CULTURAL CENTER
OF HENRY COUNTY

Cultural Center Responds to Ohio Supreme Court Decision

NAPOLEON, Ohio — October 27, 2026 — The Cultural Center of Henry County announced today that the Supreme Court of Ohio has declined to accept its case for review concerning the former Central School building.

“We are disappointed that the Ohio Supreme Court has declined to hear our case,” said Cultural Center Board President Mark Giannetto. “We believed there was a compelling reason for the Court to consider the matter, and we had hoped for a different outcome.”

The decision raises serious questions about the future of the historic building and the Cultural Center's plans for Three Arches Ohio. The Cultural Center respects the judicial process and intends to comply with the court's ruling. The Board is reviewing what the decision means for the building and the timeline ahead.

“This has always been about more than a building,” Giannetto said. “It was about giving people in Napoleon and Henry County more opportunities to enjoy life right here at home. Maybe that's playing a pickup basketball game, seeing a performance at the JLJ Auditorium, or celebrating a wedding with family and friends. We see communities all around us making things like this happen, and it's disappointing that we haven't yet been able to make that vision a reality here. We still believe the people of Henry County deserve those same opportunities.”

The Cultural Center's immediate priority is to connect with donors, volunteers, and supporters and provide an opportunity for the broader community to hear from the organization, ask questions, and share their thoughts.

“We are deeply grateful to everyone who has stood with us,” Giannetto added. “Their generosity, encouragement, and belief in what this could mean for our community have carried us this far. We want to make sure their voices are heard as we consider the path ahead.”

Additional information about the timeline and next steps will be shared in the near future.

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