

The Scoop

April 3, 2019

Advocacy and the IEP

Want to learn more about an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and how to advocate for needed services?

Then you'll want to attend one of two seminars presented by Attorney Linda Gorczynski from Hickman & Lowder Co. L.P.A. Gorczynski specializes in special education law in which she advises parents in their pursuit to obtain needed educational services for their children with disabilities.

The seminars will take place Thursday, April 25. The sessions are scheduled for 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield.

Please RSVP to Family Liaison Sally Stigall at 419-774-4260 or stigallysally@gmail.com.

Great day for a walk

Dozens of people of all abilities came together to celebrate Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month on March 29 as Richland Newhope held its 2nd Annual Step into Spring Fun Walk at the Richland Mall.

Walkers received a goodie bag, free snacks, and a chance to win a gift basket donated by



The Alpha Group.

The event was combined with an information fair featuring several provider partners and agencies from the community.

The walk served as an opportunity to do a healthy activity, meet new people, and learn about services and walking programs in Richland County.

'Step into Spring' was co-sponsored by Richland Public Health, Richland County Children Services, the Mansfield Y, and the Richland Mall.

Check out video and photos from the event on our [Facebook page!](#)

Disco fun

Richland Newhope was excited to be part of the 14th Annual Business Expo on March 21 at the Richland County Fairgrounds.

Sponsored by the Richland Area Chamber of Commerce, Richland Newhope was among more than 100 local organizations and businesses with an exhibit. This year's theme was 70's disco, and the Newhope booth featured a lava lamp, disco lights, records with developmental disabilities awareness labels, and a disco dance couple life-size photo cardboard cutout.

A big hit were the pet rocks we passed out. The rocks were painted by individuals and staff at Raintree.

This was the first year Richland Newhope participated in the expo, which included a special Business After Hours preview event.



Critters visit ECC

Special guests from the Gorman Nature Center were a big hit with the preschoolers at the Early Childhood Center on April 1. Director of Education and Volunteer Resources Amanda Kriner brought a box turtle and a black rat snake to the morning and afternoon classrooms and shared with the preschoolers some interesting facts about the critters. Some of the kids and teachers were brave enough to touch the snake.



In Memoriam

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March 26, 2019

Calendar

April 4 – Crisis Response Training for Providers, 12 p.m., Service & Support Administration Training Room 12, 220 Home Ave., Mansfield

April 5 – First Friday, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Element of Art Studio/Gallery, 96 N. Main St., Mansfield

April 8 - SCRAP recycling trailer, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Early Childhood Center, 255 Hedges St., Mansfield

April 15 – 22 – Spring Break for preschool classes at the Early Childhood Center

April 24 - Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities meeting, 11:30 a.m., Richland Newhope Administration Building, 314 Cleveland Ave., Mansfield

April 25 – Advocacy and the IEP seminar, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield

April 30 – Early Childhood After-Hours Resource Fair, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Early Childhood Center, 255 Hedges St., Mansfield

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