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## Sylvania's No. 1 Source for Community News

### Residents find more than a home at Lakes of Sylvania

For Millie Augustine, the move to Lakes of Sylvania was about more than finding a new place to live. It was about finding connection, convenience, and a renewed sense of community.

After being widowed during the COVID-19 pandemic, Augustine decided to relocate from her longtime home three hours away to be closer to her daughter and family in northwest Ohio. While she values her independence, she quickly discovered another benefit of life at Lakes of Sylvania's patio homes.

"I treasure my sense of independence, but I also enjoy the many activities, social hours, meals, and outings to casinos and restaurants with other residents," Augustine said. "I especially appreciate the shopping trips that are available."

Augustine is not alone in her appreciation for the lifestyle offered at the Lakes of Sylvania community off Mitchaw Road.

Mary Tansey, also a widow, said moving to a patio home has enhanced her quality of life in countless ways.

"This is the best decision I've ever made," she said. "I have no grass to mow and no house to clean. There are so many things to do here. I love the sense of community and all the new friends I have made since moving in."

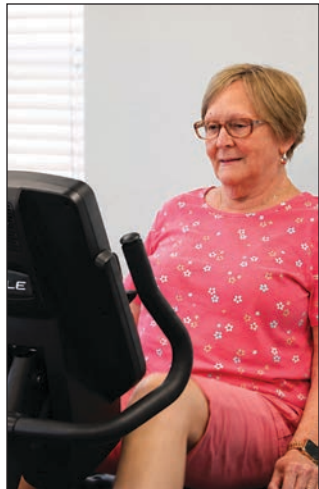
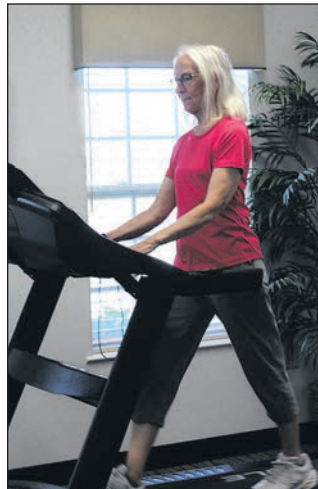
For Roger and Nancy Ritzert, the decision to move came nearly a decade ago when they were ready to downsize.

"This was a perfect fit for us and really met our needs," Ritzert said. "We love the sense of community and treasure all of the friendships we have made over the years."

Ritzert has become an active part of the community, helping establish a resident vegetable garden that he and his fellow residents maintain.

"The staff is very receptive to residents' suggestions and goes out of its way to accommodate requests," he said.

Responding to growing demand, Lakes of Sylvania recently completed 26 additional patio homes, bringing the total number of one- and two-bedroom residences to 52.



Residents **Millie Augustine**, **Mary Tansey**, and **Roger Ritzert** enjoy a sense of community along with the many benefits offered at the Lakes of Sylvania since moving to their Patio Homes.

Each residence features an open floor plan, ensuite bathrooms, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, generous storage space including large closets, a washer and dryer, and an attached one-car garage. The pet friendly community also provides many included amenities, such as utilities, several meals, trash collection, Wi-Fi, cable television, and safety features. Medical transportation services are also available.

Residents also enjoy chef-prepared meals served in restaurant-style dining venues and an extensive calendar of activities designed to promote lifelong learning, wellness, and social engagement.

Daily fitness classes, twice-weekly art experiences, inspirational programs, musical performances, and educational courses covering topics ranging from history and humanities to science, languages, and technology provide opportunities for continued growth and enrichment.

The community's "Keeping It Sharp" program offers cognitive activities three times each week, including trivia, board games, cards, current-events discussions, book clubs, poetry, and brain fitness exercises.

Residents also enjoy regular outings to local

restaurants, museums, historic sites, and other points of interest, while specialized activities such as men's breakfast clubs, woodworking projects, poker games, billiards, model building, and sporting events help foster friendships among neighbors with shared interests.

One of the community's most popular traditions is the weekly Friday social hour, held from 3 to 4 pm, featuring appetizers, beverages, and often themed refreshments in the community clubhouse. The clubhouse is also the venue for movie nights and can be used for private events. The Lifestyle Director is also a Silver Sneaker certified instructor and provides several classes or the residents and community.

Nestled among landscaped grounds, walking trails, and small lakes, the patio homes offer a peaceful setting while remaining conveniently located near churches, shopping centers, medical facilities, and local parks.

While the amenities and services are attractive, residents say the true value of living at Lakes of Sylvania cannot be measured in square footage or conveniences.

"The friendships and support system here make it feel like home," Augustine said.

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## First Friday Art Walk, Star Spangled Fireworks celebrations planned

RedBird Sylvania's First Friday Art Walk, "Red, White + Brew," on July 3 begins at noon in downtown Sylvania. The event features live music, food trucks, shopping specials, and family-friendly activities throughout the afternoon.

Hip To The Groove will host an interactive First Friday Sing Along with microphones, speakers, and patriotic, classic rock, country, and feel good songs queued up. Beautiful Blooms by Jen features 25 percent off anything Red, White or Blue.

Celebrate all things red, white, and brew especially, "The Chosin Few" an American IPA, with live music and food trucks at Inside the Five. Erin Ann will host the Snappy Camper OH photo booth and a Freedom Sundae special along with Sylvania Writes featuring reader Mike Hackney, and an open mic from 6 to 8 pm.

### Star-Spangled Fireworks

In commemoration of America 250 Sylvania, an expanded Star-Spangled Fireworks celebration is planned at Centennial Terrace. Gates open at 6 pm, with live entertainment by 56 Daze setting the stage for a summer evening of fun before the fireworks display and simulcast on 101.5 The River at 10 pm.

Parking at Centennial Terrace is \$5 per vehicle. Admission is \$7 for those 12 and older and \$5 for children 11 and younger. Reserved tables for eight are available for \$120, and active-duty military personnel will be admitted free of charge.

The fireworks may also be viewed from Sylvania Pacesetter Park, 8801 Sylvania-Metamora Rd., where parking is \$10 per vehicle. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

## July 4 Homecoming Picnic to be held for Sylvania 250 celebration

In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, Heritage Sylvania will host a Homecoming Picnic, a free public event at Burnham Park, 6950 Maplewood Ave., in downtown Sylvania, Saturday, July 4, from 10 am to 2 pm.

After 50 years, Sylvania's Bicentennial time capsule is set to be opened during the picnic. In conjunction with state-wide community picnics, Sylvania's Homecoming Picnic will have free activities and games for all ages, as well as a viewing tent for the artifacts that come out of the time capsule. The celebration will kick off with a 10 am reading of the Declaration of Independence by members of the community, with the opening of the capsule following at 10:30 am. Community members are encouraged to bring a meaningful item relating to the 250th anniversary or one that represents life today to place back into the vault. The capsule will be buried once again, to be reopened in 2076. There must be two identical items so one can go into the backup capsule. Items must be registered ahead of July 4 by emailing [samantha@heritagesylvania.org](mailto:samantha@heritagesylvania.org).

"We believe that engaging with our neighbors in our shared local history keeps us better connected as a community and as a country," said Tristen Turkopp, Heritage Sylvania's programs and events manager. "This event is a great way for families and individuals to come together and celebrate a national and local milestone."

Guests are invited to bring their own picnic to enjoy while at the park. Some seating will be available, but guests are encouraged to bring a blanket or chairs.



Chase and Jason Emans help clean the monument marking the time capsule in Burnham Park in time for the July 4 unveiling. The monument was made 50 years ago by the Emans brothers' great grandfather, Jamie Walker of Lloyd Bros. Walker Monument Co.

## Perry's Lake Erie victory subject of talk

The Ohio State Parks Foundation will welcome presidential historian, bestselling author, and CNN & C-Span contributor Douglas Brinkley for a special America 250 commemorative event, "The Battle of Lake Erie: Its Impact on Our Nation," on Aug. 16 at the Camp Perry Conference Center in Port Clinton, Ohio. The event will explore how the Battle of Lake Erie helped shape the future of the nation and secure American control of the Great Lakes. Tickets are available and start at \$75.

## Annual Moose car show planned

The Valued Veterans of the Sylvania Moose Lodge, 6072 N. Main St., will host its sixth annual Car Show on Sept. 6 from 11 am to 3 pm. The event is free and features hamburgers and hot dogs along with DJ music, prizes, raffles and 50/50 drawings. For more information, call Mel Harbaugh, 419-346-9192 or Dick Schuller, 567-202-7760.

# Vendors to compete for best pizza at the 14th annual Pizza Palooza™

The Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce and Sylvania Recreation District will hold their 14th annual Pizza Palooza™ Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25 from 5 to 11 pm at Centennial Terrace, 5773 Centennial Rd.

More than 6,000 guests are expected to attend and vote for their favorite pizza restaurant featuring People's and Judge's Choice Awards. The event, presented by Sofo Foods, will feature ten pizza vendors vying for the title of best pizza restaurant in northwest Ohio including Dandino's Pizza and More, Hungry Howie's Pizza, J-Cups Pizza, Jet's Pizza, Jo-Jo's Original Pizzeria, Mama Mary's Pizza, Mancino's Pizza and Grinders, Pizza Cat, Romeo's Pizza, and The VI. Additional vendors will be on-site including Mayberry Ice Cream, Olde Tyme Kettle Korn, Stuffed, and Susie Lynn's Lemonade.

Voting will take place on location and attendees can cast their one vote on Friday or Saturday via iPad at the voting booth until 8:45 pm on Saturday. The People's Choice Awards will be

presented after votes are tallied.

Both festival evenings include a Kids Zone from 5 to 9 pm with a bounce house and children's activities. Live music on Friday evening features Amelia Airharts from 5:30 to 7 pm and Andi Jo Taylor from 7:30 to 11 pm. The Skittle Bots will play Saturday evening from 7:30 to 11 pm.

Pizza Palooza™ will honor longtime participant Jim Jacob, founder of J-Cups Pizza, who lost his battle with cancer in 2019, by presenting the 6th Annual "Jim Jacob Strength & Spirit Award." Festival organizers will identify the individual, pizza vendor or sponsor who shows great sportsmanship, outstanding attitude, sense of comradery, and high integrity, all characteristics that Jim possessed each year at Pizza Palooza and in his daily character.

Admission is \$8 per person per evening and free for children 12 and under.

# Explore local history with Time Travelers Passport

History enthusiasts and curious travelers alike will have a chance to step back in time this summer through a new initiative celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary.

The Time Travelers Passport program, part of the America 250 observance, encourages participants to visit some of northwest Ohio's most significant historical sites while learning about the region's role in the American story.

From July 1-15, participants can collect stamps at 12 participating museums and historic venues. Those who visit at least eight locations obtaining the corresponding stamps are eligible to receive a commemorative America 250 coin.

Organizers say the program was designed to connect residents with local history while commemorating the milestone anniversary of the United States.

"The passport offers a hands-on way for people to discover the people, places, and events that helped shape our community and the nation," organizers said.

Passports may be picked up at any of the participating sites, including the Brandville

School Museum, Fallen Timbers Battlefield, The Libbey House, Heritage Sylvania, National Museum of the Great Lakes, Sauder Village, The Spafford House, Toledo Firefighters Museum, Toledo History Museum, Toledo Police Museum, Waterville Historical Society, and the Wood County Historical Museum.

At each stop, participants will receive a stamp in their passport. Completed passports with eight or more stamps can be turned in at the National Museum of the Great Lakes to claim a commemorative coin while supplies last.

The program offers families, history buffs, and visitors an opportunity to explore museums, historic homes, and heritage organizations throughout the region while celebrating America's semiquincentennial.

By turning local landmarks into destinations on a shared journey, organizers hope the Time Travelers Passport will inspire residents to discover stories from the past that continue to shape their communities.

# 'George M!' to play at The Crowell

The Crowell Opera House continues their 2026 Broadway Season with "George M!" opening July 10 and running through July 19. This toe-tapping musical tells the story of George M. Cohan, a musical theater legend. It is packed with songs such as "Yankee Doodle Dandy", "You're a Grand Old Flag", and "Give My Regards to Broadway."

Cohan helped transform the Broadway musical from a patchwork of songs and sketches into a musical story. Covering a 60-year period from his childhood in vaudeville through his immense success on Broadway, "George M!" presents a lively depiction of this legendary song-and-dance man.

Ella Stoll of Sylvania, Ohio, plays the role of Ethel Levey along with a cast gathered from northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

There will be a "You're A Grand Old Flag" Sing-A-Long after each performance of "George M!"

Tickets range from \$26 to \$46 for adults and \$16 to \$26 for students, and may be ordered online at crowell.org or by calling 517-264-7469.

The Crowell 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.

# An evening with ...

An Evening with Dave Ellis is planned for July 10 at Live Arts Toledo, 4747 Heatherdowns Blvd. His newest book is "Keep Them Close," a thriller about betrayal and murder inside one family. Mix and Mingle begins at 6 pm and the cost is \$30 with the book and \$15 without. The event begins at 7 pm followed by a book signing and is sponsored by Starlite Theater Group, Finch and Fern Book Company, and Live Arts Toledo. For tickets visit starlitetheatergroup.org.



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**America 250 Scavenger Hunt** • Heritage Sylvania, find all 250 Sylvania landmarks, more info. at [heritagesylvania.org/sylvania250](http://heritagesylvania.org/sylvania250)

### Mondays & Thursdays

**Bingo** • Sylvania Senior Center, 1-3pm, [sylvaniacommunityservices.org](http://sylvaniacommunityservices.org)

### Tuesdays

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

### July 1, 15, 29

**Sunset Serenade Concerts** • Nederhouser at Olander Park, 7pm, free/residents, \$5 /car nonresidents, 7/1 - The Polish American Concert Band, 7/15 - Swingmania, 7/29 - BLISS, [outdoorsylvania.com](http://outdoorsylvania.com)

### July 3

**Red White & Brew** • Red Bird First Friday, downtown Sylvania, noon-8pm,

live music at Inside the Five, food trucks, craft beer, store specials, art exhibits, a sing along, and poetry slam

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

### July 16-19

**Greater Toledo Classic** • Highland Meadows Golf Club, for tickets, visit [toleclassic.com](http://toleclassic.com), more pg. 12

### July 19, 29

**St. Joe's Summer Walk Club** • Pacesetter Park, 10.30am, more info. email [asiefring@stjoessylvania.org](mailto:asiefring@stjoessylvania.org) \$100 per player, [homeinstead.com](http://homeinstead.com)

### Aug. 20

**Sylvania Reunion Festival** • Celebrating 50 years of Southview and Northview, Centennial Terrace, all welcome, free entry, info at [facebook.com/share/p/199Rrsm8oA](https://facebook.com/share/p/199Rrsm8oA)

## THE ARTS

### Through July 13

**Jewish Film Festival** • Southview High School auditorium, 7pm, 5 nights - 5 films, [jewishtoledo.org](http://jewishtoledo.org)

### July 10

**An Evening with Author David Ellis** • Live Arts Toledo, 6pm mix & mingle, 7pm event start, tickets [starlitetheatergroup.org](http://starlitetheatergroup.org), more pg. 3

### July 10-19

**George M!** • The Crowell, Adrian, Mich., tickets available at [crowell.org](http://crowell.org), more pg. 2

## COMEDY

### Mondays

**The Barn Bar & Grill** • 7-9pm

## COMMUNITY

### July 20

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

### July 6

**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](http://heritagesylvania.org)

## FOOD & DRINK

### Tuesdays

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

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

### July 8

**Wine Tasting** • Sofo's Market: 6 pours, Italian cuisine, live entertainment: 6-8pm; \$25; RSVP at [shopsofos.com](http://shopsofos.com)

### July 17-19

**St. George Summer Fest** • St. George Cathedral, 3754 Woodley, Fri 5-11pm, Sat 4-11pm, Sun 12-5pm, admission \$5, under 10 free

### July 24, 25

**Pizza Palooza** • Centennial Terrace, 5-11pm, vote for best pizza in northwest Ohio \$8/person, free/children 12 & under, more pg. 4

## 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 29

**Something to Talk About** • Fairways, 6pm

### June 30

**Kyle White** • Fairways, 6pm

### July 1

**Bella & Joey** • Fairways, 6pm

### July 2

**Baja Fog** • Fairways, 6pm

### July 8

**Christian Lombardo** • Te'kela, 5pm

### July 10

**The 25s** • Bier Stube, 6pm

### July 11

**Distant Cousinz** • Bier Stube, 8pm

**Killer Queen** • Centennial, 8pm

### July 17

**Madison Avenue** • Bier Stube, 6pm

**Hotel California** • Centennial, 8pm

### July 18

**Electrick Mayhem** • Bier Stube, 8pm

**Hairball** • Centennial, 8pm

### July 24

**Aftershock** • Bier Stube, 6pm

### July 25

**Pop's Garage** • Bier Stube, 8pm

### Aug. 12

**Christian Lombardo** • Te'kela, 5pm

### Upcoming at Centennial

**Lee Brice** • July 31

**Get the Led Out** • Aug. 15

**Dueling Decades** • Aug. 22

**1964 The Tribute** • Sept. 12

Tickets: [centennialterrace.org](http://centennialterrace.org)

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



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## Township talk ...

During the opening of the June 16 Sylvania Township Board of Trustees meeting, trustee John Jennewine requested that a Noise Resolution be added to the agenda and noted there were interested residents in attendance.

Roads and Service Department Superintendent Rob Nash, received approval to enter into a contract with Gerken Paving Inc. for \$1,627,203 to complete a township OPWC paving resurfacing project.

Fire Chief Chris Nye's request for authorization to hire one full-time firefighter/paramedic, Timothy Schisler, was approved. This keeps the department at 73 career full-time employees.

The Sylvania Township Police Department is also in need of hiring three officers. An eligibility list was approved.

Township Administrator Oliver Turner's request for approval of the street lighting petition submitted by Tim Brown, Sylvania Cobblestones Dev. Inc., for Bridgecreek Plat 7, was approved.

The township's noise ordinance was discussed during the public hearing portion of the meeting. Residents asked for clarification regarding citizen-issued citations and police-issued citations. This topic is under discussion by township officials, and more information will be forthcoming.

Department quarterly reports were presented and approved.

Roads Superintendent Rob Nash, reported that his staff completed the spring brush and leaf pickup, provided cemetery spring clean up and maintenance, did pothole repairs, sign repairs, inspected and cleaned 140 catch basins during the second quarter of 2026. In addition, several resurfacing projects have been completed, including the Parklands, Brint Crossings, and Park Place subdivisions, along with the Comstock Ditch cleanout and the J. Cunningham Ditch restoration and storm sewer improvements. The staff also provided regular maintenance to township facilities, completing 244 work orders.

Planning and Zoning Manager Daryl Graus presented the second quarter report, noting there was a 20.2 percent rise in zoning permits, resulting in an 83.7 percent increase in the estimated value of the projects for March through May 2026. During the quarter, 36 single-family dwelling permits were issued, up 38.5 percent from the same time period in 2025, with a total estimated value of \$16.691 million, a 71.0 percent hike. The average estimated value per dwelling is \$463,643.

## Firefighters serve pancakes



**Brad Mauk, Katy Baumgartner, Jim Wolfe, Jenna Alspach and Anissa Foster** help serve pancakes.



**Lisa Litalien, Joy and Steve Hammer** enjoy the annual breakfast on June 17.



**Geoff Kujawa**, third from left, and children, **Cora, Josh and Samuel** enjoy pancakes.



**J.J. Fritz and Aiden Harrington** volunteer their services at the annual Firefighters Pancake Breakfast.

## City beat ...

City Council President Mary Westphal, presided as Mayor Pro Tem in the absence of Mayor Mark Frye. Marcus Hansen was designated as Council President Pro Tem to start the June 15 meeting.

Robert Lubell of Harroun Road addressed members of Sylvania City Council and the Administrative staff regarding the growing deer population and the damage being done to the gardens in his yard. He outlined options other communities are doing to curb this problem and requested that council explore possibilities. Westphal noted that the appropriate committee would address the issue.

In other business, members of city council voted in favor of the resolution to submit the Initiative Petition regarding the Sylvania Resource Conservation and Equal Access Ordinance to be placed on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Council members also voted to establish a Brint/McCord TIF (Tax Increment Equivalent Fund) to encourage improvements and redevelopment of the select properties in that district. The increase in assessed property value is exempt from taxation; however, property owners pay a service payment, which is used for public infrastructure improvements directly benefiting the parcels in the TIF district.

Thanks to council members' affirmative vote, city of Sylvania employees will have the opportunity to receive a 10 percent scholarship to the University of Toledo. This is available for current or new part- or full-time students attending class in person or opting to take online classes.

The two petitions for Special Use Permits, (SUPs) zoning ordinance amendments, were both referred to the Plan Commission for review. The first request from Donald A. Perrucci,

**MARK FRYE**

**MAYOR'S MESSAGE**



**America 250 adds extra spark to Fourth of July celebrations**

America's semiquincentennial, the nation's 250th anniversary, adds a special dimension to this year's Fourth of July festivities. Celebrating our nation's founding is always memorable, but this year promises to be something extraordinary.

The holiday weekend begins with Red Bird Sylvania's First Friday Art Walk, "Red, White + Brew," starting at noon in downtown Sylvania. The event features live music, food trucks, shopping specials, and family-friendly activities throughout the afternoon.

Thanks to the efforts of Sylvania City Councilman Brian McCann, an expanded Star-Spangled Fireworks celebration is planned at Centennial Terrace. Gates open at 6 pm, with live entertainment by 56 Daze setting the stage for a summer evening of fun before the fireworks display and simulcast on 101.5 The River at 10 pm.

Parking at Centennial Terrace is \$5 per vehicle. Admission is \$7 for those 12 and older and \$5 for children 11 and younger. Reserved tables for eight are available for \$120, and active-duty military personnel will be admitted free of charge.

The fireworks may also be viewed from Sylvania Pacesetter Park, 8801 Sylvania-Metamora Rd., where parking is \$10 per vehicle. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

While Fourth of July celebrations will light up the skies, Heritage Sylvania's America 250 Committee has been working behind the scenes for months to commemorate the nation's milestone anniversary. Samantha Ayres and Tristen Turkopp, along with committee volunteers, have assembled a remarkable lineup of events celebrating both national and local history.

Among the highlights is the annual reading of the Declaration of Independence at 10 am July 4 at the gazebo in Burnham Park. Community members will read aloud the words that launched a nation and continue to inspire generations.

Immediately following the reading, residents are invited to witness the opening of a time capsule buried in July 1976 during America's Bicentennial celebration. The capsule contains items contributed by residents and students and was placed in a vault beneath Burnham Park. A monument created by Jamie Walker of Lloyd Bros. marked the site and instructed future generations to return 50 years later to open it.

Several former residents and alumni are ex-

pected to return to Sylvania for the occasion. Organizers encourage attendees to bring meaningful items representing life in 2026 to be included in a new time capsule that will remain sealed until 2076.

A Homecoming Picnic will also take place from 10 am to 2 pm in Burnham Park, offering an opportunity for old friends and neighbors to reconnect.

The Sylvania 250 celebration extends well beyond Independence Day.

Since March, Heritage Sylvania has hosted a monthly online scavenger hunt featuring 25 photographs of recognizable Sylvania landmarks and locations. Participants can identify the images posted on HeritageSylvania.org; the first person to submit a correct list receives a prize. By year's end, the contest will feature 250 photographs provided by Sylvania historian Gayleen Gindy.

Heritage Sylvania also offers guided walking tours of downtown Sylvania along Main Street between Erie and Monroe streets. The tours explore the people, businesses, and events that shaped the community over its 143-year history while sharing some of the colorful stories that continue to give downtown its unique character. Tickets are \$20 per person for groups of at least 10 and must be scheduled in advance.

Other America 250 events have already included an 1860s-style base ball game between the Sylvania Sluggers and the Sylvania Black Swamp Frogs in May, as well as the planting of the Lucas County Swamp White Oak Heritage Tree on the grounds of the Craig A. Stough Administration Building on April 27. Lucas County was one of 88 Ohio counties to receive a commemorative tree as part of Ohio's America 250 celebration.

Upcoming events include a John Philip Sousa reenactment and presentation on July 13 and an outdoor musical concert on Aug. 26.

As part of Ohio Goes to the Movies, Heritage Sylvania and Starlite Theater Group will present a screening of "Best in Show" on Sept. 4 at the Sylvania Historical Village.

The yearlong celebration will conclude with an America 250 Gala on Nov. 21.

Again, many thanks go to Samantha, Tristen, and the Sylvania 250 committee for the amazing Sylvania 250 events. This has been quite the celebration!

As fireworks illuminate the skies this Fourth of July, Sylvania residents will have another reason to celebrate. Along with honoring the nation's 250th birthday, they will be creating new memories and preserving local history for the generations who will gather again in 2076 to see how well we told our story.

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 cwtikowski@cityofsylvania.com.

**City beat ...**

**FROM 6**

Trustee, is for the Rite Aid property at 8310 Sylvania Metamora Rd. Plans call for adding a fueling station and renovating the existing building to include a convenience store in the front, a drive-through car wash in the middle of the building, and a third retail space. The second request from Matt DeWood is to demolish the Rite Aid building in Sylvania Marketplace, add fueling stations, and develop a portion of the site for drive-through beverage service as a first phase of redevelopment for the complex.

Council members approved Service Director Joe Shaw's recommendation to accept the

\$43,476 bid from the Jennite Company to replace 84 slabs of sidewalk in 24 locations for the 2026 Sidewalk Replacement Program.

Shaw was also authorized to ammend the Tetra Tech proposal for additional engineering services for the Centennial and Little roads intersection improvement projects.

Before the meeting adjourned, a Safety Committee meeting was scheduled for July 6 at 5:30 pm to discuss electric bicycles, scooters, mopeds, motorbikes, and more.

Sylvania City Council will meet next on July 20 at 6:30 pm.

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# Congratulations!



**Zak Kreuz**, center, and his sons, **Andrew**, left, and **James**, right, welcome his daughter and their sister **Eleanor Elizabeth**, who they call Ellie. Her mother Emily Kreuz said she was born on June 12. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 20 inches long at birth. Her grandparents are Susan and Gary Micsko and Maria and John Kreuz. Ellie represents the fifth generation to sleep in the cradle crafted by her great, great, great grandfather, Henry Andrew Martin Lange.

# Cork and Pork Fun



**Chris** and **Barb Nye** enjoy their evening at Cork and Pork on June 11 at Centennial Terrace. The event benefits Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Ohio.

# Sisters make Sylvania 250 Scavenger Hunt their monthly adventure



Sisters **Linda Kuyoth** and **Edna Yeager**, wearing America 250 shirts, check out the JEM Photography building in Haymarket Square as one of the Sylvania 150 Scavenger Hunt clues. The two travel to each site to confirm each photo clue in the monthly contest.

For sisters Edna Yeager and Linda Kuyoth, the Sylvania 250 Scavenger Hunt has become much more than a monthly contest. It has evolved into a shared adventure, a chance to spend time together, and an opportunity to discover new details about the community they have called home for years.

The sisters, who enjoy traveling and exploring together, were eager to participate when they learned about the scavenger hunt, part of Sylvania's America 250 celebration. Their enthusiasm quickly paid off. Kuyoth submitted the first correct entry identifying the March collection of 25 photos, while Yeager claimed the monthly prize in May.

"We were busy in April with family birthdays and Easter, so our entries were a little too late, and we missed out that month," Kuyoth said.

Determined not to miss another opportunity, the sisters now reserve the first day of every month for their scavenger hunt adventures. Armed with the latest photos on their phones, they meet for coffee around 9 a.m. and begin plotting their route, identifying as many landmarks and clues as possible before heading out.

"Even when we think we know what the photo is, we still go check it out," Kuyoth said. "Edna drives, and I navigate. We joke that maybe we need a bumper sticker that says, 'Scavenger Hunters at Work,' so people understand why we might be driving so slowly."

"However, we are on a mission," Yeager added with a laugh. "We go slow if we have to. We keep searching until we find our object. Many times, we have to compare the background as well as the object itself to make sure we have the right location. It is all so much fun, and we love finding each one."

While the sisters have successfully tracked down most of the clues, a few have proven challenging.

"There have been some photos that really stumped us," Yeager said. "Fortunately, my husband Brian and my children have helped us out. Both of our families love that we are so involved with this."

Beyond the excitement of the hunt, the sisters say the experience has deepened their appreciation for Sylvania.

"Even though we have lived here for years, we are learning so much," Kuyoth said. "The scavenger hunt has made us much more aware of the details and history all around us. That, in itself, is a very good thing."

As they prepare for the July scavenger hunt, the sisters are already looking ahead to another America 250 activity — the Time Travelers Passport program. Participants who visit at least eight of 12 designated historical sites throughout northwest Ohio will receive a commemorative America 250 coin.

"We're going to visit all 12," Yeager said.

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**Megan Beckett** and Night Session Big Band perform "Fever" at the Sylvania Summer Market on July 23. The market is held every Tuesday from 5 to 8 pm at Olander Park.



A crowd gathers at the market to listen to Night Session Big Band, a local 19-piece dance band featuring musicians from northwest Ohio and southeast Mich.



**Lindsey Napoletano** and **Rachel Bresler** of Sylvania Credit Union, the market's sponsor, visit with **Zayna Borghol**, market director.



**Jay Schaetzke** and **Megan Donovan** of Woof Gang Bakery and Grooming in Sylvania sell pet treats at the market.

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**Dee** and **Logan Dane** of Cookies for Better assist **Julie, Jacob** and **Samuel Bower** with their cookie selections.



A variety of food trucks are a popular dinner choice at the market.

- by **Jennifer Alexander Ruple**

# Taylor Automotive Family is now 100% employee owned



Founder **Stephen D. Taylor**, center, joins the leadership team, **Peter A. Demczuk** and **Stephen D. Taylor II** who will continue guiding day-to-day operations.

The Taylor Automotive Family announces its transition to 100 percent employee ownership through the establishment of an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP).

This landmark transaction rewards the company's hundreds of employees with ownership in Taylor Automotive's network of dealerships and operations, including Taylor Cadillac, three Kia dealerships, three Hyundai dealerships, and a collision center. The transition also preserves the company's legacy while positioning the organization for continued growth across northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

Founded in 1979 by Stephen D. Taylor with a single Buick dealership in downtown Toledo, Taylor Automotive has grown into one of the region's largest automotive dealership groups, selling nearly 1,000 vehicles each month while serving communities throughout northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

"This ownership transition honors the people who have helped build Taylor Automotive into what it is today," Taylor said. "Becoming 100 percent employee-owned is more than a business

decision — it reflects our family-first philosophy and strengthens our commitment to the employees, customers, and communities that have supported us for more than four decades."

The ESOP structure not only rewards Taylor Automotive's dedicated employees and their families, but also reinforces the company's long-term commitment to growth, community involvement, and attracting and retaining exceptional talent.

Taylor Automotive's leadership team, including Stephen D. Taylor II and Peter A. Demczuk, will continue guiding day-to-day operations while empowering employee-owners to help shape the company's future.

"Our mantra has always been 'Locally Owned. Locally Committed,'" noted Taylor II. "Today, that evolves into 'Employee Owned. Locally Committed.'"

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## Joins State Bank

**John Ansara** has joined State Bank as a Mortgage Loan Originator in its Sylvania office. Ansara is a graduate of the University of Toledo, and he has nearly 30 years of experience in the financial industry. Headquartered in Defiance, SB Financial is a diversified financial services holding company for the State Bank & Trust Company (State Bank) and SBFG Title, LLC dba Peak Title (Peak Title).

## Scouts to build new ecology facility

Scouting America Erie Shores Council is working toward the construction of a new ecology building at Camp Frontier, located at Pioneer Scout Reservation in Pioneer, Ohio. The plan is to have the new building open for the Council's summer camp program that starts in June 2027.

Pioneer Scout Reservation, which held its first summer camp series in 1969, is an outdoor facility offering Scouts activities across multiple program areas including ecology and nature programs, currently delivered in a modest ecology facility.

The new structure will overlook Lake MacNichol and will have approximately 4,725 square feet, including seven classrooms and a common area, which will house displays, small animals, and fish tanks.

Naming opportunities are being offered for the building as well as classroom areas. For information on naming opportunities, contact Nelson Shaffer, director of development, at [nelson.shaffer@scouting.org](mailto:nelson.shaffer@scouting.org) or 419-704-6033.



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## Greater Toledo Classic Epson Tour returns to Highland Meadows Golf Club



LPGA Legend **Angela Stanford**, left, shot a 5-under 66 to best Laura Diaz in a sudden death playoff to win the Legends of the LPGA Greater Toledo Classic in 2025. The Legends event was shortened to 36 holes because of weather delays. New Albany, Ohio, native **Mia Hammond**, right, won the Epson Tour's inaugural Greater Toledo Classic hosted by Stacy Lewis. She birdied the last hole to finish 12 under with scores of 66-66-69 for the 54-hole tournament. Hammond, a member of the inaugural U.S. National Development Team, tied for 26th at the LPGA's Dana Open in 2023 at age 15. The tournament was held July 25 to 27 at Highland Meadows Golf Club. The 2026 Greater Toledo Classic will be played July 16 to 19.

### JENNIFER ALEXANDER RUPLE

The 2026 Greater Toledo Classic, an official Epson Tour event, will be played at Highland Meadows Golf Club, 7455 Erie Street, Sylvania, from July 16 to July 19. The Epson Tour is the official Qualifying Tour of the LPGA and enters its 46th competitive season this year.

Defending champion, Mia Hammond, the 18-year-old standout from Albany, Ohio, will return to northwest Ohio after capturing the 2025 Greater Toledo Classic title. As the defending champion, Hammond received one of three sponsor exemptions into this year's championship and will once again be among the players to watch when the Epson Tour returns to Sylvania.

Joining Hammond as sponsor exemptions in the Classic are Ohio State University graduate Kary Hollenbaugh and University of Illinois graduate Anna Ritter. The trio will compete alongside a field of 141 Epson Tour professionals in the 54-hole stroke play event.

"The sponsor exemptions represent an important opportunity to showcase exceptional talent while providing fans with compelling stories to follow throughout tournament week," said Tournament Director Judd Silverman. "We are excited to welcome Mia back as defending champion and to provide Kary and Anna the

opportunity to compete in their home state of Ohio."

Through the support of hundreds of volunteers and local businesses, the Greater Toledo Classic continues to make a meaningful impact throughout northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. In 2025 alone, the tournament distributed \$337,000 to five northwest Ohio children's charities and awarded college scholarships to five area high school seniors. Since its inception in 1984, the tournament has raised over \$14.6 million for more than 200 children's charities.

Tickets for the Greater Toledo Classic are available in the following options: Any Day Grounds - \$10, Weekly Grounds - \$30, All Day 18th Green Coors Light Club - \$20, Weekly 18th Green Coors Light Club - \$60, and Champions Pavilion - \$300. To purchase tickets or register to volunteer, visit [toledoclassic.com](http://toledoclassic.com).

Military, Law Enforcement, First Responders (Fire, EMS, EMT) & Medical Services will receive free admission to the tournament. To claim your free ticket, visit GOVX.

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# Central Catholic Sylvania students earn high honors

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Tate Bear, Mason Huntebrinker,

Richard Kinney II, and Alexander Tscherne received Magna Cum Laude honors with grade point averages of 3.50 to 3.89.

Caden Kramp and Trent Snapp achieved Cum Laude status with grade point averages of 3.10 to 3.49.

## TARTA offers Summer Blast Pass program

As TARTA's Youth Summer Blast Pass begins its fourth year, the need for it continues to grow.

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### Option 2: Physical Pass

Download a printable application or pick one up in person. Fill out and return the physical application to the TARTA Transit Hub, 612 N. Huron St., Toledo, or any Toledo Lucas County Public Library locations. A physical card will be handed to you immediately.

## Paws & Protect with Leo

Hey everyone, I hope you have been wearing your sunscreen and staying safe from sun burn this summer! I can't believe it is almost July, this summer break is flying by. As summer continues on, I still have some important tips to share with you, so keep reading, you don't want to miss these.

**Keep your yard safe and clean:** I know I love to spend time running and playing in my yard when the weather is nice. Sometimes I forget to pick up my toys though... which can become a safety hazard. I recommend that you take a few minutes throughout the day, as you finish one activity and move to another, to pick up after yourself. Make sure the toys, sports equipment, garden tools, hoses, and any other items are cleaned up so no one trips and falls. This helps keep a safe play space for everyone to enjoy.


**Protect our four-legged friends:** This tip might be my favorite one. As the LEAD Police Dog, I know how important it is to care for our furry family members. Remember, pets can overheat much faster than people. As it gets hot, you must remember to have plenty of fresh, cool water available and give your furry friends a shady place to rest. But even when you have cool water and shade, you need to always give your pets opportunities to come indoors to completely cool off. Avoid walking on hot pavement, as it can burn our paws. A good way to check is to put the back of your hand on the pavement for several seconds, if it is too hot for you, it is too hot for us! And your final tip to keep your furry friends safe, never leave a pet in a parked vehicle. The inside temperature rises dangerously fast and becomes life-threatening quickly.

Enjoy this summer, make memories, and have fun. If we all remember to keep our yard picked up and protect our four-legged friends, we'll be sure to have a great time. After all, safety is always in season in Sylvania.

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The State Bank on Monroe Street sits on land that once held another house built by Ray West on Lot No. 9 of the Hubbards Addition. He owned the home and rented it until he sold it in 1939 to Edwin and Florentine Helman.

A 1925 Sylvania post office directory shows Paul Schuster renting the home, and the 1930 census shows Neal P. Phebus and his wife Lily renting the home for \$25 per month. He was 55 years old and employed as an operator at a cement plant. Lily Phebus was 53 years old, and their son Alvin was 8 years old and attending school.

In 1928, an article in the Sylvania Sentinel reported that Ray West had completed the construction of his new large barn on land behind the Hubbard's Addition on Monroe Street. In 1939, Edwin and Florentine Helman purchased the home and lived in it until he passed away in 1976. In 1985, she sold it to her grandson, Ross Deye.

The 1940 census listed Edwin as 40, employed as a salesman for a baking company, Florentine, 40, and their children Jeanette, 14, Neil, 8, and Carol Sue, 1 living in the 6391 Monroe St. home. In 1941 Edwin completed his World War II registration card. He was 42 years old, born in Cleveland and listed this address on Monroe Street as his address. He listed his employment as General Baking Company on Vance Street in Toledo.

A 1946 article in the Sylvania Sentinel reported that their daughter, Jeanette Helman of 6391 Monroe Street, had enrolled at New York's Barbizon Studio of Fashion Modeling for a course in fashion and photographic modeling.

In the 1950 census, Edwin and Florentine were still living here. He was listed as 50 years old and employed as a sales manager at a bakery. Florentine was 50, and still living in the home was their son Neil, 18, and daughter Carol Sue, 11.

Edwin Helman passed away in June 1976 while being cared for at Lake Park Nursing Care Center. His obituary said he had been a patient there for four weeks. He was sales manager for Farm Crest Bakeries, division of Ward Baking Co., Inc., for about 10 years, retiring in 1963 after 25 years with the firm. Surviving were his wife, Flo; daughters, Mrs. Jeanette Deye and Mrs. Carol Dolph; and son Neil.

Florence sold the home in 1985 to her grandson Ross Deye, and he sold it in January 1989 to Port Lawrence Title & Trust. In June 1989, a demolition permit was issued.



1973 - **Edwin and Florentine Helman**

Today this land is part of the State Bank property. Last year I was contacted by Christine Lawrence, granddaughter of Edwin and Flo Helman. She gave me the idea to write history articles about properties along the south side of Monroe Street, and she shared some memories of her grandparents and their property here. She said, "My grandparents had a big sloping backyard. After retirement my grandfather used to grow all kinds of vegetables on the property and he also (with permission from the owner) was able to have another garden in the field behind their lot. They also had a big cherry tree in the back and a beautiful climbing rosebush over the garage, and lattice between the garage and house. My grandfather dug by hand the cellar below the house. My grandmother would keep all her canned goods down there. It was a scary place for me to go as a young child." (It was also Christine who supplied some of the photos).



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In celebration of America's 250th birthday, give your holiday table a red, white and blue makeover with two festive recipes – Star-Spangled Berry Trifle and Fireworks Fruit Salad.

The trifle brings a little drama to dessert with jewel-toned berries peeking through creamy layers of cheesecake filling, angel food cake and whipped topping. The salad offers a cool, colorful and lighter counterpoint with its fresh fruit, mixed baby lettuces, and stars cut from fresh mozzarella cheese – all topped with a sweet and tangy poppy seed dressing.

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## STAR-SPANGLED BERRY TRIFLE



**INGREDIENTS**

- 8 ounces angel food cake, cut into cubes
- 1 cup blueberries
- 2 cups strawberries, quartered
- 24 ounce container Philadelphia Original No Bake Cheesecake Filling
- 4 ounces whipped topping

**DIRECTIONS**

To a large trifle bowl, add half of the angel food cubes then half of the container of cheesecake filling, smoothing out the filling over the cake. Sprinkle with half of the strawberries and blueberries.

Repeat angel food cake and cheesecake layers. Finish with whipped topping and arrange remaining berries over the top. Chill trifle in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

## FIREWORKS FRUIT SALAD

**SALAD INGREDIENTS**

- 8 cups of crisp, spring mix lettuce
- 1 cup blueberries
- 2 cups strawberries, quartered
- 1 cup cherries, pitted
- Fresh pre-sliced mozzarella cheese

**DIRECTIONS**

To a large bowl, add lettuce and berries. Using a small star-shaped cookie cutter, cut stars out of the mozzarella cheese and arrange them on top of the salad. Serve with homemade poppy seed dressing on the side.



**POPPY SEED DRESSING INGREDIENTS** (Yield: 1 cup)

- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon minced onion
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1 tablespoon poppy seeds

**DIRECTIONS**

In a small bowl, whisk the sugar, vinegar, salt, mustard and onion together until the sugar dissolves completely.

Slowly pour in the oil while whisking vigorously until the dressing emulsifies. Stir in the poppy seeds. Chill the dressing in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes before serving to allow the flavors to meld.



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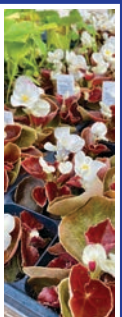
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### THE STARS SPEAK

*July is America's love letter to summer - written in red, white and blue, sealed with fireworks, and delivered beneath a sky full of stars*

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA! JULY 4, 1776 - 5:10 pm

Born on July 4, 1776, America carries the nurturing and patriotic energy of Cancer, a sign connected to family, identity, and home. This influence is emphasized by Mercury, Venus, and Jupiter all in Cancer at the nation's birth. The moon in Aquarius reflects the need for freedom, individuality, innovation, and equality for all. Sagittarius rising embodies the spirit of optimism, philosophy, and higher learning. Saturn in Libra highlights the importance of justice and the establishment of legal structures that support society. Pluto in Capricorn is at odds with Cancer influences, symbolizing power and power struggles, achieved with government, institutions, and organizations. Together, these astrological influences paint a picture of a nation deeply rooted in traditions and constantly striving toward growth, freedom, and renewal.

**JULY 2026** - July begins with a strong Cancer influence, emphasizing family, security, and emotional well-being. The first half of July asks us to slow down, reflect, and reassess, reminding us that responsibilities cannot be ignored. While we may long for comfort, Saturn pushes us to confront obligations, make decisions, and be accountable for our future. Finding balance between personal needs and external demands will be a recurring theme throughout the month. The second half opens the door to confidence, creativity, opportunity, and renewed momentum. As Jupiter settles into Leo and Mercury turns direct July 23, the universe encourages us to step forward with faith in ourselves, our talents, and future.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANCER** - Mercury retrograde in your sign, may bring misunderstandings, or a need to revisit matters of home, family, and security. Saturn in Aries reminds you patience, and perseverance are important. Mars in Gemini encourages fresh ideas. Venus, in Leo helps to smooth relationships and bring opportunities for growth. Trust yourself. You are not a passenger — you are at the wheel.

**MERCURY RETROGRADE** - Mercury, planet of communication, thought, travel, contracts, and technology, turns retrograde in Cancer from June 29 through July 23. Conversations about family, relationships, memories, and emotions may become complicated. Mercury retrograde offers an opportunity to revisit unfinished business, reconnect with people, reevaluate decisions, and gain clarity.

**MARS IN GEMINI** - Mars, the planet of action and motivation, continues through Gemini, stimulating curiosity, learning, networking, and movement. A good time to focus on writing and communication, travel, and networking.

**JUPITER ENTERS LEO - HUGE SHIFT** - Jupiter, the planet of growth, opportunity, abundance, and wisdom, has not visited Leo since July 2014. It signals the beginning of a cycle of creativity, leadership, confidence, and growth.

**SATURN RETROGRADE - JULY 26 - DEC. 10** - Saturn, the planet of structure and responsibility, begins its retrograde in Aries on July 26, encouraging reassessment of goals, finances, and ambitions. Financial markets, commerce, business trends, and economic matters may experience periods of uncertainty as Saturn retraces its steps.

**NEW MOON IN CANCER - JULY 14** - This cycle focuses on emotional healing, family, security, and well-being. A good time to set intentions and strengthen family ties. Improve or purchase a property when Mercury goes direct July 23. This new moon encourages us to trust our instincts.

**FULL BUCK MOON IN AQUARIUS** - The full moon on July 29 focuses on friendships, social causes, long-term goals balancing personal desires.

#### SIGNS:

**ARIES** - Mercury retrograde brings family matters into focus reconnecting with relatives or revisiting decisions involving home. Jupiter entering Leo greatly enhances creativity, romance, children, and self-confidence. The New Moon opens a fresh chapter regarding family and emotional security. The Aquarius Full Moon highlights friendships and social connections. Saturn retrograde in your sign asks you to slow down and reassess your personal goals.

**TAURUS** - Mercury retrograde may create communication challenges. Double-check important details. Jupiter enhances home and family matters and the Full Moon highlights career developments. Mars in Gemini keeps financial matters active. The New Moon helps launch new projects involving learning or communication. The Full Moon shines

a spotlight on career developments and public recognition.

**GEMINI** - Mars increases motivation and determination. Financial matters take center stage during the Cancer New Moon. Be mindful of scattered energy as Mercury retrograde encourages you to review finances and spending habits. Jupiter in Leo expands communication, writing, teaching, networking, and travel opportunities. The New Moon supports financial growth and improved self-worth. The Aquarius Full Moon may inspire travel, education, publishing, or spiritual exploration

**CANCER** - The New Moon brings powerful opportunities for personal growth and fresh starts. Mercury retrograde encourages self-reflection before major decisions. Old situations may resurface for closure. Jupiter entering Leo can bring financial opportunities and greater confidence in your abilities. The New Moon is an annual chance for a fresh start. The Aquarius Full Moon may bring important financial decisions involving shared resources.

**LEO** - As the Sun enters Leo on July 23, confidence and opportunities increase. Jupiter enters your sign for the first time in 12 years, beginning a powerful new cycle of expansion, growth, and opportunity. Mercury retrograde encourages rest and reflection before charging ahead. The New Moon highlights spiritual healing and releasing the past. The Aquarius Full Moon illuminates relationships and partnerships, bringing clarity to important connections.

**VIRGO** - Mercury retrograde requires you to reassess long-term goals. Jupiter entering Leo encourages spiritual growth, healing, and preparation for a major new cycle beginning in 2027. The New Moon favors friendships, networking, and group activities. The Aquarius Full Moon highlights health routines, daily responsibilities, and work-related matters.

**LIBRA** - Career opportunities continue to emerge. Mercury retrograde may cause delays involving goals or plans. Jupiter in Leo expands friendships, organizations, and networking. The New Moon may bring a new career direction or public opportunity. The Full Moon energizes romance, creativity, and matters involving children. Saturn retrograde encourages a review of partnerships and commitments.

**SCORPIO** - The new moon encourages travel, education, and broadening goals. Mercury retrograde encourages you to revisit educational needs, travel plans, or legal matters. Jupiter entering Leo can bring career changes. The Aquarius full moon highlights family matters. Saturn retrograde asks you to reassess work routines and health habits.

**SAGITTARIUS** - Jupiter's move into fellow fire sign Leo is supportive of opportunities for travel, education, publishing, and personal expansion. Mercury retrograde encourages review of shared finances, investments, taxes, or emotional attachments. The New Moon may help resolve financial matters. The Aquarius Full Moon enhances communication and delivery. Saturn retrograde encourages a reassessment of romance or creative desires.

**CAPRICORN** - Mercury retrograde may bring former partners or issues into view. The full moon focuses on finances and resources. Relationships are highlighted as Mercury retrograde occurs directly opposite your own sign. Jupiter entering Leo emphasizes resources, investments, and emotional transformation. The new moon may begin a new chapter in a relationship. Saturn retrograde encourages a review of family and home-related responsibilities.

**AQUARIUS** - The full moon places you in the spotlight. Revelations regarding relationships, goals, and plans may emerge. Mercury retrograde focuses attention on work, health, and diet. Jupiter entering Leo expands partnership opportunities and can attract new people into your life. The new moon supports improved work situations. The full moon brings clarity and revelations. Saturn retrograde encourages a review of communication and learning goals.

**PISCES** - Work, health, and daily routines require attention. The new moon supports emotional healing, creativity, and your inner foundation. Mercury retrograde may bring up old romances, projects, or past regrets. Jupiter entering Leo supports health, work opportunities, and better daily routines. The full moon encourages spiritual reflection. Saturn retrograde asks you to reassess financial priorities and long-term security.

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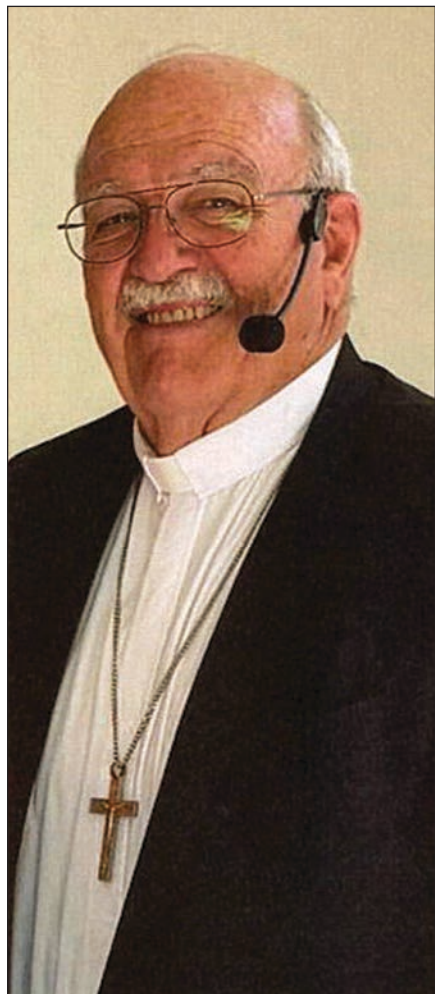
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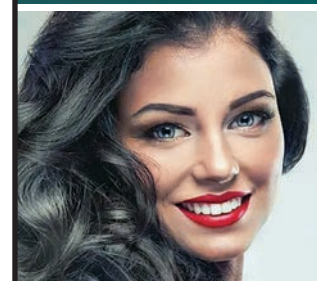
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