

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dr. Mariah Southard

August is always an exciting month in Richfield, with plenty of opportunities to reconnect and celebrate our community.

After taking a break from our monthly luncheon in July, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again at our Aug. 5 luncheon. These gatherings are a great opportunity to build relationships, exchange ideas, and learn more about the people and businesses that make Richfield such a wonderful place to live and work.

We're also looking forward to Richfield Community Day on August 9. The Chamber will have a table at the event, and members are welcome to drop off promotional items or giveaways that we can pass out on their behalf. This is a great opportunity to showcase your business and connect with members of the community.

We will also sell our new Richfield

T-shirts celebrating America's 250th anniversary, so be sure to stop by our table, say hello, and purchase one!

As summer begins to wind down, it's a great time to look ahead and consider new ways to become involved with the Chamber. Whether that means attending a luncheon, participating in an upcoming event, or connecting with another member, every interaction helps strengthen our local business community.

Thank you to our members, volunteers, and community partners for your continued involvement and support. I hope to see many of you throughout August.



LET'S DO LUNCH!

**WEDNESDAY,
Aug. 5, 2026**

Speaker:

**Don Laubacher,
Richfield Township
Trustee**

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 Aug. 3.**

Friends are presented an award

The Akron Garden Club presented the Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve with a Commendation for Historic Preservation from the Garden Club of America for "their vision, leadership and volunteer efforts to promote the historically significant and naturalistic landscape and structures of Richfield Heritage Preserve."

It was noted that through over a decade

of dedicated volunteer service, leadership, advocacy and preservation efforts, the Friends have "protected an irreplaceable historic resource and created meaningful opportunities for public education and engagement," and "their work ensures visitors can continue to experience and learn from this unique historic and natural landscape for generations to come."

Oliver Perry's victory story told

The Richfield Historical Society is holding a *TakeMeBack* series talk on Tuesday, August 25, from 7-8 p.m., at Richfield Fellowship Hall. Mary Louise Daley, with A Portal in Time, will present Oliver Hazard Perry: Hero of the Battle of Lake Erie - A Life of Courage and Honor. Few naval

battles are as enduring as the Battle of Lake Erie and how Perry's actions to exact a victory, helped define our nation.

No reservations are required for this free program. Call 330-659-4750 for additional information and visit richfieldohiohistoricalsociety.org for any event updates.

Revere welcomes new leadership team

Revere Local Schools is preparing for the 2026-2027 school year with several key leadership appointments approved by the board of education. New roles include Dr. Dan Oberhauser as director of school performance, Bryan Petsche as Revere Middle School principal, Tom Johnsen as RMS As-

sistant Principal, Benjamin Kobus as athletic director, and Andrew Tufts as supervisor of technology. Families are invited to the annual Revere Fall Extravaganza on Thursday, Aug. 20. The first day of school is Tuesday, Aug. 25. Learn more at revereschools.org, where Every Student Thrives.

Our August Speaker

Don Laubacher, Richfield Township Trustee

Don Laubacher is the current chair of the Richfield Township Trustees.

Following his graduation from Bowling Green State University with a master's degree in accounting, Don spent his professional career in financial services before retiring in 2023.

Don serves as the trustee liaison to the Richfield Township Zoning Department, Richfield Joint Recreation District, the stormwater district, and the police and fire safety services.

He also serves on the board of the Richfield Chamber of Commerce as the membership chairperson.

Don can be contacted through the Richfield Township administration office at 330-659-4700 or through email at d.laubacher@richfield-twp.org.



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.

Golf outing was a wonderful success

The weather was hot for our 28th "Links for Education" Golf Outing! The 52 golfers who participated on June 10 at St. Bernard Golf Club did their part to help raise funds, a portion of which benefits the Chamber's scholarship program for students in the Revere School District. Because of the golf outing's great success in past years, the Chamber has been able to donate more than \$100,000 in scholarship monies since the event's inception. This past school year, three students were each awarded \$1,200 scholarships. These three exceptional Revere High School seniors are Angelina Camardo, Sophie Gehring, and Edie Staiger. This year's financial results will be reported in a future newsletter.

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, Don Laubacher, Corey Ringle, and Mariah Southard. Thanks to Jim Koewler who handled the putting contest and emceed our "awards" ceremony, and to the following volunteers: Brian Burch, Melysa Foster, Sandy Norris, Corey Ringle, Bonnie Simonelli, Mariah Southard, Tricia Steiner, and Hope and Kristen from HTZ Design+Build. A shout out to Dave Archer, coach of the Revere boys' varsity golf team, who worked the Drive Like a Pro activity and helped raise lots of money for our scholarship fund. Deb Fike and the St. Bernard Golf Club staff again made sure our event ran without a hitch. They also donated two St. Bernard social memberships to use as raffle prizes.

Congratulations to the following contest winners: winning team - Advanced Quality Lawn; men's longest drive - Terry Bennett; closest to the pin - Dan Oberhauser; longest putt - Greg Gareffa; and for the putting contest - 1st place went to Bill Saringer; 2nd place to Kevin Sasak; and 3rd place to Marc Bobby. Our skins winners

were Advanced Quality Lawn for holes 2 and 3, GMS for hole 5, and Bath-Richfield Kiwanis for hole 9.

A large part of the event's financial success was due to the generosity of local businesses and individuals who sponsored holes, made a donation, and/or contributed raffle items. The Richfield Chamber of Commerce golf committee express their gratitude to the following: Anthony Allega Cement; Austen J. Linden, III, CFP; BodyWork Chiropractic and Wellness; Broadview Insurance Agency; CAM, Inc.; Constantine Gardens; Consumers National Bank; Davey Resource Group; D.B. Johnsen Company; Empaco Equipment Corp.; Exit 11 Tire Service; Flagship Capital Advisors; Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve; Gallagher Insurance, GMS (tournament sponsor); Hemminger Construction; HFS Wealth Advisors; Holiday Inn Express-Richfield; HTZ Design+Build; JBM Tax; National Interstate Insurance; Oviatt House; Petros Homes; Sue Ann Philippbar; Plumbing Tech; Quality Inn & Suites; Regina Health Center; Revere Local School District; Richfield Chiropractic Center; Richfield Coin & Collectibles; ScripType Publishing; St. Bernard Golf Club; The Symphony Group; Village Auto Body; and Winar Connection Inc.

We are grateful to the following: GMS our tournament sponsor for the 16th year; Exit 11 our beverage cart sponsor; BodyWork Chiropractic and Wellness, our golfer gift sponsor; Flagship Capital Advisors, our Keg Stop sponsor and Constantine Gardens and Plumbing Tech our exclusive hole sponsors.

We hope all who participated in this year's event enjoyed all the contests, won some great raffle prizes, and will return for the 2027 outing to be held at St. Bernard's on Wednesday, June 16, 2027.

Karen Smik

2026 Links for Education
Golf Outing Chairperson

Recognizing and thanking our 2026 Richfield Chamber of Commerce Silver & Gold Members

2026 Gold Members
include:



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