

# Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting For Richmond Farm and Brewery

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SLATE BELT - Slate Belt Chamber hosted a one year anniversary ribbon cutting for Richmond Farm & Brewery on Sunday for co-owners Millissa and Eric Smith. "We are so thank full to all our family, friends and employees who helped make this a success" said Millissa Smith.

In attendance was Rep. Joe Emrick a long time friend of the family who thanked them for bringing economic development and jobs to the Slate Belt.

The owner of the farm before the Smiths, Anna Diehl was there with her daughter JoAnn (Diehl) Campanaro and grandson Nolan Diehl. Mr. Diehl passed away years ago and to remember him the Smith's named a beer after him called the 'Diehly.'

About the Farm - Richmond Farm & Brewery, Inc. got its name from the small village of Richmond- located on the outskirts of Bangor, Pennsylvania. This small village is where husband and wife, Eric and Milissa, were born and raised.

We love it here, the history, the slate and beautiful properties. Also, we like how close we are to other towns, cities and attractions.

After growing up in this community and raising two beautiful daughters, we decided to turn our old, run down barn into a Brewery. We purchased part of the land in April of 2015 and then the rest in October of 2017, which included the farmhouse and barn. This old barn dates back to the late 1920's. It is two floors and 221 ft. long. Once owned by Charlie Diehl a.k.a. The Diehly Farm. Shortly after this time the 100-acre farm sat vacant for over 20 years. Today, we have a beer named after Diehly.

After many trips to Austin, Texas to visit our Daughter, Brittani, we decided to look into opening a brewery in our barn. During our stay in ATX we would site-see and visit the many breweries and wineries located in Barns or on ranches. Eric would taste craft beer and started to pick up a passion for them. Every time, we would say Bangor really needs something like this. I thought, could we ever do something like this in our Barn? We bounced the idea off of Brit and Jon and they both thought it was an awesome idea! In July of 2018 we returned from ATX and I was persistent with Eric to check with the Township's ordinance and see if this would be possible. He said, "You really want to do this?" Low and behold it is possible! Go to richmondfarmbrewery.com to read the whole story.



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