

OFFICIAL HOMETOWN BANK CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST RULES

1. **Eligibility:** The contest is open to all photographers, both amateur and professional who are 18 years and older as of the date of entry. The contest is only open to legal residents of the United States and is void where prohibited by law. Employees of Hometown Bank and immediate family members are eligible to participate in the contest. This contest is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. Void where prohibited.
2. **Content:** Photos must depict life in Portage County, Ohio.
3. **Submission:** The Contest must be entered by submitting a digital photograph file meeting the specified file format and size criteria via the online submission form found at: <https://ht.bank/photocontest/>. Entries must fulfill all Contest requirements, as specified, to be eligible to win a prize. Entries that are incomplete or do not adhere to the rules or specifications may be disqualified at the sole discretion of Hometown Bank. Each Contestant may submit up to 10 entries during the Contest entry window. Correct contact information must accompany each photo submission. Failure to provide correct contact details may prevent you from being notified of winning.
4. **Format:** Submit photos in JPEG or TIFF format.
5. **Resolution:** Minimum resolution of 300 DPI.
6. **File Size:** Each photo should be no larger than 15 MB.
7. **Originality:** Photos must be original works, taken by the entrant.
8. **Quantity:** Each participant may submit up to 10 photos, one photo per form.
9. **Contest Period and Submission Deadline:** All entries must be submitted between August 1 and August 31, 2024.
10. **Permissions:** By submitting, you grant us the right to use your photos in our calendar, on our Facebook page, and in other advertising materials.
11. **Identification:** Include your name, contact information, and a brief description of each photo submitted.
12. **Agreement to Rules:** By participating, the Contestant (“You”) agree to be fully and unconditionally bound by these rules. You represent and warrant that you meet the eligibility requirements. In addition, you agree to accept the decisions of Hometown Bank as final and binding as it relates to the content of this contest.
13. **Prizes:** The Winners of the Contest will receive a \$100 cash prize. The prize is non-transferable. Any and all prize-related expenses, including without limitation any and all federal, state, and/or local taxes, shall be the sole responsibility of Winners. No substitution of prize or transfer/assignment of prize to others is permitted. Acceptance of prize constitutes permission for Hometown Bank to use Winner’s name, likeness, and entry for purposes of advertising and trade without further compensation unless prohibited by law. Winning photo participants need to submit a W9 BEFORE the prize can be claimed.

14. **Odds:** The odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received. No payment or purchase is necessary to enter or win. A payment or purchase will not improve your chances of winning. Void where prohibited by law.
15. **Winner Selection and Notification:** Judging of all submitted photography will be blind – the names of the photographers will not be known by the judging panel. Decisions will be based on suitability of the subject, quality of the photography, and adherence to the purpose of the contest. Winner will be notified by either phone or email to the address from which entries were submitted within seven (7) days following selection of winners. Hometown Bank shall have no liability for winner's failure to receive notices due to spam, junk e-mail, or other security settings or for winner's provision of incorrect or otherwise non-functioning contact information. If winner cannot be contacted, is ineligible, fails to claim the prize within 10 days from the time award notification was sent, or fails to timely return a completed and executed declaration and release as required, the prize may be forfeited and an alternate winner selected. Receipt by winner of the prize offered in this contest is conditioned upon compliance with any and all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. ANY VIOLATION OF THESE OFFICIAL RULES BY WINNER (AT HOMETOWN BANK'S SOLE DISCRETION) WILL RESULT IN WINNER'S DISQUALIFICATION AS WINNER OF THE CONTEST, AND ALL PRIVILEGES AS WINNER WILL BE IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED.
16. **Rights Granted by You:** By entering this content (photo), You understand and agree that Hometown Bank shall have the right, where permitted by law, to print, publish, broadcast, distribute, and use in any media now known or hereafter developed, in perpetuity and without limitation, your entry, name, portrait, picture, voice, likeness, image, statements about the contest, and biographical information for news, publicity, information, trade, advertising, public relations, and promotional purposes. without any further compensation, notice, review, or consent. By entering this content, You represent and warrant that your entry is an original work of authorship, and does not violate any third party's proprietary or intellectual property rights. If your entry infringes upon the intellectual property right of another, You will be disqualified at the sole discretion of Hometown Bank.
17. **Terms & Conditions:** Hometown Bank reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest at any time and may select the Winner from all eligible entries received prior to that date. Hometown Bank reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who tampers or attempts to tamper with the entry process or the operation of the Contest or website or violates these Terms & Conditions. Hometown Bank has the right, in its sole discretion, to maintain the integrity of the Contest, to void votes for any reason, including, but not limited to: entries in excess of that allowed by Contest rules; the use of bots, macros, scripts, or other technical means for entering. Any attempt by an entrant to deliberately damage any website or undermine the legitimate operation of the Contest may be a violation of criminal and civil laws. Should such an attempt be made, Hometown Bank reserves the right to seek damages to the fullest extent permitted by law.
18. **Limitation of Liability:** By entering, You agree to release and hold harmless Hometown Bank and its subsidiaries, affiliates, advertising and promotion agencies, partners, representatives, agents,

successors, assigns, employees, officers, and directors from any liability, illness, injury, death, loss, litigation, claim, or damage that may occur, directly or indirectly, whether caused by negligence or not, from: (i) such entrant's participation in the Contest and/or his/her acceptance, possession, use, or misuse of any prize or any portion thereof; (ii) technical failures of any kind, including but not limited to the malfunction of any computer, cable, network, hardware, or software, or other mechanical equipment; (iii) the unavailability or inaccessibility of any transmissions, telephone, or Internet service; (iv) unauthorized human intervention in any part of the entry process or the Promotion; (v) electronic or human error in the administration of the Promotion or the processing of entries.

19. **Disputes:** In any dispute, under no circumstances shall participant be permitted to obtain awards for, and hereby waives all rights to, punitive, incidental, or consequential damages.
20. **Sponsor:** The Sponsor of the Contest is Hometown Bank 142 N. Water St., Kent, Ohio 44240.
21. **Facebook:** The Contest hosted by Hometown Bank is in no way sponsored, endorsed, administered by, or associated with Facebook/Instagram.