

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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This coming month when we celebrate freedom and independence, it's important to recall and appreciate how our freedoms have been achieved for us and what it took to win our independence. It's also important to understand the duties and responsibilities incumbent upon us because of our liberty.

Those of us who operate businesses in the Richfield community stand on the shoulders of countless individuals who toiled with the sweat of their brow to create this community and to provide for its needs. For the most part, they managed to find success without many of the advantages we enjoy today. Those who established the first, local economy here in Richfield have enabled us to continue in their footsteps.

The proprietors of the first businesses here were not far removed from the era when frontier met township, and nothing was taken

for granted. They were, no doubt, grateful for the sacrifices made by others to ensure their opportunity to find success and to leave a legacy for the generations to follow. We would be wise to recognize that, if not for them, our businesses would likely look very different, and our experience of gathering as the Richfield business community may not exist.

With freedom comes responsibility, and so we gratefully acknowledge the debt paid for us by others, and our duty to pay it forward to ensure the next generation of Richfield business operators enjoy those same opportunities. Happy Independence Day!



**LET'S DO
LUNCH!**

The Chamber will not be holding a luncheon during the month of July. The next Chamber luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, at 12 p.m. Guest speaker TBA. *Save the date!*

Building Doctor Clinic offered

The State Historic Preservation Office is holding a free Building Doctor Clinic on July 25-26. Sponsored by the Richfield Historical Society, the event will start with an informative seminar at the museum located at 3907 Broadway Road on July 25, from 7-9 p.m. Pre-1960 building owners will learn how to recognize and solve some of the most common problems in maintaining older structures. Advance registration is required.

On July 26, the Building Doctors will make consultations for buildings located within five miles of the Richfield town center. Interested individuals need to request a site visit when they register at building-doctor.org and must attend the free seminar to qualify.

For additional information, email kls1650@roadrunner.com.

Be part of Richfield Community Day

The Chamber will have a table at Richfield's 52nd annual Community Day on August 11. You are invited to participate by volunteering to sit at the Chamber table and represent your company. Chamber members are also invited to have their business information displayed at the table.

To participate, please call the Chamber office at 330-659-3300 by July 15 or mail@richfieldchamber.com. The event begins at 1 p.m. at Richfield Woods Park and ends with Richfield's fabulous fireworks at dark. There will be entertainment throughout the day.

Bath-Richfield Kiwanis sponsors this event.

26th Links for Education Golf Outing a big success

We couldn't have asked for better weather on the day of our 26th "Links for Education" Golf Outing. The 64 golfers who participated on June 12 at St. Bernard Golf Club certainly did more than their fair share to help raise funds – a portion of which benefits the Chamber's scholarship program for students living in the Revere School District geographical boundaries. Because of the golf outing's great success in past years, the Chamber has been able to donate more than \$107,000 in scholarship monies since the event's inception. This past school year, \$1,200 scholarships (funded from last year's outing) were awarded to two exceptional Revere High School seniors, Julia Grandon and Katie Nowakowski. The financial result for this year's tournament will be reported in a future newsletter, when the numbers have been finalized.

The event wouldn't have happened without the dedication and hard work of the following individuals who served on the planning committee: Brian Burch, Melysa Foster, Justin Hamlin, Brian Palone, Corey Ringle, and Jen Stencil. Thanks to Jim Koewler, who handled the putting contest and emceed our awards ceremony. Thanks also to the following individuals who volunteered to help with our contests and to drive the beverage cart: Hope Bryant, Lori Bryant, Bonnie Simonelli, Nicole Spade, and Sophia Stencil. A special shout out to Dave Archer and the boys from the Revere varsity golf team who participated in our "Drive Like a Pro" activity and helped raised lots of money for our scholarship fund. Deb Fike and the St. Bernard Golf Club staff again did an outstanding job hosting our function – and went above and beyond to make sure it ran without a hitch. They also donated a 2025 St. Bernard social membership for a raffle prize.

Congratulations to the following contest winners: winning team - Pulte Homes; men's longest drive - Trevor Nielsen; women's longest

drive - Gail Gambatoso; closest to the pin - Bryan Petsche; and longest putt - Gail Gambatoso. For the putting contest 1st place went to Eric Ferguson; 2nd place to Malonie Moeller; and 3rd place to Jerry Baley. Our skins winners were Pulte Homes for hole #1, Charles Schwab for hole #6, and Revere School District Team #2 for hole #10.

A large part of the event's financial success was due to the generosity of local businesses and individuals who sponsored holes and/or donated raffle items. The Richfield Chamber of Commerce and the Links for Education Golf Committee would like to express their sincerest appreciation to the following: Anthony Allega Cement; Austen J. Linden, III, CFP; Assured Partners; Becker Signs; CAM; Consumers National Bank; Davey Resource Group; D.B. Johnsen Company; Different Branches; Empaco Equipment; Exit 11 Tire Service; Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve; Hemminger Construction; HFS Wealth Advisors; Holiday Inn Express-Richfield; HTZ Construction; Kinetic by Windstream; National Interstate

Insurance; Petros Homes, Plumbing Tech; Pulte Homes; Regina Health Center; Revere Local School District; Richfield Chiropractic Center; Richfield Coin & Collectibles; Charles Schwab; ScripType Publishing; St. Bernard Golf Club; Summit County Clerk of Courts; Venue South (dba Quality Inn & Suites); The Symphony Group; Village Auto Body; and Winar Connection Inc..

We are extremely grateful to the following: GMS for being our tournament sponsor for the 14th year, Davey Resource Group for being our beverage cart sponsor, and HTZ Construction for being our golfer gift sponsor as well as being a \$500 hole sponsor.

We hope all who participated in this year's event found their 'sweet spot' and had a 'swinging' time, enjoyed all the contests, won some great raffle prizes, and will come back for the 2025 outing to be held at St. Bernard's on Wednesday, June 11. Mark that date on your calendars now so you don't miss out!

Karen Smik, Chairperson
2024 Links for Education
Golf Outing

Friends of RHP offer architecture hike

The Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve will offer a "Connecting the History and Homes at Richfield Heritage Preserve" hike on Sunday, July 14, 2-4 p.m. Attendees will meet by The Lodge at RHP.

Hike leader Corey Ringle, a registered architect and the Friends president and head of its Historic Home

Stabilization Task Force, will share how – while working on Amity, Garfield, North and Kirby houses – the HHSTF team has learned more than was previously known about the original architecture hidden behind the renovations.

This free event will be held rain or shine. Visit friendsofrhp.org for updates.

Recognizing and thanking our 2024 Richfield Chamber of Commerce Silver & Gold Members

2024 Gold Members
(to date) include:



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