



E-NEWS

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Driving growth and prosperity in the Findlay and Hancock County region.

February 17, 2021

COVID Quick Links

Local Hancock County Resources:

- [ReStart Resources](#)
- [Hancock Helps](#)
- [Hancock Public Health](#)
- [Mental Health & Recovery Resources](#)

State & National Resources:

- [Ohio Department of Health](#)
- [Ohio Chamber Business Resources](#)
- [Office of Small Business Relief](#)
- [CDC](#)

Business Hasn't Stopped; Your Chamber Hasn't Either

The Alliance offices are currently by appointment only as our space finalizes its renovations.

Our team is working remotely and we are here to help. Please utilize the [staff directory](#) on our website.



Next Week! Hancock County Restaurant Week

Try out something new or support your favorites during dinner hours. Participating restaurants will be offering three-course meals at a set price throughout the week of February 22 - 28, 2021. This year you can choose to dine in-house or at home!

[View all of the details about Restaurant Week!](#)

Upcoming Chamber Events

View the [Chamber of Commerce Event Calendar](#) to register for events. Looking for more to do in the area? Check out the [Visit Findlay calendar!](#)

[Business 2 Business Networking – Virtual](#)

February 17, 2 pm
Virtual Networking

[Legislative Roundtable: Ohio State Senator Rob McColley](#)

[Fresh Brewed Business: City Updates from Mayor Muryn](#)

March 2, 8 am
Hybrid Event – Limited in-person seats available at MCPA

February 18, 10 am
Virtual Roundtable

10 @ 10

February 24, 10 am
Virtual Networking

Lunch & Learn: Working From Home – How has it changed?

February 26, 12 pm
Webinar

Virtual Safety Council: New Standards for Navigating Workplace Safety After COVID

March 4, 12 pm
Webinar

Business 2 Business Networking

March 16, 2 pm
Marathon Center for the Performing Arts

Small Business Workshop: Customizing Your Chamber Directory Profile

March 17, 8:30 am
Chamber Boardroom



Findlay-Hancock County Chamber of Commerce

Member Job Board

- Public Safety Communications Officer (Dispatcher), City of Findlay
- Sales Account Representative, GSW Manufacturing
- Guest Service Representative, Hancock Hotel
- Executive Director, Center for Civic Engagement, University of Findlay

[View more jobs](#)

[Learn how to post your jobs](#)

Chamber Red Coat Sightings



▲ [Medal Technologies](#)

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings

Burlwick & Co.
March 11, 4 pm
405 S. Main St Findlay

Want to schedule a **Ribbon Cutting**? Contact the Chamber at 419.422.3313

Upcoming Legislative Roundtables



State Senator Rob McColley will join us for a Legislative Roundtable on Thursday – this is a great opportunity to get up to speed on legislative updates and ask your questions on behalf of your business. In May, we'll host Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague for a roundtable. Sponsored by Spectrum.

[Learn more about Legislative Roundtables hosted by the Chamber!](#)



Support the Hancock Youth Leadership Class!

The Hancock Youth Leadership Class of 2021 has created fundraisers that will help support their curriculum. [Purchase popcorn from Shirley's Gourmet Popcorn](#) using the discount code HYL2021, or [buy some coffee from Fort Findlay Coffee!](#)

[Learn more about the Hancock Youth Leadership program!](#)



Updates from our Agri-Business Committee

While more community members begin to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, the Agri-Business Committee has made the decision to postpone the annual Farmers' Share Breakfast until **Thursday, June 10th**. The committee is carefully planning with your safety in mind, and more details will be coming soon!

The committee will still be holding our annual **Sausage Sale** this spring – stay tuned for how you can buy delicious and locally processed sausage to help benefit our Ag Scholarship Fund!

We are currently accepting **scholarship applications** from local students pursuing higher education degrees in agriculturally related fields. [Visit our website to learn more!](#)

Chamber Member Discounts & Services



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Marathon Center for the Performing Arts to Offer Masterclass and Workshops!

Channel your inner star with the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts' upcoming masterclass and workshop series. Programming is available in **February** for students in grades 6-12. More programming will be added in the months to come. Students will have the opportunity to register for the following courses: Broadway Lights Masterclass Series & Scenic Painting Workshop. [Learn more.](#)

Upcoming Findlay Library Programming

February 17: Miss Nicole is back with Storytime Snippets, and she'll be sharing all about shapes. Explore shapes with great stories and fun songs! **February 19:** Join us for Book Talk at 10:00 am and check out the latest book suggestions from our Adult Services Department. **February 20:** Our Teens takeover Facebook during Teen Book Recommendations and share their recommendations on what they and all their friends are reading. WinterREAD continues through **February 26**. You can win great prizes from the library simply by reading and doing fun activities! For more information on the program or to register for it, please go to <https://www.findlaylibrary.org/content/winterread-2>.

Applications sought for Marianna Hofer Endowment Grant

Applications are now being accepted for the Marianna Hofer Arts Endowment Fund of The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation. Grant distributions from the fund are awarded for arts education - either education of the artist or artists(s) or for arts education programming provided by the artist or artists. Individuals and organizations can apply online at MCPA.org/Hofer. Deadline for all applications is 11:59 p.m. on **March 12**.

CommunityREAD Virtual Author Visit

Before We Were Yours and *The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate have been chosen as the featured titles for the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library's 2021 CommunityREAD. Copies of both books are available at the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library. Lisa Wingate will visit virtually on Thursday, **March 25, 2021** at 7:00 PM during CommunityREAD month for a free public presentation. Since the

author is visiting via Zoom, patrons who wish to see the presentation may register at www.findlaylibrary.org/commrd or by calling 419-422-1712.

Riverdale High School student wins Red Cross scholarship

David Borkosky of Carey, Ohio helped save lives by recently hosting an American Red Cross blood drive and earned a \$1,000 scholarship as a result of his lifesaving efforts.

PAST NEWS

Downtown Apartment & Office/Retail Space Available

Luxury apartment available in Downtown Findlay with excellent storage and off-street parking. Also available is downtown Findlay office/retail space. Call 419-230-8020 for more information.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Upcoming Webinars

March 12: [Free Environmental Sessions from Ohio EPA – Ohio safety Congress & Expo Extension](#)

New Perspectives Book Discussion

The Findlay-Hancock County Public Library returns on Tuesday, **February 23** at 6:30pm with another New Perspectives monthly book discussion. We will be discussing *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates with Mr. Seth Butler, Director of Intercultural Student Services at the University of Findlay. Please bring your questions for this interactive discussion! Copies of the book will be available at the library reference desk and digitally on Libby.

Eastman & Smith Employment Law Webinar

The Labor & Employment Practice Group of Eastman & Smith Ltd. invites you to attend Employment Law Webinar: A New Year and a New Administration –Essential Updates for Employers on February 24th. As we say farewell to 2020, employers still face many challenges in 2021 and should expect changes in the law and enforcement initiatives as we transition to a Biden Administration. Understanding the latest legal trends is key to successfully tackling these challenges, preparing for changes in the law, and maintaining a safe and productive workforce. [Click Here to Register.](#)

Fridays at Findlay to Cover Brand Growth with Foot Locker CEO

February 26: This first [Virtual Fridays at Findlay](#) of 2021 will cover the differences between “need” and “want” based retail as it relates to brand growth in an omni-channel environment. “Growing Your Brand Through Digital Experiences” will be presented completely virtually from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and is free to the public. To register and for more information, visit the [Fridays at Findlay webpage](#), or contact the University of Findlay Division of Advancement at 419-434-5334 or erin.thompson@findlay.edu.

Safety Congress Registration Open

Registration is now open for the 2021 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo (OSC21)! Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, OSC21 will be a completely online event, including our first-ever digital expo. Visit the [OSC21 website](#) for more information and to register for the event, which will stream live **March 10-11, 2021**. Ohio Safety Congress & Expo is the largest and longest-running regional occupational safety, health and workers' compensation conference in the U.S.

Date set for Premier Financial Corp. and Premier Bank CEO Transition

The Premier Financial Corp. Board of Directors and Donald P. Hileman set the date for his transition from CEO of Premier Financial Corp. and Premier Bank to Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors at **March 31, 2021**, consistent with plans outlined in the September 2019 merger agreement. At that time, Gary M. Small will become CEO and President of Premier Financial Corp. and Premier Bank and remain a member of the board of directors.

Registration for 2021 Virtual Spelling Bee Escape is Open

Hancock Literacy's annual Spelling Bee has morphed into a Virtual Spelling Bee Escape Room. The 2021 Virtual Spelling Bee Escape Room will be held on **Wednesday, May 5, 2021**, between 11:00a-2:00p. Teams of 3 can meet anywhere they would like to complete the Bee Escape Room. [Learn more about the Bee.](#)

New Foundation President Launches Listening Tour

Dr. Brian Treece, Community Foundation President & CEO, will embark on a virtual listening tour to hear about the needs of the community firsthand. The tour will begin in February and end in early May. Community meetings open to the public will be announced in February. Follow the Foundation on Facebook and subscribe to the e-newsletter for updates and dates for meetings as soon as they are available.

Knestruck Name VP of Business Affairs, Peterman Associates

Greg Knestruck has been named Vice-President of Business Affairs for Peterman Associates, Inc., located in Findlay, Ohio. Knestruck has over thirty years of experience in various business capacities and has been with Peterman Associates since 2004 as Marketing Director. In his new role, he will continue marketing efforts as well as working with the Chief Operating Officer in all business operations for the firm.

Gilmore Jason Mahler Names New Partners, Senior Manager

Gilmore Jason Mahler (GJM) Managing Partner Kevin Gilmore recently announced some exciting changes in the firm's leadership team. Jamie Dixon, CPA and Matt Hoverman, CISA have been promoted to partner and Jessica Nunn, CPA has been promoted to senior manager.

Red Cross Responds to Multiple Home Fires

The American Red Cross of North Central Ohio responded to multiple home fires in the Chapter on Wednesday, January 20th. Red Cross volunteers answered calls for help in Findlay, Fostoria, Green Springs and Nevada.

Welcome to a New Life Welcomes New Board Member

Welcome to New Life, a nonprofit organization mentoring adults involved in the Hancock County criminal-justice system has approved Joyce Zeigler as their newest board member. Her term began on January 12.

West Ohio Food Bank donates 2 truckloads of dog food to Humane Society

The West Ohio Food Bank was recently able to obtain a large amount of pet food. Two semi-loads of dog food will be transported from the West Ohio Food Bank warehouse in Lima courtesy of Ohio Logistics to the Humane Society and SPCA of Hancock County.

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