



# SYLVANIA ADVANTAGE

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

### Toledo Card Show: Where collectors come together

#### Pokémon, Sports Cards, Collectibles, and Community – Every Wednesday in the Heart of Sylvania

Calling all collectors, traders, and treasure hunters! Whether you're a lifelong sports card enthusiast, a passionate Pokémon collector, or someone just discovering the exciting world of collectibles, the Toledo Card Show is the place to be.

Located in the heart of Sylvania, the Toledo Card Show (TCS) brings together vendors, collectors, and enthusiasts every Wednesday from 3 to 9 pm at its new location, the American Legion Hall, 5580 Centennial Rd.

#### A Collector's Paradise

Every week, vendors show up in full force, displaying an incredible variety of Pokémon cards, sports cards, and other unique collectibles.

From rare treasures and vintage favorites to the hottest cards on the market today, there's always something exciting to discover.

#### Buy it! Sell it! Trade it!

The Toledo Card Show is more than just a place to shop. It's a place where collectors can buy, sell, trade, and have their collections evaluated.

Have an old collection sitting in your closet? Wondering what those Pokémon or sports cards might be worth? Bring them to the show. You never know what kind of treasures you might have around the house.

#### More than a card show

For more than three years, the Toledo Card Show has been bringing people together through a shared passion for collecting.

What started as a gathering of collectors has grown into an incredible gathering where friendships are formed, knowledge is shared, and people of all ages can enjoy the excitement of the hobby.

Whether you're an experienced collector or a family bringing your kids for the first time, you'll find a welcoming atmosphere filled with people who love the world of collectibles.

At TCS, it's not just about the cards. It's about the people, the friendships, and the excitement of collecting.



Tiffany Palmer shares her Pokémon card at the Toledo Card Show.

#### Proud to be part of the community

The Toledo Card Show believes in the importance of supporting the community that has supported it throughout the years.

Through local partnerships, community involvement, and opportunities to give back, TCS strives to make a positive impact beyond the world of collecting.

We're proud to provide a place where local businesses, families, and collectors can come together, build relationships, and share in something special.

When you attend the Toledo Card Show, you're not just supporting local vendors and collectors — you're helping strengthen a community built around a shared passion.

#### The excitement continues

With more than three years of bringing collectors together, the Toledo Card Show continues to be a weekly destination for hobby enthusiasts throughout Northwest Ohio and beyond.

Whether you're searching for your next big find, looking to make a trade, or simply enjoying an evening surrounded by fellow collectors, there's always a reason to stop by.

#### Join us Wednesdays from 3 to 9 pm

The Toledo Card Show would also like to extend a special THANK YOU TO JET'S PIZZA for



Toledo Card Show vendor displays rare Michael Jordan collectible cards.

proudly sponsoring our show and supporting the local collecting community.

#### COME SEE WHAT THE EXCITEMENT IS ABOUT! TOLEDO CARD SHOW

##### When:

Every Wednesday, 3 - 9 pm

##### Where:

American Legion Hall, 5580 Centennial Rd.

##### What:

Pokémon Cards • Sports Cards • Collectibles • Buying • Selling • Trading • Collection Evaluations

#### CONNECT WITH US:

Toledo Card Show is on Facebook and Instagram for show updates, vendor information, and exciting announcements.

Website: [toledosportscardshow.com](http://toledosportscardshow.com)

#### GREAT CARDS. GREAT PEOPLE. GREAT COMMUNITY.

See you Wednesday at the Toledo Card Show!



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Jet's Pizza.

### What's Inside



Andy and James Kruez find apple picking a great fall activity.

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# NEW LOCATION. SAME TOLEDO CARD SHOW.

More than 70 tables of sports cards, Pokémon, collectibles and more, all under one roof. Come buy, sell, trade and check out the new space.

**TOLEDO CARD SHOW | Wednesdays | 3-9 PM | American Legion Hall | 5580 Centennial Road, Sylvania**





# Bewitched Harvest Art & Craft Show



**Saturday, October 17; 9 - 4**  
**Sunday, October 18; 11 - 4**  
**FREE Admission and Parking**  
 Make a visit to one of the food trucks out front!

## Premier Banquet Hall

4480 Heatherdowns Blvd. across from the Stranahan Theatre



**Toledo Craftsman's Guild**

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Collecting pet food and supplies to benefit Forget Me Not Cat Rescue and Golden Retriever Rescue Resource



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## Spooky House is all spook and no scare



**Tristen Dominguez-Turkopp** prepares for the opening of the Spooky House.

The Spooky House, brought to you by Heritage Sylvania and Taylor Automotive Family, is open every Friday in October from 6 to 9 pm. The family-friendly event fills The Cooke-Kuhlman House at 5717 Main St.

The historic home will feature displays with haunted spirits drawn from iconic scary stories.

Spooky House is all spooks and no scares.

Admission is \$5 and includes a Halloween treat.

## Sylvania Orchestra opens season with 'Symphonic Dance Party'

The Sylvania Community Orchestra Concert (SCO) will kick off its 2026-2027 season with a free community concert on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 4 pm at the Franciscan Center, 6832 Convent Blvd. The event, "Symphonic Dance Party" includes popular orchestral dance pieces such as "Symphonic Dances" by Grieg, "Kunstler Leben Waltzer" by Strauss, and "Danse Negre: from African Suite" by Coleridge-Taylor.

SCO engages hundreds of community members with four, free concerts each year, in addition to small ensemble performances throughout Sylvania. The Orchestra is made up of over 65 volunteer musicians who practice once a week and feature well known works of the world's best composers including Tchaikovsky, Brahms and Strauss.

The orchestra is currently looking for string and percussion players as well as a bassoon player. Auditions are open for all skills levels. For more information, visit [sylvaniaarts.org](http://sylvaniaarts.org).

## Halloween Hike at Olander is Oct. 24

Costumes, candy and an autumn walk will unite when the annual Halloween Hike returns to Olander Park on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Presented by Taylor Automotive Family, the family-friendly tradition invites children to stroll through the park in costume and collect treats from volunteers stationed along the route.

Admission is \$5 for children ages 3 through 12, while kids age 2 and younger may attend free.

Pre-registration runs Oct. 1 through 21 at

[outdoorsylvania.com](http://outdoorsylvania.com), and families are encouraged to sign up early. Pre-registered participants may enter at 5 pm; unregistered participants may enter from 5:45 to 6:15 pm. The event will be held rain or shine, so weather-ready costumes and comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

Olander Park is located at 6930 W. Sylvania Ave. Participants should park at Tam-O-Shanter and enter through the walk-in gates.

## Woodland Lane Cemetery relocates to Olander Park

The Woodland Lane Cemetery display, managed by Outdoor Sylvania Community Parks, will relocate to Olander Park for its 2026 season.

The beloved Halloween tradition will run Oct. 24 to Oct. 31 and will feature animated

spooky-fun scenes, moving skeleton figures and family-friendly decorations.

The event is free to enter and open to all ages daily from 7 am to 7 pm. Pair this event with Olander's Halloween Hike for double the fun.

The Sylvania Arts Youth Theater presents...

# Disney • PIXAR

# FINDING NEMO JR.

Book, Music and Lyrics by  
**Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez**

Book Adapted by Lindsay Anderson  
 Music and Orchestrations Adapted and Arranged by Myrna Conn

Based on the 2003 Disney / Pixar film Finding Nemo written by Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson, David Reynolds and directed by Andrew Stanton

**10/23**  
**10/24**

**Franciscan Theater Sylvania, OH**  
**Tickets @ [sylvaniaarts.org](http://sylvaniaarts.org)**



**Director-Irina Zaurov Asst. Director-Chad Stallworth Jr.**  
**Music Director-Ella Orr Choreographer-Alyx Fisher**







Disney's Finding Nemo Jr. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY 212-543-6684 mtshows.com

## A WEEKEND WITH FRIENDS

### Friends of the Groom

### Christian Theater Company



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| <b>ALL<br/>EVENTS<br/>ARE<br/>FREE!</b> | <p>Theater<br/>Performance<br/>7:30 PM - 8:45 PM</p> <p><b>FRIDAY<br/>OCT. 16</b></p> | <p>Interactive<br/>Workshop<br/>Lunch Provided<br/>10 AM - 2 PM</p> <p><b>SATURDAY<br/>OCT. 17</b></p> | <p>Worship with<br/>Friends of<br/>the Groom<br/>8:30 AM &amp; 10 AM</p> <p><b>SUNDAY<br/>OCT. 18</b></p> |
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One of the drop-off tents for scouting for food is in front of the Craig A. Stough Administrative Building.

# Sylvania Scouts rally community for food drive

Sylvania Scouts Troop 154 is inviting residents to support its Scouting for Food program, which is underway through Nov. 7. The annual service project collects nonperishable food for Sylvania Area Family Services, helping the agency stock its pantry ahead of the busy holiday season.

Community members are encouraged to donate shelf-stable items such as canned vegetables, soup, cereal, pasta, peanut butter, rice and boxed meals. Contributions

will help local families facing food insecurity while giving Scouts an opportunity to practice leadership, teamwork and service.

Residents can participate by contributing unopened, unexpired food items at designated drop off locations including the Craig A. Stough Municipal Building, Highland Meadows Golf Club Lobby, Olander Park Administration Building, and the Sylvania Senior Center.

# A slice of fall: Sylvania pie contest calls for bakers

Crisp leaves and the sweet scent of cinnamon will set the stage for Sylvania's annual Pie Baking Contest, sponsored by Durocher's, during the 40th annual Sylvania Chamber Fall Festival on Sunday, Oct. 18.

Home bakers can put their skills to the test for a chance to win first, second or third place, along with Judges' Choice honors. Every pie must be made entirely from scratch, including the crust and filling, and baked in a disposable pan. Participants may enter more than one pie.

Pie drop-off will be at Mayberry Ice Cream, 5645 Mayberry Sq., from 8:30 to 9:30 am on festival day. For contest rules,

registration information and details, visit [heritagesylvania.org](http://heritagesylvania.org).

# Halloween films planned

The Starlite Theater Group will offer a Halloween event on Oct. 28 from 5 to 10 pm with special guest, Film Toledo, featuring spine-tingling movies and more at the Nederhouser Community Hall at Olander Park.

In addition, Samantha Ayres and Tristen Dominguez-Trukopp of Heritage Sylvania will bring tales of Sylvania area ghosts to the event.

Brews and treats will be available for just \$5 per person.

# Tree City Film Festival to premiere winning movies

The winning films from the 50-hour Film Challenge will premiere during the Tree City Film Festival Halloween Edition Oct. 31 at Nederhouser Community Hall in Olander Park, 6930 W. Sylvania Ave.

The festival begins with pizza, popcorn and local brews at 7 pm. Movies begin at 8 pm and will be followed by an awards ceremony. A \$500 award will be given for first place, \$250 for second place, and \$100 for audience choice.

# Vendors invited to participate in holiday bazaar

Artisans and crafters are invited to participate in the Sylvania Senior Center's Holiday Bazaar on Thursday, Dec. 10 from 11 am to 6 pm. For questions and more infor-

mation, call 419-517-3135 or email [sscparticipantCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:sscparticipantCouncil@gmail.com). The center is located at 7140 Sylvania Ave.

## END OF THE YEAR PATIO PARTY

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16**  
Razor Sharp Objects • 7-10 PM

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17**  
Something to Talk About • 6-9 PM  
Jigg's Dinner Available All Day!

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**NOVEMBER 21-22**

**Sat. 9 AM-5 PM • Sun. 9 AM-3 PM**  
SideOut Social Center | 2990 Tremainsville Rd.  
(Old St. Clement Community Center)

### SEEKING VENDORS FOR:

Fine Art & Photography • Wood & Metalwork  
Knitting, Crochet & Sewing • Candles & Body Products  
Jewelry & Accessories • Specialty Foods & Preserves

### BOOTH FEES:

2 Days: \$100 (2 tables) • \$75 (1 table)  
Saturday Only: \$65 (1 table)  
Tables & chairs included • Extra tables \$15  
WiFi included • Electric available for additional fee

### Spaces are limited!

**Apply by November 1, 2026**

**Contact Carrie Wagoner: 419-847-0944**

In-person applications by appointment

### VENDOR SETUP:

**Friday, Nov. 20 • Noon-8 PM**

## Croswell presents 'Hunchback of Notre Dame'

The Croswell Opera House 2026 Broadway Season continues with "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" running Oct. 16-25.

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame" is a stunning musical depiction of Victor Hugo's classic story of love, acceptance, and what it means to be a hero. Set in 15th century Paris, prejudice, morality, and redemption come together in a tale about the dark and light of humanity and a reminder that beauty lies within.

The first weekend will have performances on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm,

and Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 pm. The second weekend will have performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm, Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 pm.

Tickets range from \$26 to \$46 for adults and \$16 to \$26 for students, and may be ordered online at [croswell.org](http://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.

## TCG's Bewitched Harvest Art and Craft Show heads to Premier Banquet Hall

The Toledo Craftsman's Guild will present its Bewitched Harvest Art and Craft Show on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 am to 4 pm and Sunday, Oct. 18, from 11 am to 4 pm at Premier Banquet Hall, 4480 Heatherdowns Blvd., across from the Stranahan Theater. Admission and parking are free.

Visitors can jump-start holiday shopping while browsing a large selection of unique, handcrafted items. The show will offer gift

ideas and seasonal décor for shoppers seeking locally made options for family, friends, and home.

Organizers will also collect pet food and supplies during the event to benefit Forget Me Not Cat Rescue and Golden Retriever Rescue Resource. Guests are encouraged to bring donations while attending the show.

Additional information is available at [toledocraftsmansguild.org](http://toledocraftsmansguild.org).

## Christ Presbyterian Church hosts theater company for weekend event

Christ Presbyterian Church, 4225 W. Sylvania Ave., is offering a weekend of free events for all ages led by Friends of the Groom Theater Company, which specializes in making the Christian message challenging and fun. The group uses theater and storytelling to bring scripture and worship alive.

Those looking for creative ways to communicate the gospel or who like to watch, laugh, and think are invited to attend one or all three events.

A theater performance will take place in the sanctuary of dramatic vignettes portraying beloved scripture and teachings of Jesus

on Friday, Oct. 16, from 7:30 to 8:45 pm.

An interactive workshop inspiring ways to use drama in worship and in teaching scripture lessons will take place on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 am to 2 pm. Lunch will be provided.

On Sunday, Oct. 18 during the 8:30 am and 10 am worship services Friends of the Groom will explore aspects of stewardship and ways of offering gifts to God.

For more information email [ruthcpc-toledo@gmail.com](mailto:ruthcpc-toledo@gmail.com) or call Christ Presbyterian Church at 419-475-8629.

## Youth theater group presents 'Finding Nemo Jr.'

The Sylvania Arts Youth Theater will present Disney and Pixar's "Finding Nemo Jr." at the Franciscan Theater on Friday, Oct. 23 at 7 pm and on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 2 and 7 pm.

The charming 60-minute musical, designed for school-aged performers, is based on the beloved 2003 Pixar film "Finding Nemo."

The cast includes 42 students ages 8-17 from all across northwest Ohio and lower Michigan and is led by Directors Irina Zaurov, Choreographer Alyx Fisher, Vocal Director Ella Orr, and Assistant Director Chad Stallworth Jr.

Director Irina Zaurov reflected on the message at the heart of the production, "This beautiful story feels especially meaningful as we navigate the different stages and challenges of

life. We all face obstacles along the way, and sometimes the best way forward is with positivity, courage, and perseverance. As Dory reminds us, 'Just keep swimming.' Keep moving forward, believe in yourself, and trust that brighter waters are ahead."

Tickets are available at [sylvaniaarts.org](http://sylvaniaarts.org).

## Trunk or treat planned

A Trunk or Treat event open to the public will be held on Sunday, Oct. 24 from 2 to 4 pm at Oakleaf Village, 4220 N. Holland Sylvania Rd.

All proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

## Holy Trinity Festival celebrates 111 years

The Annual Holy Trinity Fall Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 17 and Sunday, Oct. 18 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 2649 US-20 in Swanton.

The festival is open to the public. Highlights include food and beer tents, kids activities, karaoke, raffles, a silent auction and the Parish Band.

A roast beef and turkey dinner will be offered on Sunday for \$18 for adults/seniors and \$12 for children 8th grade and under.

Festival hours are 3 to 11 pm on Saturday and 11:30 am to 4 pm on Sunday.

Proceeds support Holy Trinity Catholic Church while helping sustain the parish community and its activities.

# Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

**Saturday  
October 24th  
10 am-2pm**

**Sylvania's Drug Take Back Location:**

**Kroger**  
**7545 W. Sylvania Ave**  
**(corner of Sylvania & King)**

**Drive up and drop off.**  
**Please take meds out of bottles.**






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# THE BIG TO DO IN SYLVANIA

ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY

LIVE MUSIC

**Tuesdays**  
**Upside Run Club** • Upside Brewing, 6-7pm, rain or shine

**Fridays in October**  
**Spooky House** • Cooke-Kuhlman House, family-friendly, 6-9pm, \$5 entry, under 2 free, heritagesylvania.org

**Thru Oct. 31**  
**Harvest Fest** • Toledo Zoo, toledo zoo.org

**Oct. 17-18**  
**Sylvania Fall Festival** • Centennial Terrace, Sat. 2-8pm, Sun. 10am-4pm, sylvaniachamber.org, more pg. 9

**Holy Trinity Fall Festival** • Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Swanton, Sat. 3-11pm, Sun. 11:30am-4pm, more pg. 4

**Bewitched Harvest Art and Craft Show** • Toledo Carftsman’s Guild, Premier Banquet Hall, Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 11am-4pm, more pg. 4

**Oct. 24**  
**Halloween Hike** • Olander Park, \$5 ages 3-12, free 2 and under, pre-registration begins Oct. 1, outdoorsylvania.com, more pg. 2

**Drug Take Back** • Kroger ( Sylvania and King), drive up and drop off, 10am-3pm

**Trunk or Treat** • Oakleaf Village, 2-4pm, proceeds benefit Alzheimer’s Association

**Oct. 24-31**  
**Woodland Lane Cemetery** • Olander Park, family-friendly Halloween display, 7am-7pm daily, free, open to all ages

**Oct. 31**  
**Halloween** • City and Township, 6-7:30pm

**Tree City Film Festival Halloween Edition** • Winning films premiere from 50-hour film challenge, Nederhouser at Olander, 7pm, tickets \$6, sylvaniaarts.org, more pg. 3

**Fridays in Oct.**  
**Sylvania Schools Coffee & Conversation Sessions** • Sylvania Senior Center (Oct. 16, Administration Bldg. 4747 N. Holland Sylvania), 9:30 am, open to public

**Oct. 19**  
**City Council Meeting** • Council Chambers, 6635 Maplewood, 6:30pm, open to the public

**City Leaf Pickup** • Oct. 19-Dec. 7

**Township Leaf Pickup** • begins Oct. 19. For round progress, visit sylvaniatownship.com.

**Oct. 20**  
**Township Trustees Meeting** • Township Hall, 4927 N. Holland Sylvania, 5pm, open to the public

**Oct. 21**  
**Sylvania Schools Town Hall Meeting** • Sylvania Senior Center, 6-8pm, open to the public

**Sundays**  
**Bobby May and Friends** • The Sodbuster, 7pm

**Mondays & Tuesdays**  
**Chris Brown and Candace Coleman** • Ciao!, 6-9pm

**Tuesdays**  
**Bobby & Frankie** • Fuzzy’s, 5pm

**Oct. 12**  
**No Vacancy** • Fairways, 6pm

**Oct. 13**  
**Double Take** • Fairways, 6pm

**Oct. 14**  
**Jean & Lisa Holden** • Fairways, 6pm

**Oct. 15**  
**John & Jenn** • Fairways, 6pm

**Oct. 16**  
**Mizer Vossen Project** • Bier Stube, 6pm

**Razor Sharp Objects** • Fairways, 7-10

**Oct. 17**  
**Something to Talk About** • Fairways, 6-9pm

**North of Nashville** • Fall Fest, Centennial, 2:30-4:30 pm

**Andi Jo Taylor** • Fall Fest, Centennial, 5-8pm

**Pop’s Garage** • Bier Stube, 8pm

FOOD & DRINK

**Oct. 14, 28**  
**Wine Tastings** • Sofos’s Market, 6-8pm; 6 pours, food and live music, \$25; RSVP at shopsofos.com

**Oct. 25**  
**Middle Eastern Dinner** • St. George Cathedral, noon- 6pm, tickets \$25 at the door or call 419-475-7054

**Oct. 28**  
**French Countryside Cooking Class** • Durocher’s, 6-7:30pm, \$50/person, RSVP to 567-408-2400

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

**Oct. 18**  
**Distant Cousinz** • Fall Fest, Centennial, 2-4pm

**Oct. 23**  
**Grape Smugglers** • Bier Stube, 6pm

**Oct. 24**  
**Graveyard Daisies** • Bier Stube, 6pm

**Oct. 30**  
**Skittle Bots** • Bier Stube, 6pm

**Oct. 31**  
**Karaoke & Costume Contest** • Bier Stube, 6pm

**Nov. 6**  
**The Cheeks** • Bier Stube, 6pm

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



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THE ARTS

**Oct. 16-25**  
**Hunchback of Notre Dame** • The Crosswell, Adrian, Mich., tickets crosswell.org

**Oct. 23-24**  
**Disney & Pixar’s “Finding Nemo Jr.” Musical** • Franciscan Theater, tickets sylvaniaarts.org, more pg. 4

**Nov. 6**  
**Red Bird Artwalk** • Autumn Nights, firepits, peace choir & Nocturne Plein Air, downtown Sylvania, 5-8pm

**Nov. 8**  
**Sylvania Community Orchestra Concert** • Franciscan Center, 4 pm, free admission, more pg. 2

COMEDY

**Mondays**  
**The Barn Bar & Grill** • 7-9pm





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## Township talk ...



New firefighter/paramedic **Michael Bronsen** is sworn in by Sylvania Township Fire Chief **Chris Nye** and Assistant Chief **Mike Behan**.



New police officer **Logan Yarman-Moody** is sworn in by Sylvania Township Police Chief **Sarah Toth** at the Sylvania Township Board of Trustees meeting.



Sylvania Township Trustees **Neal Mahoney**, **John Jennewine**, and **Jill Johnson**, and Fiscal Officer **David Simko** congratulate **Bill Sanford**, center, on his appointment to the Sylvania Area Joint Recreation Board.

Sylvania Township welcomed two new members to its public safety departments during the Board of Township Trustees' Oct. 6 meeting.

Fire Chief Chris Nye and Assistant Chief Mike Behan introduced firefighter/paramedic Michael Bronsen, a Southview High School graduate, to the trustees.

Police Chief Sarah Toth also introduced new officer Logan Yarman-Moody after administering the oath of office.

### SAJRD appointment

In other business, trustees appointed Bill Sanford as the township's representative to the Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District board.

### Nuisance abatement

Planning and Zoning Manager Daryl

Graus was authorized to remove overgrown vegetation from two properties, one on Westacre Lane and another on North Crestridge Road, if the property owners fail to address the nuisances in a timely manner.

### New hire

Road Superintendent Rob Nash received approval to hire Andrew Bettinger as a utility worker, contingent upon successful completion of background checks and obtaining a commercial driver's license.

Fiscal Officer David Simko praised township staff for their fiscal responsibility and efforts to keep each department under budget.

The next Board of Township Trustees meeting is scheduled for Oct. 20.

## City beat ...

Sylvania City Council approved several development and city improvement measures during its Oct. 5 meeting, including a zoning change for a Brint Road housing project and funding for website and digital permitting upgrades.

Mayor Mark Frye summarized two public hearings held before the meeting.

Developer Ryan Wamsher of Millstream Development requested an overlay zoning district from R-1 to R-1 PD for property on Brint Road, immediately west of King Road. The overlay will allow construction of three single-family homes and one two-family home on four lots. Council approved the zoning legislation.

Frye also reported on a public hearing for a

Special Use Permit request for a proposed 7-Eleven convenience store and fueling station at the former Rite Aid location at Alexis and Elliott roads. The request was submitted by Matt De-Wood of Sylvania Marketplace and 851 Alexis LLC. Council took no action after the public hearing.

### Municipal building renovation

Service Director Joe Shaw recommended two change orders on contracts for the Craig A. Stough Municipal Building renovation project.

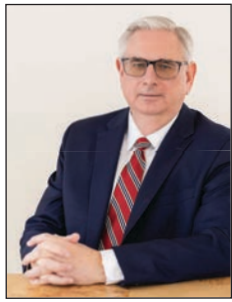
Council members approved a \$780 reduction in the city's carpet installation contract with Reemsnyder Decorating. The change order for

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## MARK FRYE

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



### Fall Colors, Falling Leaves and a Fall Festival

Fall is officially here, and I have to admit, it is one of my favorite times of the year in Sylvania. If the chill in the air isn't enough to convince you, just look around. Mother Nature has dipped her paintbrush into brilliant pots of red, orange, and yellow, transforming our many treetops into a spectacular display of color.

Of course, as beautiful as those leaves are on the trees, they eventually find their way to our lawns, and that means raking season is here, too.

As a city of trees, Sylvania has its share of leaves to rake. Fortunately, our Parks and Forestry Department is ready to help. Neighborhood leaf pickup is scheduled to begin the week of Oct. 19 and continue through the week of Dec. 7. Weather permitting, there will be four weeks of collection in the city this year.

There are a few things residents can do to help make the process go smoothly. Please rake leaves to the curb or grass edge, but do not pile them in the street or gutters. Leaves in those areas can clog storm drains and create traffic hazards.

It is also important to keep leaf piles free of sticks, branches, garden waste, and other debris, which can damage the city's vacuum loaders. Sticks and brush should instead be disposed of through the regular Green Yard Waste Program.

The city's equipment vacuums leaves up and shreds them, helping to start the decomposition process. Once a truck is full, the shredded leaves are taken to A&J Landscaping for composting.

For many years, the city operated its own leaf and yard-waste composting program. A few years ago, however, we found that A&J Landscaping could accept the material, and the city entered into a contract with the company. It is a good example of how a community can find practical ways to manage our resources responsibly.

And, of course, fall in Sylvania means much more than colorful leaves and cooler temperatures. It also means it is time for one of our fa-

vorite community traditions, the 40th annual Fall Festival.

For decades, this event has brought thousands of people together for a weekend of fun, food, entertainment, and, of course, a parade. The chamber staff spends months preparing for the celebration, and I know how much work goes on behind the scenes to make an event of this size possible. Because of downtown construction, the Fall Festival will be held at Centennial Terrace again this year. The festival is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17, from 2 to 8 pm and Sunday, Oct. 18, from 10 am to 4 pm. Organized by the Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce and presented by Dave White Chevrolet and Great Lakes Chevy Dealers, this year's festival will feature more than 75 vendor booths, representatives from local organizations, 10 food trucks, and live music.

There should be something for everyone, and I encourage you to come out, visit with your neighbors, and support the many local businesses and organizations that help make this event special.

The traditional parade will take place Sunday, beginning at 1 pm at Pacesetter Park. Parade participants will head north on Mitchaw Road before turning right and traveling east on Sylvania-Metamora Road to Centennial Road. The parade will then turn right onto Centennial Road and head south, concluding at Fossil Park.

A complimentary shuttle service to the event will also be available from 2 to 8:30 pm Saturday and 10 am to 4:30 pm Sunday. Festival-goers can park at the lot near Brint and Centennial roads, where buses will provide continuous transportation to and from Centennial Terrace.

The location of the festival and the parade route may be different from years past, but that doesn't change what matters most. The heart of the Fall Festival is bringing our community together, families, friends, neighbors, businesses, and visitors sharing a beautiful fall weekend in Sylvania.

As you enjoy the changing leaves, take a moment to enjoy the people and traditions that make this season special, too. Rake those leaves, bundle up if needed, and plan to join us at the 40th annual Fall Festival.

I look forward to seeing you there!

As always, if you have questions about city services or would like to share an idea or concern, please call my office at 419-885-8926 or email [cwitkowski@cityofsylvania.com](mailto:cwitkowski@cityofsylvania.com).

## City beat ...

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office furniture from Friends Office Products resulted in an additional \$3,975.60 for office chairs, offset by reductions for seven items not installed with the project.

### Cooperative agreement

Council also approved a joint cooperation agreement with the Sylvania Township Trustees and the Lucas County Board of Commissioners for subdivision road resurfacing and resurfacing of Sylvania Avenue/McCord Road intersection.

### Website upgrade

The city also accepted a \$109,017 contract, spread out over a four-year period, from Revize LLC to redesign its website and a \$41,000 proposal from Naviant LLC to develop a digital permitting application portal for Utilities and Zoning Departments.

The new portal will allow residents and businesses to submit permit applications and sup-

porting documents online. The OnBase system will store and index documents, notify reviewers, track payments and streamline the permitting process.

### Roundabout right-of-way

For the planned Brint Road/Main Street/Holland Sylvania Road roundabout, council approved \$130,540 for right-of-way acquisition services from West Erie Realty Solutions Ltd., \$18,250 for appraisal reviews from Brian W. Barnes & Co. and \$1,000 for relocation services from JBH-RW LLC.

### Lighting project

Council also authorized Shaw to advertise for bids for the Monroe Street lighting project between Harroun Road and Acres Road.

The next Sylvania City Council meeting will be held on Oct. 19 at 6:30 pm.




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# PLATES AND PLACES

## Pumpkins, Cider & Country Roads: Follow the Harvest Trail

BY JENNIFER ALEXANDER RUPLE

There's something about fall that makes you want to hit the back roads. Maybe it's the promise of a warm apple fritter, the hunt for the perfect pumpkin or simply an excuse to spend an afternoon surrounded by brilliant autumn color. Whatever draws you out, this harvest trail winds from Holland and Sylvania in Ohio into nearby Ottawa Lake and Temperance in Mich., with plenty of pumpkins, apples, flowers and farm-fresh finds along the way.

Begin your autumn adventure at **MacQueen Orchards**, 7605 Garden Road in Holland, where pumpkin rows give way to apple trees. Pick-your-own apples turn a simple shopping trip into a seasonal outing, while the Apple Barn, cider mill and farm market offer crisp fruit, cookies, pies and donuts.

Next, make your way to **Louis Keil and Sons**, 9022 W. Central Ave. in Sylvania, for the makings of a festive fall display. The third-generation family farm is ready to help you give the front porch a makeover with pumpkins, mums, gourds, corn stalks and straw bales. Inside the



BJ Farm

farm's market, stock up on seasonal produce such as winter squash varieties, peppers, apples, cabbage and more.

From Sylvania, head across the state line to **Gust Brother's Pumpkin Farm**, 13639 Mulberry Rd. in Ottawa Lake, Mich. The farm offers a you-pick pumpkin patch as well as pre-picked



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pumpkins and seasonal produce. Hayrides are available, and visitors can pet and feed the farm animals. The market adds even more seasonal fun with colorful mums, fall décor, candles, local honey and jams. Farm-made doughnuts, fresh cider, pumpkin cookies and cider slushies provide plenty of reasons to linger.

While you're in Ottawa Lake, continue to **Boots to Blooms Flower Farm** at 7364 Beck Road for a burst of autumn color. Dahlias, zinnias, heirloom mums, celosia and other fall flowers fill the seasonal, hand-grown flower farm, while the pumpkin patch brings its own colorful display of heirloom pumpkins, including the unusual Black Bear variety. A hand-tied bouquet from the farm will make a fabulous centerpiece on your harvest table.

Finish the trail with a short drive north to **BJ Farm**, 9777 Secor Rd. in Temperance, Mich., where there's plenty to keep the fall fun going. Wander through the corn maze, spend time at the playground, browse the craft barn and pick up hardy mums to add a splash of autumn color

at home. Pumpkins and gourds in all shapes and sizes offer plenty of possibilities for decorating, while warm cinnamon-sugar donuts and cider provide a sweet reward to cap off the day.

By the end of the trail, the car may be a little more crowded with pumpkins, apples, mums, crafts and bouquets - that's the point. This is a fall drive best enjoyed slowly, with room in the trunk for a few unexpected finds and time for one more cider doughnut before heading home.



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# FALL FUN

## Fall Festival is at Centennial Terrace

The 40th annual Sylvania Fall Festival will be held at Centennial Terrace on Saturday, Oct. 17 and Sunday, Oct. 18. Organized by the Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce and presented by Dave White Chevrolet and Great Lakes Chevy Dealers, this year's event will feature over 75 vendor booths, representatives from local organizations, 10 food trucks and live music.

Festival hours on Saturday are 2 to 8 pm. Ac-

tivities include craft and farmers market vendors, as well as music from North of Nashville from 2:30 to 4:30 pm and Andi Jo Taylor from 5 to 8 pm. The sixth annual cornhole tournament begins at 4 pm.

Sunday hours are 10 am to 4 pm and feature a full day of events and activities including a kids zone with a bounce house, pony rides, petting zoo and complimentary Pumpkin Patch. In addition there will be organization booths; music from Distant Cousinz from 2 to 4 pm; and craft and farmers market vendors.

The parade will launch from Pacesetter Park at 1 pm and will feature the Northview and Southview marching bands, local dance and twirling groups, and the honoring of the 2026 Grand Marshal. Trick or Treat will be held at 2 pm.

A complimentary shuttle service will be available from 2 to 8:30 pm on Saturday and 10 am to 4:30 pm on Sunday. Event-goers may park at the lot off Brint and Centennial roads, and a bus will shuttle people to Centennial Terrace operating on a consistent pick-up and drop-off loop.



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BY JENNIFER ALEXANDER RUPLE

When crisp leaves begin to dance and porch lights glow against early dusk, dessert should feel every bit as magical as the season. Spooktacular Pumpkin Cheesecake Delight layers buttery graham cracker crumbs, silky no-bake cheesecake, spiced pumpkin pudding, and a cloud of whipped topping into one irresistible autumn dish. This creamy dessert is easy enough for a weeknight treat yet festive enough to steal the spotlight at a Halloween party, neighborhood potluck, or cozy movie night. Best of all, the refrigerator does most of the work, leaving you free to add playful decorations, like a spidery web, before serving.

Happy Halloween!



INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 24-ounce container Philadelphia brand no-bake cheesecake filling
- 3.4-ounce box pumpkin spice pudding mix
- 2 cups cold milk
- 8-ounce container whipped topping
- Writing icing, googly eyes, and sanding sugar for decorating

Spooktacular Pumpkin Cheesecake Delight



DIRECTIONS

- Prepare the pumpkin spice pudding according to package directions. Allow to set in the refrigerator.
- In a large bowl, stir together the graham cracker crumbs and the melted butter. Press into the bottom of a 9 x 13-inch dish and refrigerate for 15 minutes.
- Spread the cheesecake filling evenly over the crust.
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Amber Rey hosts the Beau Haus Fest on September 26.

## Beau Haus Salon opening celebrated

Beau Haus, 5657 Main St., in Haymarket Square, celebrated its grand opening with Haus Fest on Sept. 26 from 1 to 5 pm, bringing together local businesses, vendors, families, and members of the community for an afternoon at the salon. Live music, local dessert and beverage vendors along with a bounce house filled the parking lot. In addition, permanent jewelry along with botox and face tanning services were an option and Beau Haus

merchandise was available for sale. Guests also had the opportunity to build flower bouquets.

The Beau Haus owner, Amber Rey is a veteran and part of the proceeds made at the Beau Haus Yoga in the Park held with The Mindfulness Institute before the Haus Fest will be donated to H.O.O.V.E.S. - a nonprofit for veterans mental health and healing.

## New organization, Build Ohio, established

A new, free-market, energy advocacy organization, Build Ohio First (BOF), was launched recently to advance practical policy solutions for Ohio's future energy needs. Build Ohio First is a coalition led by The Buckeye Institute and Americans for Prosperity - Ohio and supported by Powering Prosperity to encourage Ohio policymakers to build upon their successful efforts to grow Ohio's economy through affordable energy production.

Over the past 15 years, Ohio has experienced tremendous economic growth as lawmakers have relentlessly worked to improve the state's business climate and economic competitiveness by lowering taxes, improving the state's regulatory environment, and prioritizing economic development. Last year's HB 15 - landmark bipartisan legislation designed to meet Ohio's future energy demand while keeping energy costs stable - was Ohio's latest achievement in attracting new investment and growing our economy, and it was a significant contributing factor to Ohio being named the #1 Top State for Business by CNBC earlier this year after placing 30th in 2007.

Build Ohio First will be a catalyst for sustained economic growth by encouraging lawmakers and the new Administration to modernize Ohio's aging grid and build out the energy infrastructure to help stabilize Ohioans' electricity bills and maintain the economic momentum. A recent poll commissioned by Build Ohio First and conducted by the Tarrance Group in

mid-August confirms that Ohio voters overwhelmingly support such efforts. Tarrance found that 70 percent of Ohio voters favor more energy infrastructure, including power plants, improvements to the grid, and more power lines, as necessary to meet future energy demands. Similarly, only 11 percent of Ohio voters believe growth and development in Ohio is happening too fast.

Equally important, the poll revealed that Ohio voters view energy infrastructure and data centers differently. While Tarrance found that Ohio voters largely disapprove of data centers by a margin similar to polls conducted in other states and nationally, they support continued investment in energy generation and infrastructure, particularly when these investments are presented as a safeguard against rising electricity bills. Among poll respondents, 41percent cite lower utility bills as one of the biggest benefits to new energy projects in their communities, followed closely by good-paying jobs and more reliable energy for local families and businesses.

"Ohio has momentum," said Rob Nichols, spokesman for Build Ohio First. "House Bill 15 showed what happens when Columbus puts Ohioans first. The next Administration and General Assembly can build on that success by continuing to support smart, free-market energy policies that grow Ohio and protect families and businesses from runaway electric bills. Every Ohioan deserves to have reliable, affordable, abundant energy."

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## Ribbon cut for new DQ Grill & Chill



Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce Welcoming Committee members **James Elekonicki, Julio** and **Christy Rodrique, Dave Walkup, Bob Forcht, Marcus Hansen,** and **Betty Bassett** join **Alex Haidous,** along with **Hassan Haidous,** and his sons **Joe** and **Sam** at the DQ Grill & Chill ribbon cutting.

Alex Haidous has opened a DQ Grill & Chill at 5395 Monroe St., in the former Steak 'n Shake building.

The next-generation restaurant features the brand's signature soft-serve ice cream alongside a full menu of hot, made-to-order items. Offerings include DQ Signature Stackburgers, chicken strip baskets and a variety of sandwiches, with sides such as

French fries, onion rings and cheese curds.

Soft-serve favorites include cones, sun-daes, Blizzard treats and ice cream cakes.

The location has indoor seating for 66 guests, while an outdoor patio accommodates an additional 30. A private room is available for special events and parties, and the restaurant also includes a drive-thru lane.

## New SAFY office opens with ribbon cutting ceremony, open house

A ribbon was cut followed by an open house on Oct. 1 to celebrate the opening of the new Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY of Ohio) office at 3950 Sunforest Ct.

"Our new Toledo office represents an important step in increasing support and resources for children and families involved in foster care throughout the region," noted Julie Woods, the Engagement & Licensing

Specialist with SAFY of Ohio.

"While this is certainly a celebration of a new location, the bigger story is the growing need for foster families and community-based support services in our region. Our Toledo team is working to connect more children with safe, stable homes while providing foster parents and families with the resources they need to succeed," she added.

## St. James Lutheran congregation finds new church home in Sylvania

The St. James Lutheran Church congregation has moved to Sylvania First United Methodist Church, 7000 Erie St. The group held its first service on Sunday, Oct. 4 and will continue to meet on Sundays at 10:15 am in a private room.

According to a spokesperson, the congregation membership had dwindled. The Sylvania Avenue church building, constructed in 1960, was becoming a burden to maintain and the decision was made to sell the building and find new space.

## Lucas Soil & Water Conservation District to hold a public election

Mia Lynch of Sylvania is one of this year's candidates for two positions on the Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Supervisors. Other candidates are Bill Wolf of Ottawa Hills and Ashley Garlick of Swanton. To learn about each candidate, visit the election page at [LucasSWCD.org/candidates](http://LucasSWCD.org/candidates).

Lucas County citizens age 18 and older are eligible to vote in the Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District 2026 Board Supervisor Election through Nov. 5.

Ballots can be cast in-person or via ab-

sentee. To vote in-person visit the Lucas SWCD office, 3350 Hill Ave., Suite K, Toledo or go to Lott Industries on Nov. 5 between 5 and 6 pm. Absentee ballots can be requested by phone, email, or mail and must be returned to the district by noon on Nov. 5.

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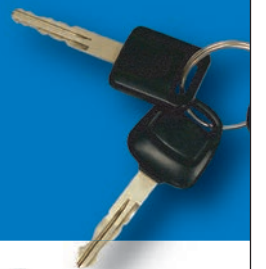
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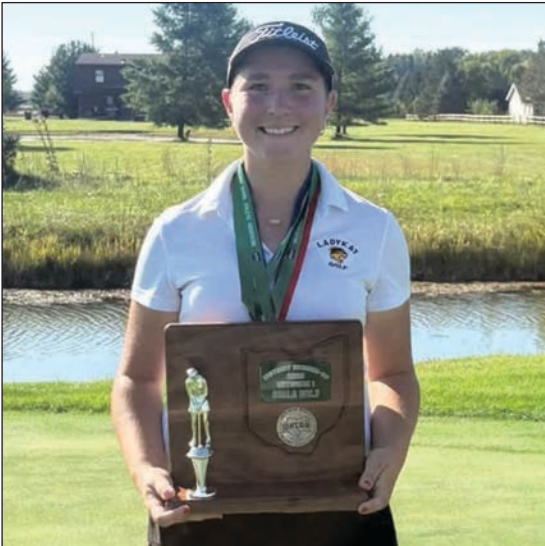


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Lady Kat golfers are state bound



The Northview girls golf team, **Fiona Zheng, Adelyn Armola, Jordyn Romero,** Coach **Caden Irwin,** Coach **Tricia Fojtik, Mara Schade, Sienna Welch, Katelyn Feldmann** have qualified for the OHSAA State Golf Championships on Oct. 12-13 at NCR Country Club, just outside Dayton, Ohio. The Wildcats finished in second place at the district tournament held at Stone Ridge Golf Club in Bowling Green on Sept. 29 with a team score of 346.



Northview Sophomore, **Katelyn Feldmann** was the District 1 Girls Golf Champion and medalist shooting a 3 under par 69 at Bowling Green's Stone Ridge Golf Club on Sept. 29. Her team was first runner up and advances to the state girls golf tournament.

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# Homecoming Royals



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It is hard to believe that it is the end of our first quarter. Our students and educators have worked incredibly hard over these first several weeks, and I am grateful for the energy, commitment, and care

they bring to our schools each day. As you are aware, we recently received our 2026 Ohio School Report Card, with Sylvania Schools earning an overall 4.5-star rating, which means we exceed state standards. This recognition reflects the hard work of our students and educators and the continued commitment to excellence throughout our district. As we approach the end of the first quarter, thank you to our students, staff, families, and community for making it such a strong start to the 2026-27 school year. There is much to be proud of, and I look forward to all that is ahead!

## SV students choose Dance 4 a Chance charity

Southview students have chosen to raise money for RAINN, the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network at this year's Dance for a Chance. Their organization's mission

is to stop sexual violence by supporting survivors, holding perpetrators accountable, and creating safer communities.

## NV Wildcats host Claws Out 5K Walk/Run

Northview Wildcat's Claws Out 5K Walk/Run will take place on Nov. 7 at 9:10 am. The general registration cost is \$35; students and staff registration amount is \$25;

and the one mile walk/run is \$20. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Northview class of 2027.

## SV to present 'You Can't Stop the WROK'

Southview will present Robb Willoughby's "You Can't Stop the WROK," on Oct. 22 and Oct. 24 at 7:30 pm in the Southview Theater. Ticket prices are \$8 for

students, \$10 for seniors; and \$12 for adults. For more information visit southviewtheatre.org.

## Town Hall features school levy information

A Town Hall will be held at the Sylvania Senior Center, 7140 W. Sylvania Ave. from 6 to 8 pm. Sylvania Schools Superintendent Tim Zieroff and Treasurer Adam Koch, and members of the Sylvania School Board will

be on hand to answer questions about school finances and facts about the school levy Issue 7, which will be on the Nov. 3 ballot. The meeting is open to the public.



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## Downtown construction update



Construction on the second block of Main Street gets under way.

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Transportation and safety officials along with local dignitaries and community members attended the Monroe Street Bridge opening ceremony on Friday, Aug. 7 to celebrate the most important project milestone for the two-year project.

Ohio Department of Transportation District 2 Deputy Director Patrick McColley joined Mayor Mark Frye and Sylvania Chamber of Commerce President Tiffany Bosch to share remarks about the project and the commitment to get the bridge opened on time. The bridge opened fully to traffic on Saturday, Aug. 8 around 7 pm.

The opening provided a great deal of relief to our business community and was just in time for the start of classes for all school systems in Sylvania. The contractor's 150-day closure plan was executed perfectly. Even a newly installed sign assembly in front of Ciao's made news for the opening as it was caught dancing in the breeze a couple of times!

While the bridge is open and life in Sylvania settles the Service Department continues to monitor the remaining work items to be completed through October. Miller Brothers Construction has additional signage work to complete on US-23, smoothness performance pavement milling on Monroe Street and Alexis Road, final pavement markings, fencing, and restoration work to do.

We also continue to monitor safety and performance measures since the opening. The aforementioned dancing sign by Ciao's was evaluated by the construction team and a larger weight, called a mechanical damper, was installed. Long mast arms on signal supports and sign assemblies are susceptible to harmonic oscillations by wind. These longer installations, on arms over 59 feet, require a weight to be installed at the tip of the mast arm to counteract wind movement. This sign had a smaller weight replaced with a larger weight on Sept. 28. The ODOT construction team will continue to monitor its performance in the weeks to come.

The flatter curvature on the on/off ramps are working well with no reported accidents. Also, new traffic signal timing sequences were implemented at Glasgow Road and there have been no reported accidents since the bridge opening.

Since the opening of the bridge there have been 19 accidents within the construction footprint. The new geometry at Alexis and Monroe has come with a learning curve for users. Seventeen of the 19 reported accidents through Oct. 4, have occurred at Alexis Road and Monroe Street. Nine accidents were failure to yield, five accidents were running red lights, two were wide turns into adjacent traffic, and one accident was for an improper lane change. The construction team will continue to review traffic accident reports and look for motorist difficulty patterns to see if signal timing and sequencing changes are warranted.

On Main Street the Phase 1.5 aerial utility bury project between Maplewood Avenue and Erie Street has experienced delays due to the utility companies. The city portion of the project to provide all new conduit below grade for all utilities was completed on June 9.

Charter Spectrum relocation work was completed in July. Frontier Communications, now Verizon, completed their work on Sept. 21. Toledo Edison energized their new lines below grade on Aug. 21 and one-by-one switchovers to the new electrical system for each business were completed on Sept. 22.

The only remaining utility company to complete relocation work is Buckeye Cable. Their work was halted by the city for the remainder of the fall season and the city has authorized the Phase 2 roadway contractor, Helms and Sons Excavating, to begin roadway work on Oct. 5. This will continue for the rest of the season. Helms will work on installing the new drainage system, curbing, and asphalt pavements in 2026 and then will perform project winterization in December. At that time Buckeye Cable relocation work can resume and be completed over winter months. Helms will remobilize to the job site in the spring as weather allows and will work towards finishing the project by installing new sidewalks, planters, landscaping, irrigation systems, lighting, and signage by early summer.

*Joseph E. Shaw, P.E., P.S., is director of the city of Sylvania's Department of Public Safety and Service.*

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# Sylvania resident honored



Nick Eyde

Local businessman, developer, community leader, and Sylvania resident Nick Eyde was honored with the Italian Reputation Award on Saturday, Oct. 10, at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

For Eyde, the honor is particularly meaningful because he is not Italian by birth. Rather, his connection to Italy began through one of his great passions—football—and grew into a lifelong appreciation for the country, its people and its culture.

Eyde, owner of Geyde Development Company in Toledo, first developed his affection for Italy while playing Italian football. His relationship with the country became even more personal when he met his wife, Gaia, in Italy. Today, Italy remains an important part of their lives and their shared story.

That passion ultimately led Eyde to create an ex-

traordinary Italian-American tradition in his hometown. He is the founder and developer of the Italian Bowl, bringing Italy's premier American football championship to the University of Toledo in both 2023 and 2025. The events introduced Toledo audiences to a unique celebration of Italian sport and culture while bringing international attention and visitors to the city.

"Italy became part of my life in a way I never expected," said Eyde. "What started with football became a love for the country, its people and its culture. Meeting Gaia changed my life, and bringing the Italian Bowl to Toledo was a way to share some of that connection with my hometown. I am deeply honored to receive this award."

In addition to his business career, Eyde has been a strong supporter of numerous community organizations and causes throughout the Toledo area. His commitment to the community reflects a belief that successful business leadership carries with it a responsibility to give back.

The Italian Reputation Award recognizes individuals whose accomplishments, character and contributions have helped promote the values, traditions and positive image associated with Italy and Italian culture. Eyde's story represents a unique interpretation of that mission—one built not on heritage, but on connection, appreciation, friendship and a genuine love for Italy.

His recognition at Carnegie Hall brings an international spotlight to Toledo, a city that has been an important part of Eyde's professional and philanthropic life.

From the football fields of Italy to the University of Toledo, Eyde's journey has created an unusual bridge between two places he now considers very much a part of his life.



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# Mobile Meals of Toledo partners with Cultivate Toledo to bring fresh, locally-grown produce to homebound seniors



**Andrew Newby**, founder of Cultivate Toledo, packs tomatoes for Mobile Meals.



The bounty from Cultivate Toledo.

Mobile Meals of Toledo has formed a partnership with Cultivate Toledo to bring fresh, locally grown produce from urban farms in Toledo's Vistula neighborhood for meals for more than 500 homebound seniors and area Senior Centers.

The partnership began this fall with the purchase of over 200 pounds of fresh tomatoes from Vistula. These tomatoes will be featured in Mobile Meals' "Big Salad" and other menu items, as well as in homemade sauces and stocks, all grown within a mile of the Mobile Meals kitchen at Mercy College in downtown Toledo.

### How the Partnership Came Together

The Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio connected Andrew Newby of Cultivate Toledo with the Mobile Meals team. In August, both organizations met to discuss their shared passion for local food and nutrition, and Cultivate Toledo toured the kitchen to see meal preparation and delivery firsthand.

Weeks later, Newby shared that Cultivate Toledo had over 200 pounds of tomatoes ready for harvest. Mobile Meals purchased them, launching what both organizations hope is a lasting relationship built on local sourcing.

"We are very excited for this partnership," said Alison Foreman, CEO of Mo-

bile Meals of Toledo. "This is just the beginning. We look forward to bringing even more local produce from Cultivate Toledo's urban farms into our kitchen in the months ahead."

### About Cultivate Toledo

Cultivate Toledo transforms vacant urban spaces into profitable urban farms, driving economic growth, job creation, and restaurant supply chains in Toledo. Partnering with the Vistula Foundation and United Way, Cultivate Toledo is building a model to revitalize Toledo's economy through sustainable farming. They plan to create 30 new jobs in three years in farming, food processing, and supply chain roles, and establish 10 urban farms producing 50 tons of produce annually.

"This partnership puts locally grown food on the tables of the people who need it most, grown by farmers from the same neighborhoods they call home," said Andrew Newby, executive director of Cultivate Toledo. "We are thrilled to be working with Mobile Meals and look forward to growing this relationship season by season."

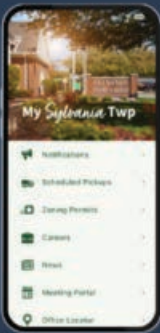
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# Civil War veterans honored



**David Ferner**, Signals Officer, John S. Kountz Camp 14; **Jolaine Petersen**, President, **Mary Edwards Walker** Tent 151; **James N Phillips Jr.**, Commander, John S Kountz Camp 14; Back Row: **Bob Druckemiller** Sr. Vice Commander, **John S Kountz** Camp 14; and **President Lincoln**. (Not pictured are Chris Dziubek and David Weber of the John S. Kountz Camp 14).

Northwest Ohio is steeped in Civil War history and sacrifice. Tens of thousands of men from Lucas and the nine other counties of northwest Ohio provided support for the preservation of the Union. By the end of the Civil War in 1865, these men who experienced the horrors of war, or started The Grand Army of the Republic, or GAR.

The GAR was created as the Veterans' organization of its day, much like the modern-day VFW and American Legion. As the men of the GAR grew older and passed on, there was a need to create groups to carry on the mission of the GAR and perpetuate its ideas and ideals.

Thus were born the Sons of Union Veterans of the

Civil War (SUVCW) for male descendants, and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUCVW) for females. Recently at the Toledo/Lucas County Library Genealogy Fair both the SUVCW and DUCVW were in attendance. Both organizations are allied with three other organizations that have a common GAR ancestry. Those are the Ladies of the GAR, the Women's Relief Corps, and the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Those interested can visit [camp14.ohiosuv.com/](http://camp14.ohiosuv.com/) or email to [Johnskountzcamp14@gmail.com](mailto:Johnskountzcamp14@gmail.com) according to Colonel Dr James N Phillips Jr., LT, SC, USN Ret., Founder of Remember Veteran Grave Markers, Inc.

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## PHBs are coming to three school street crossings

There will soon be new pedestrian hybrid beacons (PHB) at three locations: Erie Street at Highland Elementary School; McCord Road at McCord Junior High School; and Sylvania Avenue at Southview High School.

There are already PHBs on Harroun Rd. and Main Street at St. Joseph Catholic School and Church so this is not a new type of signal in Sylvania. However, this information is to alert drivers of the new signals and remind everyone what to do at each phase of the signal.

### What is a PHB?

A PHB is a pre-timed traffic control device that increases motorists' awareness of pedestrians crossing at an uncontrolled marked crosswalk location. These devices create safer, more efficient crossings on busy streets.

### What are the benefits of a PHB?

PHBs have been shown to increase safety by reducing crash rates at pedestrian crossings. PHBs cause a decrease in dangerous driver violations at pedestrian crossings.

| HOW TO USE A PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON |                                                                 |          |                                                           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| DRIVING                               |                                                                 | CROSSING |                                                           |
| SEE:                                  | DO:                                                             | SEE:     | DO:                                                       |
|                                       | PROCEED WITH CAUTION                                            |          | PUSH BUTTON TO CROSS                                      |
|                                       | SLOW DOWN<br>Someone activated the signal with the push button. |          | WAIT                                                      |
|                                       | PREPARE TO STOP                                                 |          | KEEP WAITING...                                           |
|                                       | STOP<br>Someone is crossing                                     |          | START CROSSING                                            |
|                                       | STOP<br>Proceed with caution when clear                         |          | FINISH CROSSING<br>Do not start crossing during countdown |
|                                       | PROCEED WITH CAUTION                                            |          | PUSH BUTTON TO CROSS                                      |

### Is the beacon supposed to be dark during non-operation?

Yes, the signal heads remain inactive until a pedestrian activates the system by pushing a pushbutton on either signal pole. See the chart above on the five phases of beacon activity for both pedestrians and motorists:

## Paws & Protect with Leo

Welcome back friends. I have some really exciting news to share. You all know how much I love safety, and keeping my friends safe on their way to and from school is really important. That is why I'm so excited to tell everyone about the new Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon crossing coming to some of our schools. These new crosswalks will be on Erie Street, McCord Road, and Sylvania Avenue. I want to make sure everyone knows how to use them so we can all be safe.

**Pedestrian Instructions:** To start you need to push the bottom for the area you want to cross, and then WAIT. You're going to keep waiting with the stop hand until the crosswalk has the white crossing symbol, in which you can start crossing. The walkway will give you a countdown to finish crossing. It is important you do not start crossing during the countdown. If the countdown begins, wait and press the button again to start the process over. Following this properly ensures you stay safe.

**Driver Instructions:** There will be no lights on when there is no one waiting to cross, or crossing. When the yellow lights start flashing, slow down, this signals that someone has activated the signal. A solid yellow light will then show and you should be starting to stop. A solid red light will then display, at this time you should be totally stopped and someone is crossing. Once the red lights start flashing, you may proceed with caution when it is clear. This means if the crosswalk is empty you may proceed, but if people are still crossing, you need to keep waiting. Once all the lights are out again, you may proceed with caution.

I know this can be a little tricky at first until you get the hang of it. These Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons are great to keep all of us safe. Once you get the hang of it, it is really easy for both pedestrians and drivers. This will make getting to school and home a lot safer for all our walkers or bike riders at Highland Elementary, Sylvan Elementary, McCord Junior High, and Southview High School. I can't wait to see you all using these awesome new crosswalks.

Remember everyone, stay safe, the Leo way!

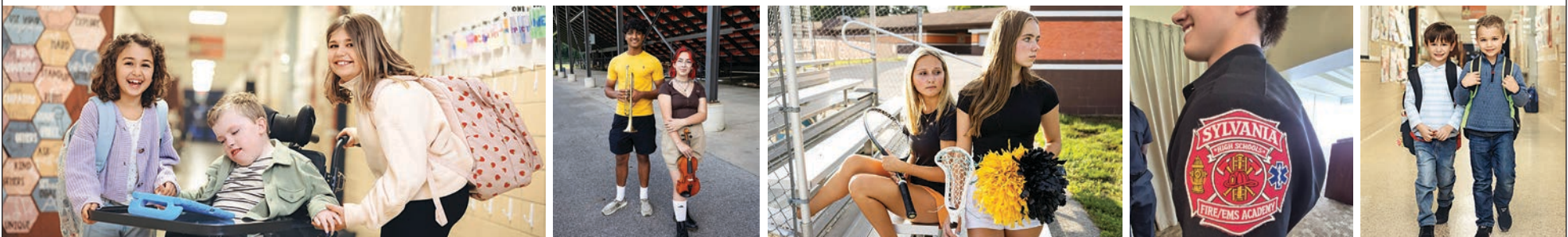






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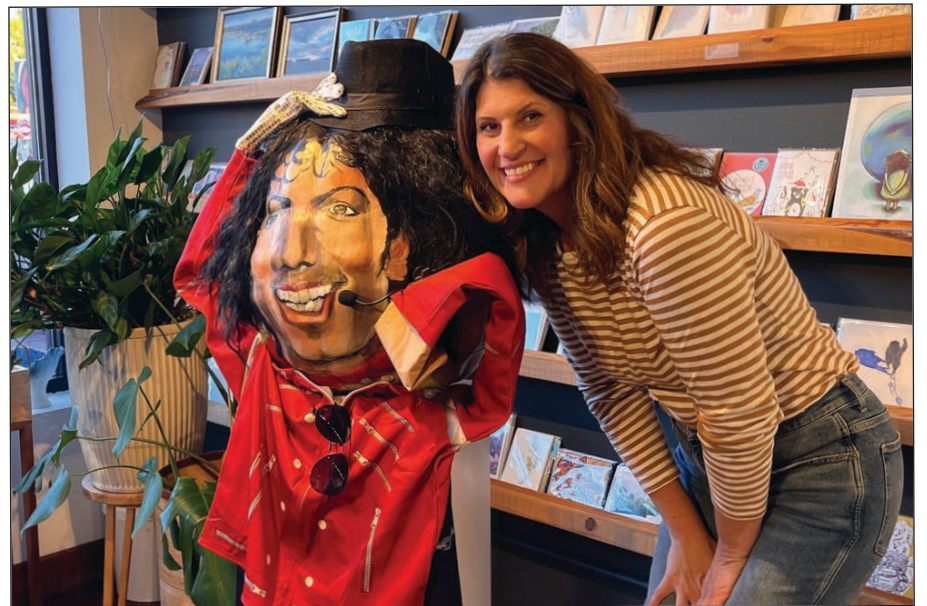
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## Art Walk pumpkin winners



**Judy Arkebauer and Patsy Camp** cast their vote for the Fiddlestix pumpkin, 'Dolly Parton' which took the first place prize.



**Dani Fuller** of Fuller Art House puts a finishing touch on her pumpkin entry, 'Michael Jackson,' which took second place honors.



**Melissa Dallas** of J&G's Pizza Palace, Upside Brewing, and Dallas Taproom checks out her entry, which is the third place winner, noting to leave tips not tipsy from Upside Brewing.



# Downtown Sylvania is filled with flannel, music, witches and fall fun!



Longtime friends **Jen Grodi** and **Erin Stampflemier** meet in front of Erin Ann's Homemade Ice Cream Shop in downtown Sylvania.



**Lindsay Barlage** and **Andria Barlage** of Fleet Feet check in **Erin Carroll** and **Aaron Myers** while **Samantha Trenchik** and **Katie Warshaw** wait to register for the beer mile run.



The Lake Erie Hexenbrut Witches perform on Main Street during Flannels and Flavors, the October Art Walk.



**Kristen Comperchinio**, **Dave Schroeder**, **Mark Dallas**, **Max Schroeder**, and **Diana Schroeder** enjoy an adult beverage in front of J&G Pizza Palace.



Breaking Ground plays in the bandstand on Main Street celebrating the 10th anniversary of Upside Brewing and the 60th anniversary of Sylvania Area Federal Credit Union.



**Mary Crown**, **Tracy** and **Mike Pfiffer** enjoy the band during the October First Friday Art Walk.



**Angela Christensen** of Angela's Angels, points out the pumpkin display to **Anthony Twofeathers**.



**Rachel Rozanski**, center, and her children **Sawyer**, **Brooklyn**, and **Evelyn** make a trip to the Village Candy Shoppe.

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## GAYLEEN GINDY

Of the 14 lots developed by Ray West along Monroe Street in the early 1900s, this Lot No. 14, has been sold together with Lot No. 13 to the east, since West sold it to Lloyd Dewey in 1925. The previous article talked about Dewey building a gas station on Lot 13 in 1925, and later a one-bay service garage.

In 1929 the Sylvania Petroleum Company hired Philip Muessig to build a 36-foot by 60-foot tile block structure on Lot No. 14, known at that time as 6423 Monroe St., at an estimated cost of \$5,000.

The Sylvania Sentinel dated Aug. 1, 1929, reported that the Carroll Motor Sales, dealers in Oakland and Pontiac automobiles, were now located in their new home on Monroe Street, next to the Indian gas station. The proprietor, Charles Carroll, said that the new building would allow for the proper display of cars, and provide adequate room for the servicing of all makes of cars.

Carroll Motors only stayed here until 1931. The Oct. 1, 1931, Sylvania Sentinel reported, "The Carroll Motor Sales, who for some time has been located on Monroe Street, announces the removal of their salesroom and repair shops to their old location on South Main Street, near Ten Mile Creek."

Schaber Motor Sales operated here from 1932 through 1946, with Ernest "Ernie" Schaber selling DeSotos, Plymouths and International Trucks. An advertisement in 1940 read, "Radiator, Body and Fender Repair Our Specialty - DeSoto - Plymouth - Schaber Motor Sales - 6423 Monroe." In 1946 Schaber moved his car sales operation to 5748 Main St. (today Haymarket Square).

In August 1946 this building was purchased by The Super Penn Oil Corp., and the following article appeared in the Sylvania Sentinel, "Sylvania has a new industry, which is assembling an underhood light, an automobile accessory. Another product, a circle car light, will be assembled here also in the near future. The new concern, Super Penn Oil Corp., is located in the building which formerly housed the Schaber Motor Sales on Monroe Street. Mr. Foster Price is president of the new business and the local manager is Mr. D.L. Emaheiser. Assembly work started in the new location on June 3, and at present 12 women are employed on the assembly line."

In 1950 the property transferred to Gertrude M. Price, then in 1963 into J. Foster and Gertrude M. Price, then back to Gertrude Price in 1968. Mrs. Price died in 1969 and in 1970 the property was sold to Renworc Inc.

In July 1953 H. Zimmerman of Z & C Sheet Metal Co., obtained a sign permit for a three-foot

## 6423 MONROE ST.

by six-foot pole sign located six feet inside the sidewalk. J. Foster Price was listed as the building owner on this permit.

The first Suburban Directory was published in 1957, and listed Z & C Sheet Metal Co., heating contractors. The 1958 and 1959 directories noted the same. The 1960 directory listed Planned Heating Co., heating contractors, and W.F. Witte Industries, sheet metal works.

As of the 1961 directory the Suburban Chevrolet Body Shop was occupying the building through 1968, but using the address of 6419 Monroe St. The 1969 through 1974 directories listed 6423 Monroe St. as vacant. The 1975 directory listed Viking Laboratories, Inc., chemical consultants.

In 1976 the building was transferred into the name of David W. Crouner, the dentist whose practice was located in the building to the east. In 1990 the property transferred four times as follows: JODAC Inc., then David W. Crouner, et. al, then John D. Crouner, et. al. and then finally to the Crouner Family Partnership.

The 1976 and 1977 directory listed Master Craft Accounting; Professional Office Service; and Micro State accounting, all using the same phone number. Then the 1978 directory shows Apex Printing Co added to the list of tenants.

In September 1979 a sign permit was granted for The Crimping Tree hair salon. In July 1981 a sign permit was granted to Aaron Wizgen for Video Entertainment. In November 1989 Apex Printing Center was granted a permit for a new sign. In August 1990 a sign permit was granted to John Crouner for Video Adventures. The 1998 photo shows Apex Printing Center and Video Adventures.

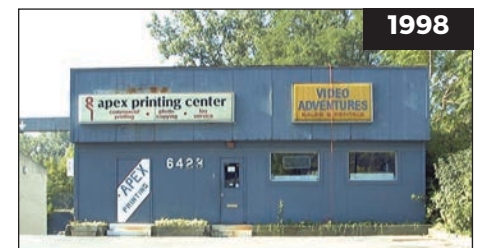
In September 2001 a permit was granted to replace the face of the existing sign to Challenge Bike Shop, while Apex Printing Center was still in the east side of the building. A 2005 photo shows Apex on the east side and "Not Your Typical Bookstore" on the west side of the building.

The 2005, 2006 and 2007 Suburban Directories show only Apex Printing Center occupying the building. As of the 2008 directory and through 2018, the directories show "no current listing." The 2019 directory listed Grace L. Jennings-Martin at 6423 Monroe St.

In February 2020 the Crouner Family sold the building to Ten Mile Ventures LLC, and then in March of 2020 the property transferred into the name of James K. House, Trustee. In February 2024 permits were issued for remodeling and a new sign on the building for Finding You, Psychotherapy & Yoga.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING

The Sylvania Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Meeting on **Monday, November 2, 2026, at 5 pm** at the Township Hall, 4927 Holland-Sylvania Rd., Sylvania, OH 43560 for consideration of the following:

- 1) Conditional Use for a Truck Wash within a C-2 District for the property located 8110 W. Central Ave. (Parcel No. 78-31741) STZR – SECTION 600
- 2) Variance Request for a front setback for an accessory structure from 30' required to 16' provided for the property located at 5166 Estess Avenue (Parcel No. 78-56854) STZR – SECTION 801

Notice: The Board of Zoning Appeals will conduct hearings on all issues published within this agenda. All persons interested in or affected by said request will have the right and opportunity to be heard on the question of granting or denying of said requests. Information concerning said matters is on file in the Sylvania Township Zoning Office and may be seen Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 8 am - 4:30 pm.

By Order of BZA Yuri Osterhout, Chairman

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