

2026 Finalists

Winners in every competition level will be announced at the awards ceremony.

Arts, Culture, and Performance

NON-PROFESSIONAL

A Century Of Cinema: Cary Grant

Doug Sorrell, Mark Morgan, Mike Sopronyi · The Miamisburg Eagles

The National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers Band at what is now the Dayton VA

Patrick W. Dugan, Mahren Mahilrajan, Larry Hollinger · MVCC

PROFESSIONAL

Forest Park's Jazz in the Park featuring Rebecca Jade - August 2, 2025

Waycross Community Media

HOM Entertainment: Life of Pi

HOMTV staff and interns

Silver Lining Art Installation by Sujin Lim

Liberty Lord

Children / Youth Programming

STUDENT

Criminology

Waycross Community Media · Summer Film Workshop 2025

ONTV Kids Video Camp 2025: "Cloudy with a Chance of MURDER!"

ONTV Kids Camp Class 2025 · Orion Neighborhood Television

NON-PROFESSIONAL

One Day I'll Serve

Patrick W. Dugan, Mahren Mahilrajan, Larry Hollinger, Andrew Keyes, Jacob Keyes · MVCC

PROFESSIONAL

Adventures in Crafting 2025

Keaton Cross, Dana Denha · CTN

Santa Call-In 2025

Rich LaRue, Doug Fritz, Kattie Ward, Mike Sopronyi, Ray Gambrel, John Golub, Stephanie Golub, Jeff Klaene, Greg Forstofel, Tom Karslake, Judy Fellner, Greg Torre, Richard Diaz, Jenny Combs

Civic / Political Awareness

NON-PROFESSIONAL

America, Say Hi to Hydrogen

Patrick W. Dugan, Mahren Mahilrajan, Larry Hollinger · MVCC

PROFESSIONAL

The Township | Department of Public Works

John Ehlke

The West Carrollton Mayor's Report 2025

City of West Carrollton; Mayor Rick Barnhart, Yvonne Concepcion, Richard Diaz

West Carrollton South Alex Road Traffic Study

City of West Carrollton; Cheryl Dillin, Rich Norton, Richard Diaz

Community Event Coverage

STUDENT

Celebrate Meridian Festival 2025

Parker Frederick · HOMTV

NON-PROFESSIONAL

Great Miami Riverway Summit 2025: Plaza Theatre Presentation

Doug Sorrell, Mark Morgan, Mike Sopronyi · The Miamisburg Eagles

The Highlights of RiverDrums 2025

Terry Doran · Access Fort Wayne

PROFESSIONAL

2025 Findlay Market Opening Day Parade

Steve Sobel

Boo by the Woods 2024

Lucas Hricko · Avon Lake Community Television

Exploring Independence Fest (2025)

Michael Rosenkranz, Benjamin Kowalski, Hannah Gray, Jean-Marie Macilwain, Tanner Rapal, Reiken Smith, John Ehlke

Community Impact and Inclusion

NON-PROFESSIONAL

America, Say Hi to Hydrogen

Patrick W. Dugan, Mahren Mahilrajan, Larry Hollinger · MVCC

Suicide Prevention Cat Memes

Larry Hollinger

PROFESSIONAL

Ann Arbor / DTE Franchise Agreement

Dana Denha, Ryan Smith · CTN

Fall SHINE Day 2025

Robert Yaxley · Sterling Heights Television

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Documentary

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Silver Screen Spotlight: The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari
Tanner Rapal

NON-PROFESSIONAL

A Belated Welcome: Vietnam Veterans, 50 Years Later
Carter Helmes · ICRC-TV and City of Mason

Faithing in the Heartland: Indiana Buddhist Temple Rains Retreat to Kathina
Carl Jylland-Halverson · Access Fort Wayne

The National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers Band at what is now the Dayton VA
Patrick W. Dugan, Mahren Mahilrajan, Larry Hollinger · MVCC

PROFESSIONAL

Bonzai | Variations
Ian Gilbert, Patrick Vidro · GRTV

Boys of '64: In the Shadow of Victory
BCTV

Talking With Springfield Township: Beech Grove Cemetery
Waycross Community Media

Entertainment, Comedy, and Variety

STUDENT

Alliance Spooky String
Alliance High School students

Criminology
Waycross Community Media · Summer Film Workshop 2025

NON-PROFESSIONAL

Halloween Spooktacular 2025
Mike Sopronyi, Shawn A. Green III

Wildwood Film Festival 2025: The Trail
Emma Dorsey · Orion Neighborhood Television

PROFESSIONAL

Back to 2040
Daniel Rizek · Sterling Heights Television

Cosmic Monsters
Kristine Sprunger, Gruesome Graves · Access Fort Wayne Media

Government Meeting

PROFESSIONAL

City Planning Commission Meeting - 4/4/25
Thomas Potter

Hamilton County Commissioners Regular Meeting 12/18/25
ICRC-TV

Instructional / Educational

STUDENT

Find Fun! On the Trails
Parker Frederick · HOMTV

NON-PROFESSIONAL

Living Green on a Blue Planet: 2025 BioBlitz at Eagle Marsh
Carl Jylland-Halverson · Access Fort Wayne

Make Your Family Tree the Easy Way
Patrick W. Dugan, Mahren Mahilrajan, Larry Hollinger · MVCC

PROFESSIONAL

The creation of and story of Billie Dalton interview; The Dalton Gang Band of Veterans Soldier SongStudios & Music.
Billie Dalton · Access Vision Battle Creek, MI; Delta College Studios Saginaw, MI; MCTV Studios Midland, MI

The Pompeii of West Michigan | Michigan Moment
Mat Legato, Michael Rosenkranz

Interview / Talk Show

NON-PROFESSIONAL

Harpers Bazzaroworld Halloween Special
Darryl Bohannon

How Dayton Became the Funk Capital of the World
David Webb, Trent Darby

Patty's Page - Special guest: Guitarist Laurence Juber
Patty Hunter · Access Fort Wayne TV Station

PROFESSIONAL

Family Roots and Garden Boots Series
Campbell Media and Campbell County Extension

Here and There: Springboro Community Theatre, Murder on the Orient Express
Liberty Lord

Louisville NOW! 2025
Gary White · Louisville Metro TV

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News / Magazine Program

STUDENT

Township Tails - Meet the Dogs of Meridian
Sara Weiermiller · HOMTV

PROFESSIONAL

Career Connections - Episode 16
Darius Jones

Louisville This Week 2025
Gary White · Louisville Metro TV

Orion Today (7/29/25)
Tessa Penzien · Orion Neighborhood Television

Promotional Video

NON-PROFESSIONAL

Make Your Family Tree the Easy Way
Patrick W. Dugan, Mahren Mahilrajan, Larry Hollinger · MVCC

PROFESSIONAL

Parks Peek - Furstenberg Nature Area
Ryan Smith · CTN Ann Arbor

The Township | Parks, Recreation & Seniors
John Ehlke

What's Going Down in the 'Dale - Slick City Opening
Dean Lowry, Nick Morgan, Lawrence Hawkins III · ICRC-TV and City of Springdale

Public Service Announcement / Critical Information

NON-PROFESSIONAL

Suicide Prevention Cat Memes
Larry Hollinger

PROFESSIONAL

Don't Block The Crosswalk PSA
Campbell Media

Mayor's Minute 09/2025: ALPS Phase 2
Lucas Hricko, Mark Spaetzel, Erin Fach · Avon Lake Community Television

Private Well Water Quality Testing PSA
John Ehlke

Sports Coverage

STUDENT

Eisenhower vs Clarkston Football
Matthew Bleau, Mat Legato, Ryan Ehlke, John Ehlke, Jaxson Bordine, Noah Brown, Jude Andrews, Jennah Holcombe, Lorelai Potter, Anthony DelPup, Branko Djuric, Nicholas Whitten

PROFESSIONAL

Rock and Roll Wrestling LIVE 3
Dale Grow

Turpin vs. Lebanon Football - 10.10.25
Patrick Mulcahey, Will Matthews · ICRC-TV

Sports Feature / Commentary

STUDENT

Inside The A and M Podcast ep. 2
Mount Union/Alliance High School students

PROFESSIONAL

A Year to Remember: St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Athletics 2024-2025
St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Schools and ICRC-TV

Teqball
Rob Cross, Dana Denha · CTN

Special awards

Nominees for these awards are not announced in advance. Winners will be revealed at the ceremony.

- George Stoney Community Impact Award
- Overall Excellence in Community Media
- Excellence in Directing
- Excellence in Editing
- Excellence in Graphics/Animation

Philo Awards ceremony

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 7 pm
Wealthy Theatre, Grand Rapids, Michigan

[Conference and ceremony details](#)