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New attractions, programs, events abound at the Zoo

The Toledo Zoo & Aquarium is heading into summer with new attractions, expanded programming and a packed calendar of events that continue to make it one of northwest Ohio's most popular destinations for families and visitors of all ages.

Leading the excitement this season is the reopening of the Zoo's historic Reptile House following a major renovation project that blends preservation of the original building with modern upgrades and immersive guest experiences. Originally constructed during the 1930s, the Reptile House has long been considered one of the Zoo's most recognizable landmarks. The renovated space now features larger habitats, improved viewing areas and new reptile and amphibian species that allow visitors to experience the exhibit in an entirely new way.

One of the biggest highlights is the upgraded habitat for Baru, the Zoo's saltwater crocodile. Guests can now enjoy underwater viewing opportunities and expanded sightlines throughout the exhibit, creating a more immersive experience for visitors while also enhancing animal care and enrichment spaces behind the scenes. New species, including crocodile monitors and perenti monitors, have also joined the exhibit as part of the renovation.

The reopening comes at the start of one of the busiest seasons of the year for the Toledo Zoo. Families visiting this summer can explore more than 16,000 animals representing hundreds of species across the Zoo's campus while taking part in special seasonal events and educational experiences.

Summer camps continue to be one of the Zoo's most popular offerings for children and families. Camp programs provide hands-on learning opportunities focused on wildlife, conservation and animal care with options available for a variety of age groups throughout the summer months.

The Zoo's summer event lineup offers visitors even more reasons to plan a trip. The annual Father's Day BBQ returns June 21 with food, live music, family activities and animal demonstrations designed to create a full day experience for guests. In August, Wild about Art will once again bring local and regional artists to the Zoo grounds for a showcase that combines art, wildlife and nature in a unique setting.

For guests looking to visit during cooler evening hours, Twilight Evenings offer reduced admission on select summer nights and allow visitors to experience



the Zoo in a different atmosphere while enjoying animal exhibits and evening entertainment.

Beyond seasonal programming, many of the Zoo's most popular attractions remain major draws throughout the summer. Guests can visit the Aquarium, Arctic Encounter, Tembo Trail and Penguin Beach or enjoy rides on the safari railway and the historic carousel. Families can also explore splash areas and adventure attractions, including zip lines and aerial courses located in the Africa! exhibit area.

The Toledo Zoo & Aquarium continues to attract visitors from across Ohio and neighboring states while

also serving as a leader in wildlife conservation and education. Accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the Zoo participates in more than 80 species survival programs aimed at protecting endangered wildlife around the world.

With a newly renovated Reptile House and a summer calendar filled with camps, concerts and family events, the Toledo Zoo & Aquarium offers visitors a full season of experiences both new and familiar.

To learn more about summer events, exhibits, camps and tickets, visit toledo zoo.org.

What's Inside



The Sylvania Summer Market kicks off: **Jo Feltman** of BuchuVida assists **Christian Barham** and **Airyana Liggons** with a purchase.

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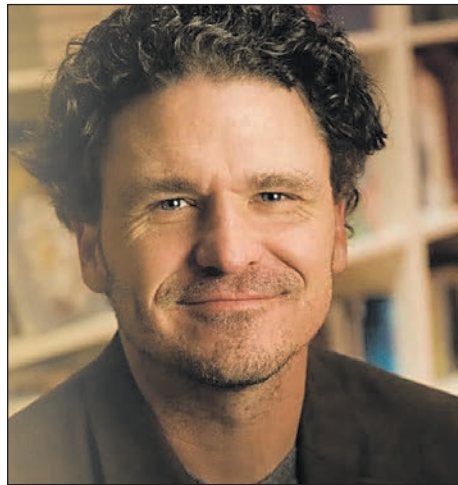
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Author Dave Eggers

An Evening with Dave Eggers at the Peristyle

Starlite Theater's 2026 Summer Authors Series fetures "An evening with Dave Eggers" on June 11 at the Peristyle, featuring his latest novel, "Contrapposto."

This is a sweeping novel about friendship, love, and the lifelong pursuit of art from Dave Eggers, the award-winning, bestselling author of "The Circle," "Hologram for the King," and "The Eyes & the Impossible."

The VIP Experience begins at 6 pm and the \$65 ticket includes a signed copy of the

book and an exclusive pre-event meet-and-greet with the author.

The \$25 standard admission begins at 6:30 through 7pm and includes access to the program.

A \$45 Book Bundle option includes admission plus a copy of Contrapposto Books, which will be available on site in partnership with Finch & Fern Book Co.

Visit starlitetheatergroup.org to purchase tickets.

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Annual Polish Picnic planned

The 11th annual Polish Summer Picnic, sponsored by GenoaBank, will be held June 12 from 5 to 11 pm and June 13 from 10 am to 10 pm at Oak Shade Grove Pavilion, 3624 Seaman Road, Oregon, Ohio.

Presented by the Toledo Area Polka Society, the picnic features authentic Polish foods from Stanley's Market, Toledo Swiss Society, Focaccia's and B's Pierogi. An expanded bar will feature Polish beers including: Zywiec, Warka Lite Lager, Perla, Okocim, Koziel, Tyskie.

Apparel, souvenirs as well as a coffee from Tiedtke's Roast House and Coffee Shopwill be available.

Five nationally known polka bands:

Lenny Gomulka's Chicago Push, Gerry Kaminski's Polka Network, Randy Krajewski & Badinov, Seven, and DynaBrass, with a special performance from the Toledo Polish-American Concert Band, will also be featured.

The cost is \$10 for adults and children 16 years and younger are free.

Lighted, secure, free parking with shuttle service is available.

Polish picnics are a tradition in the villages of Poland. Often spontaneous in their planning, the picnics celebrate the villages' heritage and community spirit, often lasting all weekend.

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Croswell's 2026 season continues with 'Gypsy'

The Croswell Opera House in Adrian, Mich. continues their 2026 Broadway Season, and their 160th year, with the musical, "Gypsy." This classic musical tells the story of Rose, an ambitious showbiz mother, and her two daughters as they search for fame with their vaudeville act. Times change and Rose must accept the end of vaudeville, the rise of burlesque, and the price exacted on her daughter by her drive to succeed.

Piper Dillon and Maddox Reitz of Sylvania are part of a cast gathered from throughout southern Michigan and northwest Ohio. Set in the 1920s and 30s,

the show includes one notable hit after another, including "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "Let Me Entertain You," and "You Gotta Get A Gimmick."

"Gypsy" opens on Friday, June 12 and runs through Sunday, June 21. Tickets range from \$26 to \$46 for adults and \$16 to \$26 for students, and may be ordered online at croswell.org or by calling 517-264-7469.

The Croswell reminds patrons that it will never sell tickets for more than the advertised price, so any website offering tickets for a higher price is a scam.

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Hippie Fest rolls into Sylvania for First Friday Artwalk

JENNIFER ALEXANDER RUPLE

Dress in your bohemian best and join the fun during Red Bird Sylvania's Hippie Fest in downtown Sylvania June 5 from 5 to 8 pm.

The good vibes will be flowing as visitors can create their own flower crowns at Beautiful Blooms by Jen; wander through art exhibits at Hudson Gallery, Fuller Art House and The Art Supply Depo; get a henna tattoo at Hip to the Groove; shop for groovy gifts at Harmony in Life; participate in tie dye fun at Inside the Five Brewing Co.; partake in watercolor activities at

Create Art Studio; and enter a contest for the best dressed hippies.

There will be something groovy around every corner – catch musicians Brad Tober at Dallas Taproom from 7 to 9 pm and Rico on Congas at Hip to the Groove from 6 to 8 pm.

The celebration also takes a literary turn with a poetry slam at Erin Ann's Homemade Ice Cream and Juices, where featured reader and local author Theresa Konwinski will join the regular open mic for an evening of stories, poetry and community voices.

Firefighters host annual Pancake Breakfast

JENNIFER ALEXANDER RUPLE

Sylvania Fire Fighters IAFF Local 2243 will host its 27th annual Pancake Breakfast Wednesday, June 17 from 6 to 11 am at the Toledo Elks Lodge #53, located at 3520 Holland-Sylvania Rd.

The fundraising event, open to the com-

munity, features all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and eggs prepared by Sylvania Fire Fighters along with coffee and juice. Dine in or carry out options are available.

A 50/50 raffle with prizes from local businesses will also be available that morning. Tickets for the breakfast are \$5 per person and can be purchased at the door.

Metamora's Party in the Park planned

Metamora Community Park will come alive Friday, June 12 through Sunday, June 14 during the 5th annual Party in the Park, sponsored by the Metamora Chamber of Commerce. Activities kick off Friday at 5 pm when concessions, including Sheamie's Snow Cones, K & K Funnel Cakes and the Beer Tent, open for the weekend.

There will be events for all ages to participate in including a tractor show, night drone show, euchre tournament, kids softball and baseball games, volleyball, cornhole and more. Families will find

concessions offering face painting, balloon twists, a bounce house and an obstacle course. Justice for Sierrah will be on hand with a KidPrint ID Program and a self-defense class. A car and motorcycle cruise-in starts Saturday at 11 am, with registration at 9 am. Chicken dinners, with carryout, are also offered Saturday beginning at 1 pm.

Live music starts at 6 pm featuring the Sweet Tea Band on Friday and the Skittlebots on Saturday.

For details and a full schedule of events visit metamorachamberofcommerce.com

'Festival time in the Old West End' debuts

The song, "Festival Time in the Old West End," was written to embody the vibe and experience of the annual festival. It was recorded at Stone Soup Studios and released on all streaming platforms May 26, giving it 11 days of air play before the festival. This year's party will be on June 6 and 7.

The first public full band performance of "Festival Time in the Old West End" will happen Saturday, June 6 immediately following the King Wamba parade and the crowning of this year's king and queen. This will take place on the Steps of the Toledo Museum of Art on the Collingwood side around noon.

Michael Whitty's great grandfather, George Kovar, marched in the first King Wamba parade in 1909. It was billed as the "Mardi Gras of the North" and drew over 100,000 people. The song takes listeners back to that time period with its Dixieland style.

The band is made up of some cultural treasures who just happen to be in Toledo. "Ragtime" Rick Graffing is a nationally known stride piano player with a great wealth of knowledge. His wife Betsy plays banjo and their son John plays trumpet. Ray Heitger is on clarinet. Ray is the leader of the legendary "Cake Walkin' Jazz Band." Ben Wolkins on trumpet went to New York to get a masters degree, did some touring and recording

with various groups, but has returned to Toledo to be close to family. Kevin Shope on bass trombone has a masters degree as well. He went on the road with Buddy Rich, Woody Herman and Stan Kenton. Joel Hazard has a masters degree and has toured with Jon Hendricks. Zac Kreuz also has a masters degree and has worked with Joey DeFrancesco, Shirley Scott, and Jimmy Bruno. The group is a perfect mixture of school and street.

Michael Whitty grew up in a musical family and is proud to be from Toledo. His aunt Colleen currently plays French horn with the Maui pops orchestra along with many other ensembles in Hawaii. Michael began playing in public, outside of school, around the age of 15. Many remember him showing up to play at jam sessions riding a bicycle with the horn on the handle bars. Whitty has studied privately with over 30 instructors on various instruments and vocals. The time spent with the Jon Hendricks, Claude Black, Cliff Murphey, Mark Keiswetter, and many others including the people mentioned above, has provided a foundation to pursue a life of music. This versatility has enabled Michael to perform all over the country on trombone, piano, and vocals. He currently resides in Kansas City and is working on the next songs for the upcoming album.



BBQ Drinks
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Games
Raffles

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6-10 pm

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 SATURDAY 6PM-11PM: SKITTLEBOTS

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SYLVANIA SPOTLIGHT

Sisters of St. Francis Jubilarians Celebrating years of service

Celebrations are set for 11 am, Saturday, June 27 in Queen of Peace Chapel.



Celebrating 75 Years Sister Jeanine Sokolowski, OSF

Raised in the Diocese of Minneapolis, MN, she entered the Sylvania Franciscan community in 1949 and made first profession in 1951. Sister Jeanine entered the ministry of education, serving in Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, Mississippi, and Texas from 1950-1988.



Celebrating 60 Years Sister M. Carmen Barone OSF

Born in Modica, Sicily, she was raised in the Saints Peter and Paul Parish of Sandusky, OH, and entered the Sylvania Franciscans in 1963. She taught music and religion at Cardinal Stritch for over a decade. She served as Vocations Director for the community, Liturgist and Campus Ministry Director at Lourdes University, and as VP of Mission & Ministry and Director of Liturgy from 2000-2020 at Lourdes University.



Celebrating 60 Years Sister M. Faith Cosky, OSF

She made first profession in 1966 and began her ministry of education. She served as Formation and Novice Director at the Motherhouse until 1987 and as a Pastoral Associate at St. Pius X Parish in Toledo until 1990. From 1989 - 1997, she ministered at Bethany House as the Assistant Director and later Director. Sister became a Chaplain and ministered at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She currently works in Pastoral Care and as a volunteer with two parishes in Michigan.



Celebrating 60 Years Sister M. Fidelis Rubbo, OSF

Sister Fidelis entered the Sylvania Franciscans from her home parish of St. Raphael in Garden City, MI after eighth grade. Sister made first profession in 1966. Teaching for several years, she also spent 13 years as a missionary in Haiti.



Celebrating 60 Years Sister Janice Marie Peer, OSF

Sister's ministry in education began in 1965 and includes teaching grades 1 - 4, teaching and directing Religious Education and Faith Formation in OH, MI and MN until 2015. Sister currently serves in pastoral care at Franciscan Care Center and on the RCIA team at All Saints and at the Motherhouse.

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Mondays & Thursdays

Bingo • Sylvania Senior Center, 1-3pm, sylvaniacommunityservices.org

Tuesdays

Upside Run Club • Upside Brewing, meet under the awning, 6-7pm, rain or shine

June 3, 17, July 19, 29

St. Joe's Summer Walk Club • Pacesetter Park, 10:30am, more info. email asieftring@stjoessylvania.org

June 11

Cork and Pork • Centennial Terrace, to benefit Ronald McDonald House Northwest Ohio, 6-10pm, \$50/person, tickets: secure.qgiv.com/for/corkandpork2026/event/corkandpork2026

An Evening with Author Dave Eggers • The Peristyle, 6:30pm, stan-

dard admission \$25, tickets starlitetheater-group.org, more pg. 2

June 12-14

Party in the Park • Metamora Chamber of Commerce, Metamora Ohio, more pg. 3

June 18

AM250 Movie Night • Mayberry Ice Cream, Captain America: The Winter Soldier, 9pm, free and open to community

June 19

Home Instead Classic • to benefit the Alzheimers Assoc., Bedford Hills Golf Club, 7am registration, 8am shotgun start, \$100 per player, homeinstead.com

July 3

Red White & Brew • Red Bird First Friday, downtown Sylvania, noon-8pm, live music, food trucks, craft beer

Star Spangled Celebration • Centennial Terrace, 6-11pm (fireworks 10pm), Admission \$7, Youth 11 & under \$5, tickets centennialterrace.org

THE ARTS

June 5

Hippie Fest • Red Bird First Friday Artwalk, downtown Sylvania, live music, art exhibits and contest for best dressed hippies, 5-8pm, more pg. 3

June 7

Lux Aeterna • Toledo Choral Society, Gesu Catholic Church, 3pm, \$20 pre-sale tickets - toledochoralsociety.org

June 12 -21

Gypsy, A Musical Fable • The Crosswell, Adrian, Mich., tickets available at crosswell.org

COMEDY

Mondays

The Barn Bar & Grill • 7-9pm

COMMUNITY

June 1, 15

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

June 2

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

July 4

Homecoming Picnic and Time-Capsule Unveiling • Celebrate the 250th, Burnam Park, 10am-2pm, heritagesylvania.org

FOOD & DRINK

Tuesdays

Sylvania Summer Market • Olander Park, growers, food artisans, food trucks, 5-8pm

June 10

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

June 12 & 13

Polish Summer Picnic • presented by Toledo Area Polka Society, Oak Shade Grove, \$10 admission, 16 and under free, more pg. 3

June 17

27th annual Sylvania Fire Fighters Pancake Breakfast • Toledo Elks Lodge #53, 6-11am, all you can eat, 50/50 raffle, \$5 at the door

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

TRIVIA

Mondays

VI Pub Quiz • 6:30 & 7:30pm

Tuesdays

Voodoo Brewing • 6:30-8:30pm

The VI • Music Bingo, 6:30-8pm

Sidelines Sylvania • 7-9pm

Bier Stube • 8-10pm

Frogtown Johnnie's • 9pm

LIVE MUSIC

Sundays

Bobby May and Friends • The Sodbuster Bar, 7pm

Mondays & Tuesdays

Chris Brown and Candace Coleman • Ciao!, 6-9pm

Tuesdays

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

June 1

Sugar Daddy • Fairways, 6pm

June 2

Jamie and Dan • Fairways, 6pm

June 3

Matt Goodrich • Fairways, 6pm

June 4

Motley's • Fairways, 6pm

June 5

Madison Avenue • Bier Stube, 6pm

Baja Fog • Fairways, 6pm

June 6

Whiskey Gypsy • Bier Stube, 8pm

June 10

Christian Lombardo • Te'kela, 5pm

June 12

Mizer Vossen Project • Bier Stube, 6pm

June 13

Mud City Maniacs • Bier Stube, 8pm

Menus • Centennial Terrace, 5:30pm

June 16

Something to Talk About • Fairways, 6pm

June 19

The Cheeks • Bier Stube, 6pm

Upcoming at Centennial

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

Dueling Decades Dance Party •

Aug. 22

Tickets: centennialterrace.org

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



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Township talk ...

The Sylvania Township Trustees authorized Roads Superintendent Rob Nash to advertise for bids for the 2026 Sylvania Township resurfacing project.

The trustees also voted to approve a resolution to establish reasonable standards governing the installation, placement, and operation of electric vehicle charging stations within the Township.

Sylvania Township Administrator Oliver Turner's request to hold a public meeting on June 16 at 5 pm regarding a street lighting petition submitted by developer Tim Brown

for Bridgecreek, Plat 7 was approved.

Turner advised the trustees about the two options ODOT offered regarding the Holland Sylvania overpass during the I-475 widening project. According to Turner, ODOT will fund the equivalent cost of a standard design, but the Township will be responsible for any additional costs for design elements. The Township may solicit donations to help defray the cost. Currently, the only design elements on the highway reflect the Oak Openings region.

City beat ...

Sylvania City Council voted 6-1 on Monday to reject an initiative petition proposed ordinance titled "Sylvania Resource Conservation and Equal Access Ordinance," first proposed during the council's April 20 meeting. After receiving a response from the Initiative Committee, there was no change in their position to discuss amendments.

Council President Mary Westphal said the proposal received careful consideration before the Committee of the Whole recommended rejection during its May 4 meeting because it did not serve the best interests of the city.

In addition, Westphal noted that the overall intent of the proposed ordinance is currently addressed in the city's existing policies.

New project contracts

In other business, council approved several recommendations from Service Director Joe Shaw relating to upcoming city projects and contracts.

American Structurepoint was awarded a \$93,733 contract to provide engineering and surveying services for the Central Park, Garden Park, and Rosewood Place Waterline Improvement Project.

The Collaborative was selected to conduct a facilities master plan study for several city-owned buildings. The company's \$229,500 proposal includes two if-authorized tasks for structural scanning services for buildings lacking sufficient construction plans and enhanced visualization renderings for any recommended options.

Council also awarded Helms and Sons Excavating a \$4,526,522 contract for Phase 2 of the Downtown Transportation Improvement Project.

A \$20,000 proposal from Tetra Tech for professional lighting design services connected to the US-23/Monroe Street inter-

change project also received approval. According to Shaw, a gap was discovered in the project's lighting plans for surface street areas, and the engineering work will be used to generate a photometric analysis to confirm all roadway areas will be sufficiently lit and supplement the ARCADIS lighting design with additional lighting where needed.

Council approved Shaw's request to pay Erik and Elaina Kenney \$300 for a temporary construction easement related to the Erie and Monroe streets roundabout project.

New equipment

Members also authorized the purchase of a salt brine production system from Kalida Truck Equipment Inc. for \$116,500.

Council approved a third contract amendment with Sylvania Compost and Recycling, LLC, doing business as A&J Landscape, extending the city's green yard waste drop-off contract for an additional three years. The company has operated the service since 2023 after a composting site in Michigan, north of Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery, closed.

Bid requests

Shaw also received authorization to solicit letters of interest for design and engineering services for the Highland View, San Benito Drive, and San Reno Drive Waterline Project. In addition, he was authorized to advertise for bids for curbside refuse and recycling contracts. The city's current contract with Republic Services expires Sept. 1, 2026, and city officials noted it has been 10 years since bids were last requested. Republic has served as the city's contractor since 2006.

The next Sylvania City Council meeting is scheduled for June 1 at 6:30 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

2026 Graduates!!

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

June marks many milestones: the end of the school year, the beginning of summer fun and, in Sylvania, the return of a long-time tradition, Safety City. Now celebrating its 40th year, Sylvania's Safety City program will welcome children entering kindergarten this fall for a week of safety education and hands-on activities at Maplewood School. Sessions are scheduled June 8-12, with both morning and afternoon classes available. Morning sessions run from 9 to 11:30 am. Each year, approximately 200 to 250 children participate in the program.

Sylvania's children are among the community's greatest assets, and Safety City continues to provide young students with a safe and positive introduction to school life and personal safety.

As in years past, organizers will create a miniature city complete with streets, sidewalks, signs, crosswalks and traffic lights to replicate real-world conditions. Children learn how to safely cross streets and railroad tracks while also practicing bicycle safety and learning basic rules of the road through age-appropriate activities.

Participants enjoy "driving" small cars through the mock city streets and practicing proper bicycle riding techniques in a safe, supervised environment.

Children are also taught important personal safety lessons, including memorizing their names, addresses and phone numbers. Additional topics include seat belt safety, animal safety, water safety

and stranger awareness. A short school bus ride helps familiarize students with bus safety procedures before the school year begins.

The program also introduces children to emergency services and medical response. Several city vehicles are displayed so participants can learn their functions and better understand how emergency personnel serve the community.

One of the most valuable parts of the program is the opportunity for children to meet police officers, firefighters and other first responders, helping them understand these individuals are there to help and protect them.

The success of Safety City would not be possible without the dedication of teachers, police officers, firefighters, volunteers and numerous community partners. Special thanks go to the Sylvania Township Fire Department, Sylvania Schools, the Sylvania Schools Transportation Division, the Sylvania Streets Department, Norfolk Southern Railroad, Lucas County Canine Care & Control, Republic Services and Garbage Gus, Toledo Edison, and Mercy Health-St. Vincent Medical Center for their continued support.

The concept of "Safety City" began in Mansfield, Ohio, in 1937. It was created by city traffic commissioner Fred Boals and kindergarten teacher Ruth Robbins after a child was struck and killed by a car while walking to school. Boals drew inspiration from the 1930 children's book "Safety Town Stories" by Mildred Miles Roberts.

As we look to begin another season, we give credit to all of those who have been involved in this program, which provides our children with important safety information.

As always, if you have something to share with me or a question about city services, call my office at 419-885-8926 or email cwitkowski@cityofsylvania.com.

Paws & Protect with Leo

Summer break is finally here, and I'm going to have so much fun hanging out with my friends and playing all day. While this is a signal for swimming, playing outside, bike rides, vacation and endless fun with friends and family, I encourage everyone to remember to take care of their body. Here are some summer tips to help you stay strong, energized, and get the most out of your summer vacation.

Fuel Up: I love a summer treat just as much as the next pup, ice cream, pup-sicles, slushes, you name it, but we have to remember to fuel our body with healthy foods to keep us going. Watermelon, strawberries, vegetables, lean proteins, and healthy snacks throughout the day will help us keep feeling our best. Eating healthy not only helps us grow, it gives us energy to play and helps our brains stay focused. I love to get the most out of every day with fun and games so I make sure I eat right to keep my energy up.

Stay Hydrated: As much as I love the long and hot summer days, hot temps make your body lose water quickly. It is really easy to become dehydrated and sick on a hot summer day. It's important to drink plenty of water every single day. I like to bring water with me whenever I am playing outside, riding my bike, or heading to the park. Personally, I like to use an insulated cup so my water stays nice and cold even while I'm playing in the sun all day long. If you notice yourself becoming dizzy, extra tired, or getting a headache, it may be a sign you didn't drink enough water, so take a break in the shade and drink some water. Staying hydrated helps you get the most out of your summer days.

Don't Forget to Sleep: I know with the hustle and bustle it is so easy for the day to get away from us. And with longer days, it's really tempting to stay up super late every night, but remember your body still needs rest. When you get enough sleep your body can recover better, it boosts your mood, and keeps your brain sharp. I try to keep a good bedtime routine, even during summer vacation, that way I wake up everyday feeling refreshed and ready to go. When I'm refreshed, I can make the most of my long summer days.

Remember, healthy habits help us live up our summer break to the fullest. Eat healthy, drink plenty of water, and get plenty of sleep, by doing these things you will have the best summer yet.



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New memorial plaques honor local fallen service members



For generations, Sylvania residents have gathered at Veterans Memorial Park each Memorial Day to honor those who never returned home from war. This year, the annual remembrance ceremony added a new chapter to that tradition.

Following the Memorial Day parade, community members attending the annual service at Memorial Grove witnessed the unveiling and dedication of new memorial plaques honoring local fallen veterans. The plaques provide expanded historical information to accompany the Grove's original tree markers, many of which were installed more than 75 years ago.

"This is a pocket of history in Sylvania that is a bit lost and forgotten," said Anthony Haddad, a member of Sylvania's Tree Commission and the Sylvania 250 Memorial Grove Remembrance Committee.

Haddad became involved in the effort during a city-led drainage project that required the temporary removal of some of the original memorial markers. As volunteers and city crews handled the aging markers, Haddad realized how little information was available about the individuals being honored.

He said the committee's goal is to help residents better understand both the meaning of Memorial Grove and the stories behind the names memorialized there.

"In addition to the supplemental markers, the committee hopes this project will help guide the future of Memorial Grove by increasing public awareness, improving historical interpretation, and encouraging continued care for the site," Haddad said.

Possible future additions could include educational signage, expanded historical materials, and continued coordination to preserve the Grove as "a visible, dignified, and meaningful place of remembrance for future generations," he added.

Memorial Grove has been part of Sylva-

nia's civic and veterans history since 1950, when the original markers were installed to honor local service members who gave their lives serving the country. Now more than seven decades old, the grove remains one of Sylvania's most significant places of public remembrance.

According to Heritage Sylvania Executive Director Samantha Ayres, the original dedication ceremony drew more than 4,000 attendees and included a National Guard flyover during which flowers were dropped in tribute to the fallen.

Ayres has described the Grove as both a place of remembrance and an important educational resource for future generations. "It's a place for reflection and connection," she noted.

As planning began for the community's America 250 commemorative efforts, Haddad raised concerns about preserving and better interpreting the Grove's history. During those discussions, Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District President Brian Kezur supported a memorial plaque prototype designed by Erik Russell of Frogtown Woodcraft. The SAJRD Board ultimately adopted and funded the project.

Organizers said the Memorial Grove Remembrance Project reflects the broader mission of America 250 — commemorating the nation's founding while encouraging communities to reflect on the people, places, and sacrifices that shaped local history.

Today, visitors can still find Memorial Grove tucked quietly at the north end of Veterans Memorial Field beyond the baseball diamonds. Accessible from Garden Park Drive or Woodrow Drive off Erie Street, the Grove continues to serve as both a memorial and a reminder that the cost of freedom is often carried by hometown families and remembered across generations.





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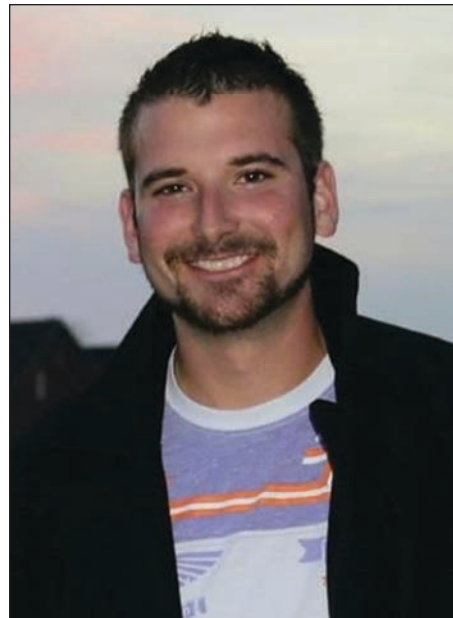


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Ryan Taber

After trying his hand at factory work, food service, construction, home remodeling and several other industries, Ryan Taber decided it was time to take a leap of faith and build something of his own.

"I was constantly working dead-end jobs, and I was never fulfilled with the results I was getting working for somebody else," Taber said. "Instead of trying to climb the corporate ladder, I felt my time was more valuable investing in myself."

Each job along the way helped prepare him for entrepreneurship. Before launching All American Softwash in 2021, Taber managed several small businesses, experience he said helped him develop a successful business model.

Today, All American Softwash provides residential and commercial exterior cleaning services throughout northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. The company washes homes, roofs, decks, fences, windows and driveways using environmentally friendly soaps and cleaning solutions designed to protect landscaping and surrounding property.

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Japanese head spa opens at Maude's Salon and Spa



Owners **Shana Izvorski** and **Penny Henderson**

Maude Salon and Spa, 5777 Monroe St. in the Promenade Shops, has added Japanese head spa services to its menu of offerings.

After two years in business, owners Shana Izvorski and Penny Henderson decided to dedicate space to the new service, which focuses on scalp health and relaxation.

"This luxurious treatment is great for overall scalp health, promoting improved blood circulation and healthy, shiny hair," Izvorski said. "The treatment is also a stress reliever and is very relaxing."

The Japanese head spa features its own water source, ensuring fresh water is used for each client. Izvorski and three staff members have been trained to provide the service.

"Our new Japanese head spa provides another layer of service to our salon and spa offerings," she said. "We are always eager to include meaningful and worthwhile options to enhance both regular and new client experiences."

Since opening two years ago, the business has grown to include three nail technicians, two estheticians, 12 hair stylists and a massage therapist. "We do adhere to a work, life, balance philosophy, which our staff fully embraces and reflects in a positive manner shared with our clients," Izvorski said.

In addition to the new service, the salon offers a full range of hair, nail, skin and mas-

sage services, along with hair and skin care products. "Our salon and spa is welcoming, comfortable, and relaxing, and provides an environment in which our clients can relax and enjoy being pampered," Izvorski offered.

Hours are noon to 6 pm Monday, 8 am to 8 pm Tuesday through Friday, and 8 am to 4 pm Saturday.

The salon also hosts events, including makeup-focused gatherings, bridal parties, showers and birthdays. Food service is available through neighboring Georgio's Grill.

Izvorski, a licensed beautician, has spent much of her career managing luxury salons while continuing to work as a stylist. Henderson, a registered nurse, had been a long-time client of the former LaLuna Salon at the Promenade Shops location.

"When she learned the former owner was retiring, Penny called and asked if we could take over the salon," Izvorski said. "We did, and Maude was born."

The name reflects a personal connection between the partners.

"Penny's husband had jokingly referred to her as 'Maude,' and Maude would have been my child's name if he had been a girl," Izvorski said. "When it came to naming our new venture, there was no other quite as suitable. And to top it all, 'Maude' means 'empowered woman.'"

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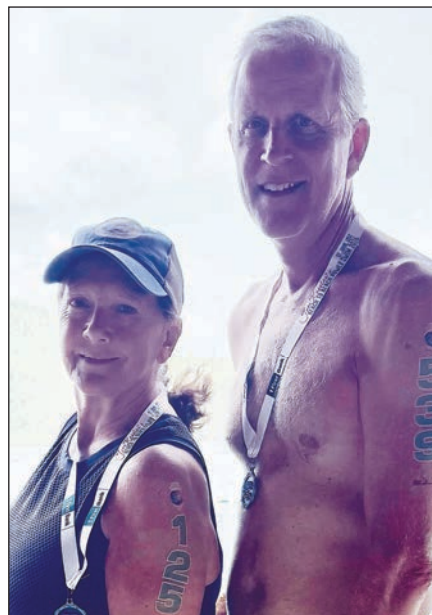
The Sylvania United White Soccer Team, Back row, L-R: Coach **Rob Goldsmith, Levi Crouch, Spencer Seeger, Kai Desouza, Owen Schock, Nathan Simmons, Aarav Shah, Adam Hashi, Ryan Naim, Keagan O'Connor**, Assistant Coach **Guy O'Connor**. Front row, L-R: **Caden Goldsmith, Rowan Johnson, Connor Murphy, Ali Youssef, Alex Witham**, mascot **Nico Desouza**, and **Logan McClain**. (not pictured Mohammad Ali Helo), won first place in the Westlake Invitational Soccer Tournament on May 24.

Play Ball!



Following the opening cry by Town Crier **Mike Leiber**, Mayor **Mark Frye** encourages the Sylvania Sluggers as they take on the Black Swamp Frogs in the May 16 baseball game at Memorial Field, part of Sylvania's America 250 celebration.

Local couple completes swim



Sylvania residents **Marty** and **Tim Gronhke** participated in the Joe Kessler Beach Power Swim on St. John US Virgin Islands on May 24. She placed third in her age group in the one-mile swim and he placed second in his age group in the 3.5-mile event.

Timberstone students clean up



Tabby Wood, Chris Kopaniasz and Andrew Stroud work diligently to clean stones and graves at Ravine Cemetery.

Timberstone Junior High students spent a Saturday morning restoring headstones at historic Ravine Cemetery in Sylvania in preparation for Memorial Day. The event was organized by Stacey Leffler, Timberstone science teacher and Youth to Youth sponsor, in partnership with Margie Ott, Head of the Sylvania Parks and Forestry Division. Ravine Cemetery is the resting place of 2,117 individuals, including 199 veterans.

Students included Adelynn Leshner, Evie Skrzyniecki, Amelia Blackston, Matthew Stasinos, Caden Stroud, Oliver Henisse, Mallory and Laura Blair, Andrew Stroud, Tabby Wood, and Chris Kopaniasz. They removed dirt, lichen, biological

growth, and weathering from grave markers using preservation techniques demonstrated by Ott. Many stones, once difficult to read, were transformed, revealing names and inscriptions that had been hidden for years. Students found the work rewarding, seeing the immediate results while helping to preserve local history.

Timberstone's Youth to Youth organization strives to provide students with meaningful opportunities to positively impact the community. Events like this allow students to connect service, history, and civic responsibility in a hands-on and memorable way.

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SYLVANIA THEN & NOW

GAYLEEN GINDY

This address is also part of the River Crossing Development featured in previous issues. Heber G. Howard purchased Lot No. 7 of Hubbard's Addition and built a home in 1923, as shown in the 1964 photo. He lived here for three years, and in 1926, he sold the house to Earl L. and Bertha F. Goodwin, who owned the house until 1948. They were married in 1924 in Lucas County. Shortly after they purchased the property, Goodwin obtained a building permit for an addition to the garage.

In the 1930 census, Earl was listed as 30 years old and employed as a freight trucker for a motor freight corporation. Bertha was also 30 years old, and their son Kenneth was 3. Bertha passed away in 1933, and in 1936 Earl married his second wife, Lucille (Allers) Foster.

The 1940 census listed Earl as 38 and the owner and manager of a trucking company. Lucille, 33, was employed as the bookkeeper for the trucking company. Daughter Elizabeth, 15, and son Kenneth, 13, were attending school.

Earl's 1941 World War II registration shows him still living here, 40 years old, and self-employed. In 1944, his son Kenneth, 18, completed his World War II registration card which showed his address as 6381 Monroe St. A 1945 marriage license shows daughter, Elizabeth J. Goodwin, married Charles F. Iffland of 6526 Erie St., who was in the U.S. Navy. Their son Kenneth was married in 1950 to Velma Lugibihl in Harbor Springs, Mich. The Goodwins moved to Charlestown, Ind., in 1948 where he was employed as a construction contractor.

Harold and Mildred Friend purchased the house in 1948. According to the 1950 census, Harold, 38, worked as an auditor at a retail grocery store. Mildred was 37, and their son Karl was 8 years old. Harold had married Mildred Cully in 1938, and they came to Sylvania in 1948 so he could work at the Sylvania A & P store. In 1961, they sold this home and moved to Bowling Green, Ohio, where he worked at the A & P until he retired as the department head.

In 1961, Richard F. Hubbard pur-

6381 MONROE ST.

chased the home and converted it into offices, with two front doors. The 1961 Suburban Directory shows F. Richard Hubbard, building contractor, and M.E. Hubbard Real Estate Company at this address. The directories through 1964 show the same. Then the 1965 directory listed: Hubbard Realtor, F. Richard Hubbard Building Contractor, and Thomas J. Stead Commercial Artist.

Hubbard and his wife Charlotte lived in Sylvania until he sold this space in 1967 to Edward A. VanGunten.

The 1968 Suburban Directory listed VanGunten & Rice, Lawyers/Hubbard Realtor/F. Richard Hubbard, Building Contractor. This listing was the same through 1970, then the 1971 directory listed: VanGunten & Galvin, Lawyers, and Endesco, Inc.

In 1978, this home, which had been converted into offices, was transferred to Weller C. VanGunten (father of Edward), and then in 1986 transferred to Kathie VanGunten (wife of Edward). Then, in 1988, it transferred back to Edward A. VanGunten, and that same year, he sold it to Norman G. Rapino et al.

Suburban Directories for 6381 Monroe Street listed the following occupying the home:

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1977 through 1979 - Edward A. VanGunten, Lawyer / John C. Turin, Lawyer/ Howard Sliker Realtor

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1989 - The Nail Station One/The Nail Station Too/Howard Sliker Realtor

In 1989, the home was transferred into the Port Lawrence Title & Trust Co., and in June 1989, a permit was issued by the city of Sylvania to demolish the home. Today, this parcel is part of the River Crossing complex.



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While strawberries are often celebrated in shortcakes, pies and jams, they also shine on the savory side of the table. One standout seasonal dish is Strawberry Caprese Salad, a bright twist on the classic summer favorite. The salad combines ripe, juicy strawberries with fresh cherry-size mozzarella cheese balls and fragrant basil, then it's finished with a generous drizzle of balsamic glaze. The result is a colorful mix of sweet, creamy and tangy flavors that is both refreshing and indulgent. It's an excellent seasonal dish for backyard dinners and pairs especially well with grilled chicken or fish.

Don't forget to make a stop at the Holland Strawberry Festival at Homecoming Park from June 17 to 21. It's a fantastic way to celebrate the season with food and fun, but the real star is, of course, the strawberries.



Strawberry Caprese Salad

Directions

- In a large bowl, combine strawberries and mozzarella. Add fresh basil and stir gently.
- Drizzle with balsamic glaze. Finish with salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with whole basil leaves.



Ingredients

- 1 quart strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 8 ounce container Ciliegine, fresh cherry size mozzarella balls, halved
- Fresh basil, thinly sliced
- 2-3 tablespoons balsamic glaze
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste



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June reminds us that while the mind seeks answers, the heart already knows. Listen closely, what rises is not meant to disturb you, but to awaken you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GEMINI - This is your time to shine. The Sun and new moon in your sign ignite fresh starts, ideas, and personal reinvention. You're speaking your truth more boldly now. Cancer energy grounds your thoughts into something tangible—make it real, not just imagined.

GEMINI SUN STIRS THE MIND -

June opens with the Sun gliding through curious, communicative Gemini, awakening thought, dialogue, and connection. Also, Lilith stirs beneath the surface—provocative, revealing, and honest. Like Pluto, it pushes us to face what we've ignored and to reclaim our own voice.

JUPITER IN CANCER - Jupiter in Cancer expands emotional depth, family ties, and wisdom. Working harmoniously with Venus and Mercury, also in Cancer, it brings nostalgia, and a strong pull toward home, roots, and those we love.

SATURN CONTINUES IN ARIES - Alongside Mars, introducing moments of tension - challenging emotional flow. Impatience, while motivated to take action. A push-pull feeling between doing and feeling - heart & will.

JUNE 15 - NEW MOON IN GEMINI -

Communication is ignited. Decisions and creativity flow. Those born under Virgo and Pisces can feel the tug-pull as it challenges the home front and work. Those born under Sagittarius feel the tension within relationships, work or play.

JUNE 29 - FULL MOON - A grounding, reality check. Balance emotional needs with responsibility. Those born under Cancer can feel its push-pull - discipline versus emotions. Aries and Libra - work or home may feel the emotional tidal waves.

SIGNS:

Aries - Communication takes center stage as the new moon activates your area of chat. The full moon on the 29th triggers the home front. Emotions may flare; step back before overreacting. Saturn in your sign asks for discipline. Think before you act—your words carry weight now.

Taurus - Finances and self-worth come into focus. Emotional spending vs. practical planning—find your balance. As a Taurus, you're already one step ahead of the game plan. Knowledge is power; use it wisely. This is your month to shine.

Gemini - This is your month of renewal. A time to reset, as the new moon in your sign brings fresh starts—reinvent yourself boldly. With the full moon in Cancer in your money house, be aware of unpredictable setbacks. You may feel more care-free than usual, pace yourself.

Cancer - With Jupiter, Venus, and Mercury in your sign, emotions run deep. Family, healing, and intuition are at a high point. This month's full moon on the 29th

may heighten emotions. However, Saturn and Neptune in Aries can trigger impulse control. Remember, you're in the driver's seat.

Leo - Friendships and social circles shift. You may have outgrown certain connections—follow what feels authentic. Look at situations from a different perspective. Saturn in your area of higher thought ignites your thirst for knowledge, spirituality or education.

Virgo - Career and public image are highlighted as the new moon takes place at the zenith of your chart. The Capricorn full moon brings clarity of long-term goals. Time to get focused, take your time, but be diligent.

Libra - Step outside your comfort zone. This is the month to travel, explore, and awaken your spiritual mind. Set intentions. This month also brings Gemini/Cancer energy to the workplace. Attention is drawn to responsibilities. While the Capricorn full moon highlights home and family, balancing your outer world with your inner world is key.

Scorpio - Deep emotional and financial matters surface. This is an emotional and transformative month for you. Gemini energy pushes you to confront fears around shared resources or emotional ties. Cancer's placement supports healing and growth. The Capricorn full moon sharpens communication—speak clearly and use your words.

Sagittarius - Relationships are under the spotlight. Balance independence with emotional connections. Gemini energy activates partnerships, bringing clarity and union. Cancer influences deepen

emotional bonds and vulnerability. The Capricorn full moon asks you to reassess finances and personal value—know your limits

Capricorn - Work, health, and daily routines need attention. The full moon in your sign is your personal reset as June asks for balance between work and wellness. Gemini energy keeps you busy, but Cancer reminds you not to neglect emotional needs. Let go of what no longer aligns with your purpose.

Aquarius - Creativity, romance, and joy are activated. Let your inner child lead the way as Gemini energy inspires fun and lightness. Cancer's placement encourages you to focus on health and daily habits. The Capricorn full moon may bring a quiet but powerful realization—something behind the scenes is shifting.

Pisces - Home and family take priority. Emotional healing and reconnecting with your roots brings peace. Gemini energy may feel mentally scattered, but Cancer brings comfort and creativity. This is a beautiful time for connection and inspiration. The Capricorn full moon helps you define your goals and social direction.

Janet Amid is a media astrologer, a columnist for The Sylvania Advantage. She can be heard on 93.5 FM Monday mornings 8:10 to 8:45 am with Paul and Suzie, taking your astrological calls. Call 419-240-1935 - Your calls are welcome! The Stars Speak! Are you listening? For a private in-office or phone session, call or text 419-882-5510 (When texting Janet's office, please include your name and email address.)

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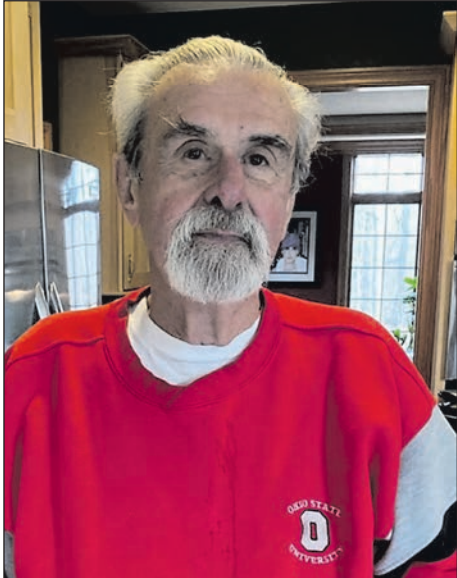
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Lawrence Watkins

Lawrence L. Watkins, 85, of Sylvania, OH, passed away on May 21, 2026, at his home. He was born on February 18, 1941, in Detroit, MI to Byron and Elsie (Dailey) Watkins.

Larry graduated from Burnham High School in 1959, joined the United States Army in 1964 and transferred to the Ohio National Guard being honorably discharged in 1969. Larry served on the Sylvania Township Volunteer Fire Department for many years. He attended barber school and began his career at Dale's barbershop in November of 1962, eventually becoming the

owner. One of his favorite things was the comradery with his customers. He continued to cut hair until the week of his death. He was gracious during covid and went to his costumers' homes to cut their hair and when they were unable to come into the barbershop due to illness.

Larry enjoyed fishing, attending car shows, riding his bike, and taking long walks around Sylvania, often walking up to five miles each evening.

He loved working in his yard and planting flowers. Larry was a longtime member of the Sylvania Moose Lodge and the Joseph W. Diehn American Legion Post. He appreciated all things old and treasured the friendships he made throughout his life. Larry will be deeply missed for his kind, caring, and friendly nature. For years, his barber shop was more than just a business it was a place filled with laughter, good times, and happy people, where generations of loyal clients became lifelong friends.

Larry is survived by his brother, Robert Watkins; nephews and nieces, Julie, John (Jan), Cory and Suzanne; and his great nephews and niece, Josh, Nate, Troy, Alexis and Anthony. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, John "Jack" (Dorothy) Watkins and sister-in-law, Jacqueline Watkins.

Friends may call at the Reeb Funeral Home, 5712 N. Main St. Sylvania, OH, on Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 11 am until the service begins at 2 pm.



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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, June 16, 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.

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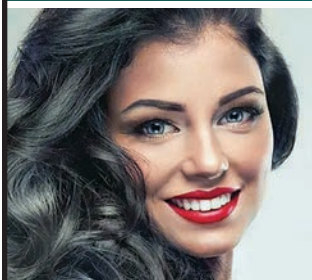
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Matthew and **Mary Jo Boyd** of Doodle Bean Coffee return for their fourth year at the market.



Erika Buri and daughter, **Madeline**, check out the food truck offerings at the market.



Amy Bass of Boots to Blooms offers her homegrown flower arrangements at the market throughout the season.



Annie Harmon and **Zach Edwards** of Black Diamond sell hanging baskets and potted plants on opening day.



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