



MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' NEWSLETTER

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OLDER AMERICANS RECOGNIZED

The Commissioners presented proclamations to the Director of the Office for Older Adults Laura Toth proclaiming May 2017 as Older Americans Month and May 16, 2017 as Senior Day in Medina County. Older Americans richly contribute to our community and Medina County is committed to supporting them as they take charge of their health, explore new opportunities and activities, and focus on independence. Enriching the lives of individuals can be accomplished by:

- * Involving older adults in the redefinition of aging in our community;
- * Promoting home-and community-based services that support independent living;
- * Encouraging older adults to speak up for themselves and others; and
- * Providing opportunities for older adults to share their experiences.

Residents were urged to take time to acknowledge older adults and the people who serve them as influential and vital parts of our community.



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LEADERSHIP MEDINA COUNTY CLASS RECOGNIZED

The Commissioners recognized the Leadership Medina County Class of 2017. Participants became aware of problems, opportunities and resources available in the Greater Medina County area, and were encouraged to work together toward solving problems to make Medina County a better place to work and live. The following were recognized:

Erin Naomi Abshire
Zoe Debra Alberts
Jessica Anne Baloun
Grace Renee Boston
Sarah Grace Bowers
Natalie Ann Cheyney
Allison Marie Cipalla
Bethany Rose Dieckhoner
Grace Gabrielle Gaddis
Carly Marie Gillota

Julie Anna Habere
Emily Anne Ina
Abigail Kennedy Kaskey
Madeline Diana King
Andrea Ruth Lindsey
Molly Irene McGinnis
Julianna Grace Morgan
Samantha Taylor Ott
Jordyn Louise Pitcher
Isabelle Marie Poling

Samantha Rose Ponomarenko
Rachel Elizabeth Puls
Claudia Danielle Roma
Kyra Marie Saade
Elizabeth Marie Salai
Kaina Morgan Schmoll
Hannah Marie Smith
Olivia Erin Ujlaki
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COMBINING BUSINESS AND FUN



Medina County Convention and Visitors Bureau held a meeting with Medina County leaders to review upcoming County matters. Following appetizers and the meeting, a tour of Castle Noel was given. Commissioner Pat Geissman took advantage of the opportunity to go down the Christmas Story big red slide. Castle Noel features so many wonderful things to see and do. They house the world's largest privately owned collection of Hollywood Christmas movie props and costumes from your favorite Christmas movies including "The Grinch", "Elf"; "Santa Claus The Movie", "Fred Claus", "The Santa Clause 1, 2 & 3", "Jingle All The Way", "Christmas Carol", "Deck the Halls", and more!



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JOYCE GILES INDUCTED

Medina County Home Administrator Joyce Giles was inducted into the Wadsworth Older Adults Foundation Senior Advocate Hall of Fame on May 18. Joyce received the Leatherman Lifetime Achievement Award. Ms. Giles is known as a creative, organized professional with more than 25 years of experience in the healthcare field. The Senior Advocate Hall of Fame Awards were initiated in 2008. Its belief statements are: "The value of life does not diminish with age and that seniors are a valuable asset to our community; all seniors deserve respect and access to services that allow them to maintain dignity and independence; and, all seniors shall be afforded the opportunity to make choices and that such self-determination will enable them to maintain self-confidence." Congratulations, Joyce!



Honoree Joyce Giles and family: daughter and son-in-law, Natalie and James Lapossy, and grandsons Andrew and Ryan.

VETERANS PRESENTED COMMENDATIONS



The Commissioners presented commendations to Annette Hlavaty as Joint Veterans Coalition of Medina County Veteran Advocate of the Year and to Edward Zackery as their Veteran of the Year. Annette is the past-president of Medina County Blue Star Mothers Patriot Chapter 7; her leadership led the chapter to raise funds for hundreds of care packages for service men and women deployed overseas,

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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.

VETERANS PRESENTED COMMENDATIONS (continued) supported Toys for Tots, The Fisher House, the County Veterans Hall modernization, and the Vietnam War county commemoration. Ed Zackery is a retired U.S. Army 1st Sergeant with over 20 years of active service, including 2 combat tours in the Global War on Terrorism, with awards including the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star. He has served as the President of the State of Ohio Association of County Veterans Service Officers from 2014 to 2016 and now serves as President of the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers. The County is proud that Ed serves as the Medina County Veterans Service Officer since 2008, providing exceptional support and leadership to Medina County veterans.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Medina Community Band Concerts	<i>See Below</i>	8:30 p.m.
City of Medina Square		
Free Summer concerts take place on Friday nights in June and July in the gazebo. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or a blanket. Enjoy dinner or a little shopping before the concert!		
June Concerts	June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30	
July Concerts	July 4 (special concert), 7, 14, 21, and 28	

Rally in the Alley	Friday evenings through September 3	6:00-11:00 p.m.
In the alley behind Main Street Café (17 Public Square, Medina)		
This outdoor concert runs every Friday night and ends in September with a huge blowout the entire Labor Day weekend. These events benefit a different Medina County charity each week. There is plenty of beer, wine, spirits, and food to last the entire evening and the entertainment is great!		

ORMACO's Jazz Under the Stars	<i>See Below</i>	7:00-9:00 p.m.
City of Medina's Historic Public Square		
Bring your lawn chairs, picnic baskets, and blankets for these free concerts. In the event of rain, concerts will be held at the United Church of Christ (217 E. Liberty St., Medina).		
June 3	Velvet Voyage	Smooth jazz and blues, combining original songs and their own versions of well-known tunes
June 8	Powerhouse 5	Jazz sound reminiscent of the 1930-50s with elements of big band, swig, and electronics
August 5	Laura Varco	Specializing in brilliant interpretations of select jazz and popular standards
August 26	Akin for Jazz	Tunes from the American Songbook

Medina Farmers Market	Saturdays	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
City of Medina Square		
Shop the best in local produce, bakery, locally raised beef, pork, chicken, and lamb, as well as gourmet foods, maple syrup, and honey. There's also a variety of art and crafters for unique items. There's plenty of free parking around the Square.		

Day of Safety and Play	Saturday, June 3	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Medina Historic District		
Enjoy a free day of family fun! Enjoy music, dancing, hands-on activities, strolling performers, artists, games, crafts, cars, trucks, and more!		

Medina County Historical Society	June 4	1:00-4:00 p.m.
John Smart House Museum (206 N. Elmwood St., Medina)		
Tour this Victorian-style house with furnishings, displays, and newly-remodeled basement. Donations are accepted.		

Free Sunday Concerts	<i>See Below</i>	1:00-2:00 p.m.
Wadsworth Public Library (132 Broad St., Wadsworth)		
June 11	Pat Masalko	Canton-based guitarist and vocalist will present a Paul Simon tribute
July 9	Sogbety Diomane	Ivory Coast drummer will bring the sounds and beats of West Africa
August 13	James Marron	Akron-based guitarist present music from the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary periods.

Tea and Trends	June 22	11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Western Reserve Masonic Community (4931 Nettleton Rd., Medina)		
Gather your women friends and treat yourselves to a delightful, delicious, fashion-filled afternoon. Benefiting charities supported by the Brunswick Rotary Foundation, tickets are only \$20 a person. Contact Cindie Schneider for reservations at 216-780-4135 or cindieschneider@aol.com.		

Antique Engine and Power Show & Pie Contest	June 24	11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Chatham Township Community Center (6306 Avon lake Rd., Chatham)		
For the Antique Engine and Power Show, there is no entry fee. Local celebrity judges will judge the pie contest. Entry fee before June 23 is \$8 or \$10 the day of the event. Categories are fruit, cream, and savory. Both activities benefit the Chatham Bicentennial Committee (celebrating 200 years July 13-15, 2018). Call or text Sarah Bistline (330-606-6609), Kara Wolff (330-635-9553), Tom Matthews (440-242-7465), or Sheila Benson (330-635-5716).		

Litchfield Historical Marker Dedication	June 16	7:00 p.m.
Litchfield Circle Park		
Litchfield is the recipient of an Ohio Historical Marker, the 8th of 9 such markers in Medina County. The marker commemorates the Litchfield Town Band organized in 1901. The dedication program will include hot dogs, sloppy joes, chips, pie, ice cream, coffee, and pop starting at 6:30 p.m. Donations are accepted. The Litchfield Town Band concert will follow the dedication program. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the Township Annex Building, east of the Town Hall.		