

# MEDINA COUNTY JUVENILE AND PROBATE COURT NEWSLETTER

JUDGE KEVIN W. DUNN JULY 2014

## FIVE FROM MEDINA JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER STAFF EARN RANK PROMOTIONS

Five employees from the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center earned promotions this month, assuming ranks of sergeants and corporals.

JDC Superintendent Ron Stollar said these promotions are the culmination of a process that includes a written exam on the policies and procedures of the detention center, leadership, and also oral interviews.



**Corporal Shatice Dancy has been promoted to the rank of sergeant.**

Years of Service: **12**

Dancy said she believes her leadership skills helped her earn this

promotion.

“I have learned how to communicate well with the residents, co-workers and the public,” she said. “I have a lot of experience and knowledge from working here so long that I can help or give advice to any of my co-workers and handle any situations that may occur with the residents.”



**Officer Megan Millikin has been promoted to the rank of corporal.**

Years of Service: **2**

“I believe my positive demeanor is a huge asset in my new role,” Millikin said. “People want to work with others who are positive and

enjoy their jobs.”



**Officer Amber Mathes has been promoted to the rank of corporal.**

Years of Service: **1.5**

“It’s such an honor for me to receive this promotion, especially after contending with such an amazing group of fellow officers,” Mathes said.

“This is truly a privilege for me to be able to have the opportunity to be part of such an amazing group of leaders and to try my best to make a difference in the community I serve.”



**Corporal Dee Arndt has been promoted to the rank of sergeant.**

Years of Service: **3**

Arndt said she has been working toward her promotion as sergeant since she began at the MCJDC.

“I am an individual who is always looking to better myself and I take pride in my work,” she said. “I am not content in staying idle and thrive for a challenge.”



**Officer Garrett Copeland has been promoted to the rank of corporal.**

Years of Service: **2**

“I have learned a lot here that I feel has prepared me for this promotion,” Copeland said. “I let policy and procedure act as my guide.”

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## MEDINA JUVENILE PROBATION HIRES NEW OFFICER

Medina County Juvenile Probation gained a new probation officer this month. Joseph Danko, a Youngstown State graduate with a degree in criminal justice, began July 21, 2014.

Danko previously interned in the probation department in Mahoning County and worked as an officer at the Mahoning County Juvenile Detention Center for one year.

"I have experience working with at-risk kids and I've learned skills to help deescalate situations," Danko said.

Danko also said he believes his familiarity with



charges, court language and expectations of court-involved youth will help ease the transition into his new position with Medina County.

"So far everyone has been really helpful here in Medina," Danko said. "I'm looking forward to working in this area and becoming a positive influence on

the kids and families I will work with."

Danko will be responsible for monitoring youth placed on traditional probation in the Brunswick and Highland school districts.

## JUVENILE/PROBATE COURT GEARS UP TO ASSIST BACK-TO-SCHOOL RALLIES AGAIN THIS YEAR

At the end of summer break, Medina County Juvenile and Probate Court teams up with other community agencies and organizations for the annual back-to-school rallies, providing students with new backpacks and necessary supplies for the upcoming year.

Last year, 1,579 backpacks were provided to local families.

### **AUGUST 11 BUCKEYE RALLY**

**5:00-7:00 PM**

Zion Lutheran Church  
2233 Abbeyville Road  
Valley City, Ohio 44280

### **AUGUST 7 BRUNSWICK RALLY**

**5:00-7:00 PM**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
1600 Pearl Road  
Brunswick, Ohio 44212

### **AUGUST 13 WADSWORTH RALLY**

**5:00-7:00 PM**

Salvation Army  
527 College Street  
Wadsworth, Ohio 44281

### **AUGUST 8 CLOVERLEAF RALLY**

**4:30 PM**

Cloverleaf Elementary  
8337 Friendsville Road  
Seville, Ohio 44273

### **AUGUST 14 MEDINA RALLY**

**4:00 PM**

Salvation Army  
425 W. Liberty Street  
Medina, Ohio 44256