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Micro-farm at Ohio State University-Mansfield could help feed residents

Tyler Arter is a local guy who now holds the first new job created by a promising food production experiment at the Ohio State University-Mansfield campus.

The extensive experiment is a micro-farm built last year in a campus parking lot. Arter, 23, manages 10 interns who care for and harvest a variety of vegetables produced there.

If the experiment is successful, it could become a model for similar micro-farms located in urban areas of Mansfield. These operations could provide food, jobs and a contribution to a new food system for the city.

Arter is a 2013 graduate of Crestview High School. He has a psychology degree from Ohio State and plans to seek a master's degree in social work. The direction of his education suggests helping people may have more to do with his interest in the micro-farm than his enjoyment from sticking his fingers in the dirt.

"Some people from Mansfield say this idea is out of reach," Arter said with some disappointment in his voice. "They are seeing it through the wrong lens. This project is cool and perfect for Mansfield and the issues it has faced."

The micro-farm consists of two plastic high tunnel hoop houses and an array of outdoor raised beds. It is the brainchild of Kip Curtis, a OSU -Mansfield assistant professor of environmental history. The lot containing the environmental experiment is where North Central State College once held its rib cook-off fundraiser. Curtis said micro-farms can be located on plots as small as one-third of an acre.

The vegetable-producing operation has been funded this far by a \$160,000 grant from OSU. There are additional grants pending totaling from \$1.5 to \$2 million. Most of the vegetables produced thus far have been used by food service at the campus, but success will hinge on selling to retail or wholesale customers.

Curtis said the plan is for the micro-farm to pay for itself in five to seven years. The long-range plan for locating micro-farms in urban neighborhoods of Mansfield is already being worked on. Some planning discussions have been held with the North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC) and the Richland County Land Bank. Curtis said NECIC was a vital partner in starting the micro-farm and will be critical to identifying urban locations.

Vegetables produced by the urban farms could be sold to neighborhood residents, helping to address areas that have become food deserts. The micro-farms could also provide jobs in under-employed urban neighborhoods. The OSU farm is located on a paved lot to simulate possible urban conditions.

Curtis said current plans call for the construction of a similar micro-farm in a parking lot at Mansfield Senior High School in the spring of 2019. This would provide learning experiences for students and vegetables for the school cafeteria. Excess vegetables could be sold to downtown restaurants, he added.

Arter, who took an environmental class taught by Curtis, said the work at the micro-farm requires more than one brain. He explained there is an almost constant need to collect temperature & moisture data to understand what is going on and how to make it better. He said the double-thickness plastic covering the high tunnels can add 15-20 degrees to the internal temperature compared to the outside reading.

The farm includes 20 outdoor raised beds and 36 beds inside the two high tunnels. There is also classroom space inside one of the tunnels. The first indoor crop produced last fall included varieties of lettuce, spinach, arugula, kale and radishes. The summer crop will feature tomatoes, peppers, onions, broccoli and other vegetables commonly found in stores. Curtis said business decisions are made based on market research on demand and pricing.

During winter months, Arter works 15 to 20 hours weekly, but that total will go up to full-time during heavier production months. His agricultural experience as a youth included working on a dairy farm and helping with the family garden. He said he did not enjoy gardening then, but now realizes how important growing vegetables is to the big picture.

"It is cool that you can start with a seed and end up with healthy food that can feed a lot of people,' Arter concluded.

Written by Tom Brennan, member of the Mansfield In Bloom steering committee and retired editor of the Mansfield News Journal

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Bloom. The committee is meeting the 3rd Thursday of every month in the exhibit hall/Kingwood Center Gardens, 8:30am.

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Network & Be Inspired by Local Women!



When: June 20th 11:45-1pm

Where: South Park Pavilion, 51 Wellington Ave., Mansfield

Mark your calendar for the 3rd Wednesday of each month to join a group of dynamic, innovative local women for a time of powerful networking and motivation, as well as a chance to learn more about your community. The luncheon cost is \$12.00 - please RSVP to reserve your spot (see registration information at bottom of page).

This month we will be having a **SPEED NETWORKING** session at South Park Pavilion - boxed lunches from Deluxe Events & Catering will be provided.

This collaborative series is being co-hosted by the Richland Area Chamber, Mind Body Align and the Small Business Development Center at NCSC.





Join us for Open Discussion while Enjoying Your Morning Coffee!

There is **no charge** to attend, but seating is limited, so please reserve your spot early. (see registration information at bottom of page).

When: Friday, July 6th

7:30- 8:30am Hosted by:



Gorman Nature Center 2295 Lexington Ave, Mansf. Join us at our next "Chamber Coffee" session. You will have the chance to do some networking, share updates about your business, and participate in open discussion.

3 WAYS TO REGISTER for these events (or any other Chamber event):

- Register online using the event calendar at richlandareachamber.com
- Call 419-522-3211
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Congratulations are in order to Marilyn Johnson, Executive Director and her staff on a job well done!



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The best solution is not to wait until the issue becomes visible, but instead call them for a free onsite inspection. You will be glad you did!

Ken Rusk, franchise owner, is currently opening a second location in Findlay. Congratulations to Ken and his team on their second franchise location!



Stan Butts, Guest Columnist Valleyview Country Getaway



Left to right are BJ Schaefbauer, President; Marilyn Johnson, Exec. Director Mansfield; and Jim Thares, Primrose Founder



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Small Business of the Year Awards Nomination

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- Be headquartered in Richland County
- Employ 250 or fewer full-time equivalent employees
- In operation for at least three years
- Have annual sales revenue of less than \$20,000,000
- Demonstrate an active concern for the community

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- Community Involvement
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- Business Strategies & Goals

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Awards will be presented at a special luncheon - November 30th, 2018

Teams & Sponsorships



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- Company logo (large) on tournament registration*
- * Company logo on tournament program
- * Company logo & link on event webpage
- * Banner/signage in registration & reception area
- * Company logo on email blasts for the event
- * Opportunity to give brief remarks at awards dinner
- * Logo promotion on all Chamber social media
- * Company logo (medium) on all hole signage
- * Opportunity to include item in golfer goodie bag
- * Right of first refusal for 2019

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- Opportunity to set up a tent on the course to interact with golfers
- * Company logo on tournament registration*
- * Logo & link on event webpage
- * Company logo on email blasts for the event
- * Logo promotion on all Chamber social media
- * Company logo (small) on all hole signage
- * Opportunity to include item in golfer goodie bag
- * Right of first refusal for 2019

Premier Sponsorship \$1,000 (Limit of 4)

- * Entry for one (1) foursome (\$500 Value)
- Company logo (small) on tournament registration*
- * Company logo on tournament program
- * Logo & link on event webpage
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- * Opportunity to include item in golfer's goodie bag
- * Company logo (small) on all hole signage
- * Right of first refusal 2019

Hole in One Sponsorship \$1,000 (Exclusive)

- * Entry for one (1) foursome (\$500 Value) **New in 2016
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- * Opportunity for sponsor to set up a tent at the designated hole to interact with the golfers
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- * Company name & web link on event webpage
- * Opportunity to include item in golfer goodie bag
- * Right of first refusal 2019

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- * Entry for one (1) foursome (\$500 Value) **New in 2016
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- * Logo promotion on social media channels
- * Company name & web link on event webpage
- * Opportunity to include item in golfer goodie bag
- * Right of first refusal 2019

Lunch Sponsor \$500

- * Company logo on signage at the lunch pavilion
- * Opportunity to have a promotional table/tent set up at the lunch to interact with the golfers
- * Logo promotion on social media channels
- Company name & web link on event webpage
- Company logo in the tournament program
- * Opportunity to include item in golfer goodie bag

Breakfast Sponsor \$300 (Exclusive)

- * Company logo on signage at the breakfast pavilion
- * Logo promotion on social media channels
- * Company name & web link on event webpage
- * Company logo in the tournament program
- * Opportunity to include item in golfer goodie bag

Beverage Cart Sponsor-\$250 (Limit of 4)

- * Company logo and name displayed on all beverage carts on the course
- * Company name on event webpage
- * Name on social media channels
- * Opportunity to include item in golfer goodie bag

Proximity Contest Sponsor \$250

- * Signage on course at designated hole
- * Recognition at dinner when awards are given out
- * Company name on event webpage
- * Name on social media channels
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6/12/18	— Advocacy Committee 8am
6/13/18	— Executive Committee 7:30-9am
6/20/18	— Chamber & RCDG Board Meeting 7am
6/20/18	— Lunch WISE Wednesday Women's Luncheon
	Topic: Speed Networking @ S. Park 11:45-1pm
6/21/18	— Business Boot Camp Plus @ Holiday Inn
6/21/18	— Business After Hours @ Advantage
	Credit Union 5-7pm
6/28/18	— Ambassadors Committee 8am
6/29/18	- Member Appreciation Day 11am-1pm @Chamber
7/6/18	- Chamber Coffee@Gorman Nat. Ctr. 7:30-8:30am
7/19/18	— Business After Hours @ STARTEK 5-7pm
8/3/18	— Chamber Golf Classic
10/16/18	B — Idea Audition @ OSU Mansfield
10/23/18	8 — Savor & Sip Auction and Food Tasting
10/25/18	8 — Rome & the Amalfi Coast Chamber Trip
11/30/18	8 — Small Business of the Year Awards Luncheon

Watch your e-mail for more upcoming events!

Young Entrepreneurs Graduate as CEOs

Ten middle and high school students from Richland County received CEO status on May 15th, at the 2018 Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) Commencement.

After months of hard work, the Program Manager, Nikki Lewis, awarded the third annual class their diplomas. "This is a unique program, where kids can actually launch real businesses or social movements", said Nikki Lewis.

YEA! is a groundbreaking 25-week program that guides students in grades 6-12 through the process of starting a real business, including business plan development, pitching at an investor panel, obtaining funding, launching the venture, managing media

campaigns, e-commerce and web development, sales events, and trade shows. Students, ages 11 18, are taught to recognize the power of their ideas, and to develop the skills necessary to turn those ideas into meaningful companies. The following students make up the YEA! Class of 2018:

Lexington High School: **Samantha Avery**, 11th grade – Mar Love Pioneer Career & Technology Center: **Brody Brubaker**, 11th grade – Spider Customs Mansfield Christian School: **Ethan Byrom**, 8th grade – Posed Pets Photography College NOW: **Ian Dzugan**, 11th grade – Design Pull Pioneer Career & Technology Center: **Joel Glover**, 12th grade - LaserKart St. Peter's School: **Avery Hatfield**, 11th grade - MĀK St. Peter's School: **Kennedy Hatfield**, 9th grade - MĀK St. Peter's School: **Maya Hatfield**, 8th grade - MĀK College NOW: **Michael Marhefka**, 11th grade – Journey to Freedom Apparel Lexington High School: **Alex Newberry**, 10th grade – Mansfield Watch Winder Co.





The YEA! Class of 2019 is currently accepting applications at www.yeausa.org. For more information regarding how you can get involved, contact Nikki Lewis at (419) 522-3211 or nlewis@richlandareachamber.com.



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