

The Republican Luncheon on **Monday, February 6, 2012** will feature **Bill Yarbrough**, candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from the 12th District, and **David Morgenstern**, candidate for Richland Co. Commissioner.

Luncheon speakers on **February 13, 2012** will be **U.S. Congressman Bob Gibbs**, candidate for re-election in the 7th District, and **Mark Romanchuk**, candidate for State Representative, 2nd District.

All luncheons are at Cafe on Main St. in downtown Mansfield, 11:45am-1pm.

Just a reminder that **early voting** has begun. You can vote at the Board of Elections, 1296 Longview Ave., or call [419-774-5530](tel:419-774-5530) to request an "Absentee Ballot Request Form."

I also want to mention that the **Board of Elections office will be open on February 6, 2012 until 9pm for people wishing to register to vote or to vote early**. If you know someone who is not registered to vote, February 6th is the last day to register before the Primary Election on March 6, 2012.

If you are interested in being a poll worker, please contact Bill Freytag at the Board of Elections, [419-774-5532](tel:419-774-5532). Poll workers are paid \$105 for the day's work. Precinct Judges get \$125 for the day.

Our **Lincoln Day Dinner has been scheduled for April 13, 2012 at the R & L Banquet Center**. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. More information will be forthcoming.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) said in a hearing just recently that we can expect our taxes to go up over 30% in the next 2 years and that the economy will remain sluggish for the next 3 years. Read the article here: [CBO: Taxes Will 'Shoot Up by More Than 30 Percent' Over Next 2 Years | CNSnews.com](#)

Hot off the press! Roseanne Barr has just declared as a Presidential candidate on the Green Party ticket. Aren't you a little sick of these people making a mockery of our elections? First John Stewart and now Roseanne Barr. That tells you how much respect they have for this country.

The Senate passed the **"Insider Trading"** bill yesterday, which will bar Congressional members and their Senior Staff members from using information they have learned during the course of their work on legislation and contracts to make lucrative investments. This is a step in the right direction. The bill passed 96-3. I always wondered how an ordinary person could go to Washington, make \$176,000 a year, and go home a millionaire. I guess we now know the rest of the story or at least part of the story, not to sound too cynical.

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