

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Newsletter

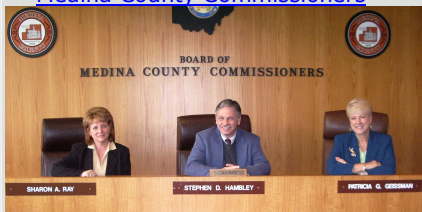
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Highway Engineer

The Commissioners awarded the 2010 Pavement Marking bid to Aero-Mark, Inc. of Streetsboro.

[Upcoming Events](#)


Medina County Fair

Monday, August 2, through Sunday, August 8, 710 W. Smith Rd., Medina
Blake Shelton & Chris Cagle concert on Wednesday, August 4, at 8:00 PM.
Visit medina-fair.com for a complete list of events.



International Y-Flyer Regatta
on Chippewa Lake

"We all got a hillbilly bone deep inside, no matter where you from you just can't hide it, and when the band starts banging and the fiddle saws, you can't help but hollerin', YEE-HAW!"

 Blake Shelton (Hillbilly Bone lyrics)

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Job & Family Services Good News & Bad News

Mead Wilkins, Job & Family Services (JFS) Director, reported that the State of Ohio has allowed them to roll over some federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds. It will be used to purchase food from the Second Harvest Foodbank for Foodbank members in Medina County. This is a short-term benefit that cannot exceed 4 months in a 12-month period and is designed to address a specific crisis situation or episode of need. With 10,000+ people on food stamps in Medina County, there is need. The special provision is outside the Prevention, Retention & Contingency (PRC) Plan's annual \$500 policy cap; therefore, JFS presented a resolution to amend the Plan and it was passed by the Commissioners on Monday. The Foodbank will provide two direct distributions to Medina County per month of 14,000 pounds each at no cost to the County.

Mr. Wilkins presented the "Children's Defense Fund's Percentage of Change Over Time" figures for Medina County comparing 2001 to 2008. Some highlights of concern were:

- ⊖ a 23% increase in children living in poverty;
- ⊖ a 49% increase in children receiving free/reduced lunches;
- ⊖ a 106% increase in children receiving food stamps; and
- ⊖ an 18% increase in abused or neglected children.

4-H Medina County Outstanding High School Seniors

The following outstanding young people were commended by the Board of Medina County Commissioner for being selected by club advisors and peers as 4-H Medina County Outstanding High School Seniors:

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| <i>Bonnie Bickelhaupt</i> | <i>Brittany Grayson</i> | <i>Kathryn Mooney</i> |
| <i>Adam Brietkrenz</i> | <i>Krista Hanzel</i> | <i>Elizabeth Sablotny</i> |
| <i>Jerry Chidsey</i> | <i>Jennifer Hoerger</i> | <i>Kristina Trase</i> |
| <i>Lauren Eaken</i> | <i>Malorie Kormos</i> | <i>Ashley Weimer</i> |
| <i>Heather Echle</i> | | |

The OSU Extension coordinates the 4-H Youth Development Program for Medina County youth between the ages of 5-18 through hands-on learning and life skills for success in the 21st century and beyond.

Medina Count Board of Developmental Disabilities Levy

There will be a levy on the November 2, 2010 ballot for the communities' mental retardation and developmental disabilities programs and services of the Achievement Center and the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBMDD). The MCBMDD previously met and voted to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners a replacement levy of 1.12 mills for a period of 10 years, with collection beginning in 2011.

Learn About Pervious Concrete at the Fair

Did you know that as more land gets paved, a larger amount of rainwater falls on impervious surfaces such as parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, and streets rather than soaking into the soil? This creates an imbalance in the natural ecosystem and leads to a host of problems including erosion, flash floods, water table depletion, and pollution of rivers, lakes, and coastal waters as rainwater rushing across pavement surfaces picks up everything from oil and grease spills to de-icing salts and chemical fertilizers. A simple solution to avoid those problems is to stop installing the impervious surfaces that block natural water infiltration into the soil. Representatives from the Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District will be at the Medina County Fair to provide information about pervious concrete. With this new pavement technology, carefully controlled amounts of water and cement-like materials are used to create a paste that forms around aggregate particles. Little or no sand is used that creates a substantial void content that is highly permeable and drains quickly. This creates more efficient land use by eliminating the need for retention ponds, swales, and other stormwater management devices. In doing so, permeable paving has the ability to lower overall project costs.