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4th Annual Special Needs SnoCone/Bake Sale

Thank you so much to all those employees and community members who took the time to support our students on July 15, 2016, when they held a SnoCone/Bake Sale in Medina's Public Square.

Rachel Krauss reported, "I am so proud to say we raised \$661.22!! A donation of \$100 will go to Ella



(Left): Kelly Krauss, (Middle) Ella Rasper, (Right) Breanna Krauss

our community's adults with disabilities."

Each year we see an increase in community support, which helps this fundraiser to continue growing. Thank you for all the support. It is only because of the support from the ESC of Medina County and our amazing community that this annual event is so successful.



Everyone relaxing at Spokes on Broadway

Street after the SnoCone/Bake Sale.

Raspar, Medina High School student

working on her Girl Scout Gold Award

Project to bring "buddy benches" to a couple of the area elementary schools; and \$561.22 will go to Spokes Café to help them continue their important work

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Inspirational Quote I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.

of providing

meaningful

employment to

Jimmy Dean

Kathy Mowery Retires After 30 Years of Service

Kathy Mowery retired from the ESC of Medina County after 30 years of service. Kathy was

employed in many different positions in her tenure with the ESC of Medina County. First, she started out as a courier under the direction of Nancy Beeler. Next she transferred to the treasurer's office, and worked under the direction of Dan Clark for five years. When a position opened in the Personnel Department, she used her customer service skills to help substitute teachers and others filter through the many required forms. Her final destination was in the Nursing Services Department with Lori Hogue, where she kept Lori apprised of many different activities.



At the retirement event honoring her 30 years of service, her

three daughters were able to join in the celebration. Also on hand were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith, past superintendent; Dan Clark, former treasurer; Joe Crisafulli, retired consultant; Tom Magier, Alternative School Director; Keith Sooy, Alternative Teacher; Ed Knowles, retired A-V personnel, plus several staff members. Thank you, Kathy, for all you did for the ESC!!

Honors Ensemble at the 2016 Medina County Fair



The Honors Bands and Choirs, presented in concert at the Medina County Fairgrounds on Thursday, August 4, 2016, from noon to 2 p.m.

More than 340 students participated in this year's ensembles, which was the largest group in the history of this event.

Students form Black River, Buckeye, Brunswick, Highland, Wadsworth, Cloverleaf school district entertained family and friends with several songs directed by Michael McClintock. Pamela Haberkorn conducted

the Fair Elementary and Youth Choirs, with Emily Miller serving as choir accompanist and Alison MacDonald and Lauren Patyak serving as choral assistants. Alice Rudolph conducted the Fair Concert and Symphonic Bands, with Nathan Rudolph serving as assistant director. The honors

ensembles were under the supervision of Michael McClintock, Fair Honors Ensembles Coordinator for the Educational Service Center of Medina County. Brenda Zacharias, Fine Arts administrative assistant, provided logistical assistance.

Thanks to Pam Oberholtzer and the Medina County Fair Board, the concert was held in the air-conditioned Community Center.



Medina County Juvenile Court—Received an Education Grant for Students Suspended from School

Judge Kevin W. Dunn of the Medina County Juvenile Court has received a one-year, possible two-year grant to transport and educate youth who are on probation with the Juvenile Court and are suspended from school for a specific period of time. The grant will manage a maximum of five students per day through the 2016-17 school year. Medina City Schools will provide paraprofessionals for classroom instruction, and the ESC of Medina County will be transporting the students to and from the classroom, which is located at the Juvenile Court Annex Building at 755 Independence Drive, Medina, Ohio.



Project Search—Westfield



Project Search started in 1996 when the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Director of Emergency Department was frustrated by the high turnover in entry-level positions. At the same time, the hospital had taken on a major diversity initiative. Together with Great Oaks Career Services and Hamilton County Board of DD, an initiative began that provided quality, meaningful employment for people with disabilities.

There are 400 sites across the United States and four

countries, including over 40 sites in Ohio. Oakleaf Transition Services (formerly United Cerebral Palsy) joined Project Search in 2010. University Hospital Parma Medical Center; Cleveland Clinic; Lorain County Community College; Lakeland Community College; and Mercy Regional Medical Center are just a few companies involved in our area.

ESC of Medina County Job Fair

On August 10, 2016, the ESC of Medina County held a job fair at the Medina County District Library on South Broadway. Four departments, Transportation, Nursing, Special Needs, and Personnel-Substitute Teachers, provided an arena for area residents to complete job applications and receive more information on full-or part-time positions with the ESC of Medina County.

The event was held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with 40 people requesting information about various jobs.



Brenda Zachariass, Secretary, Nursing Services

Supervisors and secretaries shared information on requirements to be a van driver; substitute teacher, aide for Special Needs, and a RN, LPN, or aid for additionally Nursing. Additionally, babysitting was available for those who brought their children.