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Wagner's IGA Wins Grocer Award

(Minster, OH)—On January 30, 2015, the Ohio Grocers Association presented its prestigious Pinnacle Award to Wagner's IGA and the Wagner 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.

Wagner's IGA began its humbling beginnings in 1922, when A.J. Wagner opened his first store at 91 W. Fourth St. in Minster, OH. Although during its early years of existence, Wagner's IGA only sold groceries, they maintained their founding principles of exceptional customer service and a quality product. Gradually, with those principles intact, the growing business added various produce and meat items to its ever expanding store.

By 1946, Wally Sr. joined his father in running the family business and by 1979, Wagner's IGA moved to its current location today. Presently, Wagner's IGA, with more than ninety years of excellence and quality, is under the management of third-generation owner and immediate past chairman of OGA, Wally Wagner, Jr., and boasts three locations – in addition to their original location in Minster, stores in Fort Loramie and New Bremen Ohio.

"I am extremely honored to recognize Wagner's IGA as our 2015 Pinnacle Award winner," says Nate Filler, President/CEO of OGA. "The Wagner family and their loyal employees have a long record of serving the communities of Minister, Fort Loramie, and New Bremen and are most deserving of the Ohio Grocers Association's highest honor."

In addition to today's store presentation, the Wagner 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.