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Happy New Year, Richland County!

Ellen Heinz, M.Ed., OhioCED

President & CEO



Dear Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development Partners,

Happy New Year! Here's to the start of an outstanding 2026!

We are so grateful for YOU! Our business community, community leaders and non-profit organizations are the heart and soul of Richland County and the work we do. Your support of our work at the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development, Richland Community Development Group and Mansfield-Richland Area Educational Foundation is critical and we wouldn't be here without you. Thanks to your membership, financial support and partnerships, we were able to accomplish together the 2025 Highlights below and share some exciting new additions for 2026!

2025 Highlights: Legislative After Hours at Kingwood Gardens; Richland Area Community Guide; Mayoral Vision; Putting on the Ritz Annual Meeting and Excellence Awards; "Unleash the Pawsibilities" Business Expo, Business Professionals Day w/Quiz showdown; Sold out Annual Golf Outing at Deer Ridge; Inspirational and Effective Speakers at our Leadership Luncheons and BOSS (Business Owners Seeking Solutions) Internship Blueprint seminar; HR Professionals Event; Over 500 registered for a bigger than ever Savor & Sip; Ribbon Cuttings; Chamber Coffees at The Renaissance Performing Arts Theatre, Richland Source, Music Academy of Karate and Empowerment. After surveying participating businesses, we moved Small Business Saturday up a week which provided a lot more traffic and holiday shopping dollars spent locally to support our wonderful businesses. Small Business of the Year Awards Luncheon was a great success as well with a large turnout and some fantastic finalist videos, [watch them here!](#)

In 2026, we've had extensive growth in our economic development initiatives and partnerships! Thanks to the support and leadership of Richland County Commissioners, the Richland County Port Authority was created! This important economic development tool provides support for large projects in the area. Special thanks to Mayor Perry for her support of this new addition to the area, as well!

With an increased focus to support businesses during construction in Downtown Mansfield, the team created a dynamic targeted workshop, hosted our Member Appreciation Event & Membership 101 at the beautiful Hudson and Essex, participated in the Richland Source Neighbors Helping Neighbors program, as well as a number of other initiatives.

Elevated Business After Hours were extremely well attended at Snow Trails, Wishmaker Inn Bed and Breakfast, Business Expo, Buffalo Wild Wings, and Buckeye Imagination Museum. Engaging speakers presented at the Economic Forecast Breakfast, Regional Economic Development Forum at the Blueberry Patch, Manufacturers Appreciation Month kick-off and RCDG Leadership Development Forums. The Business Advocacy Committee has made great progress in refining top area priorities. The year has been packed full of value-added successful events for our members and community!

Discover Richland, Leadership Unlimited, Engage Richland, Leader Richland, Mentorships and technology camps have grown and continue to be a huge hit! EmployMEpalooza, Aviation Career Days at the Mansfield Lahm airport and expanded funding for training grants for Richland County businesses bolstered Workforce Development opportunities!

BrandRichland partners continued to work on impactful marketing initiatives and outcomes. We launched "The Economic Edge" – a quarterly Economic Development Newsletter, [click here to sign up!](#)

NEW IN 2026: We are excited to share THREE new offerings we'll have in 2026: **Chamber Member Guardians Baseball Game Event w/a Comfortable, Accessible Bus, Club-level, All-You-Can-Eat Seating – May 15th; National Inspirational and Motivational Speaker Damon West – Author of "The Coffee Bean – A Simple Lesson to Create Positive Change" on August 5th!** Tickets will go on sale in early 2026 and both are anticipated to sell out quickly – please watch for the email blast! **We anticipate launching "Member Spotlight Videos" early in 2026 with more great things to come!**

With everything we do, we want to ensure we are maximizing your membership value and benefits! Find out how you can make the most of your benefits by emailing Jennifer at jwagner@richlandareachamber.com!

Thank you so much for your membership, involvement and support! Thank you to our amazing team and board members for their work and support!

GO TEAM RICHLAND!

Warmest Regards,

Ellen Heinz
President & CEO



**2026
LEGISLATIVE
AFTER HOURS**

Hosted By:
Richland Area Chamber
Business Advocacy Committee

Mix and mingle with elected officials representing every level of government. A short set of remarks and introductions will take place.

**January 15, 2026
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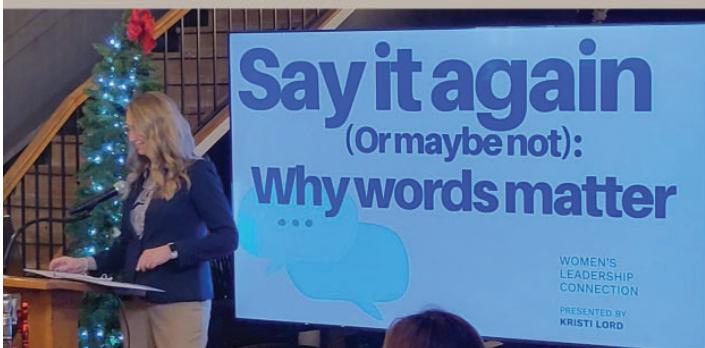
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Welcome Jill Gantt, Workforce Development Coordinator



Jill Gantt
*Workforce Development
Coordinator*

We are thrilled to announce a significant and exciting addition to our team: As part of our WIOA Contract, Jill Gantt has joined as our new Workforce Coordinator to support Clint Knight. Jill brings an immense level of knowledge and proven effectiveness to our organization, and we are excited for the impact she will have on our community programming.

In this vital role, Jill will be working close with Clint to support the WIOA contracts and advance workforce initiatives, including crucial programs like Incumbent Worker and On-the-Job Training Contracts. She will also be

spearheading other key partnerships that fall under the initiatives of the Area 10 Workforce Development Board.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Jill! You can reach her directly via email at jgantt@choosericland.com.

We look forward to introducing you to Jill at our upcoming events.



MAYORAL VISION 2026 PANEL JANUARY 28, 2026 FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 1 P.M. MID-OHIO EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER

Join us for an insightful panel discussion as the mayors of Richland County come together to share their individual and collective vision for 2026. This is a unique opportunity to hear directly from your local leaders about the future of your city or village.

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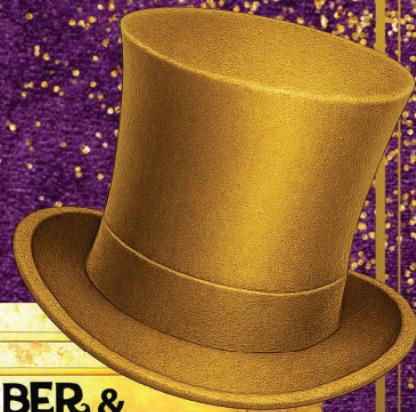
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**5PM - COCKTAIL HOUR
6PM - DINNER & AWARDS**

**MID-OHIO CONFERENCE
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\$50 PER PERSON

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1. Scan QR code
2. Our event calendar: richlandareachamber.com
3. Call us at (419) 522-3211
4. Email Lisa Duckworth at: lduckworth@richlandareachamber.com



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February 11, 2026

RICHLAND AREA CHAMBER & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL MEETING & ECONOMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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(4 Available)

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- Logo recognition in Chamber newsletter and emails
- Inclusion in press release
- Social media "thank you"
- Right of first refusal for next year

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- 6 Tickets to the event
- Table sign with corporate logo
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- Logo recognition during slide show
- Business name on signage
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- Business name recognition in Chamber newsletter and emails

Wonka Bar Sponsor

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- Verbal recognition from the podium
- Business name recognition during the slide show
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- Business name recognition in Chamber newsletter

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- Verbal recognition from the podium
- Business name recognition during the slide show
- Business name on signage
- Business name & link on Chamber website event page
- Business name recognition in Chamber newsletter

This event features awards for outstanding individuals, social time, and an opportunity for members to share in the accomplishments of the past year and goals for the new year.

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Contact Lisa at lduckworth@richlandareachamber.com or call 419-522-3211



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As we enter 2026, employers should begin preparing OSHA (private employers) and PERRP (public employers) injury and illness recordkeeping logs, summaries and required online submissions. OSHA and PERRP require employers to review injuries and determine recordability within seven days of notification.

Key deadlines:

- OSHA and PERRP summary forms must be completed and posted by February 1
- PERRP online reporting is due February 1
- OSHA online reporting is due March 2
- Summaries must be posted February 1 through April 30

Private employers may be exempt from OSHA recordkeeping if they have 10 or fewer employees or operate in a low hazard industry. Public employers are required to maintain PERRP logs with no exemptions. Only the OSHA 300A or PERRP 300AP Summary should be posted, never the injury log.

Some employers are required to submit records online. OSHA provides a tool to determine reporting requirements through its Injury Tracking Application. PERRP summary information is submitted through the Ohio BWC portal.

Even if you are behind on prior years, OSHA and PERRP encourage employers to complete and submit records as soon as possible.

For questions, contact Andy Sawan, Risk Services Specialist at Sedgwick, at andrew.sawan@sedgwick.com or 330-819-4728.



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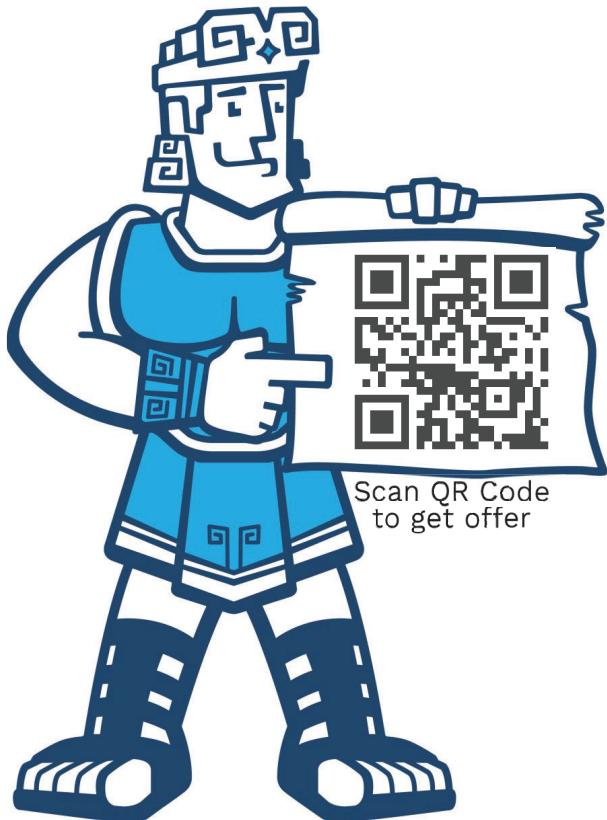
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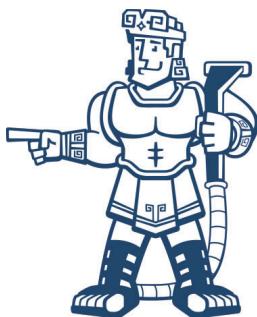


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Contact Lisa at 419-522-3211 ext. 105 or lduckworth@richlandareachamber.com



Booth Registration

19th Annual Business Expo

Thursday March 19, 2026
10:00am - 4:00pm

Richland County Fairgrounds

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DETAILS:

- Thursday, March 19, 10-4pm, at the Richland County Fairgrounds
- Set up will take place from 3-5pm on Wed., March 18 to allow for the "Expo Eve" Business After Hours taking place 5-7pm that evening - 300+ attended the BAH in previous years, with over 900 attending the Expo!
- Theme: Expo-opoly
- Booth prizes will be awarded for: Most Creative, Best Use of Theme, & People's Choice
- Admission will be free, and once again, many forms of media will be used to promote the Expo to the public.

COST: Booth cost is only \$225 if you reserve your space before April 26

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BrandRichland Launches New Facebook & Instagram Pages

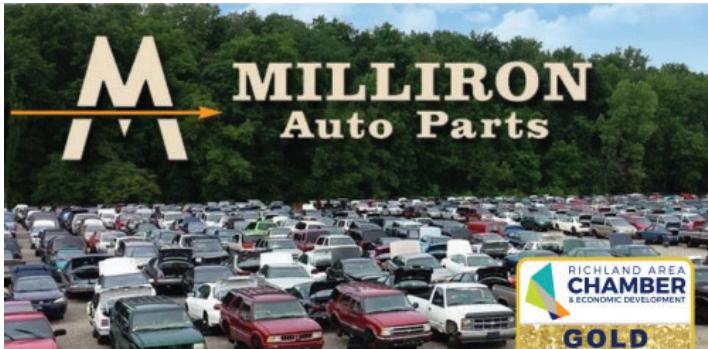
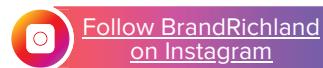


We're excited to share that BrandRichland now has dedicated Facebook and Instagram pages designed to highlight the energy, creativity, and everyday moments that reflect life across Richland County. These new channels support the brand's purpose of strengthening pride of place by showcasing the people and places that make our communities unique.

BrandRichland is a county-wide initiative co-led by Destination Mansfield – Richland County and the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development, working together to support a clear, unified image of our region.

For our business community, this work matters. A strong sense of place helps attract and retain talent, supports local businesses, and reinforces the kind of positive regional identity that benefits employers and employees alike. When people feel connected to where they live and work, they're more likely to stay, engage, and invest in the community.

We invite you to follow along and be part of this positive, community-focused effort. By liking and sharing the pages, you're helping create a welcoming space that highlights what's happening throughout Richland County and strengthens the region we all serve.



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The Leadership Unlimited Workforce Development Day in December highlighted the strength of our regional workforce system, showcased innovative strategies from local employers, and addressed critical issues for building a thriving workforce, including quality childcare access and affordability, as well as transportation. The class began at the Kehoe Center with workforce data and insights from Clint Knight, Director of Workforce Development, followed by a dynamic panel discussion on recruitment, retention, and the role of AI in the workforce featuring leaders from Schmidt Security Pro and Warren Rupp.



Left and middle, participants explored the Vendor Showcase highlighting community childcare and transportation resources. Right, the afternoon continued at Pioneer Career and Technology Center with lunch and a presentation, followed by a guided tour of several labs led by administrators.

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Engage Richland participants had an inspiring and productive Local Government program day in December. The group kicked things off with a thoughtful conversation with the Richland County Commissioner Tony Vero about budgeting, building upgrades, and county agencies the commissioners oversee.

Their journey continued at Shelby City Hall, where they had engaging discussions with Mayor Steve Schag, Project Coordinator Joe Gies, and Economic & Community Development Director Jessica Gribben. A tour of Black Fork Commons Plaza showcased the community's collaborative spirit and growth. They closed the day with inspiring mentor meetings.

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The Young Leaders Institute spent an inspiring day in Shelby during the January program. Students kicked things off with a leadership activity, advanced their creative exhibit designs for Buckeye Imagination Museum, and gained valuable insights from Mayor Steve Schag about the community. They explored academic opportunities at North Central State College's Kehoe Center and wrapped up with an eye-opening tour of OhioHealth Shelby Hospital, learning about healthcare careers and access in North Central Ohio. A truly impactful day of growth, collaboration, and discovery.



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- 01/28/26 Mayoral Vision 2026 Panel, Mid Ohio Educational Service Center, 11am-1pm
- 02/11/26 Annual Meeting and Economic Excellence Awards Dinner 2026, Mid Ohio Conference Center, 5-8pm
- 02/18/26 Women's Leadership Connection, DLX, 11:45am-1pm
- 02/27/26 Chamber Coffee, Renaissance Performing Arts Theater, 8-9am
- 03/18/26 Business After Hours - Expo Eve, Richland County Fairgrounds, 5-7pm
- 03/19/26 Business Expo, Richland County Fairgrounds, 10am-4pm
- 04/29/26 Business Professionals Day, Mid Ohio Conference Center, 11:30am-1pm
- 06/11/26 Leadership Unlimited Alumni Dinner & Class of 2026 Commencement, DLX, 5:30-7:30pm



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