

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Sheryl Wilson

June is here! School is out and our children will soon be enjoying their summer break. Please be mindful as you drive through the community. As more people are on our roads bicycling or riding motorcycles, please keep our residents' and visitors' safety first and foremost.

Our first after-hours event was a great success at Michael Angelo's Winery. Gigi and Jen did a terrific job setting up and promoting our first of many networking events. For those who missed the event we hope to see you on June 26 at Pink Velvet Studio from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Check Facebook and Twitter for other upcoming events.

On May 17, Amy French, our chamber vice president, had the honor to present scholarship awards to Rachel Kraus and Szofia Wiksell at Revere High School. Congratulations to these outstanding students as they continue their education. These scholarships are made possible by the annual Richfield Chamber's Links for Education Golf Outings. This year the outing is on June 12 at St Bernard's Golf Club. If you have not signed up for the outing or can make a donation, please email Karen Smik at kls1650@roadrunner.com.

The Sweet Corn Challenge is right around the corner. July 27 will bring hundreds of riders, runners, walkers and families to the Richfield community. Volunteers are still needed for this event. Please call 330.659.0303 or email mail@richfieldchamber.com.

Ohio Flags of Honor will kick off Community Day Weekend. This foundation honors the men and women

from our state that paid the ultimate price protecting our freedom for their service. This traveling display has over 900 flags, 300 of which represent those brave Ohioans that lost their lives and have individual flag poles inscribed with each service members' names. Please see the flyer included in this newsletter for more information.

Mark your calendars for August 23. Our Food Truck Stop event will take place at National Interstate from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. featuring the S.W.A.T Food Truck, Eurest and a desert truck. More information to follow. Check out our events page at the Richfield Chamber or Food Truck Stop Facebook pages.

Brian Frantz, Director of Planning & Zoning for the Village of Richfield brought us up to date on the State of the Village at our May luncheon. More information can be found on the Village website www.richfieldvillageohio.org.

Our June luncheon will feature Bob Becker, Richfield Joint Recreation District at the Days Inn on June 5. We look forward to hearing about the amazing things the park has done and continues to offer our community.

Thank you again for all your support.
Sheryl

President, Richfield Chamber of Commerce

ONE TEAM = ONE GOAL

As a Chamber Member, If you have an event or special promotion or recognition that you would like to appear in the monthly newsletter, please submit it to mail@richfieldchamber.com by the 20th of each month. Please limit your release to 100 words. Attachments will not be accepted.



LET'S DO LUNCH!

WEDNESDAY, June 5, 2019

Speaker

Bob Becker,
Chairman of the Richfield
Joint Recreation District

11:45 Informal Networking

12:00 Light lunch served

12:30 Speaker

1:00 Adjourn

at

Days Inn Richfield

Members admitted free with a reservation.

Non-members bring \$15 check payable
to Richfield Chamber of Commerce

No-shows will be invoiced \$15 for their reserved lunch.

*Invite an associate!
Bring your business cards
to share.*

Please R.S.V.P. to
330-659-3300 by May 31.

Our June Speaker

Bob Becker

Chairman of the Richfield Joint Recreation District, Bob Becker, will speak at our June 5 luncheon and provide an update on the Richfield Heritage Preserve.



Becker has led the trustees to finalize and pass a master plan for the Richfield Heritage Preserve, as well as formed partnerships with public and private entities such as the Ohio Operating Engineers, Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, Ohio Horseman's Council and Friends of Crowell Hilaka to effect the implementation of the master plan and fulfillment of the mission statement. He has also established a volunteer communications group who improved public relations and social media.

Becker attended the Ohio Institute of Technology, receiving a BSEET and also attended the University of Akron for postgraduate studies towards a MSEE. He is currently the president of Pharmtec Corporation in Richfield, which is a private, consumer product company that designs/markets niche brands such as My Very Own House®, ShrubGuard®, The Guarden™ and Elite Cedar™. He previously served as the vice president at RJB Industries, in the security systems division, in Wintersville, Ohio and also held various progressive positions in sales, marketing, engineering and product management at Telxon Corporation in Akron.

Ohio Flags of Honor Memorial to be displayed Friday, August 9 through Sunday, August 11

The Ohio Flags of Honor Foundation was founded to honor the men and women from our state that paid the ultimate price protecting our freedom in the service of their country in Iraq and Afghanistan.

To memorialize our Fallen Heroes, the foundation has created a traveling display of over 750 United States flags. Over 300 of the flags represent those brave Ohioans that lost their lives and have individual flag poles inscribed with each service member's name.

The Flags of Honor will be on display at Village Green in Richfield at

the intersection of SR 303 and 176. The memorial will be open to the public from Friday evening August 9 to Sunday afternoon August 11.

The Opening Ceremony will be Friday, August 9 at 5:00 p.m. with the posting of the Flags of Honor. The closing ceremony will be on Sunday, August 11 at 2 p.m.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help remember and honor our fallen heroes should contact Debbie Bluso Rogers at the Richfield Village office, 330-659-9201 ext. 234 or dbluso-rogers@richfieldvillageohio.org.

Sweet Corn Challenge Promotes Richfield and an Active Lifestyle

Help promote Richfield and an active lifestyle by encouraging participation in a Sweet Corn Challenge event: 10K or 5K timed run, 3K trail run, Kids' run or 62-mile invitational bike ride.

This Chamber of Commerce event is Saturday, July 27.

Perhaps your staff would enjoy participating as a team. If they aren't runners they could walk the 3K together and enjoy a fantastic pierogi/sausage brunch afterward.

Businesses might offer incentives to their staff to participate in the event, perhaps as a health benefit. Perhaps there could be competition between groups or even between companies.

To register fill out and return the form attached or go to sweetcornchallenge.com. For volunteer or event information email info@sweetcornchallenge.com.

GMS, our Presenter Sponsor, and all of our sponsors make this renowned event possible: **National Interstate Insurance, Akron Children's Hospital, OEC, Oxford Risk, Farmers' Rail, Pierogies of Cleveland/Richfield, Kaczmar Architects, Eddy's Bike Shop, Giant Eagle Richfield, Primrose School, State Farm - Greg Zolton, Walter Haverfield LLP, Great Grins Photo Booth, FMS, Buehlers, Empaco, Assured Partners and ScripType Publishing.**

Business Spotlight: Pink Velvet Studio

- Art workshops for ages toddler - adult!
- Private Art Parties for birthdays, bachelorettes, team building
- Summer Art Camps
- Paint Nights
- Craft Workshops

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Pink Velvet Studio

www.pinkvelvetstudio.com



Support for families of aging loved ones

The Renaissance of Richfield is inviting anyone to participate in our special monthly support group created specifically for those going through the aging process of their parents or loved ones. Let's share, support and uplift as we offer mutual emotional support and exchange ideas with one another. The free monthly support group will be the last Wednesday of every month from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at The Renaissance of Richfield, 3975 Everett Rd. The first meeting is June 26th.

BUSINESS BOOKS

For those of you who have time for only one business related book a month, the Richfield Branch Library has gone into the shelves to narrow down trending title suggestions.

Blockchain: The Next Everything

By Stephen P. Williams
Publisher: Scribner, 2019
ISBN-10: 198211682X

In his new book *Blockchain: The Next Everything*, New York Times technology writer Stephen P. Williams analyzes the new economic model of Blockchains. Originally created for tracking transactions involving the cryptocurrency Bitcoin, a Blockchain is defined as software “that creates a digital ledger that cannot be hacked, so the information remains permanent.” In a series of short vignettes, Williams describes the potential uses

for the technology. From tracking commodities from their origin to sale, providing people without passports or driver’s licenses a form of government I.D., to protecting copyright for digital materials, he envisions a myriad of uses for the technology. Companies such as Walmart are already using Blockchains to require produce suppliers to comply with corporate standards and create more



transparent transactions.

The science behind the technology can be incredibly technical and dense, but the book isn’t. The chapters are short, the examples and anecdotes are funny and interesting, and Williams’ passion for the subject comes through on every page. Williams sees Blockchains as ultimately bringing about a newly decentralized and transparent internet. If you haven’t heard of Blockchains yet, Williams states that “they will soon become part of your everyday life.”

*Book reviewed by Mike Daly,
Richfield Branch Library*

Friends of Crowell Hilaka

The Friends of Crowell Hilaka (FoCH), in cooperation with the Richfield Joint Recreation District, will hold “A Patchwork of Legends History Hike” at Richfield Heritage Preserve on Sunday, June 23, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Hikers will meet at the Summer Barn, located at 2445 Oviatt Road, at 2:00 p.m. Directional signs will be posted. A picnic snack will be provided.

Bring a water bottle and wear bug repellent. This event is free and open to the public. No advance registration is required. Check FoCH’s website at www.friendsofcrowellhilaka.org for additional information and updates.

Richfield Historical Society

On Sunday, June 23, 2 p.m., at the Historical Museum of Richfield (3907 Broadview Road), Scott Luther and Matt Choma will deliver “South Richfield Podcast Presents: Tragedy in Richfield”. The spring of 1871 saw the tranquility of this peaceful town shattered by an assassin bent on winning the hand of a girl he had only met once. Feeling he had been wronged, John Hunter descended upon Richfield with only one thing in mind - vengeance. Free and open to the public, this presentation will cover the events leading to the murders of prominent Richfield citizens Robert and Elizabeth Gargett in what was at that time one of the bloodiest and most horrible crimes in state history.

Richfield Chamber of Commerce 22nd Annual “Links for Education” Golf Outing Sponsored by GMS

It’s not too late to sign up for the 22nd Annual Richfield Chamber of Commerce “Links for Education” Golf Outing, sponsored by GMS, to be held on Wednesday, June 12, at St. Bernard Golf Club in Richfield - but you need to do so ASAP so we have an accurate head count for our golfer gift, meals, beverages, etc. Registration, lunch and the putting contest will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Dinner will be served after golf (approximately 5:30 p.m.). There will be several fun and skill contests to make things even more interesting! And, of course, the beverage cart will be making the rounds throughout the day. The event will conclude with the announcement of our contest winners

and a raffle for many great items.

If you would like to sponsor one or more holes and have a distinctive sign(s) featuring your company’s name placed on the course the day of the event, mail your sponsorship so it’s received by June 4. We will gladly accept donations for our raffle anytime up to the day of the outing. Contact Karen Smik at 330-659-4750 or kls1650@roadrunner.com for further information, registration forms and/or sponsorship/donation forms.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will fund the Chamber’s scholarships for graduating Revere High School seniors. Approximately \$100,000 has been awarded since the golf outing’s inception.

Legal Tip from Gertsburg Law

A legal tip for businesses from The Gertsburg Law Firm:



To terminate a non-charitable irrevocable trust, assuming the settlor is deceased, a trustee will need to get the consent of all the beneficiaries and establish that the trust no longer serves a material purpose. A material purpose isn’t always obvious from the language of

the trust. It requires some showing of a particular concern or objective on the part of the settlor, such as a beneficiary’s management skills, judgment, or level of maturity. File the petition with the relevant probate court with all consents and a statement that the trust no longer serves its material purpose and the probate court should allow you to terminate the trust.

Nick Weiss of The Gertsburg Law Firm can be reached at 440-528-1233 or nweiss@gertsburglaw.com.

REGISTRATION

Register online at sweetcornchallenge.com

NO REFUNDS GIVEN

Event date
July 27, 2019

Check Your Choices and Prices

	EARLY BIRD 'TIL April 15	April 16 'TIL JULY 10	JULY 10 'til July 24
<input type="checkbox"/> 5K	<input type="checkbox"/> \$27	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40
<input type="checkbox"/> 10K	<input type="checkbox"/> \$32	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45
<input type="checkbox"/> 3K TRAIL RUN/WALK	<input type="checkbox"/> \$22	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35
<input type="checkbox"/> KIDS' 9 & UNDER - NO SHIRT INCLUDED	<input type="checkbox"/> Free	<input type="checkbox"/> Free	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15
<input type="checkbox"/> 62-MILE BIKE RIDE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$32	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45



Team 369® performance event shirt

S M L XL XXL **Free** **Free** **N/A**

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____

Use ONE FORM PER PARTICIPANT - PHOTOCOPIES ACCEPTED

Last Name

First Name

Phone

Address

City

State

Zip

Email address

ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS FORM

My choice to participate in the Richfield Sweet Corn Challenge (the "Event") is knowing, voluntary, and made for my personal enjoyment. I understand that participation in this Event involves inherent risks and dangers of injury, loss, or damage. These may result not only from my own actions, inactions, or negligence, but also from the actions, inactions, or negligence of others. Further, there may be other risks not known to me or may or may not be reasonably foreseeable at this time. I understand and I have considered the risks involved, and I voluntarily and freely choose to assume these risks.

I understand that the Richfield Chamber of Commerce and its affiliates, sponsors, and volunteers (collectively, "Releasees"), assume no responsibility or liability with respect to my participation in the Event or related activities.

I agree to be solely responsible for any injury, loss, or damage that I might sustain while participating in the Event and I agree to release Releasees and their respective directors, officers, employees, volunteers, representatives, and agents of all responsibility for such injury, loss, or damage.

I also consent to receive medical treatment that may be deemed necessary in the event of any illness, accident, or injury, or medical emergency resulting from or in connection with my participation in the Event and understand that I am solely responsible for all costs related to such medical treatment, medical transportation, and/or evacuation, if any.

I have read this Agreement and fully understand its terms and accept the risks associated with my participation in the Event. I understand that I am giving up substantial rights. I further acknowledge that I am freely and voluntarily executing this Agreement and participating in the Event, and intend my acceptance to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability due to any negligence of Releasees.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

AGE

M/F

DATE OF BIRTH

SIGNATURE OF PARENT / GUARDIAN (FOR RUNNERS UNDER AGE 18)

Send form and Check to: Richfield Chamber of Commerce
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