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Rideout's IGA Wins Grocer Award

(Painesville, OH)—On January 29, 2015, the Ohio Grocers Association presented its prestigious Pinnacle Award to Rideout's IGA Foodliner and the Rideout family. The Pinnacle Award, based on operational excellence and significant contribution to Ohio's food industry, is given annually to both a single-store operator and a multi-store operation.

When the McLain Grocery Company first opened a new IGA in Perry, Ohio in January 1973, Bob Rideout started off as a stock boy for the store. Bob continued to work at the IGA for 11 years before going to work for Tom Conti at Headlands IGA for two years. Seeing the opportunity to bring a store back to the community when Perry IGA closed in 1986, Bob and his wife Susan reopened the store in February of 1987 and Rideout's IGA was born. Over the years, the Rideout's have put various improvements into the store location, expanding and modernizing the store. In 2009, Bob's wife Susan passed away but her spirit continues to be a driving force within the store today.

Family ownership has remained a constant for Rideout's over the years. Today, Bob's son Robbie manages and is a part owner of Rideout's; his sister Cassie, serves as deli manager and Bob's sister Linda serves as office manager. Since its inception, Rideout's IGA has been extremely active in the community, donating food, sponsoring various sports teams, and volunteering within the community. In addition, several of Rideout's employees have run booths at the local annual Relay for Life, raising thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society.

"I am extremely honored to recognize Rideout's IGA as our 2015 Pinnacle Award winner," says Nate Filler, President/CEO of OGA. "Rideout's has a rich family history and longstanding commitment of serving the communities of Perry and Painesville and are most deserving of the Ohio Grocers Association's highest honor."

In addition to today's store presentation, the Rideout family will receive a special video recognition at the Ohio Grocers Annual Trade Relations Gala on April 18, 2015, at the North Pointe Hotel and Conference Center.

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The Ohio Grocers Association represents over 400 food retailers, wholesalers and suppliers across the state, from the largest chain stores to the smallest independent grocers. Ohio's grocery industry employs over 110,000 people in full-and part-time jobs and generate over \$18.5 billion sales. For more information, visit the OGA website at www.ohiogrocers.org.