

# MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



## Newsletter

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### What's Happening - 11/7/11

**Child Support Enforcement Agency**  
CSEA thanks county employees for their donations of \$1,390.40 to the 2011 Coats for Kids campaign!

### Upcoming Events

**"Deck the Halls" at the John Smart House**  
November 19 & 20, during the Candlelight Walk, 2:00-8:00 PM  
November 26 & 27, 1:00-6:00 PM  
December 4 & 11, 1:00-6:00 PM  
206 N. Elmwood St., Medina, \$5/ticket  
Three floors of Medina County history are on display in this 1880's historic mansion. Magnificent decorations are available for purchase. The Smart House offers guided group tours by contacting 330-722-1341.



Medina Historical Society's John Smart House

*"American veterans have served their country with the belief that democracy and freedom are ideals to be upheld around the world."*

~ John Doolittle (1950- ) American politician

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### 2011 Medina County Big Tree Contest Winner



The Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District and *The Medina Gazette* have an annual contest to spot the largest tree in Medina County. This year, a 59-foot Northern Catalpa tree, located at the County Home in Lafayette Township, won the honor. County Home Superintendent Joyce Giles holds the plaque that they were awarded and Brian Moucha stands in front of the tree so you can appreciate its amazing circumference of 202 inches.

### Medina County Auditor's Office Recognized



Auditor Michael Kovack

A recent financial audit of Medina County by Auditor of State Dave Yost's office produced a clean report, earning the Auditor's Office the *Auditor of State Award with Distinction*. Local governments and school districts can earn the *Auditor of State Award with Distinction* upon the completion of a clean financial audit. The award requires that reports be filed in a timely manner in the form of a CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) and contain no findings for recovery, material citations or weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings, or questioned costs. The award requires that the management letter contains

no comments related to: ethics referrals, questioned costs less than \$10,000, lack of timely report submission, reconciliation, failure to obtain a timely Single Audit, findings for recovery less than \$100, and public meetings or public records. The Medina County Auditor's Office is one of three Ohio counties to receive the *Auditor of State Award with Distinction* for 2011. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

### Shale Initiative Committee Adds Members

Commissioner Adam Friedrick added the Auditor's Office and the Sanitary Engineering Department to the list of entities appointed to the Shale Initiative Committee formed on October 24, 2011. Now the committee is comprised of a representative from each of the following entities: Auditor's Office, Commissioners, Economic Development, Emergency Management Agency, Health Department, Highway Engineer, Prosecutor, Recorder, Sanitary Engineer, Soil & Water Conservation District, Sheriff, Township Trustees, and Workforce Development. Their first meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 16, at 8:00 a.m., in Balcony Room B of the Administration Building, 144 N. Broadway Street, Medina.

### County Employee Barb Edinger Passes Away

Commissioners and county employees offer their condolences to the family and friends of Barb Edinger who died on October 28, 2011. Barb was most recently with the Recorder's Office for the past 15 years, previously working in the Auditor's Office. She will be missed!