

OCTOBER 2026

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Celebrating October

- **International Coffee Day:** October 1
- **National Taco Day:** October 4
- **Columbus Day:** October 12
- **National Dessert Day:** October 14
- **National Pumpkin Day:** October 26
- **Boss's Day:** October 16, 2026
- **United Nations Day:** October 24, 2026
- **Halloween:** October 31, 2026

FUN FACTS *about* OCTOBER

 October is the only month that begins with the letter "O."

 Candy corn was first introduced in the 1880s and has been a Halloween favorite ever since.

 Squirrels start gathering and storing food in October for the winter months ahead.

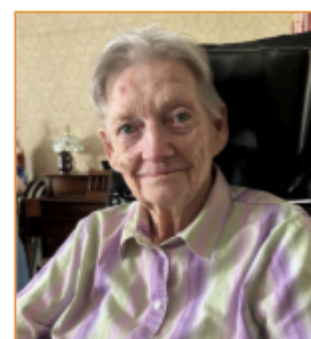
 The average temperature in October is 60°F (15°C) in the U.S.

 October's full moon is called the Hunter's Moon because it signals the time to prepare for winter.



Wishing all our wonderful residents and staff members who share a birthday in October a day filled with joy, smiles, and love.

- ★ Opal Fay - Oct 6
- ★ Raquel Boyd - Oct 17
- ★ Linda Minckler - Oct 21
- ★ Lori Collins - Oct 23
- ★ Patsy Hoover - Oct 25
- ★ James Barnett - Oct 26
- ★ Fred Ledesma - Oct 26
- ★ Margie Chasteen - Oct 27



Resident of the Month

October Astrological Signs

♍ Virgo

(until October 22)

Virgo is a practical, thoughtful, and detail-oriented sign. Ruled by Mercury, Virgos are intelligent, analytical, and always looking for ways to improve. They are kind, loyal, and dependable, often putting others' needs before their own. In love, they are caring and supportive, and they thrive when they feel useful and appreciated.

Element: Earth ✦ Ruling Planet: Mercury
Symbol: The Virgin

♎ Libra

(starting October 23)

Libra is balanced, charming, and social. Ruled by Venus, Libras are natural peacemakers who value harmony, beauty, and fairness. They are diplomatic, compassionate, and always see both sides of a situation. In love, they are romantic, thoughtful, and give their heart fully when they feel safe and understood.

Element: Air ✦ Ruling Planet: Venus
Symbol: The Scales



October Events

- Pumpkin Day - Oct 1, 2:30pm
- Country Ride - Oct 12, 1:30pm
- Clothing Boutique - Oct 23, 2pm
- Trick Or Treat - Oct 29 6-7pm



*Bingo every Monday at 2:30pm
And every Tuesday at 3:00pm*



The Hardin County Fair

Our residents had an absolutely wonderful time at the Hardin County Fair this year! We were so excited to give our residents the opportunity to experience the fair every day of the week, rain or shine, and each day brought something new and exciting to enjoy. From delicious fair food to great music, beautiful artwork, and fascinating animals, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

One of the biggest highlights of our week was, of course, the food! Our residents enjoyed getting to choose from many of the delicious treats and classic fair favorites that make the Hardin County Fair so special. The sights and smells of all the wonderful food made every visit feel like a true fair experience. Sharing a good meal and enjoying a sweet treat together gave everyone plenty to smile about! Our residents also had the chance to listen to great music and entertainment throughout the week. There was always something happening, and our residents enjoyed sitting back, listening to the music, and taking in the lively atmosphere. For many, getting out into the community, enjoying live entertainment, and spending time together made for some very memorable moments.

Another favorite part of the fair was getting to see all of the beautiful artwork, crafts, and projects on display. Our residents enjoyed taking their time looking at the different creations and appreciating the hard work and creativity that went into each one. We also loved seeing all of the animals at the fair! From the larger farm animals to the smaller ones, there was plenty to see and talk about. It was a wonderful opportunity for our residents to reminisce about their own experiences with farms, animals, fairs, and growing up in the community.

Even when the weather didn't cooperate, our residents didn't let a little rain stop the fun! Rain or shine, we made the most of every day and created plenty of happy memories along the way. The week was filled with laughter, conversation, good food, music, sightseeing, and quality time spent together. It was wonderful to see our residents enjoying themselves and being part of such a special community tradition.

We would like to give a very special THANK YOU to Kelly, Britney, James, Amber, Jeffry, Becky, Megan Hites, Deanna, Teresa and everyone else for taking the time to come along and help our residents throughout the week. Your kindness, patience, and willingness to lend a helping hand made these outings possible and helped make the experience enjoyable and comfortable for everyone. We truly appreciate each and every one of you!



Fall Crafts with Kelly & Britney

This fall, we will be getting into the season with a variety of fun, colorful, and hands-on fall crafts! Throughout the month, Kelly and Britney will lead our craft activities and spend time with residents as they create festive decorations inspired by the beautiful colors, animals, and traditions of autumn. These activities will give residents an opportunity to be creative, socialize with one another, reminisce about the fall season, and enjoy some quality time together.

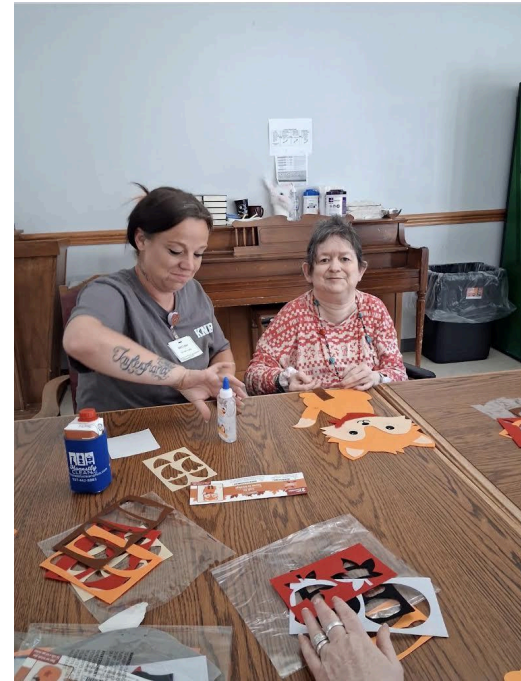
Our fall craft program will take place throughout the month, with different projects introduced along the way so residents have plenty of opportunities to participate. Each craft will be prepared with easy-to-use materials and step-by-step instructions, allowing residents to work at their own pace while receiving assistance from Kelly, Britney, and staff when needed. The goal is not only to create something beautiful, but also to make sure everyone has fun and feels involved in the process.

One of the crafts that we have worked on is a collection of adorable fall decorations. Residents used colorful pieces of craft foam and paper to create animals such as foxes, raccoons, and spiders. They put together the different shapes for the faces, add eyes, ears, noses, and other details, and personalize their animals with their own creative touches. Some of the finished projects featured scarves, leaves, and other fall themed decorations to give them an extra seasonal touch.

Residents will also be working with

Kelly and Britney will be there throughout the month to demonstrate each project, organize the supplies, assist residents with cutting and assembling pieces when needed, and encourage everyone to participate. Residents who enjoy doing crafts independently will have the freedom to create their projects in their own way, while those who need a little extra help will have support along the way. We want each resident to feel proud of what they create, regardless of whether their finished project looks exactly like the example.

These crafts are also about much more than simply making decorations. Craft activities provide a wonderful opportunity for socialization, conversation, hand coordination, creativity, and self-expression. Residents can sit together around the tables, share ideas, help one another, and enjoy some laughs while working on their projects. We hope these activities will create special memories and give everyone something exciting to look forward to throughout the month.



As the weeks go on, residents will have the chance to see their fall creations come together and watch our activity areas become filled with the warm colors and cheerful characters of autumn. By the end of the month, we hope to have a wonderful collection of handmade fall decorations created by our residents.

Fun at the car show

In September, we had the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful day outside at a local car show, right in the comfort of our own parking lot! Residents got to see an amazing collection of beautiful, unique, and classic vehicles! It was a perfect activity for our residents to get out, enjoy the sunshine, spend time together, and take in all the incredible cars that were on display.

There was something exciting to see everywhere they looked! Residents enjoyed admiring the many different vehicles, including classic cars, vintage vehicles, trucks, and beautifully restored automobiles. Many of the cars brought back memories and gave our residents a chance to reminisce about vehicles they may have owned, driven, or remembered from years ago. Looking at the different styles, colors, and details of the cars sparked plenty of conversations and gave everyone something interesting to talk about.

Our residents enjoyed taking their time walking or riding around the show so they could get a good look at all the vehicles. They were able to sit together, visit with one another, and enjoy the atmosphere while watching the cars and people come and go. It was especially enjoyable seeing our residents' reactions as they discovered different vehicles that caught their attention. The car show provided a great opportunity for everyone to get outside and enjoy an activity that encouraged conversation, reminiscing, and socialization.



Of course, no fun outing would be complete without some good food! While enjoying the car show, our residents were treated to popcorn, hotdogs, and chips. Everyone enjoyed sharing the snacks, visiting with friends, and relaxing while taking in the sights. Having food to enjoy together made the outing feel even more like a special event and gave everyone another reason to sit back, relax, and have a good time.

The beautiful weather and outdoor setting made the day even better. Residents were able to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine while surrounded by some truly amazing vehicles. Staff members were there to assist residents and make sure everyone was comfortable and able to enjoy the experience. It was wonderful to see our



residents smiling, laughing, talking, and enjoying themselves throughout the day.

Activities like the car show are a great way for our residents to get out of the facility, experience something different, and make new memories together. Whether they were admiring a favorite classic car, enjoying a delicious hotdog, sharing popcorn with a friend, or simply sitting back and enjoying the afternoon, everyone had an opportunity to be part of the fun.

Remembering Andy

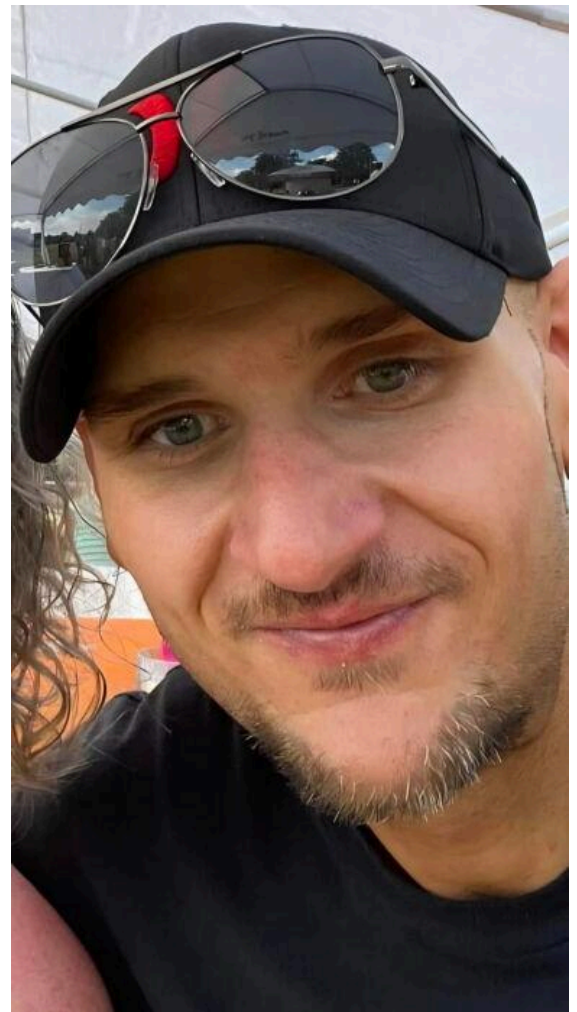
Andrew Leon “Andy” Ohler, 41, of Ridgeway, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at Kenton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, following a courageous three-year battle with cancer. Though his life was far too short, Andy leaves behind a lasting legacy of love, laughter, family, and memories that will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Andy was born on October 3, 1984, in Kenton to Rusty L. and Debra (Price) Ohler, who survive in Ridgeway. From an early age, Andy developed a deep appreciation for the outdoors, learning to hunt and fish alongside his father. Those experiences became treasured parts of his life and memories he carried with him throughout the years.

Andy graduated from Ridgemont High School in 2003 and later followed his passion for film and storytelling, earning a degree in Cinematography from Full Sail University in Florida. His creativity and imagination were reflected in many of the things he loved, particularly his fascination with horror films and memorabilia. Andy was an avid collector of horror genre memorabilia, with a special love for anything connected to Stephen King. He enjoyed scary movies, music, and, perhaps most of all, sharing his enthusiasm and discussing the things he loved with others. Halloween was his favorite season, giving him another opportunity to celebrate the mysterious, imaginative, and sometimes frightening world he enjoyed so much.

Andy was also a devoted sports fan, proudly cheering for the Cleveland Browns and Ohio State Buckeyes. Whether talking about his favorite movies, music, sports teams, or the outdoors, Andy had a way of bringing his interests into conversations and sharing them with the people around him.

Of all the roles Andy held in life, being a father and family member was among the most meaningful. He welcomed his beloved daughter, Abigail, on July 5, 2016, with Sara Taylor of Kenton. Abigail was a



treasured part of his life, and Andy also held a deep love for his bonus children, Lily and Thomas. His family meant everything to him, and the love he gave them was returned many times over.

Andy is survived by his parents, Rusty and Debra; his daughter, Abigail; his sister, Christina (Billy) Madden of Ridgeway; his niece, Jacey “Jacey Bug” Madden of Columbus; his nephew, Zachery (Lexie Bibb) Madden of Roanoke, Virginia; his uncles, Ross Ohler of Galion, George Ohler of Kenton, and Danny (Patti) Risner; his aunt, Sue (Phil) Ohler of Cardington; great-niece Shae Madden; great-nephew Colt Madden; and many loving cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Ross V. and Doris (Brooks) Ohler; his maternal grandparents, James R. “Jim” and Helen (Zachary) Price; and several aunts and uncles.

Andy will be remembered not only for the things he loved, but for the love he gave to the people who mattered most to him. He was a son, father, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, friend, and so much more. His absence will be deeply felt by his family and friends, but the memories he created will remain: time spent outdoors, conversations about movies and music, laughter shared with loved ones, cheering for his favorite teams, and the countless ordinary moments that become precious after someone is gone.

Andy’s courageous three-year journey with cancer was only one chapter of his life. The greater story is the life he lived, the people he loved, the interests that brought him joy, and the memories he leaves behind. He was deeply loved in life, and that love will continue long after his passing.

Rest peacefully, Andy. You will be missed, remembered, and loved always.