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## Special Edition of NewsNite to Feature Pro Football Hall of Fame and Ohio & Erie Canalway

KENT, OHIO — April 20, 2011 — A special **NewsMaker** edition of **NewsNite** on April 22 will feature two of Northeast Ohio's prominent attractions: Canton's Pro Football Hall of Fame and the Ohio & Erie Canalway. The special will air on Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEO 49.1) on Friday, April 22, at 9 p.m. and repeat on Saturday, April 23, at 5:30 a.m. It also will air on Fusion (WNEO 45.2/WEO 49.2) on Saturday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. and Monday, April 25, at 8:30 p.m.

Join regular **NewsNite** panelist Jody Miller as she and Pro Football Hall of Fame executives Stephen Perry and Joe Horrigan talk about the national sports museum, which has drawn more than 8 million people to the area since opening Sept. 7, 1963. Perry and Horrigan share their insights into the past, present and future of this iconic landmark in Northeast Ohio, including a preview of the museum's ambitious expansion plans as it heads into its next 50 years.

Dan Rice, president and chief executive officer of the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition, makes a return appearance to **NewsNite** in the second part of the program. Rice discusses development progress made along the 101-mile Towpath Trail; the historic, economic, natural and cultural resources of the Ohio & Erie Canalway; and the many corporate, governmental and community partnerships that have worked together to preserve the entity's historic legacy.

Extended video of both interviews will be available for viewing on demand at [www.newsnite.net](http://www.newsnite.net).

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