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Computer Chick brings tech know-how and personal service to northwest Ohio

When a computer crashes, a virus strikes, or technology simply refuses to cooperate, many people aren't sure where to turn.

Seby Bell hopes the answer is Computer Chick, her Toledo-based business that provides computer repair, training, and technical support for residential and commercial clients. Her goal is simple: help people keep their technology running smoothly while making it easier to understand.

Bell's journey into the technology field began in 1997 when she moved to California and began working in Silicon Valley. The experience sparked a lasting interest in computers and laid the foundation for what would eventually become her full-time career.

After later returning to West Virginia, Bell launched Computer Chick in 2008. She initially operated the business from her home while also working as an on-site technician performing warranty service for several major manufacturers, including Dell, HP, Samsung, and Toshiba. The work provided valuable hands-on experience in troubleshooting a wide range of computer systems. As her business grew, Bell opened a storefront in Beckley, West Virginia, where much of her work focused on "break/fix" computer repairs — diagnosing and solving everyday technology problems for customers.

For a time, Bell also repaired mobile devices such as iPhones, Android phones, and tablets, though she later discontinued that service when it became less profitable. Her shop even included an unexpected sideline: selling beekeeping equipment through a companion venture called Piney Creek Beekeeping Supplies.



Seby Bell, owner of Computer Chick

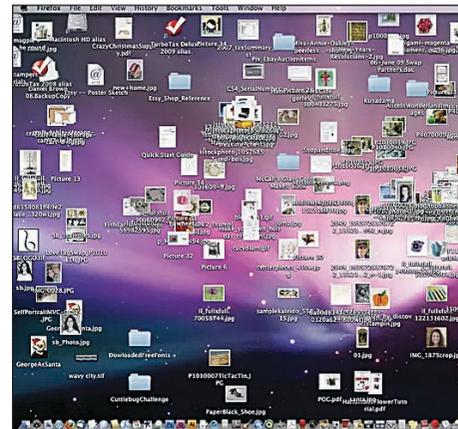
During the COVID-19 pandemic, Bell made the decision to relocate and start a new chapter in northwest Ohio. Now based in Toledo, Computer Chick once again operates from her home.

Bell is currently working to convert part of her garage into a dedicated workshop space and hopes to have the area ready to welcome visitors soon.

Her services include computer repair and maintenance, system protection, technology training, and computer relocation, all designed to help clients keep their devices secure and efficient.

Bell holds several professional certifications,

Bell provides residential and small business computer care for PC and Mac/Apple users that pays attention to clients' needs and solves their unique problems (such as a cluttered desktop as pictured below) within their budget.



including Home Network Certified Professional through the Consumer Electronics Association, along with multiple service certifications from Dell and Toshiba.

With years of experience and a commitment to personal service, Bell said she works to ensure every customer receives the attention and help they need.

For Bell, solving technology problems isn't just about fixing computers — it's about helping people feel confident using them.

So when a computer crashes or technology refuses to cooperate, remember there's a local solution ... Computer Chick ... ready to help and just a phone call away.

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Bring on Spring
Seasonal side dishes for Easter Celebrations

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Computer Chick

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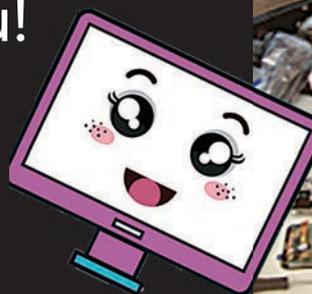
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Sylvania Court to hold Fresh Start Project day

The Sylvania Municipal Court is hosting a second Fresh Start Project day on March 25, from 8:30 am to 3 pm. This event offers an opportunity for individuals to come into Court, unscheduled, to address open cases, bench warrants, obtain driving privileges, get eligible cases sealed, and more. Almost 100 people participated in the last Fresh Start Day. A social worker will be available to assist with housing, employment or food insecurity issues along with a BMV license specialist. Call Christy Cole, 419-283-0010, for more information.

Ray of Hope to be awarded at SAFS event

Sylvania Area Family Services presents "The Oscars," on April 25 at 6 pm at Sylvania Country Club. The Ray of Hope award will be given to Marcus Hansen as Community Volunteer, Josh Miller and Kyle Vierling of Hafner Florist as Community Business, and Dan Ridi, Community Leader as they walk the "Red Carpet."

Dinner and dancing are also part of the evening.

Tickets are \$100 per person and may be purchased by visiting sylvaniaareafamilyservices.org/oscars.



Starlite presents 'Legends of the Irish' and 'Song of the Sea'

"Legends of the Irish" is the topic of Starlite Theater Group's and Outdoor Sylvania Community Parks' event on Wednesday, March 25. The program begins at 6:30 pm in the Nederhouser Community Hall at Olander Park. WGTE's documentary, "Cornerstones: The Irish," will be presented before the showing of the Academy award nominee for Best Animated Feature Film, "Song of the Sea."

Guests will have the opportunity to win a handmade quilt by Sheila Painter and snacks and beverages will be available.

The program is free but donations are welcome.

Registration is suggested as seating is limited and may be made by visiting starlitetheatergroup.org.

Toledo Craftsman's Guild offers 'Spring Crafters' Showcase' at Tam-O-Shanter

The juried members of the Toledo Craftsman's Guild will hold the annual "Spring Crafters' Showcase" on Saturday, March 28 at Tam-O-Shanter, Sylvania Sport and Exhibition Center, 7060 Sylvania Ave.

This show will feature many of the newest spring decorating ideas and special gifts for Mother's Day, graduations, and weddings.

Shoppers may find dried and floral arrangements; soaps and lotions; the newest

fabric creations; jewelry; metal work; decorative painting of all kinds; ceramics, seasonal items and more.

Members and non-members only sell juried items, ensuring quality hand made crafts. Look for the many "balloon sale specials" that crafters will offer.

Shoppers can also register for free gift certificate drawings. Admission and parking are free.

American Legion hosts Friday night fish fries

The Joseph W. Diehn American Legion Post 468, 5580 Centennial Rd. is hosting a Fish Fry every Friday during Lent. Remaining dates are March 20, and March 27. The dinners are from 4:30 to 7 pm.

The cost is \$14 for all-you-can-eat fish or chicken chunks and \$16 for shrimp dinners, all of which must be eaten at the post.

Lifelong Learning features ...

School Funding Ins and Outs

Treasurer of Sylvania Schools, Adam Koch, will walk guests through the ins and outs of public school funding in a special lecture of the Lifelong Learning program on March 25 from 10 to 11 am in the Franciscan Center Conference Room A.

Koch was named Treasurer/CFO of Sylvania Schools in August 2022. He has a Bachelor of

Science degree in Accounting and Finance and received an MBA from Wright State University. He currently holds an Ohio School Treasurer's License and Superintendent's license issued by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE).

He has over 13 years of experience in public education serving as both a treasurer and superintendent.

The Passion Narratives of the Four Gospels

The Passion Narratives of the Four Gospels with Paul Mueller will be held on Mondays March 16, March 23, and March 30 from 7 to 9 pm at the Franciscan Center.

This course will look at the sections of the four canonical Gospels that begin with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, going through to his Ascension. The events leading to

Jesus' crucifixion vary in each Gospel, and where they agree will be discussed in order to come to a good understanding of what actually happened.

Paul Mueller is an adjunct instructor of theology at Lourdes University. He received his Master of Arts degree in theology at Lourdes in 2011, and his doctorate in theology at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh in 2021. He is an active member of St. Joseph Parish in Sylvania.

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Roots of Sylvania rededicated



Dani Fuller puts her touch on the mural.

The rededication of 'The Roots of Sylvania' mural will be held on April 3 at 6 pm during the First Friday Art Walk. The mural, behind Interrupt Marketing at 6622 Maplewood Ave., created and painted in 2014 by local artist Dani Fuller of Fuller Art House along with members of the community, has been officially recognized by the AM 250-OH Commission's Murals Across Ohio initiative. This is one of the many events planned for Sylvania's celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

Annual Spring Expo is planned

The 23rd annual Sylvania Spring Expo, presented by Dave White Chevrolet & Great Lakes Chevy Dealers, will be held Saturday, April 11 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Sylvania Sports and Exhibition Center at Tam-O-Shanter, 7060 Sylvania Ave. Hosted by the Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce, the Expo is a free, family-friendly event, which highlights local businesses in a unique setting and offers something for everyone.

"This event is the perfect opportunity to network with numerous local businesses and organizations, enjoy a Kids Zone, entertainment, and much more," explained Chamber Business Manager Brigid Steele.

The first 200 attendees will receive a Community Tote courtesy of Advance Advertising Ltd and Destination Toledo.

A Health & Wellness Pavilion will allow visitors to engage with six ProMedica Flower Hospital departments, and a Kids Zone, sponsored by Turner Martial Arts, will feature children's activities and a bounce house.

Attendees of all ages can meet and greet local first responders at our Safety Zone sponsored by UToledo Health.

Admission is free and attendees can enjoy complimentary parking on-site at Tam-O-Shanter.

Let's go to the prom

In celebration of its 40 years of service to the community, Sylvania Prevention Alliance is inviting the community to the Prom for Prevention on April 18. Honorary chairmen Brad Reiger and Dave Spiess will host the event at the St. Joseph Family Center, 6516 Ravine Rd., from 7 to 10 pm.

The adult gala features hors d'oeuvres, drinks, desserts, dancing and reminiscing.

Tickets are \$100 per person and can be purchased at tinyurl.com/SPA40years or send contact information and check to Sylvania Prevention Alliance, 4747 N. Holland Sylvania Rd., Sylvania 43560, or call 419-824-8588.

Lucas County Auditor comes to Sylvania

Lucas County Auditor Katie Moline and her staff will be on hand at the Sylvania Township Hall, 4927 N. Holland Sylvania Rd. on Thursday, March 19 from 11 am to 6 pm to help homeowners file with the Board of Revision (BOR) and to answer questions regarding property values.

Individuals who are unable to attend the scheduled filing events may file online from home, by mail or email, or in person at the Auditor's office.

Property owners have until March 31, to file an appeal with the Board of Revision. With a few exceptions outlined by law, owners may file with the Board of Revision once in a value update period. This means that if they filed in 2025, they may not file again this year.

BOR details, including application forms and instructions, may be found at LucasCounty-OhioAuditor.gov/BOR.

Traffic Update: Main Street lane closed

Only northbound traffic on Main Street between Erie Street and Maplewood Avenue for 90 days

FET Construction will begin excavation work on Main Street between Maplewood Avenue and Erie Street to install underground conduit for new utility lines. This is part of the Downtown Utility Bury project, in preparation for Phase 2 of the Downtown Transportation Improvement Project.

Due to this construction, beginning Tuesday, March 17, northbound traffic on Main Street between Maplewood Avenue and Erie Street will be shifted to the southbound lane. No southbound traffic will be permitted in this section. Access to businesses and residences will be maintained at all times. This traffic pattern is expected to last approximately 90 days.

As with all construction projects, dates are approximate and are subject to change to due weather and unforeseen circumstances.

Questions regarding the project may be directed to the city of Sylvania Department of Public Service at 419-885-8965.



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Easter EGGs-travaganza
Saturday, March 21 | 9-11 a.m.
free egg hunt, face painting, games & crafts

Easter Choir Cantata
Sunday, March 22 | 10 a.m.

Holy Week Worship
March 29
Palm Sunday | 9 + 11 a.m.
April 2
Maundy Thursday | 7 p.m.
April 3
Good Friday | 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday Worship
April 5
9 a.m. Traditional
11 a.m. Contemporary



Spring Crafters' Showcase

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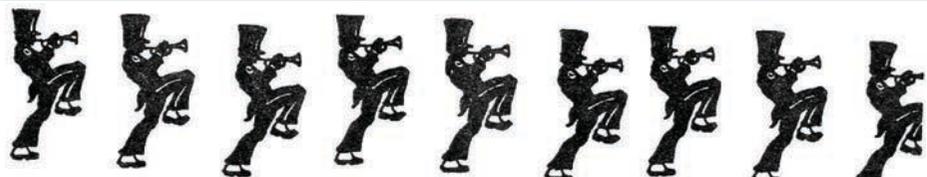


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HWE is proud to announce the addition of Collin Brutlag as our newest Financial Advisor. Collin began as a college intern and, upon graduation, was offered a full-time position.

Hegde Walker Emans Financial Legacy Group has been helping clients reach their financial goals in the Sylvania and Toledo area since 1986.

Collin is a 2020 Southview graduate and a 2024 graduate of Lourdes University. Partner Dave Walker is a 1977 Northview graduate and a 1981 graduate of BGSU. He works alongside his daughter, Kalin Emans, a 2009 Southview graduate and 2013 BGSU graduate.

David and Kalin continue to work with existing clients and welcome new clients alongside our newest advisor, Collin Brutlag.

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March Red Birds a twitter



Jason Kucsma, his wife, **Megan Plesea** and their children **Aaron** and **Audrey Kucsma** and friend **Amelia Hackney** find many treats at the Village Candy Shoppe.



Kate Fischer makes her way to Erin Ann's Ice Cream after visiting other Main Street shops during the March 6 Art Walk.



Patti and Doug Lewandowski and her sister-in-law **Jen Coy** and brother **Blake Coy** meet for dinner in the Dallas Taproom after exploring downtown Sylvania during the March 6 Art Walk.

Lucas DD's annual Inclusion Resource Fair planned

Nearly 80 vendors from across the area will be part of Lucas County Department of Developmental Disabilities' annual Inclusion Resource Fair on March 18 from 5 to 7 pm at First Tee - Lake Erie, 4700 Hill Ave. in South Toledo.

Lucas DD's annual Inclusion Resource Fair is a community-centered event designed to connect individuals of all abilities with helpful resources, engaging activities

and local organizations.

Attendees can explore a wide variety of information, supports, and services, enjoy interactive activities, and connect with others in a welcoming, accessible environment.

This event is open to the public and free to attend. Registration is recommended. Visit bit.ly/2026inclusionfair to register.

County fish stocking sale is underway

For years, the Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District (Lucas SWCD) offered fish stocking sales twice a year for pond owners to pick up fish in a drive-through style event. After changes with the long-standing vendor, Lucas SWCD is now partnering with Inspired by Nature in Weston, Ohio, to offer new and established pond owners the same opportunity but with a slightly different process.

If interested in ordering fish to stock a pond this spring, call the Lucas SWCD office, 419-893-1966 or visit lucasswcd.org/springsales by April 17. Lucas SWCD will receive a portion of the sales that will directly support its mission.

Once the call has been completed or the online form, you will receive a phone call from Don to go over the order, discuss prepayment, and answer any questions.

The following fish species are available to pre-order (all subject to availability): Hybrid Striped Bass (3-5") \$2.75/each; Redear Sunfish (2-3") \$1.30/each; Fathead Minnows \$16/pound (~250-300 fish); and Grass Carp (10-12") \$18/each.

The pick-up process will involve scheduling a time-slot on a day in early May (TBD) to visit Inspired by Nature in Weston, OH (right at the corner of US 6 & ST RT 235) to pick-up the fish along with a brief consultation on pond management. The fish sale is only available in the spring.

Inspired By Nature, Inc. is a small, privately-owned company based in Weston. Since 1996, company personnel has helped thousands of pond and lake owners—from private homeowners to lake associations and commercial properties—care for their water resources the natural way.



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March-Dec.

Outdoor Sylvania Wellness Challenge • Complete 500 miles by end of the year, \$5 residents, \$10 non-residents, must register by April 30, outdoorsylvania.com

March 21

Pickleball Palooza • Tam-O-Shanter; demos, exhibitors, merchandise, food; 11am-7pm, free admission
Easter Egg Hunt • Witzler-Shank-Walker Funeral Home, Perrysburg, noon-1:30pm, bring boxed tissues or hand sanitizer for donation

50s - 60s Dance • American Legion Post 468, 7-11pm, \$10/person

March 25

Legends of the Irish • WGTE presents Cornerstones: The Irish, 6:30pm,

Nederhouser Hall, free, donations welcome, starlitetheatergroup.org

March 28

Spring Crafters' Showcase • Toledo Craftsman's Guild, Tam-O-Shanter, 9am-4pm, free admission, more pg. 3
Spring Fling • Epworth United Methodist Church, crafts, games and the Easter Bunny, 2-4pm, epworth.com

March 29

Mom to Mom Sale for Baby to Teen • Tam-O-Shanter, 12:30-3pm, \$3 admission, 12 and under free

April 4

Outdoor Sylvania Egg Hunt • Olander Park, 9am, ages 2-12, register now, outdoorsylvania.com

April 11

Sylvania Spring Expo and Market • Tam-O-Shanter, 9am-3pm, sylvaniachamber.org, more pg. 3
Southview Spring Garage Sale • Southview High School, 8am-2pm, donation drop-off - April 9, 5-8pm, April 10 8am-2pm

COMMUNITY

March 16, April 6

City Council Meetings • Council Chambers, 6635 Maplewood, 6:30pm, open to public

March 17

Township Trustees Meeting • Trustee Hall, 4927 N. Holland Sylvania, 5pm, open to the public

Spring Break

Sylvania Schools March 23-27
St. Joseph's April 1-7

LIVE MUSIC

Sundays

Bobby May and Friends • The Sodbuster Bar, 7pm

Tuesdays

Tacos with Bobby & Frankie May • Fuzzy's Taco Shop, 5pm

March 17

Something to Talk About • Fairways, 1-4pm
Intuition featuring Lady K • Fairways, 4:30-8:30pm
The 25s • Bar 145, 5pm

March 20

Mizer Vossen Project • Bier Stube, 6pm
The 25s • Bar 145, 8pm

March 21

Koncert4Klassik Vol. 3 • Bier Stube, noon-1:30am, \$20 donation recommended

Echo Chamber • Bar 145, 9pm

March 22

Dr. Seuss & The Symphony • The Peristyle, 3pm, tickets liveartstoledo.com

March 27

Chloe & Conner • Voodoo Brewing Co., 6pm

The Cheeks • Bier Stube, 6pm

March 28

The Bridges • Bier Stube, 8pm

April 3

The 25s • Bier Stube, 6pm

April 17

Venyx • Bier Stube, 6pm

Upcoming...

Centennial Terrace
Aaron Lewis and The Stateliners • June 25

Killer Queen • July 11

Hotel California • July 17

Hairball • July 18

Lee Brice • July 31

Get the Led Out • Aug. 15

Tickets: centennialterrace.org

Bands and events are subject to change. Please confirm with venue.

FOOD & DRINK

March 17

Jiggs Dinner • Fairways, offered every 17th of the month

March 18

Wine Tasting • Sofo's Market: 6 pours, Italian cuisine, live entertainment; 6-8pm; \$25; RSVP at shopsofos.com

March 20, 27, Apr. 3

Fish Frys • Joseph W. Diehn American Legion Post 468, 4:30-7pm, \$14 all you can eat fish, must eat at post, more pg. 2

March 27

Sister Gretchen's Bake Sale • Regina Center, Sisters of St. Francis campus, 9:30am-4pm or sold out
Pierogi Sale • by NW Ohio Polish Cultural Center, potato, cheese or mixed, \$13/dozen, call or text by March 18 to order 419-304-7430, pickup at PRCUA Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, 10am-6pm

TRIVIA

Mondays

Village Inn Pub Quiz • 6:30 & 7:30pm

Tuesdays

Voodoo Brewing • hosted by Guy in the 419, 6-9pm

Sidelines Sylvania • 7-9pm

Bier Stube • 8-10pm

Frogtown Johnnie's • 9pm

THE ARTS

March 29

Fauré Requiem • Toledo Choral Society, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Temperance, 3pm, free, toledochoralsociety.org

April 3

Red Bird First Friday Artwalk • Deep Roots, Love Local, downtown Sylvania, 5-8pm, rededication of the Roots of Sylvania mural 6pm, more pg. 3

Poetry Slam with Sylvania Writes Out Loud • All genre open mic, Erin Ann's Homemade Ice Cream and Juices, 6pm



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Township talk ...



Police Officer **Ryan Westerbeck** and Police Officer **Jacob Dunnnett**, right, meet the Township Trustees, **Neal Mahoney**, **John Jennewine**, and **Jill Johnson**, and Fiscal Officer **Dave Simko** after the swearing in ceremony at the March 2 board meeting.

BZA ruling

The Sylvania Township Board of Zoning Appeals ruled to uphold the zoning violation issued to Marc and Terri Losek, who have farm animals on their Shetland Road property, at the March 2 meeting.

New police officers

Sylvania Township Police Chief Sarah Toth introduced new police officers Ryan Westerbeck and Jacob Dunnnett to the Sylvania Township Trustees at the March 3 meeting before performing their swearing-in ceremony.

New purchases

The Board of Township Trustees authorized Road Superintendent Rob Nash to purchase a 2027 HV607 Truck Chassis from Rush Truck Centers Inc. for \$105,546 and accessories from Kalida Truck & Equipment for \$164,700.00.

Owner representative

The trustees approved Township Administrator Oliver Turner's request to accept the proposal for Miller Diversified to serve as the owner representative to provide additional oversight and project management services not to exceed \$145,450 to protect the township's interests during the construction of the new Road & Service Department facility and grounds at 3750 Silica Rd.

Easement agreement

It was brought to the trustees' attention that, during a review of the new training tower project at 8210 West Sylvania Ave., it was found that easement agreements with adjacent property owners would be needed for the project to move forward. The trustees authorized Turner to enter into an easement agreement with Champion Concrete Supply Company, Inc.

The next Board of Sylvania Township Trustees will be on March 17 at 5 pm.

City beat ...

At the top of the City Council's March 2 agenda, City Council President Mary Westphal gave a brief report on the Committee of the Whole gathering held before the meeting to continue discussions on Proposed Ordinance No. 37-2026, Federal Immigration Enforcement. Several members of the community were in attendance; 22 residents of the area spoke in favor of and against the proposed ordinance. Councilwoman Lyndsay Stough made a motion, which was passed, for the administration to prepare different legislation on this topic within 90 days. Councilman Doug Haynam, who introduced the ordinance at the Feb. 2 meeting, said he plans to put the legislation on the November ballot if council does not pass the issue.

Roundabout progress

City council approved Joe Shaw's request to purchase .052 acres of land at the southeast corner of Erie and Monroe street as the right of way for the Monroe and Erie streets roundabout for \$10,390 from Suzanne Baldwin, a temporary construction ease-

ment from Brandon and Emilee Duffey for \$300, and to accept a warranty deed for the city-owned parcel on the southwest corner to be dedicated as a right-of-way for the same project.

New vehicles

Shaw was given authority to purchase a new Kenworth Single-Axle Truck from Whiteford Kenworth in South Bend, Ind., for \$118,326 and the associated dump package from Kalida Truck Equipment Inc. for \$49,000 for the Water Dept., replacing a 1999 dump truck to be sold on GovDeals when the new truck is delivered.

His request to replace a 2001 Ford 550 with 82,067, miles to be sold on GovDeals, with a 2026 Chevy Silverado 5500 truck from Dave White for \$62,723.28 and a dump package from Kalida Truck Equipment Inc. for \$37,200, was also approved.

Agreement

Council approved an agreement with Archer Energy to supply natural gas to residents and small commercial businesses.

MARK FRYE

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mark Frye

Keeping people safe

My most important responsibility is keeping people safe. While fire and EMS services are a township function, the city's largest focus on safety is its police department. Currently, the Sylvania Police Department (SPD) has 36 sworn officers, including the Chief of Police. In evaluating the performance of the department, the Chief tracks information that is provided to Director of Public Safety, City Council, and me. Recently there has been a lot of conversation in the community regarding SPD priorities and spending.

I will not delve into that area of interest, but I do want to make everyone aware of the information that is compiled by the SPD.

Like any well-run organization, the department tracks information on various benchmarks that are associated with the services it provides. Each month, SPD is compiling categories of information such as number of police reports, citations, crash reports, traffic stops and average response times to evaluate and benchmark its performance.

Every call into Sylvania Police Department is taken very seriously and the department strives to always provide the quickest response possible. When a citizen calls 911 to request an officer they are asked about the reason and what is going on at that time. The dispatcher will then enter the call, and it will be given a designation of priority 1, 2 or 3.

Priority 1 calls require an immediate response. This level of call preempts other calls as they involve life threatening situations or major crime. Some examples of a Priority 1

are in progress domestic violence, robbery, assault, or traffic crash involving injuries. Officers are approved to use lights and sirens to expedite their arrival.

Priority 2 means the call needs an urgent response but does not require use of lights and sirens. This may be a shoplifting where the store has the suspect, a verbal dispute with no violence, or a non-injury crash blocking a roadway.

Priority 3 calls mean SPD would send an officer if there were no other calls waiting. Many of these are property type crimes. Examples of this are theft overnight from a motor vehicle, damage to a mailbox or a traffic crash that has moved off the roadway.

Officers are trained in these responses and understand that as information comes in, priority level of response can increase or decrease as the situation and circumstances shift. SPD closely tracks the response time for each category of call. Over the past three years, SPD's response time is as follows in the chart below.

Another area tracked closely is our crime reports. Certainly, any crime is not a good thing but since Sylvania thankfully does not have a lot of crime, a slight change in crimes reported does not show a fully accurate picture.

SPD also closely tracks major crimes, which are defined by the FBI Uniform Crime Report. The last few years of Major Crimes in our community are in the second chart below.

One crime is too many but as you can see, SPD has done an excellent job in keeping us safe over the years. The department has dedicated professionals and works extremely hard to make sure everyone in the city gets the same exemplary service we expect. If you see an officer, please take a moment to thank them for their service to our community.

If you have something you want to share with me or if you have a question on other city services, please call my office at 419-885-8926 or email lsmith@cityofsylvania.com.

Priority	2023 Avg. Response Time	2023 Number of Calls	2024 Avg. Response Time	2024 Number of Calls	2025 Avg. Response Time	2025 Number of Calls
1	2:39	332	2:31	216	2:19	240
2	3:29	7,093	3:32	6,946	3:52	7,154
3	3:49	4,636	3:35	4,184	3:44	4,515

Crime	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Homicide	0	1	0	2	0
Rape	7	2	6	2	0
Robbery	5	1	2	2	1
Assault	65	45	74	62	73
Burglary	5	17	16	13	7

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In other business, council members agreed to establish the Little-Centennial Community Reinvestment Area in the city of Sylvania, designating a Housing Officer to administer the program, and creating a Community Reinvestment Housing Council and a Tax Incentive Review Council.

Appointment

Members of City Council confirmed Mayor Mark Frye's appointment of Zachary Liber to the Municipal Planning Commission for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2027. He replaces Ken Marciniak, who resigned from the position.

The next Sylvania City Council meeting will be held on March 16 at 6:30 pm.

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Ribbon cut to open second Hungry Howie's restaurant



Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce Welcoming Committee members **Ken Wines, Courtney Hiatt, Marcus Hansen, Bob Forcht, Todd Woodard, Joe Szafarowicz, Brandon Parran, and Mark McPherson**, join Sylvania Town Crier **Mike Lieber** as franchisee **Courtney Tilley** cuts the ribbon to open her eatery while **Julie Thomas** assists and family members and friends look on.

Hungry Howie's, the originator of the Flavored Crust® pizza franchise, has officially opened its newest location in Sylvania at 5502 Monroe St. The eatery is open Sunday through Thursday from 10:30 am to 10 pm and Friday through Saturday from 10:30 am to midnight.

Designed with convenience in mind, the Sylvania location features a drive-thru pickup window, making it easy for guests to grab their favorite Flavored Crust® pizzas, Howie Bread®, fresh salads, Howie Wings® and more.

The new location marks the second Hungry Howie's restaurant for franchisee Courtney Tilley, who opened her first store in Toledo under Toledough LLC. It also reflects the continued growth of the broader Toledough Pie Inc. network, the multi-unit franchise group owned by the Shannon family, which operates nearly 10 Hungry Howie's locations across Michigan and Ohio and is currently being recognized for its strong community involvement.

Tilley began her career with Hungry Howie's when she was just 16 years old, working under the Shannon family. She rose through the ranks from General Manager to Vice President of Operations for the Toledough Pie organization, where

she helped lead training, team development and community engagement initiatives across multiple markets.

"Opening my second Hungry Howie's location is incredibly meaningful," said Tilley. "I've spent 12 years supporting our stores and investing in the communities we serve. Bringing that same commitment to Sylvania, with a convenient drive-thru and a team dedicated to great service, is something I'm truly proud of."

Community involvement will be at the heart of the Sylvania location. Tilley and the Toledough team are already partnering with local schools and organizations, including supporting Junior Achievement programs that reward students with pizza incentives. The group is committed to supporting youth programs, school initiatives and local events, continuing its longstanding tradition of showing up wherever the community needs them.

"Courtney represents the next generation of leadership within our organization," said Patrick Shannon of Toledough Pie Inc. "Her passion for people, operational excellence and community engagement is exactly why our group continues to grow and why we're proud to be recognized for the impact we make in the communities we serve."

The Buzz Book Celebrates 20 years

Local lifestyle publication, The Buzz Book, is celebrating 20 years in print by debuting a new logo and fresh publication design.

Established in 2006, The Buzz Book is a regional guide serving northwest Ohio with coverage of the arts, entertainment, dining, shopping and community events.

Published quarterly, the magazine distributes 22,000 free copies at more than 350 locations across 11 counties in northwest Ohio. The Buzz Book features articles by local freelance writers, tips from advertising partners and a community event calendar.

CHC is Best Workplace...again



The Christian Home Care family — Back row, L-R: **Jennifer Edinger, Glenn Carlson, Sue White-Johnson, Detria Tate, Jim Smith, Ann Marie Woolwine, Syreeta Reed, Dawn Carmony, Heather Amstutz, Keith Johnson, Ann Nelson, Deb Myers, Kelsea Hueston, Pat McLemore, Monica Hartman, Shalonda Cross,** and **Rashidah Coley** Front row, L-R: **Morgan Cravens, Cindy Kuhman, Marilyn Mack,** and **Cheryl Smith.**

Christian Home Care has done it again, winning two awards this year — the Blade’s Top Workplace award for the 13th year and the Leadership Award in the small business category for the third year. Christian Home Care has consistently been one of the top five companies or Small Businesses of 75 or fewer employees.

“We have received accolades from the state and local Chambers of Commerce, but the Top Workplace award means the most to me. This recognition is achieved through surveys completed by our staff and our caregivers. Caring starts ‘at home’ with our CHC family of employees and clients,” noted CHC owner Sue White-Johnson, a Sylvania area resident. “We invest in our people so they can be blessed to be a blessing,” she stated.

“Christian Home Care continues to rank high because we follow one simple rule, we treat people well. I believe in the Golden Rule to do unto others as you would have them do unto you,” she pointed out. “Also, everyone here encourages each other to grow personally and professionally. That includes all the staff and caregivers.

We value, respect, and appreciate each other and the diversity and uniqueness each of us brings to the melting pot we call Christian Home Care. No matter what the job, we are all prepared to roll up our sleeves to see that anything that needs to be done gets done,” White-Johnson said.

“Many of our staff and caregivers have been part of CHC since its inception. Longevity of staff and caregivers helps us to maintain consistency and the culture we want to foster.”

According to White-Johnson, caregivers have flexibility in their hours, can earn units of paid time off, and may also secure semi-annual, quarterly, and year-end bonuses. Paid CEUs are provided as well.

Christian Home caregivers provide personal care and companionship, which includes showering, hygiene, grooming, assistance with toileting, ambulation/walking, transfers, medication reminders, and exercises. Nursing assistants and companions offer domestic assistance such as light housekeeping, laundry, and meal prep, along with transportation for appointments, errands, church social events, respite, and end-of-life assistance in conjunction with various hospice programs. They make it a priority to engage with their clients.

“We become like family. Generally, anything that a family would do for a loved one we will do. That often gives family members the time to

be a family, relieving them of caregiver tasks,” she offered.

“Our core values are taken seriously and include putting people first, especially our employees and clients. A second priority is providing exceptional service that not only meets but exceeds expectations. Other priorities are building relationships, promoting dignity, respecting individuals, and caring about our community. We are not affiliated with any specific church, but Christian values are embodied in our caregivers and staff,” White-Johnson offered.

“As a boutique home care agency, we strive to enhance the quality of life for the people we serve and for our coworkers as well. We create individually tailored care plans to provide the superior level of service that has become synonymous with our name. We are known for our devoted, compassionate, respectful approach to our services,” she noted.

Every year, the CHC staff chooses several local charities and charitable initiatives to help and support. “We give back to the community by participating in events that benefit others along with many organizations such as the Alzheimers Association, the Sylvania Chamber of Commerce, Northwest Ohio Gerontological Association, Private Duty Home Care Association, the National Home Care & Hospice Association, local food and toiletry drives, toy drives for children at Christmas, plus presentations for local churches, clubs, and community centers,” White-Johnson added.

White-Johnson joined the company as manager in 2010, a year after Jonette Braden Crabtree founded CHC, and purchased the business eight years later. “Since I began here, I have focused my efforts on running the business in a God-centered way. Every day and every moment gets turned over to Him,” she promised. “That is the compass I go by. Some clients have said that we are the service they’ve been praying for.”

According to White-Johnson, the company has had a broad range of diverse caregivers and clients through the years. “We assist people of every faith background and those who are not faith-based. We offer spiritual encouragement when requested or accepted. We always focus on exceeding the expectations of our clients and on the well-being and development of our caregivers. We hope people see our faith in action as Jesus’s hands, feet, head, and heart. We love what we do and how we do it. That is what draws people to Christian Home Care.”



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Lourdes University, University of Toledo reach teach-out agreement

Lourdes University has signed a comprehensive Teach-Out Agreement with the University of Toledo to ensure that Lourdes students have a clear, supported pathway to complete their degrees as the university prepares to conclude academic operations at the end of the 2025-2026 academic year.

"This agreement reflects our unwavering commitment to our students," said Sr. Nancy Linenkugel, OSF, President of Lourdes University. "While this moment is difficult for our university community, we are grateful to partner with The University of Toledo to ensure that our students can continue their educational journey with stability, support, and respect for the investment they have made in their education."

The agreement establishes the University of Toledo as the primary teach-out partner for Lourdes students whose programs align with offerings at UT. The partnership is designed to provide Lourdes students with the opportunity to complete their academic programs with minimal disruption while maintaining affordability and access to student services. As part of the agreement, The University of Toledo will serve as the permanent custodian of Lourdes University student records, including transcripts and related academic documentation, in accordance with state and federal regulations governing academic record retention.

Under the agreement, Lourdes students actively enrolled during the 2025-2026 academic year will be eligible to transfer to the University of Toledo through a streamlined process designed specifically for them.

"The University of Toledo welcomes Lourdes students in Rocket Nation and affirms that we will make every effort to assure their success," UToledo President James Holloway said. "Our UToledo campus has the benefits of both a major research university and a close-knit community where students are supported by faculty and staff who care for them as individuals."

Key provisions of the agreement include:

- Guaranteed admission for eligible Lourdes students transferring into aligned programs at UT.
- Waived application and enrollment fees for all Lourdes teach-out students.
- Acceptance of previously earned credits to the greatest extent permitted, along with a waiver of typical residency requirements.
- Comparable or lower tuition costs, ensuring students do not pay more than they would have at Lourdes.
- Individual financial aid review and counseling, including assistance to maintain affordable out-of-pocket costs.
- Access to academic advising, student services, housing, and campus life opportunities at UT.
- Support for clinical placements, internships, and other program requirements so students can remain on track to graduate.

The agreement is structured so that students may complete their programs within the same timeframe - or sooner - than originally anticipated at Lourdes.

In addition to supporting current students, the agreement also ensures the long-term

preservation of Lourdes academic records.

This arrangement ensures that:

- Lourdes graduates and former students will continue to have permanent access to official transcripts and academic records.
- Records will be securely maintained and available indefinitely, consistent with legal and accreditation requirements.
- Alumni and former students will have a clear institutional contact for future transcript requests and verification needs.

Lourdes University and the University of Toledo will work closely together to coordinate admissions, advising, financial aid counseling, and transfer logistics for Lourdes students who choose to continue their studies at UT.

The agreement remains in effect through December 31, 2026, with provisions allowing Lourdes students to begin the enrollment process at the University of Toledo through the Spring 2027 semester.

"Our priority remains ensuring that every Lourdes student has a path forward," said Sr. Linenkugel, OSF, DM. "This agreement represents an important step in honoring our commitment to our students, their families, and the mission that has guided Lourdes University for decades."

Including the University of Toledo, Lourdes University has secured teach-out agreements with nearly a dozen schools in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. Additional information about transfer pathways and next steps for students will be shared directly with Lourdes students and families in the coming weeks and updated regularly on the Lourdes University closure website at Lourdes.edu/closure. All teach-out agreements are subject to final approval from the Higher Learning Commission.

Marietta College offers admission

Marietta College will offer guaranteed admission to Lourdes' students with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher and a letter of good standing from their institution. Admission and academic teams will work individually with each student to evaluate transcripts, optimize transferable credits and develop personalized plans that help students remain on track to graduate.

Many of Lourdes' academic programs align closely with Marietta's 45 academic programs, including degrees in art, education, English, history, psychology, accounting, biology, computer science, cybersecurity, marketing and sport management. Students also have access to additional pathways in related areas of study, giving them options that support both their academic interests and long-term career goals while opening new opportunities for growth.

Founded in 1835 and located at the confluence of the Ohio and Muskingum rivers, Marietta College is one of Ohio's oldest institutions of higher education and has prepared generations of leaders, innovators and professionals.

For additional information about transfer options, financial aid and next steps visit marietta.edu/lourdes-marietta or contact the Marietta College Office of Admission.

Paws & Protect with Leo Stay safe

"Catch a wave and you're sitting on top of the world"... Oh hey guys, I was just getting in the SPRING BREAK spirit. Spring break is a time of endless fun, but it can also have some risks to it. Follow these safety tips to keep you and your friends safe this spring break season.

Lock the Door, Protect Your Den: Always use the deadbolts on your hotel room doors and check the peephole before opening the door. If you aren't expecting someone, or you can't identify who they are, don't answer! Kids should never wander the hotel alone and should always have a trusted adult with them. Finally, keep your eyes peeled, if someone you don't know seems to be following you, report it right away!

Stranger Danger: Stay with Your Pack. These rules always apply, but be extra careful when you're in unfamiliar places. Kids should never go anywhere with someone they don't know and you should never accept anything from strangers. Remember kids, grown-ups don't need help from kids. If someone makes you feel uncomfortable, find a trusted parent, adult, or police officer right away. My police friends are everywhere to help you! Utilize the buddy system and always stay close to your pack.

Paws Off the Water: If you're going to a beach, be careful of any rip tides and never swim alone. Make sure you're always following the rules posted at the pool or the beach and listen to the lifeguards the first time. Utilize safety devices like life jackets and if you see someone struggling, get an adult or lifeguard immediately. One thing I want everyone to think about too, is the color of your swim suit. The color of your swimsuit makes all the difference in your visibility in the water, and we always want to remain visible. While blue is one of my favorite colors too, it can be hard to see. Stick with bright, neon-colored swimsuits with high contrast.

Spring break should be full of fun memories, sunshine, and adventure. The best way to enjoy it is by making smart choices and staying aware of your surroundings.



Remember everyone, stay safe, the Leo way!

~Leo





VERONICA MOTLEY Ed.D.

Sylvania Schools financial forecast and planning outlook

Sylvania Schools recently presented its February 2026 Five-Year Financial Forecast to the Board of Education and the community. This forecast serves as an important planning tool that allows the district to evaluate long-term financial trends while continuing our commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities for every student.

The forecast shows a pattern that many school districts across Ohio are experiencing: expenditures are projected to outpace revenues over the next several years. While the district's revenue streams remain relatively stable, costs associated

with personnel, insurance, utilities, and instructional resources continue to increase at a faster pace. As a result, the district's cash balance is projected to gradually decline during the forecast period.

The financial forecast will continue to guide conversations about long-term solutions. As we look ahead, district leadership and the Board of Education will continue to evaluate potential revenue options that would support the long-term financial health of Sylvania Schools, including Issue 4 on the May ballot.

Sylvania Schools has not sought new operating revenue from the community for a decade. During that time, the district has worked diligently to manage resources responsibly while maintaining the strong academic programs, extracurricular opportunities, and student supports that families value.

Transparency remains a priority throughout this process. We believe it is important for our community to understand both the challenges and the thoughtful planning underway to address them.

As superintendent, I remain deeply proud of the work happening in our classrooms every day. Our educators and staff continue to provide outstanding opportunities for students, and our community's support has always played a vital role in that success.

In the months ahead, we will continue sharing information, listening to community feedback, and working collaboratively to ensure Sylvania Schools remains strong both educationally and financially for years to come.

Counselors Association provides free Kindness eWalls for K-12 schools

The Ohio School Counselors Association (OSCA) and YouUplift have announced that they will once again sponsor access to the YouUplift platform for K-12 schools across the state of Ohio for the 2026-27 school year. This marks the second consecutive year OSCA has invested in providing schools with expanded tools and resources designed to support student well-being, mental health awareness, and positive school culture.

Following the launch of its initial sponsorship in early September of last year, OSCA has already onboarded nearly 400 schools in just the last six months, reflecting strong demand from districts and school counselors statewide. The rapid adoption underscores a shared commitment among Ohio educators to proactively support students' social-emotional development and create safe, connected learning environments.

Through this continued partnership with YouUplift, K-12 schools will maintain access to its comprehensive digital platform that equips counselors, administrators, teachers, students, and families with meaningful tools focused on encouragement, awareness, and engagement. YouUplift is a web-based platform that empowers students, teachers, counselors, and coaches to share positive, encouraging messages about one another within their school and local community.

The YouUplift team reaches out to every

K-12 school across Ohio to inform them that The Ohio School Counselors Association has fully sponsored the platform for the entire school year at no cost. After a school is onboarded, a designated administrator reviews and approves only uplifting, positive comments, which are then displayed on monitors throughout the school. The sponsorship removes financial barriers for participating schools, ensuring equitable access regardless of district size or funding capacity.

"At OSCA, we believe every student in Ohio deserves access to meaningful support systems that foster resilience and connection. Our continued partnership with YouUplift reflects our commitment to equipping school counselors with innovative tools that make a measurable impact in their buildings and communities," noted Shawn Grime, executive director, Ohio School Counselors Association.

OSCA's investment reinforces its mission to advocate for and support school counselors while advancing initiatives that prioritize student success. By extending this statewide sponsorship for a second year, the association continues to lead in providing proactive, scalable solutions that empower schools to strengthen student well-being across Ohio.

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Artist recognized

Parker Lumbrezer, an eighth-grade student at Arbor Hills Junior High School, has been named 'Artist of the Week' in a nationwide voting competition on Artsonia.com, the world's largest collection of online student art portfolios, featuring over 125 million works of art. Lumbrezer's winning artwork, a watercolor landscape, captured the attention of voters nationwide, receiving over 500 online votes. Tracy Ardner is his art teacher.



Sylvan art on display



Sylvan Art Teacher **Julia Koralewski** admires the art work of her first grade student **Zoe Roznoski** and brother **Zane** during the school's open house March 11 at the Cooke-Kuhlman House.

SV athletes commit



Sitting: **Jacob Huss** will play baseball at Owens Community College, **Adam LePla** has committed to play football at Bluffton College, and **Julia Kolev** has signed to play soccer at Owens Community College. Standing: **Freddy Cougar**, **Jaron Witcher** will play basketball at Trine University, and **Michael Miller** will attend Heidleberg University and play football.

Southview Hosts Dance for a Chance



Dance for a Chance's blue team, who raised the most money for the event, competes in a relay race in the Southview gym. —Haleigh Murphy

On Saturday, March 7, Southview High School hosted its annual Dance for a Chance, where students band together into teams to compete in a variety of activities and raise the most money for the events selected organization. This year, the school fundraising went toward

the Ohio Children's Trust Fund, which aims to help prevent child abuse and neglect throughout the state. They raised \$13,337, adding to the over \$360,000 they have raised for various philanthropy organizations since the event began.

Pinewood Derby champs



St. Joseph Parish School kindergarten students L-R: **Lee Crawford**, Second Place Speed, **Karter Stokes**, First place Speed, **Evan Bieszki**, First Place Design, and **Brooks Kaser**, Third Place Design are successful at the Pinewood Derby District Championship event at Epworth United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 7.



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Overwatch (L-R): **Jacob Reyes, Ethan Kayser, Austin Kayser, Peter Castonguay, Andrew Castonguay, Garrett Mendenhall, and Tate Davis,** Aaron Hassell is the coach.

Recently, Northview Esports travelled to Cincinnati for the Esports Ohio OHSAA state finals to defend their titles and returned Champions. The Smash Bros and

Overwatch 2 teams delivered back-to-back state championships, making them three time state champions.

Northview Powerlifting places first



The Northview Powerlifting team placed first at the Northwood competition on March 7. Students **Bella Wramage, Kiana Perry, Alyric Tippey, Abigail Dunn, Laureana Morales, Brooke Gerasmiak, Caleb Barrios, Jackson Hartman, Brady Coulter, Max Murray, Drew Nolan, Jake Smith, Dominic Dane, Quintyn Adkins, Jamieson Dickson, Caron Rowdy,** and **Gabriel Mendoza,** all contributed to the win by individually placing in the top three for their respective weight classes.

SV wrestler places in District tourney



Alex Genson placed sixth in the Perrysburg D1 District wrestling tournament held March 6 and 7. He is the first Southview wrestler to place at the OHSAA District Tournament since 2013.

1000 points!



Senior **Jaron Witcher** surpassed the 1,000-point milestone during Saturday's District Championship game March 4, finishing his Cougar basketball career with 1,016 total points. The Cougars finished their season as District Runner-Up losing to Anthony Wayne 54-46.

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Girl Scouting: It's more Than Cookies

It's Girl Scout cookie time again, and (as always) I look forward to snagging a few boxes of Thin Mints before the sale is over at the end of the month. But I no longer expect a young woman knocking on my front door to make a pitch. Instead, I'll probably visit a cookie booth outside Kroger or at the mall, or go online to a scout's personal website on the "Digital Cookie" platform.

That's because the cookie sale—like many other programs and practices in today's Girl Scouts—has evolved to stay relevant to the ever-changing needs of today's young women and their families. Cookies are important, but the girls have more on their minds than just that.

A recent "State of the Girl" report finds that young women under 18 in Ohio face increasing challenges ranging from mental health issues to cyberbullying, dating violence, and low academic achievement (especially in science, technology, and math fields). The study was commissioned by the four Girl Scout councils serving Ohio, and it was released last year.

The report found that among this age group in Lucas County, half of the girls say that they feel "sad or hopeless;" nearly 35 percent are considered overweight or obese; 26 percent are chronically absent from school; and nearly half report that they do not have a caring adult all or most of the time who they can talk to about their feelings.

The study underscores that activities such as Girl Scouts are important in helping young women develop confidence, resilience and leadership skills—along with health and social development—to deal with these issues.

"Trying new things, exploring the outdoors, forming strong social connections with peers and adults, and having activities to look forward to—these foundational aspects of Girl Scouting are also key components of improving mental health and building girls' resiliency," says Aimée Sproles, president and chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of Western Ohio.

So, today in the Sylvania area, Girl Scouts can access programs that include not only outdoor adventure and community service, but entrepreneurship, computer technology, and financial literacy. And, they can have a lot of fun.

Emma Rhine and Sammi Riling, both age 10, are among 17 fourth and fifth graders in Troop 1267, which meets at Highland Elementary school. "Girl Scouts lets me do things that I normally wouldn't get to do," says Sammi. "We have fun, and belonging (to the troop) makes me feel good."

Emma likes the camping: she's participated in both day and overnight camp. Her troop also does "Adventure Camp," where the girls go to summer camp together and choose the activities they'd like to complete. This ranges from living in a cabin, swimming and crafts to science experiments. (Last year the young women were challenged to package an egg so it wouldn't break when dropped off an 18-foot tower.)

Adult leaders Sarah Rhine and Candace Riling (moms of Emma and Sammi) started Troop 1267 in the fall of 2021 when school activities were suspended because of Covid. That year, their daughters joined other kindergarten and first grade classmates as first-year Daisey Scouts, and they have since progressed through other steps to Junior scouts. "We still have one meeting and one 'road trip' each month; the girls come up with activity ideas and then they vote. It's very girl-led," Sarah says.

Typical activities range from archery and shelter-building to coding and creating robots. They've also camped overnight at the Metroparks' Treehouse Village. "The cool thing about our troop is that our girls are all different, yet each one can find interesting things within Girl Scouts. It gives them opportunities they normally wouldn't do," Sarah adds.

"We've seen girls who are totally terrified about riding a horse or climbing a rock wall; then they get a chance to do it and it's one more thing they've accomplished."

But leaders, Sarah and Candace, also recognize a broader dimension of their role...one that's outlined in the "State of the Girl" data. "We understand the role we play as a trusted adult in these girls' lives ... a person they can go to if something in their life is not okay," Sarah says.

Therefore, as young women in Sylvania celebrate National Girl Scout Month, they are experiencing new adventures in addition to their longstanding traditions. So, it is particularly fitting that this year the new cookie being added to their classic lineup of Thin Mints and Tagalongs is a chocolate, marshmallow and almond-flavored cream. It's called... "Exploremores."

Longtime Sylvania resident Mark Luetke has served on city council, the board of education, and numerous foundation and community boards.



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Round out your Easter brunch buffet with two crowd-pleasing sides that pair beautifully with a glazed ham or a cozy egg casserole. First up is a cool, crispy Spring Pea Salad made with tender peas, sharp cheddar cheese and peanuts for that perfect sweet-salty bite. Served chilled, it's bright, crunchy and can be made ahead for easy hosting. Alongside it, Honey Roasted Carrots with Rosemary and Thyme bring a warm, caramelized note to the table. Roasted until just tender, then finished with fresh herbs, they deliver a simple, fragrant flavor that feels special without being fussy. Together, these sides add color, texture, and seasonal freshness to your holiday gathering.

Honey Roasted Carrots with Rosemary & Thyme



~ 6 SERVINGS

- 1 pound carrots, peeled and trimmed
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon honey
- ½ teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
- ½ teaspoon fresh rosemary leaves
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste



DIRECTIONS | Heat oven to 400 F.

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a large bowl, toss carrots with olive oil, honey, herbs and salt and pepper. Spread carrots out onto the baking sheet. Roast for 30-35 minutes, flipping halfway, until tender and caramelized.

Spring Pea Salad



~ 10-12 SERVINGS

- 24 ounces frozen peas, thawed
- 6 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, cubed
- ½ cup white onion, diced
- 4 slices bacon, cooked crispy and chopped
- ½ cup salted peanuts, chopped
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ½ cup sour cream
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste
- Fresh parsley for garnish, chopped

DIRECTIONS |

In a large bowl, combine peas, cheese, onion, bacon and peanuts.

In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise, sour cream and pepper. Stirring gently, combine the mayonnaise mixture with the pea mixture.

Place the salad in the refrigerator for two hours to give it time for the flavors to meld. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve.

(Recipe by Jessica Wiciak)

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SYLVANIA THEN & NOW

GAYLEEN GINDY

This is my 250th history article written for the Sylvania AdVantage, which fits in perfectly with the America 250th celebration this year. There are many activities scheduled in our community throughout the year to celebrate this very important birthday, and we need everyone to be involved.

Lot 3 of the subdivision known as "Hubbard's Addition to Sylvania," now home to Little Caesar's Pizza, was purchased in 1917 by Willis E. Bryan (also known as William). He and his wife Cora built a house on that site that same year. Willis and Cora Belle Taylor Haas were married in 1911 in Windsor, Essex County, Ontario, Canada. He was 43 years old and listed as

6361 MONROE ST.

a railroad conductor. She was listed as 30, and both were listed as residents of Sylvania, Ohio. Family records said that Willis remained at home with his parents well past the age of 40 to care for them, and only then would take a wife.

In the 1920 census Willis and Cora were listed living here on Monroe Street. Willis was listed as head of household - 51 years old - owned his home with a mortgage - employed as a motorman for the railroad street car. Cora was listed as 38 years old. Their child, Arthur F. Bryan, was listed as 14 years old and attending school. Also living with them was Charles Taylor - brother-in-law - 34 years old - single - employed as a metal worker at an auto factory.

On Sept. 7, 1928, a zoning permit was granted to William Bryan to add a summer kitchen to the home at 6361 Monroe St. The builder was listed as John Knepper and the cost to the owner was \$100.

Willis Bryan passed away in 1929. His obituary said that he passed away at his home at 6361 Monroe St. at 3:45 pm on Sept. 11. Survivors were his wife, Cora; one son, Arthur; two sisters, Mrs. Whitacre of Clayton, Michigan, and Clarissa Peterson of Toledo.

By the 1930 census Cora was widowed and rented this house to the Klein family, listed as Louie E. Klein - renter - \$45 per month - 29 years old - married at age 19 years - occupation - salesman - electric; Amanda M. Klein - wife - 29 years old - married at age 19 years; Lenard L. Klein - son - 9 years old - attending school; Kathryn A. Klein - daughter - 8 years old - attending school; Charles E. Klein - son - 5 years old.

The Toledo directories starting with 1932 show Cora Bryan living on Detroit Avenue in Toledo. In 1937 she sold her Monroe Street home to Galen A. Peery who owned it until 1979. Galen Peery married Marian Peck in 1934 in Wood County, Ohio.

They are listed living in our subject house in the 1940 census. Galen was 40 years old and employed as an accountant owning his own business. Marian was 28 years old and was a beautician, owning her own shop. They had one child living at home, Gail Andrea Peery - 1 year old. Also living with them was Harriett Wilson, 22 years old, listed as a maid.

In 1941 Peery completed his World War II registration card listing our subject house as his address. He was 41 years old and self-employed with offices at 923 Spitzer Building in downtown Toledo.

The Peerys were still living here when the 1950 census was taken. He was 50 years old and employed as an auditor for the Internal Revenue. Marian was 37 years old, and their children living at home included: Gail - 11 years old; and Michael - 3 years old. Living with them was Marian's sister Mildred Peck, 43 years old - divorced.

The Peerys lived here until they sold it in 1979 to William C. Bayer, who operated the Chalet Restaurant just to the west. (He will be discussed in upcoming articles.)

Soon after the Peerys sold this home Mr. Peery moved to the Marigarde-Sylvania Nursing Home, and Mrs. Peery lived out the rest of her years living at 6601 Convent Blvd.

Mr. Peery passed away in 1986 at the age of 86, and his obituary notice said that he was a retired Internal Revenue Service agent and had been associated with the IRS for 23 years, retiring in 1965. During his career he was a district conferee, supervisor of office audit, and an auditor in the Toledo office. In 1964 the U.S. Treasury Department presented him with the Albert Gallatin award for distinguished service with the IRS. Before that he had been a partner in the Personal Adjustment Co., a collections manager for the Holland Furnace Co., and an accountant for the Merchants Credit Co. He was survived by his wife Marian, daughter, Gail Andrea Peery and son, Michael Peck Peery.

Mrs. Peery died in 1987 at the age of 75. Her obituary said that she had been a Veteran of World War II and was trained at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas, where she joined a female branch of the armed forces known as the Women's Air Service Pilots. The WASPs performed such flying tasks as ferrying bombers from the U.S. to England during the War. She was later sent to the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where she taught ground school, which included lessons in Morse code and naval aviation to cadet aviators. In 1942 she became one of the few women to ever fly solo at Toledo's former Franklin Field, now the location of the Franklin Park Mall. She owned the former Ritz Beauty Shop in Sylvania from 1939 to 1945. She later worked 11 years for the Ohio Belting and Transmission Co., the last eight years as executive secretary to the president. She retired in 1966.

From 1979 until 1986, while Mr. Bayer owned the home the directories listed the house as vacant or "no return," except for 1984 when Mitzi Bayer was listed living at this address. From 1986 until 1991 the property was in the name of John G. and Jane L. Day. During those years the directories said the home was vacant, except for the 1990 directory which shows Teresa M. Ontko living in the home.

In March of 1991 the city of Sylvania granted demolition permits to John G. Day for the houses at 6361, 6367 and 6375 Monroe Street, and plans were approved for a new development to be known as Sylvania River Crossing Shopping Center. It would include a Little Caesars Pizza and a Video Connection/Movie Gallery, of which Mr. Day was the founder. In the next article I will tell you more about Day's amazing success story in starting the Video Connection stores, since he purchased more houses to the west.

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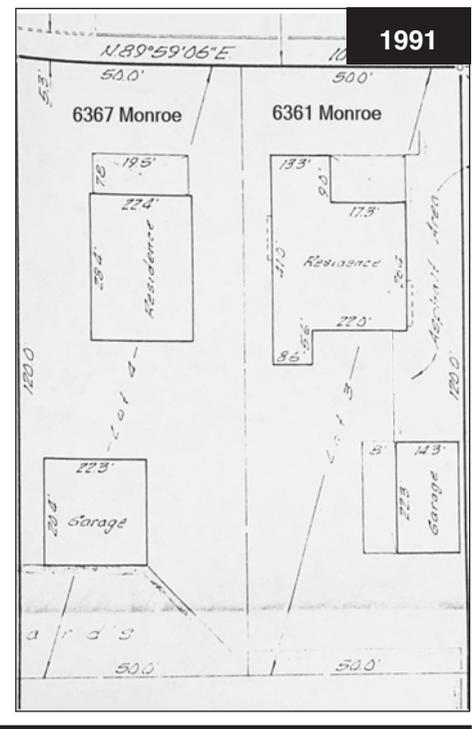
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Born Sept. 23, 1969, to Vincent and Trudy Kajderowicz, Krysty was preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather, Jay; and her beloved older sister and best friend, Wictoria "Wicky."

She leaves behind a family who loved her dearly and will cherish her memory: her older brother, Vincent; oldest sister, Stella (Jeff); younger sister, Elizabeth (Steve); and younger brother, Joseph. She is also survived by 14 nieces and nephews and 10 great-nieces and nephews.

Reading was Krysty's favorite pastime. If you ever saw her without a book, it likely meant she was at work — and even then, you probably just missed it.

She will be remembered for her devotion to family, her loyalty to friends and coworkers, and the warmth she brought to every kitchen and gathering she was part of.



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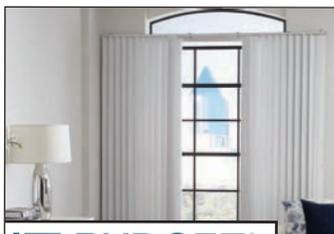
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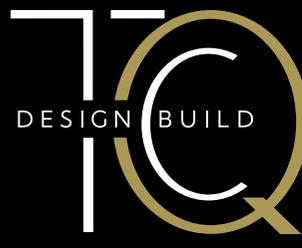
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Notice is further given, that the petition specified the metes and bounds of the said district, but included no lands more than 660 feet from, nor any lands not abutting on, the streets and public ways in said district.

Notice is further given, that a hearing will be held by the Board of Township Trustees of Sylvania Township on **Tuesday, APRIL 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**, at the Township Hall (4927 N. Holland-Sylvania Road; Sylvania, OH 43560) to hear any and all proof offered by any of the parties affected by such improvement and other persons competent to testify.

BY ORDER OF
DAVID SIMKO, FISCAL OFFICER
SYLVANIA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING/HEARING

The Sylvania Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Meeting on **Monday, April 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** at the Township Hall, 4927 Holland-Sylvania Rd., Sylvania, OH 43560 for consideration of the following:

- 1) Exception for the sidewalk requirement for the property located at 9640 SylvaniaMetamora Road (Parcel No. 78-00055) STZR – SECTION 1106 – C (3)

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