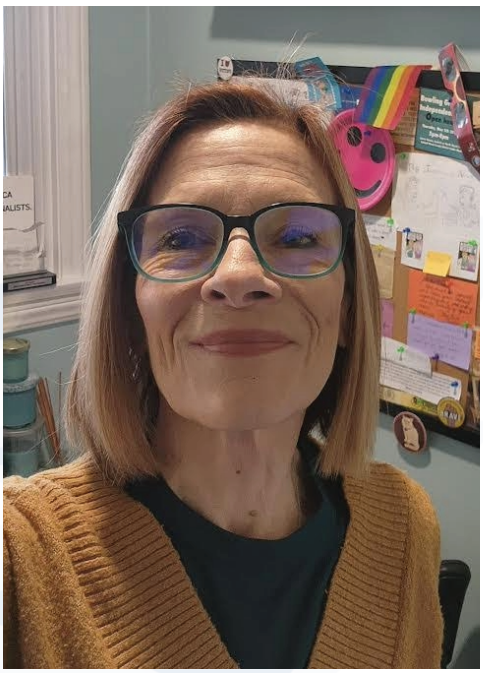
The Eastwood Hall of Fame 2025

Jan Oberhouse McLaughlin



• Named 2002 BG Woman of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce for her extensive service to organizations including Court Appointed Special Advocates, Wood Co. Historical Society, American Cancer Society, Wood Lane Human Rights Committee, Kenwood PTO, and the Wood County Family Literacy Board. McLaughlin is a member of First Presbyterian Church, where she has served as deacon and trustee. She is also a member of Bowling Green Kiwanis Club and the Bowling Green Community Foundation.

• Earned 22 Associated Press Awards spanning news writing, features, breaking news, headline writing, page design, and community service reporting; honored four times as Ohio's best news writer among similar-sized newspapers.

• Renowned for in-depth, compassionate reporting on people with developmental disabilities, mental health, and public health issues, bringing attention and understanding to important community topics. Her work has illuminated critical challenges while celebrating resilience and hope in the community.

• Winner of the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Golden Touchstone Award from the Press Club of Toledo, marking 35 years of impactful journalism and dedication to northwest Ohio.

• Co-founder of BG Independent News and recipient of the "I Love BG" Award, recognized for increasing the city's visibility and enhancing quality of life for residents through advocacy and leadership.