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## **Archbold Selected as a “Best Hometown” in Northwest Ohio**

Archbold, OH - *Ohio Magazine* has recently named Archbold as one of the best hometowns in the state . Archbold will be profiled as the best hometown in Northwest Ohio in the November issue of this statewide publication.

“Archbold is a great place and this designation is well-deserved,” noted Ilona Westfall, associate editor of special projects for *Ohio Magazine*. “Archbold stood out to me because of its rich history, a surprising amount of educational opportunities and things to do packed into a geographically small area.”

She also noted that the residents of Archbold helped to make the town stand out above the rest. “The citizens of Archbold are clearly a friendly, caring and accommodating group of people,” Ilona added. “They truly made it a pleasure to visit.”

The Archbold mayor and other village officials learned of the award this week and plans are being formulated to celebrate this special designation.

“The selection of Archbold as the best hometown in Northwest Ohio is a tremendous honor for our community,” shared Mayor Jim Wyse. “This designation puts our hometown on the map as a premiere location in Northwest Ohio for people to live, work and visit. With connections to agriculture, big business and tourism, Archbold also offers traditional values and family ties that help make our hometown such a special place. This award is an important validation about the quality of life in our community.”

The mayor added that Archbold has a lot to offer local residents and people throughout the region. “Archbold is what a small community is meant to be . . . residents and businesses working together to create a strong place to live, work and visit. Great health care, industry, an

excellent school system, tremendous tourism opportunities, beautiful parks and downtown area complete the setting for our outstanding hometown.”

When village officials learned Archbold was being considered and editor Ilona Westfall would be visiting, a tour was arranged to showcase all that the city has to offer.

“We were pleased to have an opportunity to give Ilona a tour of our downtown area, educational opportunities, hometown businesses, industry and tourist destinations,” shared Marsha Dowdy, director of Archbold Area Chamber of Commerce “We are a very united community and it was rewarding to have so many of our local businesses come together to showcase all that our hometown has to offer.”

The major categories considered in the selection of Ohio’s best hometowns are community spirit, arts and culture, health and safety, education, heritage, and the business environment.

“Archbold’s achievement is especially impressive in light of the fact that Ohio is home to many of the best hometowns in America,” wrote Lute Harmon, Jr., Ohio Magazine publisher, in a letter to village officials. “Only one town is chosen from each of the state’s five regions for this very special honor. This award recognizes that Archbold is among the best of the best.”

This is the fifth year for Ohio Magazine’s “Best Hometown” contest . Past winners in the Northwest Ohio region were Sylvania, Perrysburg, Maumee and Wapakoneta. The other top 2012 hometown winners for Ohio's regions are Nelsonville in the southeast, Oberlin in the northeast, Hilliard in central Ohio and Lebanon in the southeast.

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