

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Newsletter

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.Financials

.Standard & Poor's has revised its outlook for Medina County's long-term ratings from "negative" to "stable". The previous 'AA' rating has been affirmed and an 'A+' rating was placed on the bonds for Port Authority's fiber issue.

.Commissioners appointed Dustin Thompson as the Bee (Apiary) Inspector for Medina County for 2012.

Upcoming Events

Brunswick's Got Talent

Thursday, February 16, 7:00 PM
Brunswick High School Performing Arts Center, 3581 Center Road, Tickets \$5
COMMISSIONER ADAM FRIEDRICK will be performing "Simon Cowell" judging duties!

Breaking Bread on Bourbon Street

Saturday, February 18, 6:00 PM
Weymouth Country Club, 3946 Weymouth Road, Medina, \$50 per person
An evening of art and jazz to benefit Feeding Medina County. For more information, please call 330-241-2128.

"Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community."

Anthony J. D'Angelo *Educator*
(Quoted by Mr. Hambley at the Medina County Arts Council awards presentation.)

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New Ohio Child Support Customer Service Portal

Mike Pataky, Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) Director, reported that the state introduced a web portal for Ohio's child support clients: <http://childsupport.ohio.gov>. It is a secure web site that allows customers to view their child support case information on demand. This will provide convenience and alleviate phone calls. As the state improves the web portal, clients will be able to update certain items within their case files. Some of the information accessible through the Job & Family Services Office of Child Support site is:

- Recent payment activity
- Payment histories (view and print up to two years of history)
- Support order and health insurance information
- information on how to make a payment

Office for Older Adults (OOA) 2011 Stats

Laura Toth, OOA Director, reported that the OOA provided 47,747 home-delivered meals last year. Of those, the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) provided 26,620, Passport provided 8,284, and the commissioners' local dollars provided 12,843. There were 12,503 congregate meals provided by OOA at four nutrition sites in the county. The WRAAA provided 10,354 of those meals and local dollars provided 2,149. The OOA also provided approximately 24,000 trips for senior citizens through Medina County Public Transit.

Busy Public Defenders

Tim Lutz, Public Defender, presented the indigent defense case numbers for the courts that they serve and made some comparisons:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Jan. 2012</u>	<u>Jan. 2011</u>
Juvenile Court	375	345	35	18
Medina Municipal	1197	1105	100	87
Wadsworth Muni	671	599	59	62
Totals	2243	2049	194	167

Their six attorneys' time is being filled to capacity since some felony matters such as driving under suspension were redefined and dropped to the misdemeanor level.

Veterans Service Office Provides Much Assistance

Ed Zackery, Veterans Service Officer, reported that in 2011, more than 4,000 veterans and family members passed through their doors (210 Northland Drive). Approximately 1,081 applied for financial assistance, which was a 14% decrease from 2010. Reports showed that twice as many veterans went back to school from Medina County than the prior year; they hope that continues. Mr. Zackery said that his two ongoing objectives are: (1) to ensure that the veterans of Medina County are aware of the benefits that they are due and that they receive those benefits, whether they are federal, state, or county, and (2) to continue to establish a network throughout the county so that the citizens understand the accomplishments of the veterans and the success that they bring to Medina County. They continue to strive to ensure that the taxpayers' money is used in the most fiscally responsible way.

Commissioner Steve Hambley Supports the Arts

The 29th Service to the Arts Awards were presented by the Medina County Arts Council on February 9. Pictured is Mr. Hambley presenting the Organizational Award to Barbara Ortiz and Rosemary Mihacevich of the Brunswick Art Works. He praised them for enhancing the lives of people in the community with the beauty of art.



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