



# MEDINA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT

## Probate and Juvenile Divisions

93 Public Square, Room 104, Medina, Ohio 44256

**KEVIN W. DUNN**  
Judge

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## Judge Dunn Marries 17 Couples in Gazebo on Historic Medina Public Square



The happy couple, Selina Moccia and Jeremy Davis, exchange rings before Judge Kevin W. Dunn during their ceremony May 30.

*Photo Credit: Judge John J. Lohn*

MEDINA – Saturday, May 30 was a beautiful day on Medina City Public Square when Judge Kevin W. Dunn joined 17 couples and their guests to begin their married life together. Back in April, Judge Dunn had the idea to officiate civil ceremonies for any couples who wished to be married, but were forced to place their big day on hold because of COVID-19.

“We heard from numerous couples who had previously been issued a marriage license that they were forced to postpone their wedding,” Judge Dunn said. “I’m not statutorily required but I am able to conduct civil ceremonies. It dawned on me driving through the square one day that we have a beautiful location for

weddings, and with proper planning, we could enforce social distancing.”

He contacted Medina City to reserve the gazebo on the historic square for a full Saturday, collaborated with local bakeries, Honey Bee Bakery and A Cupcake A Day, to provide delicious desserts, and enlisted the help of his staff to create a fitting keepsake to remember the day: a white face mask marked with the date May 30, 2020, as well as a copy of their vows to take home. Medina City graciously cleared all construction equipment surrounding the gazebo for the day, creating a picture-perfect setting. Court staff also volunteered their own time to assist Judge Dunn and keep social distancing in place. When couples initially contacted the court to reserve a ceremony time, they were given a location on the square to wait with their party until they were escorted to the gazebo. Initially, the plan was for guests to remain along the steps of the gazebo during the ceremony, but there was plenty of room to have all gather in for a better view and line the perimeter while keeping a safe distance.

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One couple chose an intimate ceremony with Judge rather than risk offending family and friends due to a limit of eight guests in attendance.

“How do you decide who to bring?” the bride said. “We were going to upset someone so we decided not to bring anyone and it would just be us. We will surprise everyone with the happy news later.”

Judge Dunn said he understands the disappointment in having to limit the number of people to join on such a special occasion, but is happy that so many couples chose to have a positive attitude, focus on their love, and include him in the moment they officially begin their life together.

“Respect each other. Hold each other dear. Be faithful to each other. Above all, be proud of your marriage,” Judge Dunn told each couple. “Today is a good day. Even better days are ahead.”

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