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JUNE 2026

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dr. Mariah Southard

As we head into June, summer is officially kicking off, and with it comes one of the busiest and most exciting times of the year for our Chamber and community. Between graduations, summer events, vacations, and local gatherings, there's energy at this time of year that always brings people together.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026 graduates, especially the recipients of the Richfield Chamber of Commerce scholarships. We're proud to support local students as they take the next steps toward their futures, and we're grateful to our Chamber members and community sponsors who help make those scholarships possible each year.

A big focus this month is our upcoming Links for Education Golf Outing on June 10. This event continues to be one of the Chamber's favorite traditions and an important fundraiser that supports our scholarship program. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored, donated, volunteered, or regis-

tered to golf. The support from our business community never goes unnoticed, and events like this are a great reminder of what we can accomplish when we work together.

Our next Chamber luncheon will take place on June 3, and we hope to see many of you there as we continue connecting, supporting local businesses, and strengthening relationships within our community. Please note that the Chamber will not have a luncheon in July.

As always, thank you for continuing to support the Richfield Chamber of Commerce and each other. I hope everyone has a fun, successful, and safe start to summer, and I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming events throughout the month.



LET'S DO LUNCH!

WEDNESDAY, June 3, 2026

Speakers:

Dave Messner,
Caitlin Smith, Brandy Brady
and John Robinson,
Summit County

11:45 Informal Networking

12:00 Lunch served

12:30 Speaker

1:00 Adjourn

at

**Venue South at
Quality Inn & Suites,
Richfield**

Members admitted free with a reservation.

Non-members bring \$20 check payable
to Richfield Chamber of Commerce

No-shows will be invoiced \$20 for their reserved lunch.

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

Please R.S.V.P. to 330-659-3300
or mail@richfieldchamber.com
by 10 AM June 1.

Our June Speakers

Dave Messner, Caitlin Smith, Brandy Brady and John Robinson,
Summit County

The Richfield Chamber is honored to have four people from the Summit County government speak at our luncheon next week. They have the knowledge and background to serve the business community right here in Richfield, and the entire county.

Sign up for this event must be made by Monday, May 31.

Our speakers will be:

- **Dave Messner - Deputy Director, Community & Economic Development:** Oversees initiatives that support economic growth, business development, redevelopment projects, and community improvement efforts throughout Summit County. He works with local governments, developers, and business leaders to attract investment and strengthen the county's economic vitality.
- **Caitlin Smith - Scale-Up Business Development:** Assists growing busi-

nesses and entrepreneurs by connecting them with resources, financing opportunities, workforce support, and strategic guidance to help companies expand and succeed in Summit County.

- **Brandy Brady - Site Selection:** Works with businesses and developers to identify suitable locations for commercial and industrial projects within Summit County. She helps coordinate property searches, development data, infrastructure information, and local incentives to support business relocation and expansion decisions.
- **John Robinson - Small & Minority-Owned Business Development:** Supports small businesses and minority-owned enterprises by helping owners access funding opportunities, technical assistance, networking connections, and government or private-sector contracting resources aimed at promoting business growth and equity.

Last call to sign up for golf outing

There are still a few openings for golf foursomes to participate in the Chamber's annual Links for Education Golf Outing at St. Bernard Golf Club in Richfield. Sponsored by GMS, the date is Wednesday, June 10. Please sign up soon, so we can have an accurate head count for the meal, golfer gift and beverages.

Registration, lunch, and the putting contest will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start. There will be several fun contests and skill challenges to make things even more interesting, plus a raffle

featuring some great prizes.

Dinner will be served after golf, at approximately 5:30 p.m.

To sponsor one or more holes with a distinctive company sign, please email your information to Karen by June 3 followed by your completed sponsorship form and payment to the Chamber office as noted on the form. We are still accepting donations for the raffle.

Contact Karen Smik at 330-659-4750 or kls1650@roadrunner.com for further information. The golf foursome registra-

tion form and sponsorship/donation form are available on the Chamber website at richfieldchamber.com/events or by contacting Karen.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will help fund the Chamber's scholarships for graduating seniors living within the Revere School District. Over \$100,000 has been awarded since the golf outing's inception. This year, we are awarding \$1,200 scholarships to three very deserving Revere High School graduating seniors.

Garden Tour set for June 13

The Richfield Historical Society is holding a garden tour on Saturday, June 13, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased that day behind the Historical Society Museum, 3907 Broadview Rd. A perennial plant sale with costs ranging from \$1-\$3 will be held at the same location.

See HTZ build in Parade of Homes

HTZ will feature their newest build in the Cleveland HBA Summer Parade of Homes. June 6, 7, 13 and 14, 12-5 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. It is a self-guided tour featuring new custom homes, remodeling showcases and homes near completion spread across several NE Ohio counties.

Download the HBA CLE Parades app or visit members.bianeo.org/event-calendar for the fully updated, official list of participating homes and builders.

As a Chamber Member, if you have an event, special promotion or recognition that you would like included in the monthly newsletter, please submit a press release to mail@richfieldchamber.com by the 20th of the month. Your release should be in paragraph format of 100 words or less. Attachments will not be accepted.

Oviatt House receives restoration award

Oviatt House at Richfield Heritage Preserve was selected to receive the Underground Railroad History Exterior Restoration Award presented by the Summit County Historical Society of Akron, OH and Progress Through Preservation of Greater Akron.

Oviatt House was thrilled to accept this prestigious honor at the 2026 Architectural Heritage Awards luncheon on Sunday, May 17. Thank you to all in the Richfield Chamber of Commerce community for your continued support!

TakeMeBack features George Washington

The Richfield Historical Society is holding a TakeMeBack series talk on Tuesday, June 30, from 7-8 p.m., at Richfield Fellowship Hall. Dale Fellows will present "George Washington and the

Constitution." Hear newly inaugurated President George Washington discuss the creation of the Constitution and his thoughts on being the first President of the United States.

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