



# MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' NEWSLETTER

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## CONNIE GIBSON RETIRING

The Commissioners presented a commendation on August 29 to Connie Gibson. After 25 years, Connie is retiring from the County Tax Map Office on August 31. Connie worked for the County Engineer's Office and Tax Map Office from 1990 to 1993 and then since 1995. She worked on the land records when they were hand-drafted onto paper pages of very large books in the Tax Map Office. She endured the transition to the digitalization of land records and worked on the computerized version of updating the parcels, subdivisions, and owner names. Her friendly smile and 'English accent' will be missed by many surveyors, title professionals, attorneys, and most assuredly, her coworkers. The Commissioners' Office personnel relied on Connie to ensure the accuracy of annexation submittals.



(Left to right) Commissioners Adam Friedrick and Pat Geissman, Connie Gibson, and Commissioner Bill Hutson



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## STATE SCIENCE DAY STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

County Commissioners recognized the following Medina County students who participated in the 69th Annual State Science Day on May 13, 2017:

Student	Project	Rating
	<b>Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>	
Hannah Breckner	Eggstodinary Geodes	Excellent
Mason Burton	Wind Turbine Simulator	Excellent
Maeve Gaffney	Fossil Fuel vs. Biofuelsw: Burning Efficiency	Excellent
Andrew Minnich	Soaking Up Science	Excellent
Amelia Moll	Get a Grip!	Excellent
Matthew Sandor	Magnetic Linear Accelerator	Excellent
Hailey Smith	Got Speed?	Superior
Kylee Tenney	A Spuddling Temp. Test!	Excellent
Ky'Sonna Won	Mnemonics	Excellent
	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>	
Jack Burke	Dribbling a Basketball: Does It Create Thermal Energy?	Superior
Andre Ciccotelli	Electrolysis of Water—harnessing the Power Within	Excellent
Anna Kalka	The Effect of Symmetry on the Rating of Facial	Excellent
Oliviana Lika	Distraction: Friend or Foe	Superior
Declan Messner	Can Fish Learn to Decipher Shapes Using Operant	Excellent
Ryan Zolkowski	Tsunami—I Think Not!	Superior



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## COUNTY BICENTENNIAL LICENSE PLATE



Everyone who attended the Medina County Fair had the opportunity to vote for one of nine Bicentennial license plate logos. Pictured to the left is the winning logo designed by Judy Barabas. Thank you to everyone who voted. And a special thank you to everyone who submitted a design! In 2018, be sure to look for the special license plates when you need new ones or if you'd like a special plate to show that you're a proud resident of Medina County. Proceeds from the special license will benefit Medina County historical societies.

## ROAD VACATION AND ANNEXATION

At their August 8 meeting, the Commissioners voted unanimously to deny the vacation of a portion of Church Road in Medina Township. After listening to those in favor and against the vacation, the commissioners were concerned that the road would take away access points. Medina Township had not approved the church's request for a variance and the vacation of the road was the last resort for their current architectural plan.

At their August 15 meeting, the Commissioners approved the Expedited 2 petition for the annexation of 2.2502 acres of land from Guilford Township to the Village of Seville.

Do you want to be removed from this mailing or know someone who wants to be added? Do you have suggestions for a newsletter article?

Please notify Clerk Peggy Folk, CAP-OM at 330-722-9210 or at pfolk@medinaco.org.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **FOR THE HEALTH OF IT SENIOR WALK**

**Friday, September 1**

**10:00 AM-2:00 PM**

This is a free event to promote health and wellness for the 55 and better citizens of Medina County. Fun, food, music, informative vendors, health professionals, and health screenings will be available. T-shirts will be provided to the first 200 registrants. Pre-register at [medinacountyseiwalk.com](http://medinacountyseiwalk.com). The event benefits the Medina County Office for Older Adults' home-delivered meals program.

### **MEDINA WALKING GHOST TOURS**

**Downtown Medina Gazebo**

**September 6, 13, 20, and 27**

**7:30-9:30 PM**

**October 4, 11, 18, and 25**

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**November 1**

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### **DINNER and GHOST WALKS**

**October 13 and 27**

**6:30-10:30 PM**

The Wednesday evening walk tours are hosted by Sonya Horstman of Haunted Cleveland Tours. The easy 2-hour tour is enjoyed by hikers and paranormal lovers. Meet at the Medina Gazebo. Cameras are encouraged and reservations are recommended. The cost is \$20; 10 years old and older please!

The Friday dinner and ghost walks include dinner at the Main Street Café (17 Public Square). The cost is \$50.

Call Sonya Horstman at 440-775-1217 for information and reservations or by email at [psychicsonya@oberlin.net](mailto:psychicsonya@oberlin.net).

### **YOU WRITE THE GRANT**

**Thursdays, September 7 and 14**

**9:00 AM-Noon or 6:00-9:00 PM**

**A.I. Root Community Room**

Applying the skills learned in Introduction to Grant Writing, attendees will complete a grant application. At the second class, attendees will critique each others' work and finalize their grant proposal. Registration deadline is September 1. Cost is \$100. Call Kyle White at 330-725-4911, extension 107, for more information.

### **22nd WALK WITH SPIRITS OF THE PAST**

**Thursday-Sunday, September 7-10**

**Thu 7-8:30 PM; Fri-Sat 7:00-9:00 PM**

**Sun 3:00 PM at Miss Molly's**

Hear lively stories about historical events featuring important characters from local history. Twelve actors will portray "Dr. Huston and Helpers", "The Whipp Trial", "Pioneer Women", "H.G.Blake and the Underground Railroad", "Charles Olcott", and "Community Band". The walks begin at the County Administration Building (144 N. Broadway St.) where guides will start leading groups to different sites every 10 minutes. Tickets can be purchased that day for \$6 for adults and \$3 for all children 12 and under. Save a dollar for each ticket by purchasing them in advance at Ormandy's (10 Public Square).

"Dine with the Spirits of the Past" will be held at Miss Molly's Tea Room. Call 330-725-6830 for reservations to see the stories and enjoy food and drink at the same time. The cost of this event is \$23. Call 330-722-5502 for more information.

### **3rd ANNUAL KITE FEST**

**Saturday, September 9**

**11:00 AM-3:00 PM**

**Buckeye Woods Park**

In celebration of Recovery Month and to recognize people in Recovery, the Drug Abuse Commission and the New Era Kite Club of West Virginia is presenting their third annual Kite Fest. This is a free family-friendly event. New Era Kite Club of West Virginia will decorate the park with giant pinwheels and windsocks. Kites will be available for purchase or bring and fly your own. There will be a kite building workshop (\$5.00), music, bubble chasing, and giant kite flying. Medina County Share Cluster and student volunteers will provide fun-filled drug prevention activities, face painting, and balloon animals. Ronald McDonald will make a guest appearance and Medina County Sheriff's Office D.A.R.E. Car and K-9 Unit will share the day. Flamingo Jack's Eclectic Comfort Food will provide food and refreshments.

### **2nd ANNUAL LAKE TO LAKE HARVEST BIKE TOUR**

**Saturday, September 16**

Join bicyclists and set out on Medina County's scenic back roads and park trails for the Second Annual Lake to Lake Harvest Bike Tour. Presented by Bike Medina County and the Medina County Bicycle Transportation Task Force, the event offers a casual family ride of 6 miles and a 12-mile option. Experienced cyclists can choose from 32-mile or 50-mile routes. All rides begin and end at Buckeye Woods Park (6335 Wedgewood Lane, Medina). Riders who pre-register will receive a free t-shirt. The ride includes marked routes and maps, water stops, snack stops on the longer routes, and lunch. Registration forms are available at Century Cycles (1059 N. Court St.) and the Medina County Park District Headquarters (9364 Deerview Ln.), or online at <http://bikemedinacounty.weebly.com>. Registration is also available the day of the event. For the 32- and 50-mile rides, registration is at 7:30 a.m.; for the other two rides, registration is at 9:00 a.m. At 10:00, the rides begin and the course closes at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 for the two shorter rides (\$20 if postmarked after September 2) and \$25 for the two longer rides (\$30 if postmarked after September 2). Children under 10 years old ride free. Helmets are required for all riders and red blinking lights are required on the two longer routes. For information, contact Medina County Park District Communications Coordinator John Gladden at 330-764-8484 or at [jgladden.mcpd@gmail.com](mailto:jgladden.mcpd@gmail.com).

### **2017 JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER ART SHOW**

**Thursday, September 28**

**3:00-6:00 PM**

The Medina County Juvenile Detention Center will host its first art show to showcase pieces created by youth during their detainment. Approximately 100 pieces are ready for display under the theme "Oh, The Places They're Going." Some of the art pieces will be available for silent auction with proceeds going toward on-going art therapy projects. Dan's Dogs will provide free hot dogs and classical guitarist Pat Masalko will provide music. Contact Medina County Juvenile Detention Center Superintendent Ron Stollar (330-722-9301 or at [rstollar@medinaco.org](mailto:rstollar@medinaco.org)) or Megan Millikin (330-722-9302) for more information.