to another. However, there are a few common signs that some parents notice. Keep in mind that having one or two of these signs doesn't mean your child has autism—children develop at different rates, and some of these behaviors can be seen in all children. But if you have concerns, it's a good idea to talk with a doctor or specialist.

### Here are some signs that might suggest autism:

**Social Communication Challenges:** Your child might not make eye contact, smile at you, or respond to their name. They may struggle with understanding or using language.

**Repetitive Behaviors:** Your child may engage in repetitive movements like hand-flapping or rocking back and forth. They might also have very specific routines they insist on following.

**Narrow Interests:** Many children with autism develop deep interests in specific topics or activities, sometimes to the exclusion of everything else.

**Sensory Sensitivities:** Some children with autism are sensitive to sounds, lights, textures, or smells. They might get upset by loud noises, certain fabrics, or be drawn to sensory experiences.

### How to Help Your Child

If you notice any of these signs, the earlier you can get help, the better. Talk to your pediatrician about any concerns you have. Also, early intervention programs can provide therapies that help your child develop communication, social, and life skills. Remember, every child is unique. It's important to remember there is no "one-size-fits-all" approach; what works for one may not work for another. Above all, remember that your child's autism is just one part of who they are. They are still your child, full of potential, love, and unique qualities that make them who they are.

### Have Questions or Need More Help or Resources?

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\*According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



## Mobile changing station to make return to Medina events this year

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Stacey Maleckar of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities said the mobile changing station will be available at community events again this year. Emily Canning-Dean, Special to Cleveland.com



By [Emily Canning-Dean, special to cleveland.com](#)

MEDINA, Ohio – The mobile changing station available at multiple community events last year served roughly 260 individuals with mobility issues and the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities plans to continue the service this year.

“This is one of the topics I’m really excited about,” said Stacey Maleckar, superintendent of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities. “This was a tremendous partnership with the city and the continued support we get from council, the administration and the citizens of this community is greatly appreciated.”

Maleckar said the board used approximately \$130,000 it received from American Rescue Plan Act funds to contract the service for roughly eight community events last year. The unit offered a platform chair to enter the station, a height adjustable adult-sized changing table with shower capability, a toilet and bidet with adjustable grab bars, an adjustable ceiling hoist for transfer assistance, a height-adjustable sink, privacy curtains and hygiene supplies, including gloves, changing pads and sanitizer.

“This was a game changer for so many people,” she said. “Many of us take it for granted, but for someone with mobility issues, even public restrooms with the ADA compliant stalls don’t provide enough space, especially if they need assistance. Also last year, we were able to offer the changing unit for the whole week of the fair which opened up opportunities for people with mobility issues and their families.”

Maleckar said visitors at community events can expect to see the changing unit again this year and added that the board plans to continue the service as long as they are able to fund it.

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# - Meet and Greet -



## Independent Provider Meet & Greet

**Wednesday,  
April 16**

**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, we will be discussing Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) upcoming changes.

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



**Call:** Nicole Richter, MCBDD Training & Compliance Specialist  
330-725-7751 x306

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



## ROSE

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rapier tournaments, where participants – outfitted in historically inspired armor made from mail, boiled leather, or plate steel – wield rattan weapons designed to mimic medieval arms in weight and function, while prioritizing safety. All fighters undergo rigorous training and equipment inspections.

"The SCA offers the opportunity to learn more about Middle Ages history by gentle immersion," said Karen Bollinger, event organizer. "One can explore skills, arts, foods – nearly every aspect – with a hands-on approach."

In addition to combat, the Rose Tournament will feature a variety of classes, including "Research in the SCA" and "Commonplace Books: Past & Present." Attendees will also enjoy medieval music, merchant vendors, archery, and a

feast highlighting historical dishes.

The Rose encourages public participation, especially in costume. Guests are welcome to wear their own medieval-style outfits – whether they prefer the look of a gallant knight, noble lady, or wandering bard. Event organizers emphasize that simple tunics, cloaks, long dresses, and boots are sufficient to join in the fun.

SCA members can frequently be seen practicing in and around Medina's Public Square, but the Rose Tournament offers the rare chance to see the full production up close. Organizers hope the event will inspire curiosity and participation in the local chapter's ongoing activities.

More information, including registration and preparation tips, can be found at [rosetournament2025.weebly.com](http://rosetournament2025.weebly.com). Tickets will also be available at the door.



SCA

The event invites the public to the fairgrounds April 19 and to join in costume and experience hands-on history through classes, performances, and interactive displays.

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## BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

# It's a Toddler Rainbow Party!

## MCBDD offers Play, Learn and Grow Playgroup

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) is presenting a "Toddler Rainbow Party" on Wednesday, April 23 from 11 a.m.–12 p.m. at the Brunswick Library, 3649 Center Rd., Brunswick.

Children are children regardless of where they are in their development. They all like to learn, explore, and grow through play.

That is why the MCBDD has created its Play, Learn and Grow Playgroup; a community playgroup for young children ages 0–3 and their parents/guardians.

The goal 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.

The theme of this spring's session is a "Toddler Rainbow Party". During the event, MCBDD's Early

Intervention staff will be providing opportunities for sensory play, songs, toddler activities, early childhood development information and, of course, snacks.

The "Toddler Rainbow Party" is free and open to any family with children ages 0–3 with or without disabilities.

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### About MCBDD

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The mission of the MCBDD is to promote and empower over 1,500 people with developmental disabilities, throughout their lives, to live, learn, work and socialize in their communities.

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# RFK’s 1968 assassination files are released

Josh Funk  
and Haya Panjwani  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — About 10,000 pages of records related to the 1968 assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy were released Friday, including handwritten notes by the gunman, who said the Democratic presidential candidate “must be disposed of” and acknowledged an obsession with killing him.

Many of the files had been made public previously, but others had not been digitized and sat for decades in federal government storage facilities. Their release continued the disclosure of historical investigation documents ordered by President Donald Trump.

Kennedy was fatally shot on June 5, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles moments after giving a speech celebrating his victory in California’s presidential primary. His assassin, Sirhan Sirhan, was convicted of first-degree murder and is serving life in prison.

The files included pictures of handwritten notes by Sirhan.

“RFK must be disposed of like his brother was,” read the writing on the outside of an empty envelope, referring to Kennedy’s older brother, President John F. Kennedy, who was assassinated in 1963. The return address was from the district director of the Internal Revenue Service in Los Angeles.

Sirhan also filled a page of a Pasadena City College notebook with variations of “R.E.K must die” and “R.E.K must be killed.” In a note dated May 18, 1968, he wrote: “My determination to eliminate R.E.K. is



AP FILE

Senator Robert F. Kennedy, D-NY, tells reporters, and the nation, that he is a candidate for his party’s presidential nomination in Washington in 1968.

becoming more of an unshakable obsession.”

In another of the documents, the assassin said he advocated for “the overthrow of the current president.” Democrat Lyndon Johnson was in the White House at the time of Robert F. Kennedy’s death.

“I have no absolute plans yet, but soon will compose them,” wrote Sirhan, who pledged support for communist Russia and China.

### Interviews with assassin’s acquaintances

The files also included notes from interviews with people who knew Sirhan from a wide variety of contexts, such as classmates, neighbors and coworkers. While some described him as “a friendly, kind and generous person” others depicted a brooding and “impressionable” young man who felt strongly about

his political convictions and briefly believed in mysticism.

According to the files, Sirhan told his garbage collector that he planned to kill Kennedy shortly after Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968. The sanitation worker, a Black man, said he planned to vote for Kennedy because he would help Black people.

“Well, I don’t agree. I am planning on shooting the son of a bitch,” Sirhan replied, the man told investigators.

FBI documents describe interviews with a group of tourists who had heard rumors about Kennedy being shot weeks before his death. Several people who visited Israel in May 1968 said a tour guide told them Kennedy had been shot. One person said he heard that an attempt on Kennedy’s life had been made in Milwaukee. Another heard that he was shot in Nebraska.

The National Archives and Records Administration

posted 229 files containing the pages to its public website.

The release comes a month after unredacted files related to the assassination of President Kennedy were disclosed. Those documents gave curious readers more details about Cold War-era covert U.S. operations in other nations but did not initially lend credence to long-circulating conspiracy theories about who killed JFK.

Trump, a Republican, has championed in the name of transparency the release of documents related to high-profile assassinations and investigations. But he’s also been deeply suspicious for years of the government’s intelligence agencies. His administration’s release of once-hidden files opens the door for more public scrutiny of the operations and conclusions of institutions such as the CIA and the FBI.

Trump signed an executive order in January calling for the release of government documents related to the assassinations of Robert F. Kennedy and King, who were killed within two months of each other.

Lawyers for Kennedy’s killer have said for decades that he is unlikely to reoffend or pose a danger to society, and in 2021, a parole board deemed Sirhan suitable for release. But Gov. Gavin Newsom rejected the decision in 2022, keeping him in state prison. In 2023, a different panel denied him release, saying he still lacks insight into what caused him to shoot Kennedy.

### RFK still a hero to American liberals

Kennedy remains an icon for liberals, who see him as a champion for human rights who also was committed to

fighting poverty and racial and economic injustice. They often regard his assassination as the last in a series of major tragedies that put the U.S. and its politics on a darker, more conservative path.

He was a sometimes divisive figure during his lifetime. Some critics thought he came late to opposing the Vietnam War, and he launched his campaign for president in 1968 only after the Democratic primary in New Hampshire exposed President Johnson’s

political weakness.

One of his sons, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., now serves as health and human services secretary. He commended Trump and Tulsi Gabbard, the director of national intelligence, for their “courage” and “dogged efforts” to release the files.

“Lifting the veil on the RFK papers is a necessary step toward restoring trust in American government,” the health secretary said in a statement.

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Virtual Presentation

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Board of Developmental Disabilities toddler playgroup

West Point cadet from Medina named a Goldwater Scholar

Road closure in Medina County

Nominations open for Cloverleaf Pride award

ROUNDUP

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is hosting a “toddler rainbow party” from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday at the Brunswick library.

The playgroup is for children 3 and under who have and do not have disabilities. During the event, the board of developmental disabilities’ early intervention staff will provide opportunities for sensory play, songs, toddler activities, early childhood development and snacks.

The event is free and open to any family with young children.

For more information or questions, contact (330) 725-7751, option 1 or visit tinyurl.com/4uehufvw.

West Point Ccdet Johnathan Pinc, of Medina, was announced as a Goldwater Scholar. The Barry Goldwater Scholarship program seeks to identify and support college sophomores and juniors who show promise of becoming the next generation of research leaders in the fields of natural sciences, engineering and mathematics.

Pinc is a chemistry major. He is the cadet in charge of the West Point chapter of the American Chemical Society and conducts research in the protein biophysics group. His goal is to pursue a doctorate in chemistry and lead a research group focused on innovative treatments for protein misfolding diseases.

Eastern Road in Wadsworth Township will be closed between Gish Road and Newcomer Road from Monday through Friday for the replacement of culvert No. 5 and roadside construction.

Granger Road in Granger Township will be closed Monday between State Road and Okey Court for the replacement of culvert No. 31, which lies about 350 feet west of State Road.

State Route 162 between Ballou Road and Carsten Road will be closed Monday for a culvert replacement. The detour route for westbound motorists will be state Route 162 west to state Route 83 south to state Route 421 east to U.S. 42 north and reverse for eastbound motorists.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2025 Cloverleaf Pride awards. The awards are presented each year to one community member and one district staff member who go above and beyond in their service to Cloverleaf students.

A nomination form is available at cloverleaflocal.org. The deadline is April 30. The awards will be presented at the Cloverleaf Board of Education meeting on June 11.

from staff reports

Sherrif’s Office

Sunday, April 6

4:25 a.m. — 6400 block of Norwalk Road, York Township; a motor vehicle crash with injuries was reported.

3:43 p.m. — 5300 block of Greenwich Road, Guilford Township; a call was made regarding a vehicle in a ditch, which resulted in a citation/summons.

7:26 p.m. — Avon Lake Road/Chatham Road, Chatham Township; a motor vehicle crash with injuries reported resulted in a citation/summons.

Monday, April 7

10:53 a.m. — Medina Road/Portside Drive, Sharon Township; a motor vehicle crash with injuries reported resulted in a citation/summons.

1:04 p.m. — 800 block of Medina Road, Granger Township; a call was made regarding a burglary in progress, which resulted in a citation/summons.

2:44 p.m. — 5300 block of Spencer Road, Spencer Township; fraud/identity fraud was reported, resulting in a citation/summons.

9:18 p.m. — Interstate 76, Wadsworth; a deputy conducted a traffic stop and issued a citation/summons.

Tuesday, April 8

7:01 p.m. — Center Road/Erhart Road, Liverpool Township; a motor vehicle crash with no reported injuries resulted in a citation/summons.

Wednesday, April 9

5:15 p.m. — 200 block of Elyria Street, Lodi; an officer conducted a traffic stop and arrested an adult.

Thursday, April 10

12:05 p.m. — 5700 block of Grafton Road, Liverpool Township; a call was made regarding fraud/identity fraud.

4:23 p.m. — Avon Lake Road/Chatham Road, Chatham Township; a motor vehicle crash with injuries reported resulted in a citation/summons.

Friday, April 11

1 a.m. — 8500 block of Wadsworth Road, Wadsworth Township; a call was made regarding criminal damage mischief/vandalism property damage, which resulted in the arrest of an adult.

11:41 a.m. — 8200 block of Hartman Road, Wadsworth Township; a call was made regarding trespassers, which was forwarded to the detective bureau.

11:57 a.m. — U.S. Route 224/Lake Road, Westfield Township; a motor vehicle crash with no injuries reported resulted in a citation/summons.

Saturday, April 12

12:06 a.m. — Interstate 76, Wadsworth; a deputy conducted a traffic stop and arrested an adult.

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Rice said lessons include work ethic, friendship and drugs and illicit substances.

“It really just gives these fifth-grade students another perspective because they hear these lessons from their teachers all the time but, hearing it from an older peer just helps make it stick,” she said.

On Thursday, students rotated through six stations, with five of the stations set up in the gymnasium.

Activities included games the HUDDLE leaders had previously played in their training, like blindfolding a team member and walking them through a maze or trying to count to 20 as a group, with only one person saying the number.

The sixth station was outside, as students enjoyed ice cream supplied by the Medina County Sheriff’s Office’s ice cream truck.

The current Black River HUDDLE program was partially Rice’s creation as she and HUDDLE Vice President Josh Elkevizth restarted the previously disbanded group in their sophomore year.

“I wanted to have a fun way to teach about drugs and illicit substances,” Rice said. “I have a sister who passed away from a drug overdose, so I wanted to be able to advocate against that, and this was a great way to do it.”

Now, as a senior, Rice said the program has built up in the last three years. She hopes it continues after she graduates in a few weeks.

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

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Black River fifth grade students rotate through six stations, with five of the stations set up in the gymnasium on Thursday. At this station, students had to count up to 20 without interrupting each other.

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Kim Bernardi, MCBDD Quality Support and Benefits Analysts Specialist, will present and talk about current Social Security and Medicare/Medicaid options. This presentation is designed to help individuals, parents, guardians and other family members learn more about benefits, how to access benefits, understand asset limits, impact of working income, and more.

The "Social Security and Medicaid Benefits Workshop" is open to anyone, and registration is requested. Registration information can be found on the MCBDD website [www.mcbdd.org](http://www.mcbdd.org) on the events calendar. For more information or questions, contact Nicole Richter, MCBDD Training Coordinator, at 330-725-7751 ext. 306 or email at [nrichter@mcbdd.org](mailto:nrichter@mcbdd.org).

#### About the Medina County Board of DD

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

# - 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 23**  
**11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

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

# medina county board of developmental disabilities - OOD/SSA/Community Employment Provider Mingle -



**Thursday,  
April 24**  
**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Medina County Achievement Center  
4691 Windfall Road, Medina  
Board Conference Room 1

**Registration Required**

[Click Here to  
Register Online](#)

Join Jason Dresden, Employment Navigator at the Medina County Board of DD, and Pattie Dempsey, OOD Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor, for an opportunity to learn about OOD services, billing, and more. Attendees will also be able to meet and mingle with local OOD counselors and Community Employment providers. The focus of this event will be education, introduction, and networking.

**ALL PROVIDERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

**For questions or to register by phone:**

**Call:** Nicole Richter, MCBDD Training & Compliance Specialist, at 330-725-7751 x306

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





# - Upcoming Presentation -



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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.

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