



News from the Ohio Turnpike

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****MEDIA ADVISORY****

Ohio Turnpike commemorates 60th anniversary on Sept. 30th-Oct. 1st

Local elected and Turnpike officials will mark the official opening of the Turnpike at four locations

BEREA (Sept. 25, 2015) – The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission will pay tribute to the official opening of the Ohio Turnpike, which occurred on Oct. 1, 1955. At 12:01 a.m., Gov. Frank J. Lausche declared, “Remove all barricades. Open the gates and let the traffic flow!”

Four High School Marching Bands from across Ohio will perform, one at each of the four locations, listed below. Also included in the program will be a segment of a recently restored audio broadcast from the original ceremony.

WHO: Ohio Turnpike Chairman Jerry N. Hruby, Executive Director Randy Cole and Local Elected Officials and Representatives from Chambers of Commerce

WHAT: The ceremonies will pay tribute to the official opening of all 241 miles of the Ohio Turnpike, which occurred on Oct. 1, 1955.

WHEN: **Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 1:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Milepost 2.7 Westbound, 3710 US Rt. 20, Edon, Ohio, 43518

The Bryan High School Marching Band and A Capella Choir will perform. The Golden Bears also performed at the opening of the Ohio Turnpike on Oct. 1, 1955.

WHEN: **Thursday, Oct. 1 at 9:30 a.m.**

WHERE: Milepost: 64.9 Westbound, 28820 Bates Rd., Perrysburg, Ohio, 43551

A unit of the Perrysburg High School Marching Yellow Jackets will perform.

WHEN: **Thursday, Oct. 1 at 12:30 p.m.**

WHERE: 682 Prospect Street, Berea, Ohio, 44017

The Berea-Midpark High School Marching Band will perform.

WHEN: **Thursday, Oct. 1 at 3:30 p.m.**

WHERE: Exit 239-Eastgate, Milepost: 239.1, 4601 East Pine Lake Rd., New Springfield, Ohio, 44443

The Canfield High School Symphonic Band and the Cardinal Pride will perform. The Cardinals also performed at the opening of the first 22-mile section of the Ohio Turnpike on Dec. 1, 1954.

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