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Letter from Jodie

An Historic Opportunity

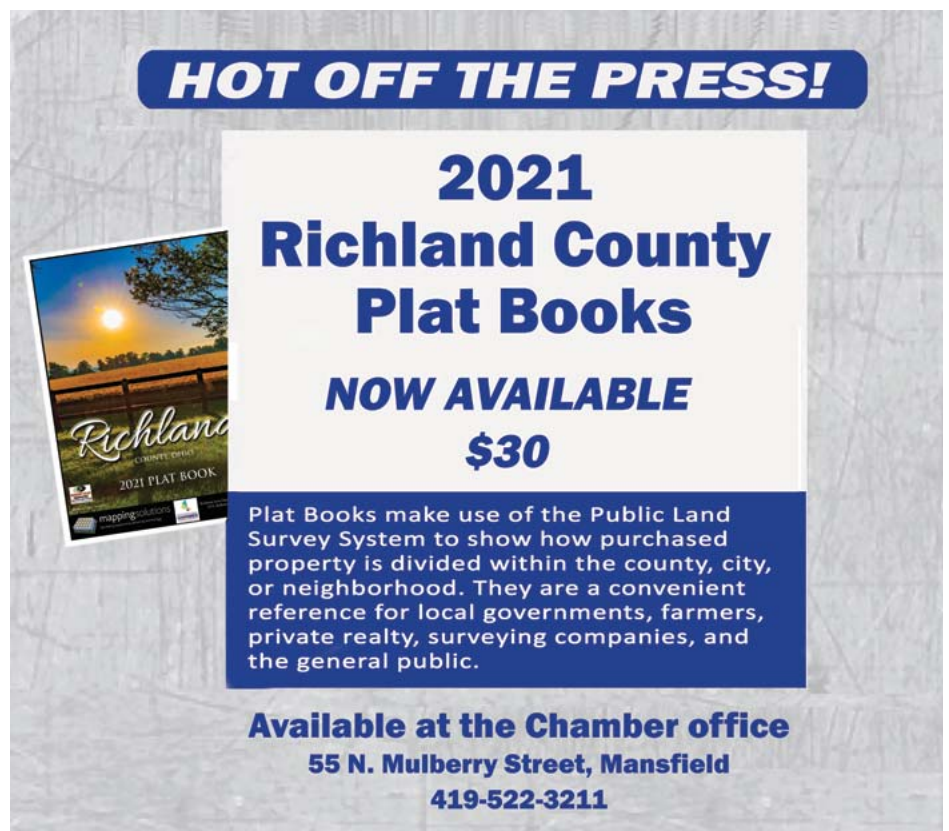
A year ago, when the pandemic hit, we kept hearing the word “unprecedented” used to describe the situation over and over. So much, in fact, that it lost its meaning as the crisis dragged on. Now that we are approaching the light at the end of the tunnel, it’s time to dust off that concept and look at the unprecedented opportunity that lies in front of us.

Perhaps you’re wondering, “did she really mean to use the word ‘opportunity’?” Yes, yes I did. In every moment of adversity, there also opportunity – and a post-pandemic world is no exception to this. We have an opportunity to rebuild things differently, and make things better. Here’s a few thoughts from my corner of the world on how we can do that.

1. **Make Transformational Investments** – You’ve probably read about the tens of millions of dollars set to pour in here from the federal government. Those dollars are just the beginning of the aid that will be available – both from public and private sources. We talk about investing in our community all the time, and right now is no different. There are many longstanding, needed projects – now is the time to be dusting those off and looking at all the avenues that may exist to bringing them to life. I hope that everyone involved in these projects takes time to consider how we can leverage the dollars to help them go as far as possible.



Getting my first vaccine shot at Richland Public Health



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2. **Make Transformational Partnerships** – One of the things I have missed most over the last year is the ability to gather together. Sure, I missed the large-scale events...but I also just missed meetings. I missed them because at a meeting was where I would often connect with people, catch up, and bounce ideas off of them. It was also where a lot of collaboration and partnerships were born. There are huge challenges ahead of us, and I believe that tackling them together will make it easier. I encourage you to think about who you – or your organization – could be partnering with and try to make it happen!

3. **Make Transformational Relationships** – I don't know about you, but it sure feels like we're more separated than ever right now. Part of it is the pandemic, but it is also more than that. We have retreated into our own circles of comfort, we listen to and read things we agree with. We scoff at those we disagree with. We have all done it. How about getting to know someone you don't agree with? Get to know them as a person, see beyond the things you disagree on, find some common ground. It isn't as scary as you think and if each of us had more friendships like this, the world would be much less wearying.

What lies ahead for us? Unfortunately, I don't have a crystal ball with all the answers. I think we have something better – the ability to shape our future, to transform it. Together, let's keep building a better community. Onward!

Jodie A. Perry, CCE, IOM, CCEO-AP
President & CEO
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Call for Chamber Board Nominations



Have you ever thought of serving on the Board of Directors for the Richland Area Chamber? The Nominating Committee is openly accepting nominations from the general membership for future board seats. The Board of Directors has 4 main roles in our organization:

- Set the strategic priorities of the organization (through our Strategic Plan)
- Oversee the finances of the organization
- Set the policies that guide the organization
- Oversee the top staff member of the organization



Our Board is a group of volunteers from around the county and all types of businesses who meet monthly. If you have interest in serving, please email our Executive Assistant/Sector Coordinator Patrick Clinage at pclinage@richlandareachamber.com. He will send you a Board Interest Form to fill out. While only a limited number of seats open up each year, your interest will be noted and considered with all future openings.

7th in the nation: 'Success begets success' in terms of economic growth for Mansfield/Richland County

MANSFIELD -- A past great economic development year in the face of a pandemic has Barrett Thomas even more excited about the future for Mansfield and Richland County.

"What seems to be clear in economic development, as well as many other areas of life, is success begets success," said Thomas, the director of economic development at Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development.

The Mansfield/Richland County metropolitan statistical area was ranked seventh in the nation during 2020 for significant economic projects per capita for areas under 200,000 in population by Site Selection magazine.

The ratings look at industrial or warehouse projects that meet at least one of three criteria: a minimum \$1 million investment; 20 or more jobs created; or 20,000-square feet or more of new space.

Mansfield/Richland County had six qualifying projects in 2020, one of only two Ohio cities of comparable size to make the national Top 10. Lima was second with eight. Six of the communities in the Top 10 are in southern states.

That kind of ratings success, achieved during a time of COVID-19 shutdowns and financial uncertainty, is the best Tim Bowersock has seen as the City of Mansfield economic development director.

Like Thomas, Bowersock said he believes it says as much about the hope for the near future as it does the recent past.

"That ranking will get us a look by some people who maybe wouldn't have looked at us before. They will say, 'There must be something good going on there to be ranked that high,'" Bowersock said.

"We are already seeing (business) leads come through on a good, regular basis. I have never put a lot of stock (in rankings), but since it has happened and we are ranked highly, now is a good time to play off of it," Bowersock said.

Some of the sizeable 2020 investments included in the rankings were a new service center built and opened by Old Dominion Freight line; a renovation by 84 Lumber; a new 160,000-square foot spec building under construction near Mansfield Lahm Regional Airport; expansion and new construction by K.E. McCartney and Associates; and a new hanger at the airport by Niss Aviation.

[Read full article on the Richland Source website here.](#)



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Email: _____

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Pick one: _____ Item enclosed (for mailed gift certificates) _____ Item will be dropped off / sent to the Chamber office

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- * A SPECIAL GIFT
- * TICKET FOR PRIZE DRAWING

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- Name in Chamber Newsletter
- Name on promotional emails
- Name & link on Chamber event website
- Name on event program

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- Name on promotional flyer
- Name in Chamber Newsletter
- Name on Chamber event website
- Name on event program

Your level of Chamber membership MAY include credit for sponsorship.

Everyone from CEO's to support staff enjoy this event!

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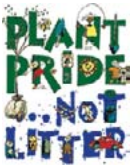


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Earth Stewardship Celebration 2021

25th Anniversary of Planting Pride in Mansfield/Richland County



We all know that Earth Day is Every Day and the Earth Steering Committee is pleased to demonstrate just that, as we celebrate 25 years of Planting Pride in our community.

We are pleased to announce **April 1st through August 1st** have been declared Earth Stewardship Months in Mansfield & Richland County.

How to become involved and Stay Safe...

Registration is easy! You can register your project in any one of the following ways:

- Mail the enclosed registration form OR
- Register by email to: khildreth@ci.mansfield.oh.us OR
- Call the Earth Stewardship Steering Committee: 419.755.9702
- Register online at: <http://bit.ly/3b4zQYT>

Deadline for Registration and completion of projects is **August 1, 2021**.

Before and after photos are due by **August 6, 2021**.

All Mansfield in Bloom **projects will automatically be registered to participate in the 25th Annual Earth Stewardship Celebration**. For additional information on Mansfield in Bloom, please contact Patrick Clinage at: pclinage@richlandareachamber.com or 419-775-7234.

Once you've registered...

- Recruit volunteers to assist you in the project you choose on the day you've designated.
 - Send in a group photo to be displayed on Earth Stewardship Partner websites and social media recognizing you and your volunteers.
 - Send in your photos and the names of your volunteers so they can be added to the drawing.
 - If conducting a litter cleanup, afterward, please provide how many bags were collected.
 - All volunteers will be entered individually into a drawing to win great prizes.
 - Individual certificates for each participant are available upon request.
- All projects can be completed by practicing social distancing.
 - Have designated "coordinators" for the distribution of supplies.
 - Have directions clear for pick up of supplies with signage on where to stand while waiting for their supplies.
 - Don't forget safe distancing and protective masks/face coverings during pick up of supplies (and project if required).
 - Remind volunteers to take their temperature, and if they have a fever of over 100.4, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, chills, to please stay home and they can help on next year's project.
 - And ENJOY Planting Pride in Mansfield/Richland County.



10th Annual Take Pride Contest:

**not a requirement to participate in the 2021 Earth Stewardship Celebration.*

Please submit before and after photos of your project. **Photos are due by August 6th.**

Contest categories: Business, Government, Neighborhood, School, Church/Non-Profit Organization

Awards: Awards will be given for the top 3 places in each category. Plus, voters will choose their favorite cleanup projects based on photos submitted on the Earth Stewardship Facebook page. The winning entry will receive the **People's Choice Award**.

For more information or to register, contact Kim Hildreth, Earth Stewardship Steering Committee at the Mansfield Engineering Department. Phone: 419.755.9702 or email: khildreth@ci.mansfield.oh.us.

NEWS FROM COLUMBUS

January TechCred Round Funds Nearly 5,000 Credentials, Program Updates Announced

Next application period opens April 1st

Lt. Governor Jon Husted, who serves as Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, today announced the results of the January round of TechCred, which will provide the opportunity for Ohioans to earn nearly 5,000 technology-focused credentials.

The most recent TechCred application period closed at the end of January. Today, 384 Ohio employers were approved for funding, resulting in Ohio employees earning up to 4,736 technology-focused credentials. The January round was record-setting, as almost 100 more employers were approved, in addition to more credentials being approved, than the previously most successful round. With the approvals announced today, a total of 1,168 Ohio employers have been approved for funding, supporting the earning of 19,841 tech-focused credentials by Ohio employees.

Starting with the April round, the following updates have been implemented to further streamline the program:

- The length of the grant will be reduced from 18 months to 12 months from the award date.
- Training programs must start on or after the date of the award, not before, and must be completed in less than 12 months.
- Training providers are no longer eligible to receive reimbursement for employees trained in-house. If a training provider wishes to utilize TechCred to upskill their employees, they must use an external training provider.

The next TechCred application period opens Thursday, April 1st and closes April 30th at 3:00 p.m. Businesses with employees who have completed their TechCred training should submit proof of credential completion to receive reimbursement at TechCred. Ohio.gov.

You can learn more about the program at TechCred.Ohio.gov.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine has signed a bill to reduce the statute of limitations (SOL) and it will take effect in 90 days.

The bipartisan statute of limitations bill (S.B. 13 and H.B. 251), sponsored by State Sen. George Lang, R-West Chester, and State Rep. Brett Hillyer, R-Canton, among several other legislators, will reduce the statute of limitations on written and oral contracts to six and four years, respectively, and define consumer transactions and assign them a six-year statute of limitations.

The final bill:

- Adopts as the SOL for any written agreement (unless a consumer transaction) that seeks post-judgment interest in excess of Ohio's statutory rate the SOL that applies under the laws of the state that apply to the contract;
- Adopts as the SOL for any consumer collections suit seeking post-charge-off interest governed by the laws of another state and in excess of Ohio's statutory rate the SOL of the laws of the state that apply to the contract;
- Drops the SOL on written contracts from eight years to six years;
- Drops the SOL on oral contracts from six years to four years; and
- Sets an SOL for a consumer transaction at six years after cause of action accrued.

For purposes of this division, a cause of action accrues 30 calendar days after the date of the last charge or payment by, or on behalf of, the consumer, whichever is later.

Businesses seeking to recoup outstanding payments should keep these new limitations in mind during the collections process.

The Ohio Chamber also reports this new change will assist employers. "Shrinking the timeframe when liability may be imposed under a contract stands to benefit Ohio employers by giving them greater certainty about their legal risks since litigation can be commenced any time before the statutory limitation period ends regardless of how satisfactory performance under the contract may have been. Senate Bill 13 may reduce operating costs for employers who set aside reserve funds to account for the risk of litigation or who seek insurance coverage to mitigate the risk of a lawsuit," said Kevin Shimp with The Ohio Chamber.

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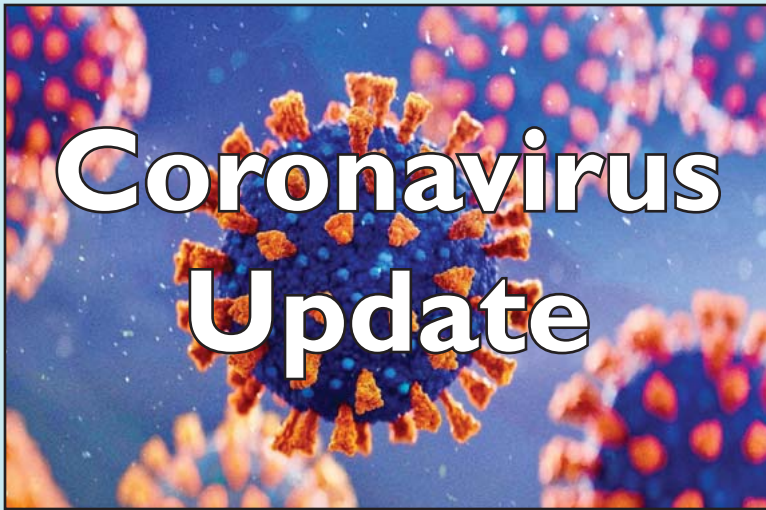
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- Call **1-866-395-1588** to register with Richland Public Health or to see the list of all local providers at **richlandhealth.org/vaccine-registration**

You are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after your 2nd dose in a 2-dose series of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines.
- 2 weeks after a single-dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.
- If it has not been two weeks since your Johnson & Johnson vaccine or two weeks since your second dose of Moderna or Pfizer vaccines, you are not fully vaccinated and should continue prevention steps: wear masks, social distance, avoid crowds.

What's Changed:

- If you've been fully vaccinated, you can gather indoors with other fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask.
- If you've been fully vaccinated, you can gather indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household (for example, visiting relatives who all live together) without masks, unless any of those people has an increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

What Hasn't Changed:

- Even if you've been fully vaccinated, you should still take steps to protect yourself and others by wearing a mask and socially distancing when in public, gathering with unvaccinated people from more than one household, and around persons at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

What We Are Still Learning:

- How effective the vaccines are against variants of the virus.
- How well the vaccines keep people from spreading COVID-19.
- How long COVID-19 vaccines can protect people.

Use trusted sites such as the CDC to stay-up-to-date on COVID-19 news.



Continue to follow prevention steps such as masking, washing hands, and social distance.

For updates, see **richlandhealth.org**
or **countonmerc.com**

CareWorks Comp is now Sedgwick!



BWC News from Sedgwick TPA

"If nothing changes, nothing changes."
~unknown

We are excited to announce that CareWorks Comp TPA is now named Sedgwick TPA as of March 1, 2021. As Sedgwick TPA, our commitment to Ohio employers remains as strong as ever. With more than 3,000 colleagues in Ohio, backed by the global resources and expertise of Sedgwick, we have the best claims solutions to help your business mitigate risk and reduce costs.

As Sedgwick TPA, taking care of people is at the heart of everything we do, because caring counts®. Under the Sedgwick name, we will provide you with the best possible service and outcomes and deliver on our mission of taking care of you and your employees. You can learn more about Sedgwick—a leading global provider of risk management and claims solutions—at [Sedgwick.com/OhioTPA](https://www.sedgwick.com/OhioTPA).

Working from Home: Is Your Office Ergonomically Correct?

Watch [this video](#) from the Ohio BWC's Ergonomics Consultant Brad Ridenour on how to set-up your home office so that it's not putting unneeded strain on your back, knees or your eyes. Brad offers tips for safely setting up your home office with items you may have on-hand.

2-Hour Safety Training Requirement for 2020 Policy Year Deadline is 6/30/2021

2020 Rating Year—BWC Rule—ORC 4123-17-68

Group Rated and Group Retro Rated employers who have had a claim from July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, have to complete a required two hours of safety training by June 30, 2021. BWC's requirement applies to any allowed claim an employer had from 7/1/18-9/30/19, regardless of size or severity. Two hours is the minimum amount of safety training mandated by the BWC. Only one person from the employer needs to take this safety training. If an employer experienced more than one claim within this period, they are still only obligated to attend two hours of safety training. If an employer has multiple policy numbers, they must attend two hours of safety training per policy. For more information about all the Ohio BWC's training opportunities, visit the BWC's Learning Center at: [BWC Learning Center Login](#)

Good to Know: Ohio BWC Division of Safety & Hygiene

Are you trying to reduce injuries in your workplace? Are you concerned about your employees' health and wellbeing? Then be sure to check out all that the Ohio BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene ("DSH") can do for you as an Ohio employer! The DSH offers free consultation services on safety, industrial hygiene, or ergonomics, as well as training, and they even have a library filled with education videos and materials. For more information, be sure to check the DSH out [here](#).

Teams & Sponsorships

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Friday
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Teams are limited - please register
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Player 3 _____ Handicap _____

Player 4 _____ Handicap _____

Captain's email/telephone: _____

Please indicate whether you wish to be
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\$40 per team _____

Please be sure that all information is completed -
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- Premier Sponsor**—\$1,000
- Hole in One Sponsor**—\$1,000
- Golf Ball Sponsor**—\$1,000

- Lunch Sponsor**—\$500
- Breakfast Sponsor**—\$250
- Beverage Cart Sponsor**—\$250
- Proximity Contest Sponsor**—\$250
- Hole and/or Tee Sponsor**—\$150 or 2 for \$250
(circle your choice)

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Golf Sponsorships - *This event often sells out!*

Title Sponsorship \$5,000 (Exclusive)

- * Entry for two (2) foursomes (\$1,000 Value)
- * Naming Rights (Golf Classic presented by your co.)
- * Company logo on all event correspondence
- * 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
- * Logo promotion on Chamber social media
- * Company logo (medium) on all hole signage
- * Opportunity to include item in golfer goodie bag
- * Right of first refusal for 2021

Golf Gift Sponsorship \$3,000 (Exclusive)

- * Entry for one (1) foursome (\$500 Value)
- * Company logo on exclusive golf gift for participants
- * Company logo on tournament registration
- * Logo & link on event webpage
- * Company logo on email blasts for the event
- * Logo promotion on Chamber social media
- * Company logo (small) on all hole signage
- * Opportunity to include item in golfers' goodie bag
- * Right of first refusal for 2021

Tee-off Tipple Bar Sponsorship \$1,500 (exclusive)

- * Entry for (1) foursome (\$500 Value)
- * Company name and logo on signage at Tee-off Tipple bar
- * Company Logo (small) on tournament program
- * Logo and link on event webpage
- * Company logo on all email blasts for this event
- * Logo promotion on Chamber social media
- * Opportunity to include item in golfers' goodie bag
- * Company logo (small) on all hole signage
- * Right of first refusal 2021

Premier Sponsorship \$1,000 (Limit of 6)

- * Entry for one (1) foursome (\$500 Value)
- * Company logo (small) on tournament registration
- * Company logo on tournament program
- * Logo & link on event webpage
- * Company logo on all email blasts for this event
- * Logo promotion on Chamber social media
- * Opportunity to include item in golfers' goodie bag
- * Company logo (small) on all hole signage
- * Right of first refusal 2021

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

- * Entry for one (1) foursome (\$500 Value)
- * Company logo included on signage at designated Par 3 hole
- * 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 2020

Golf Ball Sponsor \$1,000 (Exclusive)

- * Entry for one (1) foursome (\$500 Value)
- * Company logo included on special commemorative sleeve of golf balls designed for the event
- * Logo promotion on social media channels
- * Company name & web link on event webpage
- * Opportunity to include item in golfers' goodie bag
- * Right of first refusal 2021

Lunch Sponsor \$500

- * Company logo on signage at the lunch 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 golfers' goodie bag

Breakfast Sponsor \$250

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

Beverage Cart Sponsor—\$250 (Limit of 6)

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

Proximity Contest Sponsor \$250

- * Signage on course at designated hole
- * Company name on event webpage
- * Name on Chamber social media
- * Opportunity to include item in golfers' goodie bag

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- * Company name listed on sign at designated hole or tee
- * Company name on event webpage

Audience:

Business Leaders, Professionals, Non Profit Leaders,
Elected Officials

See previous page for order form

CHAMBER FOUNDATION



"The Mansfield-Richland Area Educational Foundation's mission is to invest in our community's future success through impactful educational opportunities for both adults and youth focusing on leadership development, economics, and entrepreneurship."

Welcome to the Chamber Foundation newsletter page. Each month we will update you on our programming efforts and ways to be involved. Make sure you check in every month to see what we're up to!

- Nikki Lewis, Chamber Foundation Manager

In November 2020, we kicked off the sixth year of Young Entrepreneurs Academy in Richland County. With five amazing students enrolled, we have been meeting once a month in both face-to-face and virtual settings. We are excited to announce that on Tuesday, April 13 from 6:00-7:30 pm you can watch this year's students pitch their businesses live on Facebook. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook @yearichland to stay up to date on the program. Be on the look out as we open YEA! applications to enroll your child in next year's class.

YOUNG
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Academy



Applications to be part of the 39th class of Leadership Unlimited are open until Friday, April 16. Interested participants can apply [here](#) or at the link in our Facebook bio. If you are looking for a way to engage with the Richland community and improve upon your leadership skills, this is the program for you! For more information on the goals of LU, visit our [website](#). The program year runs from September 2021 to June 2022. Tuition includes activity fees, course materials, and meals. Scholarships are available on a case-by-case basis. Any questions regarding Leadership Unlimited can be directed to the Foundation Manager, Nikki Lewis.

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GRADUATES!
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UPDATE OUR ALUMNI
DIRECTORY [HERE](#)

As always, there are opportunities for sponsorships for all programming. Some membership levels may include credits for sponsorships.

LEARNING LAB PRESENTS

[Entrepreneurship Leadership](#) - Lindsay Dills & Katie Veletean - April 8 @ 12pm-1pm
[Book club series - Live Better Lead Differently](#) by RobRoy Walters - April 21 @ 8pm-9pm
[Leadership Communication](#) - Karriem Kanston - May 20 @ 9:30am-11am
[Book club series - Love Where You Live](#) by Peter Kageyama - May 26 @ 8pm-9pm
[Higher Education Leadership](#) - Carlos Campo - June 3 @ 12pm-1pm

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2021 ANNUAL MEETING AND ECONOMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

MARCH 26

VIRTUAL EDITION

Our 122nd Annual Meeting went off without a hitch at DRM Studios in Mansfield!

We were able to award the following people and businesses for all of their hard work.

Brady Groves- Chairman's Award

Deanna West-Torrence- ATHENA Award

Merris Welge - Ambassador of the Year

Andrew Beilstein- RYP Entrepreneurial Spirit Award

Stephanie Zader- RYP Community Hero Award

Tracy Graziani- Volunteer Service Award

Brian P McCartney, P.E.,P.S.- Economic Impact Award

Michael Murray & Production Design Team at Cooper Enterprises- Economic Impact Award

All recipients are pictured below in the above order.



Networking at Noon

When: Friday, April 9th | 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Where: Zoom (please register -see bottom of page)

Cost: **FREE for Chamber members**
\$10 for non-members



How do we network in the age of COVID-19? Could you benefit from building more professional relationships? Is it important for you to meet prospective clients? Do you need to stay on top of the latest industry trends? Networking at Noon the answer! Networking allows you access to opportunities you might not be able to find on your own and is important for establishing mutually beneficial connections with other professionals in our community. If these are things that interest you, join us for Networking at Noon!

For now, this is a virtual event through Zoom. We will rotate through several break out rooms with small groups so you will get to meet several people and make multiple connections. Thank you to LegalShield & IDShield for Sponsoring Networking at Noon this month!

[REGISTER](#)

Tired of Zoom? Afraid to network online? Here's what a previous participant had to say about their experience:



"Thanks for having the networking event today. I was able to meet two people that I had never talked with before. It was a good event, thanks for trying to keep us all connected in these crazy times."
- Renee Steinmetz, Sutton Bank

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Spring 2021 Virtual Job and Internship Fair April 6 - 10



Are you hiring for full-time, part-time, temporary summer jobs, or internships?

The Ohio State University at Mansfield and North Central State College will host the Spring 2021 Virtual Job & Internship Fair, April 6-10, 2021.

This event is free and open to both for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations. Students and alumni in attendance will represent a large variety of interests and majors. Registration is free.

This is an opportunity for you to promote your organization with students and alumni, and for them to become more informed about your organization's opportunities for internships, seasonal/temporary, part-time and/or full-time employment. This is a great forum for employers to meet job seekers in a comfortable, inviting virtual atmosphere.

Employers interested in participating in this event are encouraged to [register online as early as possible](#).

Questions? Contact Alicia Camak, Internship Coordinator, at camak.3@osu.edu/419-755-4052.



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Spring time is Intern time!

Have you considered hosting an intern in your business this summer? Now is the time to start identifying the candidates and project based work. There are students at both North Central State College and OSU Mansfield who are currently seeking opportunities. Internships are a great opportunity for students to get the hands-on experience necessary for their long term career choices, and also get acclimated to moving at the pace of business.



Projects such as marketing campaigns, data collection and organization, business outreach, and other creative efforts are great for internships. Creating specific goals and timelines make the experience focused for the student and easy to manage for the business.

I encourage you to post internships on www.communityopportunity.com in order to make connections with both local and regional College Students.

The Richland Area Student Job Fair will take place on May 6, 2021 1:00pm to 4:00pm. This event will take place at Mid Ohio Conference Center, and limited to 30 employers.

High School and College students will be seeking internships, summer work, and long term career opportunities.

[Click here to register](#)

If you have questions or ideas, please reach out to me!

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Questions? Contact Clint Knight, Director of Workforce Development at the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development at 419-522-3211 or cknight@richlandareachamber.com.



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CHAMBER EVENTS

- April 9** Networking at Noon - Zoom event
- April 21** Business Professionals Day - Zoom event
- April 23** FRI-YAY! - Zoom event
- May 19** Lunch WISE Wednesday Luncheon (11:45am) @ DLX / Kobacker Room
- June 11** Chamber Golf Classic @ Westbrook Country Club

CHAMBER FOUNDATION EVENTS

- April 8** Learning Lab presents Entrepreneurial Leadership
- April 13** YEA! Investor Panel Presentation.
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