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Volunteers place wreaths to remember veterans

Despite whatever Mother Nature has in store, an army of volunteers of all ages will gather Dec. 19 at Toledo Memorial Park (TMP) to place remembrance wreaths on the graves of veterans who gave so much in service to their country.

Now in its 14th year, the local Wreaths Across America observance will begin with a moving ceremony, followed by volunteers placing wreaths on veterans' graves. The effort honors the nation's fallen heroes while also remembering all who served.

Mel Harbaugh, who launched the local initiative, said the goal is to ensure every veteran buried at Toledo Memorial Park eventually receives a wreath. The cemetery is the final resting place of more than 14,000 veterans.

"We always place wreaths on the 7,000 graves in the veterans' section, then select the graves of different veterans scattered throughout the cemetery," Harbaugh explained.

Harbaugh first learned about the project nearly 20 years ago when a friend introduced him to the concept. He initially traveled to Sandusky, then the only participating cemetery in the area, to take part.

The following year, friends Jerry Walker and Mike Wagner joined him. After returning again, Harbaugh began exploring the possibility of bringing the effort to Toledo Memorial Park.

He met with the then-President and TMP CEO Jeff Clegg, who enthusiastically supported the idea and helped get the project underway. "And TMP President/CEO Chad Albert, continues to support this program," Harbaugh noted

"That first year, 14 years ago now, we raised enough money to buy wreaths for the veterans' section, and every year since we have raised more money," Harbaugh said.

Donations from individuals, businesses and organizations, along with proceeds from an annual car show, have helped expand the effort."We continue to need donations. It is not too late to help us buy an additional wreath," Harbaugh said. Wreaths can be sponsored online at **wreathsacrossamerica.org/OH0004**.



Mel Harbaugh, USAF, and **Terry Gulch**, USMC, lend their time and energy annually to honor veterans.



Former TMP CEO **Jeff Clegg** looks on as Toledo Memorial Park President/CEO **Chad Albert** moderates the ceremony before wreaths are placed on the graves of Veterans in 2025.

A national tradition of remembrance

Wreaths Across America began in 1992 when Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Co. in Harrington, Maine, found himself with 5,000 surplus holiday wreaths. Inspired by a childhood visit to Arlington National Cemetery, he arranged to transport the balsam fir wreaths to Washington, D.C., where they were placed in an older, less-visited section of the cemetery.

Local volunteers, a Maine senator and a trucking company helped make the effort possible.

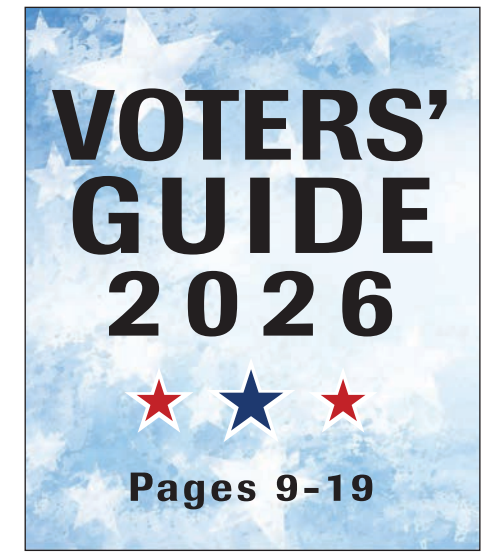
In 2005, a photograph of the snow-covered wreaths at Arlington spread across the internet, prompting widespread public interest and donations. Two years later, the Worcester family, along with veterans' groups and volunteers, formally established Wreaths Across America as a nonprofit organization.

Congress unanimously designated Dec. 13, 2008, as the first official Wreaths Across America Day. The observance has since grown into a nationwide effort, with three million wreaths placed at 5,900 locations across all 50 states, at sea and in overseas cemeteries.

The organization continues to follow three guiding principles: Remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach children the value of freedom.

At Toledo Memorial Park, those principles come to life each December as volunteers pause to remember the sacrifices behind every veteran's name and ensure their service is not forgotten.

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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.

Epworth Art & Crafts Bazaar slated for Nov. 7

Epworth United Methodist Church will hold its annual Arts & Crafts Bazaar Nov. 7 from 9 am to 4 pm at the church, 4855 W. Central Ave. at Valley View Drive. Admission and parking are free. Parking is behind the church off Valley View Drive.

An assortment of handcrafted items from 67 new and returning vendors includes art, jewelry, cards, books, candles, serving pieces, pottery, holiday decorations, knit and sewn items, clothing and accessories.

A silent auction will be held from 9 am to 3 pm. Items to bid on include gift cards for services and restaurants, themed baskets, tickets, books and an opportunity to throw the first pitch at a Mud Hens game. A pantry of baked goods, candies, jams, casseroles and a coffee bar will also be available. The bazaar is Epworth's initiative to raise funds to support local missions. As in the past, 100 percent of the proceeds will go to support local non-profit organizations.

Red Bird Art Walk celebrates 'Autumn Nights'

Art, music, theater and stories take center stage Friday, Nov. 6, when Red Bird Sylvania presents its "Autumn Nights" First Friday Art Walk in downtown Sylvania from 5 to 8 pm.

Part of November's "Grateful Thankful" series, the event will feature a Sundown Paint Out beginning at 4 pm, with more than 15 local and regional artists creating nocturnal scenes from the event. The artists' completed works will be displayed and available for purchase at Fuller Art House through the end of the year.

Visitors can stroll through candlelit buildings at Heritage Village, like they would have been in the 1800s, and listen to family-friendly campfire stories beginning at 6 pm.

A performance by the Toledo-based Peace Choir will be held at 6:30 pm, and the Northview High School Theatre Department will perform scenes from its fall play, "It's a Wonderful Life," at 7 pm.

In addition, downtown boutiques, restaurants and eateries will offer activities and specials throughout the evening.

Sr. Gretchen's Halloween bake sale to be held

Sr. Gretchen Faerber's Halloween Bake Sale is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 29, from 10 am to 2 pm in the Regina Hall Conference Room at the Sisters of St. Francis, 6832 Convent Blvd.

Continuing a longtime tradition, Sr. Gretchen has baked and hosted sales, along with her volunteer cookie team, for the past 37 years. Proceeds from her events benefit the ministries of the Sisters of Saint Francis.

Faerber's upcoming bake sales include a Christmas Bake Sale on Friday, Dec. 11; a Valentine's Bake Sale on Thursday, Feb. 11; and an Easter Bake Sale on Friday, March 19.

Coffee and fruitcake orders for the Christmas sale are due by Nov. 1. For details, email Sr. Gretchen at gfaerber@sistersofsf.org.

Complimentary dental work for Veterans

Veterans may receive a complimentary cleaning, filling, or extraction on Veterans' Day, Nov. 11 at Dental Excellence Group, 5660 Monroe St., Sylvania. All services are by appointment only and will be scheduled on a first-scheduled, first served basis.

Call 877-216-8354 to schedule an appointment. Veterans are asked to bring proof of service, such as DD214 papers, and are welcome to wear any medals received during their time in service.

TARTA offers Walleye Shuttle from Sylvania

TARTA welcomes the Toledo Walleye hockey season with the Walleye Shuttle, offering direct trips to and from every Saturday home game.

The shuttle delivers a $3 round-trip ride from five area park-and-ride locations for 13 regular season games, beginning with Opening Night, Nov. 7.

Saturday home games start at 7:15 pm. Sylvania area fans can head to the Huntington Center from the Franciscan Center, 6832 Convent Blvd. (departs at 5:45 pm)

Shuttles drop off passengers on Jefferson Avenue near Huron Street, and will return to park-and-ride sites, leaving the arena 20 minutes after the game from Jefferson Ave. near Huron St.

Passengers may pay with cash on board or use the TARTA Card or download the EZ-Fare app.

THE BIG TO DO IN SYLVANIA

ACTIVITIES

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, toledozoo.org

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

Oct. 28
Halloween Movies & More • by Starlite Theater Group and Heritage Sylvania, Nederhouser at Olander, 5-10pm, brews & treats $5/person

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

Nov. 7
Arts & Crafts Bazaar • Epworth United Methodist Church, 9am-4pm, free admission, more pg. 2

Nov. 9
Veterans Day Appreciation Breakfast • Northview High School, 9:30-10:15am, all veterans welcome, RSVP to 419-824-8570

Nov. 14
Holiday Bazaar • Tree City Market, Franciscan Center, 11am-4pm, free admission

Nov. 27
Red Bird Black Friday • downtown Sylvania, store specials, 100 bag giveaway, redbirdsylvania.org

Dec. 4-6
Miracle on Main • Downtown Sylvania, Holiday Lights Parade, 6pm

Heralding the Holidays • The Artist Village at Toledo Botanical Gardens, free admission

Dec. 13
Festival of Crafts • Toledo Craftsman's Guild, Franciscan Center, 10am-4pm, free admission

COMMUNITY

Oct. 23, 30
Sylvania Schools Coffee & Conversation Sessions • Sylvania Senior Center, 9:30 am, open to public

Nov. 2, 16
City Council Meetings • Council Chambers, 6635 Maplewood, 6:30pm, open to the public

City Leaf Pickup • Thru Dec. 7

Township Leaf Pickup • For round progress, visit sylvania-township.com

Nov. 3
Election Day

Nov. 4
Township Trustees Meeting • Township Hall, 4927 N. Holland Sylvania, 5pm, open to the public

FOOD & DRINK

Saturdays
Toledo Farmers' Market • Downtown Toledo, 8am-2pm

Oct. 28
Wine Tasting • Sofo's Market, 6-8pm; 6 pours, charcuterie pairings, Italian cuisine, and live music, $25; RSVP at shopsofos.com

Oct. 29
Sister Gretchen's Halloween Bake Sale • Regina Hall Conference Center, Sisters of St. Francis campus, 10am-2pm

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, 7pm

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

Tuesdays
Bobby & Frankie • Fuzzy's, 5pm

Oct. 30
Skittle Bots • Bier Stube, 8pm

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

Nov. 6
The Cheeks • Bier Stube, 6pm

Nov. 7
The Bradberries • Bier Stube, 7pm

Big Band Trumpet with Wayne Bergeron • Toledo Jazz Orchestra, The Valentine, 8pm, ticket liveartstoledo.com

Nov. 13
Double Take • Bier Stube, 6pm

Monte & Dawn of Gypsy Luvin' • Tékela, 6pm

Nov. 14
Whiskey Gypsy • Bier Stube, 7pm

Nov. 20
Madison Ave. • Bier Stube, 6pm

Nov. 21
Not Fast Enuff • Bier Stube, 7pm

Nov. 27
Mizer Vossen • Bier Stube, 6pm

Nov. 28
Beg to Differ • Bier Stube, 7pm

Dec. 4
Trans-Siberian Orchestra • Huntington Center, 3pm & 7:30pm, gotickets.com

Grape Smugglers • Bier Stube, 6pm

Dec. 5
Pop's Garage • Bier Stube, 7pm

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

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THE ARTS

Oct. 31
Tree City Film Festival Halloween Edition • Winning films from 50-hour film challenge, Nederhouser at Olander, 7pm, tickets $6, sylvaniaarts.org

Nov. 6
Red Bird Artwalk • Autumn Nights, downtown Sylvania, campfire stories, Peace Choir, sundown paint out, NV Theatre Dept., 5-8pm, more pg. 2

Nov. 8
Sylvania Community Orchestra Concert • "Symphonic Dance Parry" Franciscan Center, 4 pm, free admission, more pg. 2

COMEDY

Mondays
The Barn Bar & Grill • 7-9pm



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Township talk ...

Sylvania Township Trustees gave their approval for Sylvania Township Fire Chief Chris Nye to hire six full-time firefighters/paramedics to fill vacancies. The trustees also authorized Chief Nye to certify the department's lieutenant and captain promotional lists.

Cooperative agreements

Road Superintendent Rob Nash was authorized to enter a joint cooperative agreement with Lucas County and the city of Sylvania to apply for 2028 Ohio Public Works Commission grants for improvements to Jamesford Woods, Spring Forest, other subdivision roads, and Sylvania Avenue.

Zoning change

In other business, Planning and Zoning Manager Daryl Graus noted that the Zoning Department learned about an inaccuracy in the township zoning regulations regarding agricultural uses. The Ohio Revised Code notes that townships in Ohio cannot regulate agricultural uses on any parcel not in a platted subdivision, regardless of the size of the parcel.

Sylvania Township Board of Zoning Appeals Chairman Yuri Osterhout presented two zoning change proposals to the trustees during a public hearing. The trustees approved the second proposal, which permits no more than one hoofed animal and no more than six non-hoofed animals on lots over one acre to five acres. Buildings or stables need to have a fifty-foot setback and livestock shall be no closer than five feet from a property line and secured with a fence or enclosure. Poultry will be provided with a covered, well-ventilated, predator-proof coop and have access to a secured outdoor enclosure.



Sylvania Township Board of Zoning Appeals Chairman **Yuri Osterhout** presented two zoning change proposals to the trustees during a public hearing at the Oct. 20 Board of Sylvania Township Trustees meeting.

Attends symposium

Sylvania Township Assistant Fire Chief Mike Behan was one of 17 fire service officers to graduate from the 2026 Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association's Resource Symposium. The symposium is highly exclusive, limiting each session to fewer than 20 students to foster hands-on mentorship, peer-to-peer networking, and high-level strategic sharing during an intensive, two-day professional development program. Participants engaged in rigorous training covering leadership fundamentals, budgeting and finance, and complex fire service legal issues.

City beat ...

Members of Sylvania City Council voted to renew contracts for 2027 Northwest Ohio Regional Information Systems, or NORIS terminal, for the Sylvania Police Department for $31,923.40 and NORIS services for the city of Sylvania's Prosecutor for $8,641.14.

In other business, Sylvania Police Chief Danilynn Miller was authorized to place several obselete laser speed reading instruments for sale on GovDeals website.

City Council voted 5-1 to accept the Utilities and Environment Committee's Oct. 5 recommendation to eliminate income based refuse and recycling exemptions as specified in Sylvania Codified Ordinance Chapter 941 for Solid Waste Collection and amend Chapter 171 for Income Tax accordingly.

The yes votes on both ordinances were from council members Marcus Hansen, Brian McCann, Shawn Murphy, Patrick Richardson, and Mary Westphal voting yes and Council member Doug Haynam voting no, Councilwoman Lyndsey Stough was excused.

City of Sylvania Service Director Joe Shaw was granted permission to dispose of the Park's Department's obsolete 1999 Homemade Dual Axle Trailer.

An Employee and Community Relations Committee meeting followed the regular meeting where a lengthy discussion on event fees was held. Several downtown organization representatives voiced their sentiments regarding the issue, which council members agreed to consider as they begin the budgeting process for 2027.

Sylvania Police Chief Danilynn Miller made a presentation to the Sylvania City Council's Safety Committee before the Oct. 19 council meeting regarding electric vehicles. She included definitions for various motorized vehicles along with pertinent sections of the Ohio Revised Code and city of Sylvania code. After much discussion, council requested more clarification, which the chief agreed to provide.

The committee reviewed four sections, including definitions, necessary additions, repeals from existing sections of the code, and updates to chapter 373.

Clarity and Education: Members emphasized the need for clearer scooter definitions and requested that Chief Miller highlight new versus existing code for better understanding..

Councilman Murphy suggested condensing the final information into a public-friendly format, and the committee confirmed they are coordinating with the township to ensure similar safety legislation.

Community representatives who spoke expressed concerns regarding safety issues for junior high students and the need for clarity of the new rules.

MARK FRYE
MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Honor our veterans

As November approaches, my thoughts turn to the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 when the armistice ending the fighting in World War I took effect. Originally known as Armistice Day, November 11th later became Veterans Day, a time set aside to honor all who have served in our nation's armed forces.

Honoring our veterans is one way we can say thank you to the men and women who answered the call to serve. Their courage, sacrifice, and commitment have helped protect the freedoms and opportunities Americans enjoy today. We owe them more than our gratitude; we owe them our recognition and support.

Here in Sylvania, there are many ways to show that appreciation in the days surrounding Veterans Day.

Woodworkers at the Sylvania Senior Center craft flag boxes to hold flags that will be presented to family members of recently deceased veterans during an annual ceremony Nov. 6 at the center. Northview High School will host its annual Veterans Day Appreciation Breakfast for local active-duty military personnel and veterans Nov. 9 from 9:30 to 10:15 am.

The Ohio Veterans Day Classic, an outdoor, family-friendly baseball tournament honoring U.S. military veterans, is scheduled for Nov. 7 at Pacesetter Park. A Vet Fall Fest is also planned for 4 pm Nov. 8 at Arthur Murray Ballroom & Latin Dance Studio, 5650 Central Ave. The event will feature dancing, food trucks, prizes, and local military and community resources.

Local businesses also find ways to thank those who have served. National retailers, restaurants, and coffee shops often offer special discounts, meals, or other promotions for veterans and active-duty military personnel around Veterans Day. Because offers and eligibility requirements vary by business and location, please check with individual establishments before making plans.

Beyond special events and promotions, Sylvania has lasting reminders of the sacrifices made by our military personnel.

A statue representing Every Soldier stands guard outside the Craig A. Stough Municipal Building, flanked by a Gold Star plaque honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice and a Blue Star plaque recognizing those who have served, are serving, or will serve in the military.

Veterans Memorial Field is home to Memorial Grove, established in 1950 to honor local service members killed in World War II. Trees planted as living memorials stand alongside individual markers and plaques. Additionally, concrete pillars recognizing veterans of major conflicts—including the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War—have also been placed at Memorial Field.

Toledo Memorial Park also offers a solemn tribute. Its 85-foot Veterans Memorial Tower, built in 1929, stands as a watchman overlooking the more than 14,000 veterans' graves. The park's World War I monument lists the names of 327 Lucas County military personnel and nurses who died during the war.

These memorials remind us that the freedoms we sometimes take for granted have never come without a cost. Behind every uniform is a person — someone with family, friends, hopes, and dreams who chose to serve something greater than themselves.

Honoring veterans, however, means more than displaying a flag, attending a ceremony, or observing Veterans Day. It means recognizing the people behind the uniforms and understanding that military service can have a lasting impact long after a person returns home.

For some veterans, the transition to civilian life brings challenges, including finding employment, accessing health care, and obtaining the resources needed to move forward. Our gratitude must demonstrate how we support them, not simply in what we say one day each year.

As a community, we can attend local ceremonies, teach younger generations about the sacrifices made by our service members, support organizations that assist veterans, and take time to thank those who have worn our nation's uniform. Even a simple expression of appreciation can remind a veteran that his or her service has not been forgotten.

Ultimately, honoring veterans is about remembering the people who have served, caring for those who returned home, and acknowledging the sacrifices of those who never did.

We honor our veterans not simply because of where they served, but for what they gave. Their service reminds us that freedom is precious, service matters, and gratitude should never be taken for granted.

As Nov. 11 approaches, let us do more than say thank you. Let us show our appreciation through our actions and strive to be worthy of the freedoms our veterans have worked so hard to preserve.

As always, if you have questions about city services or would like to share an idea or concern, please email me at mayor @cityofsyvlania.com or call my office at 419-885-8925.

Downtown construction update

Eastbound Erie Street Lane Closure: The eastbound lane on Erie Street between Main and Summit streets will be closed for approximately 10 to 14 days while crews install new storm sewer infrastructure. Westbound traffic along Erie Street will be maintained, and all driveway access will remain open.

Main Street Lane Shift: Northbound traffic on Main Street, between Maplewood Avenue and Erie Street will be shifted over to the southbound lane. Main Street will remain northbound-only during this phase. This shift will remain in place after Erie Street reopens to allow crews to install storm sewer crossovers.

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MARK LUETKE

LOOKING SIDEWAYS



Local orchestra offers musical secrets

Our topic today may be the best kept secret in Sylvania. It's a community-based symphony orchestra with more than 50 players—performing selections ranging from classical music to film scores and pop favorites. Concerts are held regularly in accessible local venues, everyone is welcome, and … admission is free.

Known as the Sylvania Community Orchestra, it performs three concerts each year in the Franciscan Center on the Lourdes Campus, as well as an outdoor summer concert as part of the Olander Park music series.

The orchestra appears next at 4 pm on Sunday, Nov. 8, in the Franciscan Center. As noted, both admission and parking are free. The program has a "something to dance to" theme that includes three parts of a symphonic dance suite by Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg, a Strauss waltz, an African dance suite, and a new piece called "Rhythm Dances."

"We have a full orchestra and play for a community audience, so we look for pieces that are fun and exciting—yet also offer a full orchestra instrumentation," explained conductor Ron Koch. "We will be playing some really cool music."

Maestro Koch came on as conductor and music director of the orchestra in 2020. He previously was the band director at Bedford High School for 25 years. He also plays French horn in the Perrysburg Symphony. Koch maintains a long tradition of accepting virtually any musician into the orchestra who wants to play on a "see how you fit" basis.

The Sylvania Community Orchestra (SCO) has existed in its current form since 2005 when the highly-regarded Jewish Community Center orchestra came under the auspices of the Sylvania Community Arts Commission. The move established a greater presence and stronger financial base for the orchestra, explained current president of the SCO, Jim Gosman.

"Almost overnight a new Sylvania orchestra emerged. It appointed an orchestra manager (who was not a playing member), hired a UT professor to conduct, and it has become as self-supporting as an orchestra can be … which is something that we are proud of."

A retired orthopedic surgeon who brings a business sense to the volunteer job, Gosman was a player in the JCC orchestra beginning in high school. He still plays principle oboe in the current orchestra.

Today, the orchestra remains affiliated with Sylvania Arts, the non-profit organization that also supports the downtown Red Bird Fine Arts District, our youth theatre company, Friday art walks, and various public art installations around town. It also provides financial support to the orchestra, according to Gosman.

Sylvania resident Ann Bauer likely holds the longevity award for continuous service in the Sylvania orchestra. She was quick to tell me about Dr. Gosman's longtime participation, mentioned cello player Don Sell as someone who "has been here a very long time," and pointed out a mother-daughter duo who currently play together.

But our conversation quickly time-travelled back to young Ann beginning violin lessons at age 8 at Fulton elementary school in Toledo, playing in the orchestra at (long-shuttered) DeVilbiss High School under legendary teacher Ken Holland, and continuing her studies with the Toledo Youth and University of Toledo orchestras.

"After college I still wanted to stay connected to music and keep playing. I was a member of the Jewish Community Center and was introduced to the JCC orchestra. Now, (with the JCC and Sylvania Community orchestras combined) I've been playing second violin here for more than 50 years," she told me. "Musicians stay with it because playing is good for them emotionally and mentally, for sure. People just love to play. They think highly of Ron and love the music. For me, it provides the ability to work with other musicians, and it's such a rewarding experience."

Ann concludes, "I think more people from our community would love the orchestra … we have popular music as well as classical … and it's free. If they enjoy classical music, they would love our concerts."

I'm certain those of us who come out and see Ann and her Sylvania Community Orchestra colleagues play in November will find it just as rewarding as she does.

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

MemoryLane Care Services celebrates 10 years

MemoryLane Care Services continues to celebrate its 10th anniversary. For a decade, the focus has remained the same: supporting individuals experiencing memory loss and cognitive change, along with the families and caregivers who walk beside them.

OMA Facilitators certified

Jodi Kimball, Activity Director, and Martina Melchor, Adult Day Program Specialist, recently earned their Opening Minds through Art (OMA) certification.

OMA is an award-winning, evidence-based art program developed at Miami University's Scripps Gerontology Center. Designed for people living with dementia, it encourages creative expression and meaningful social connection while honoring each person's choices, abilities, and dignity.

During the Season of Hope Caregiver Celebration on Dec. 10, they will lead a guided art-making session, offering caregivers time to create, connect, and enjoy a little seasonal inspiration.





A Taste of Fall from Gust Brothers Pumpkin Farm

Sizzle Simmer Sauté Sylvania



BY JENNIFER ALEXANDER RUPLE

As crisp autumn breezes sweep across southeast Michigan and the landscape glows with brilliant shades of gold, amber, and crimson, the Gust family welcomes visitors to Gust Brothers Pumpkin Farm, 13639 Mulberry Rd. in Ottawa Lake, Mich. Established in 1989 on a century-old family farm, the destination captures the warmth and charm of the harvest season with pumpkins and gourds, colorful fall décor, homemade baked goods, handcrafted candles and hayrides. Guests can also enjoy and feed the farm animals in the barn, making it a favorite autumn tradition for families throughout the region. The farm is open for the season through Halloween.

To celebrate fall, Therese Gust shares two of her favorite family recipes: a warmly spiced Raw Apple Cake filled with chopped apples, nuts, and raisins, and Aunt Barb's Apple Salad, a crisp blend of apples, walnuts, and dried cranberries served with a sweet and tangy maple dressing. **Happy harvest!**

Aunt Barb's Apple Salad



INGREDIENTS

- Lettuce
- 2 apples, thinly sliced
- Walnuts
- Dried cranberries

DRESSING

- ¼ cup pure maple syrup
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons white vinegar
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- ½ cup oil

DIRECTIONS:

On a large platter or in a large bowl, arrange salad ingredients.

Whisk together dressing ingredients. Serve on the side of the salad.

Raw Apple Cake



INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups apples (4 to 5 medium), peeled and chopped
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup raisins
- ½ cup canola or vegetable oil

DIRECTIONS:

Heat oven to 350 F.
Grease and flour a 9 x 13-inch baking dish.

In a large bowl, stir together all ingredients, except apples. Fold in apples.

Pour mixture into prepared dish and bake for 50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.



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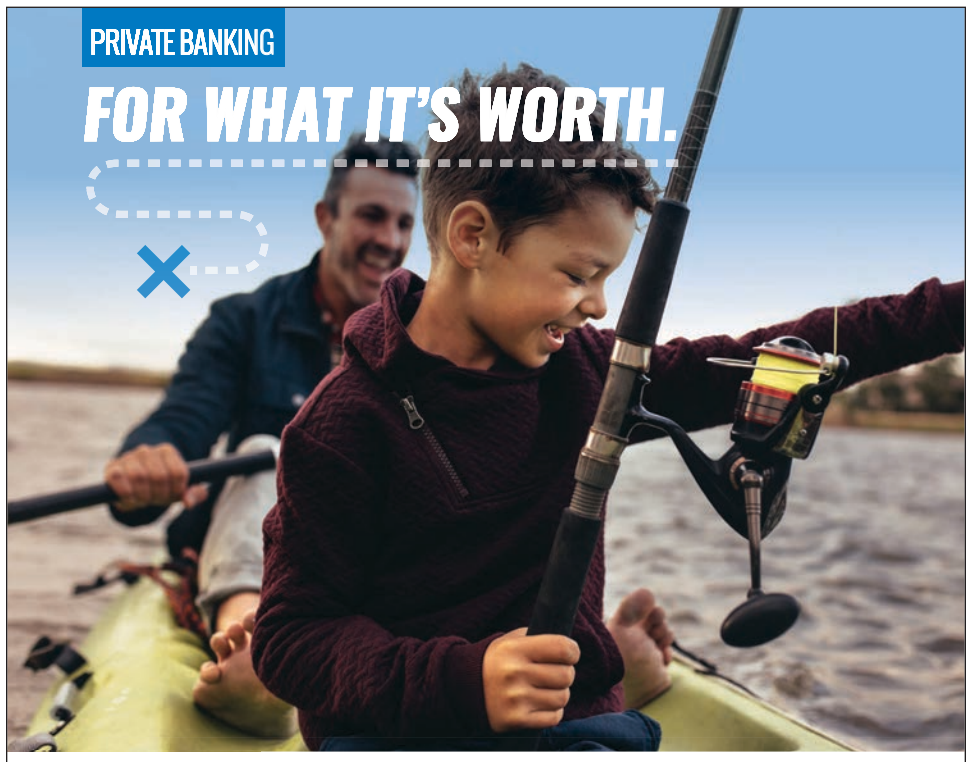
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Plante Moran relocates to downtown Sylvania



Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce Welcoming Committee members **Bud Crosby**, **Craig Church**, **Laura Smith**, **Wayne Turner**, **Mary Westphal**, and **Ken Wines** join the Plante Moran team as Plante Moran Office Managing Partner **Kristin Hunt**, CPA, cuts the ribbon to open the new office at 5470 Main St. on Oct. 20. The firm also hosted an open house to showcase the new location.

CbK Gym + LP Pilates holds grand opening

Longtime friends and fitness professionals Lena Peron and Amanda Kato brought their shared passion for fitness and wellness together under one roof with the opening of CbK Boutique Gym and LP Pilates iat the corner of Holland Sylvania Road and Sylvania Avenue.

Peron and Kato celebrated the grand opening of their new fitness destination Oct. 10 with a red-carpet event and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

CbK Boutique Gym and LP Pilates unites two distinct but complementary businesses with the common goal to help people take a more personal, holistic approach to their health and well-being.

Peron and Kato first connected through the local fitness community. Over the years, their professional relationship grew into a friendship, accompanied by conversations about what they might one day build together.

"We balance each other in a really natural way, and what we've created together allows us to look at the whole person," Kato said. "Fitness isn't just about how hard you can work out. It's about getting stronger, moving well, recovering well and being able to keep doing the things you love for years to come."

LP Pilates reflects Peron's extensive experience in Pilates, intentional movement and mobility, along with her continuing education in functional medicine and whole-person wellness.

Her ongoing studies in functional medicine further shapes her approach to wellness.

"Continuing my education in functional medicine allows me to look even deeper at the whole person and how movement, recovery and overall health work together," Peron said. "I'm excited to bring that perspective into what we're creating here."

CbK Boutique Gym draws on Kato's background in personal training, strength training, group fitness and nutrition. The business also brings back CYCLE CbK, her signature high-energy, music-driven cycling experience that has long been a defining part of her fitness philosophy.

Beyond traditional workouts, the combined venture is introducing advanced body composition analysis and progress tracking, expanded wellness and recovery services, and nutrition and meal-preparation education.

While physical results remain important, Kato said the benefits of fitness extend well beyond appearance or strength.

"Of course we want people to look their best and become stronger physically, but what matters more is how they feel," she said. "There's something special about the energy here. The confidence, the connection and the way movement can change how you feel are just as important to us as the physical results."

The Oct. 10 celebration held special significance for Kato. Fourteen years earlier, on the same date, she opened the doors to her first boutique fitness studio.

Now, that anniversary marks the beginning of a new chapter — one that brings together years of experience, a lasting friendship and a shared vision for helping others feel stronger, healthier and more confident.

Through CbK Boutique Gym and LP Pilates, Peron and Kato hope to create more than a place to exercise. They envision a welcoming destination where movement, recovery, nutrition and personal connection work together to support wellness at every stage of life.



Who is on your ballot?

Governor/Lieutenant Governor
D: Amy Acton and David Pepper
R: Vivek Ramaswamy and Robert A. McColley
L: Don Kissick and James L. Mills

Attorney General
D: John J. Kulewicz
R: Keith Faber

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D: Annette Blackwell
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D: Allison Russo
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L: Tom Pruss

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R: Daniel Hawkins

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U.S. Senate
D: Sherrod Brown
R: Jon Husted (i)
L: William B. Redpath
O: Greg Levy

U.S. House of Representatives D-9
D: Marcy Kaptur (i)
R: Derek Merrin

Ohio House of Representatives D44
D: David J. Fournier
R: Edward L. Schimmel
I: Lyndsey A. Stough

Judges

Court of Appeals, 6th District (full term beginning Feb. 9, 2027)
R: Michael R. Goulding

Court of Appeals, 6th District (full term beginning Feb. 10, 2027)
D: Myron C. Duhart
R: CJ Kamm

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Ian B. English

Common Pleas (Domestic Relations)
Lisa D. McGowan
Nedal Adya

Common Pleas-Juvenile
Amy E. Stoner

Common Pleas-Probate
Tom Puffenberger
Jaime Agnew

Lucas County Auditor
D: Katie Moline(i)
R: Carolyn Munn

Lucas County Commissioner
D: Lisa Sobecki (i)
R: Laura Brown
L. Brenden Johnson

D: Democrat
R: Republican
L: Libertarian
I: Independent
O: Other Party
i: Incumbent

What is on your ballot?

ISSUE 3
To require voters to present photo identification in order to vote
Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly

To enact Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Ohio
A majority yes vote is required for the adoption of Section 5.
The proposed amendment would:

- Require voters to present an approved form of government-issued photo identification in order to vote.
- Allow state law to provide for an alternative method of verifying a voter's identity for a voter who has a sincere religious objection to being photographed and, therefore does not possess an approved form of government-issued photo identification.
- Require that voters who do not vote in person provide an approved form of government-issued photo identification, unless the law authorizes those persons to vote by providing a signature and at least one other specified, unique identifier.
- Define approved forms of government-issued photo identification as an unexpired Ohio driver's license or state identification card; a United States passport or passport card; or a United States military identification card: Ohio National Guard identification card; or a United States Department of Veterans' Affairs identification card.

If approved, the amendment shall take effect immediately.

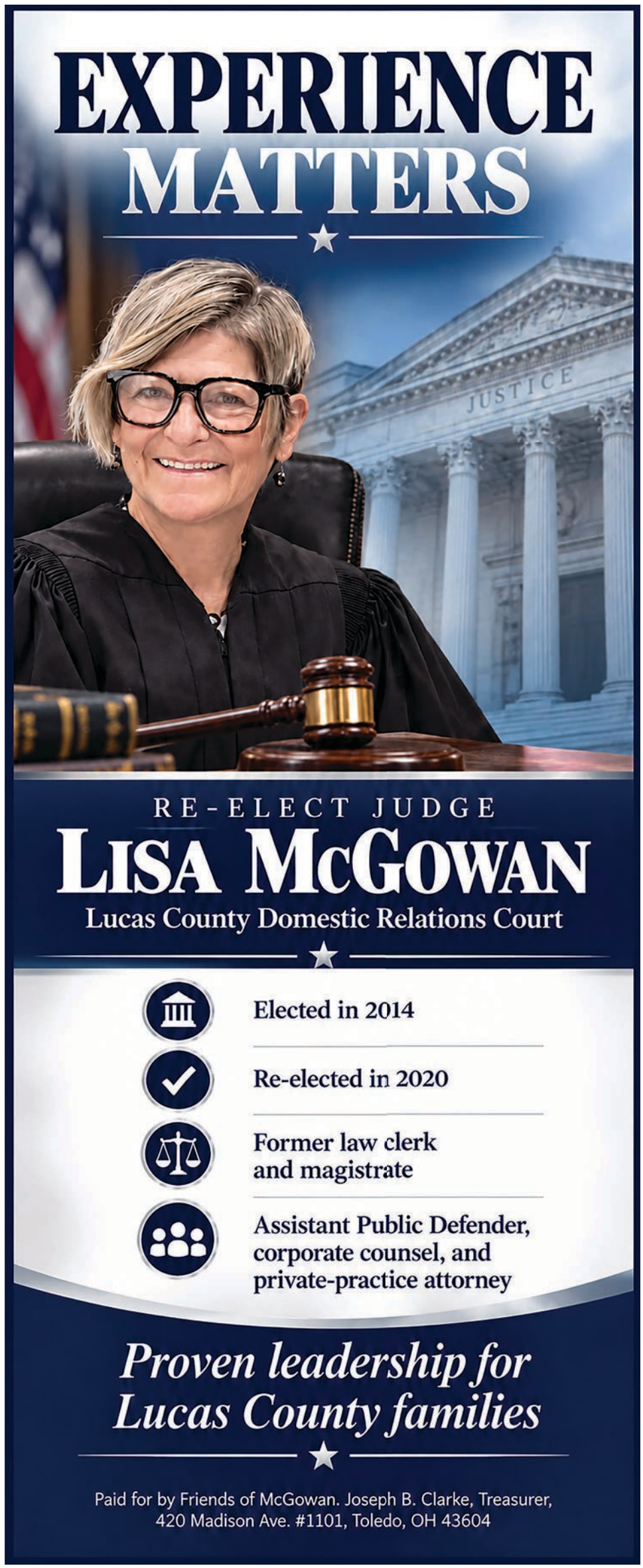
ISSUE 7
Proposed Income Tax with a Property Tax Reduction
Sylvania City School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.
Shall an annual income tax of 1% on the earned income of individuals residing in the school district be imposed by the Sylvania City School District, for a continuing period of time, beginning January 1, 2027, for the purpose of current expenses, and shall the rate of an existing tax on property, currently levied for the purpose of current expenses at the rate of 4.9 mills, be REDUCED to 3.2 mills for each $1 of taxable value, which amounts to a reduction from $101 to $66 for each $100,000 of the county auditor's market value, that the county auditor estimates will collect $4,725,909 annually, the reduction continuing until any such time as the income tax is repealed?

BALLOT ISSUES TO 10

Each ballot issue committee was offered the opportunity to share information regarding levies.
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What is on your ballot? FROM 9

ISSUE 8
Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)

Toledo Lucas Country Public Library
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.
An additional tax for the benefit of the Toledo Lucas County Library for the prupose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect $34,261,921 annually, at a rate not exceeding 3 mills for each $1 of taxable value, which amounts to $105 for each $100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for 5 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

ISSUE 13
Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)
County of Lucas

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.
A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the County of Lucas for the purpose of operation and maintenance of the Imagination Station, Toledo's non-profit science center, and facility to promote the sciences and STEM education, that the county auditor estimates will collect $1,339,989 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.17 mill for each $1 of taxable value, which amounts to $3 for each $100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for five years, commencing in 2027, first due in calendar year 2028.

ISSUE 14
Proposed Ordinance (By Petition)

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.
Shall the proposed ordinance limiting the use of City resources to assist federal immigration enforcement, except to the extent required by federal or state law, and assuring equal access to all persons to City services, benefits, programs, and protections, regardless of their immigration status, be adopted?

Ride free on TARTA to vote

Building on an Election Day tradition, the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority will once again be offering a fare-free ride for all customers on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

TARTA's Board of Trustees approved the action, which is applied to all TARTA fixed routes, TARTA Move paratransit and TARTA Flex on-demand services all day.

"It's our way of removing barriers to having everyone's voice be heard," said TARTA CEO Laura Koprowski. "We don't want the cost of transportation to be something that stops people from taking part in this very important process."

"It's crucial for us to help every member of our community who wants to, have a say in who our elected officials are and on the issues that impact them. We are happy to help make that happen."

At tarta.com/community/voter-ready-with-tarta, passengers will find resources to help them locate their polling place and find out which route can get them there.

For early voters, TARTA can get them where they're going for a regular fare. Routes 3, 17 and 19 reach the early vote center, 3737 W. Sylvania Ave. Early voting for this election in Lucas County runs through Sunday, Nov. 1.

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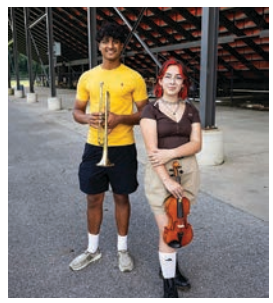
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- Clubs or Extracurriculars
- Full-day Kindergarten
- Gifted & Talented Programming
- Reading & Math Intervention Services

THESE SERVICES WILL BE REDUCED:

- Bussing for K-8 students who live less than 2 miles from the school *(This cuts approx. 2/3rd of current transportation needs.)*
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ISSUE 14

Vote Yes on Issue 14

The Sylvania Resource Conservation and Equal Access Ordinance will ensure that City resources will not be used for federal immigration enforcement and that police and other services will not be withheld from any individual based on their immigration status. The proposed ordinance does nothing to weaken or impede the federal government's authority and ability to enforce immigration laws in the City of Sylvania. The Ordinance also directs that the City will comply with any valid judicial warrant or court order, and with all applicable federal or state laws that expressly mandate local government participation with federal law enforcement. Vote YES!

The two committies for Issue 14 were offered the opportunity to share information.
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ISSUE 14

Vote NO on Issue 14

- Sylvania Safety First
- Sylvania City Council voted 6-1against this legislation.
- The Mayor and the Chief of Police oppose this legislation.
- Sylvania cannot control whether federal immigration authorities operate in the community.
- Our responsibility is to control our own resources, our own policies and our own Police Department.
- Sylvania police officers are trained to protect everyone, follow the law and keep the peace.
- Issue 14 creates unnecessary confusion and conflicting directives for local officers.

Bottomline, our community maintains clear police policies, preserves appropriate cooperation among law-enforcement agencies, keeps local public-safety decisions focused on Sylvania and uses resources, including our tax dollars, wisely.

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FACTS

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OPPOSED BY THE POLICE CHIEF

VOTED AGAINST BY COUNCIL 6 to 1

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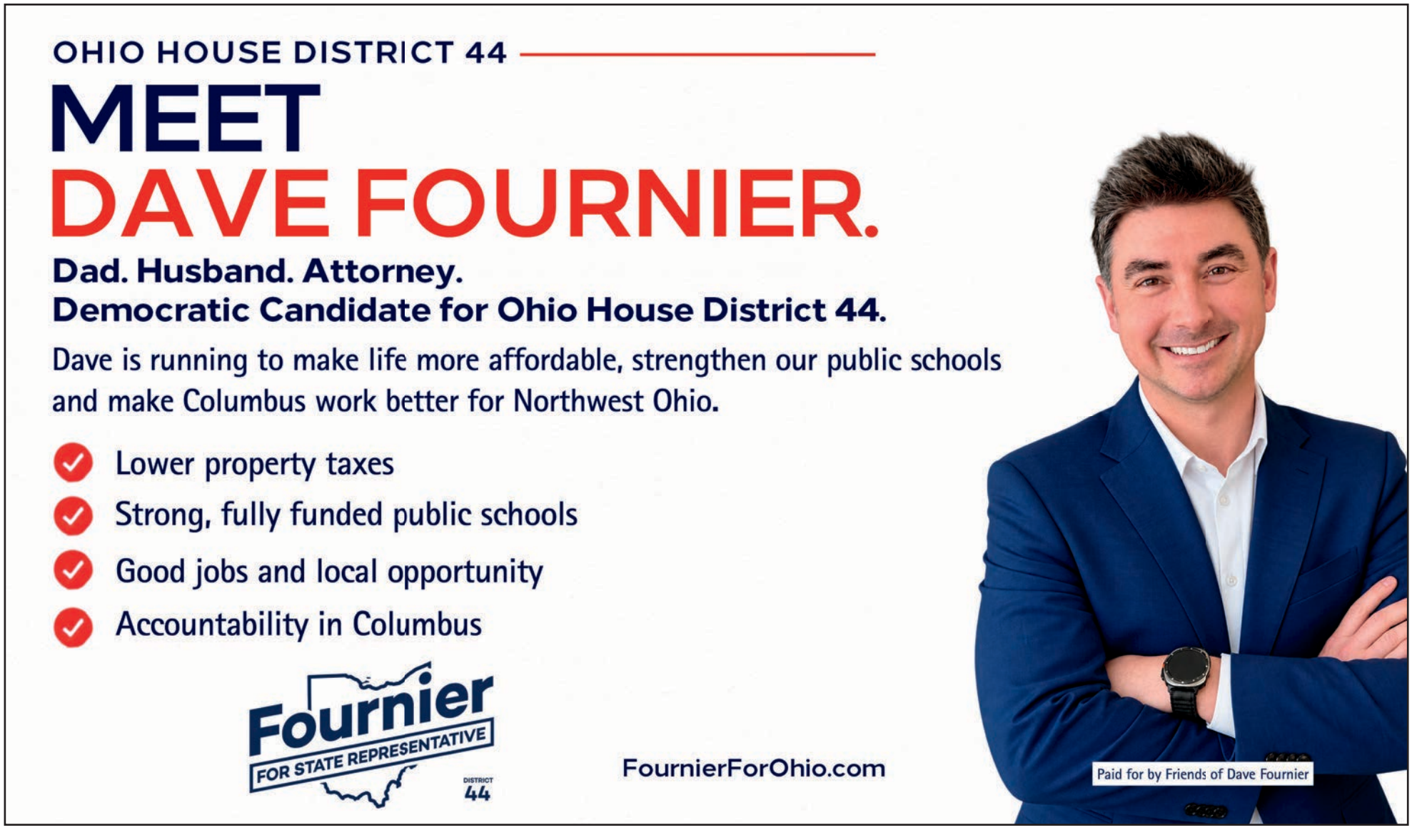
ISSUE 7

Strong Schools. Strong Sylvania.

Sylvania's future depends on the strength of its schools. The district has a long track record of fiscal responsibility, operating with less revenue and lower expenses per student than the state average. An $11.3 million funding gap threatens critical academic and extracurricular programs.

Investing in our schools is an investment in the entire community. Quality education drives local economic growth, boosting property values—every dollar invested in schools yields $20. This levy protects seniors by ensuring tax affordability. The proposed 1 percent earned income tax includes a 1.7-mill property tax reduction and applies only to earned income—not Social Security, retirement income or investments. Let's preserve Sylvania's legacy and support our students. Vote FOR Issue 7.

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Ohio House of Representatives D44

Dave Fournier (D)

Dave Fournier is an attorney, husband, father of three, and first-time candidate. A lifelong resident of the community, he has helped the trustees of workers' health and retirement plans manage that money responsibly, avoid conflicts of interest, and put the people they serve first.

That is the standard he will bring to represent District 44 in Columbus. Working families in this district are getting squeezed by sweetheart deals that shift costs onto property taxpayers, and corruption that's driving up utility bills. Dave will end those sweetheart deals, fairly fund public schools, and get to work for you.

Ed Schimmel (R)

Ed Schimmel is the Mayor of Northwood, an attorney, and a fifth-generation farmer. He is running as a Republican for State Representative for Ohio's 44th House District, representing portions of Lucas, Wood, and Ottawa counties. With nearly 20 years of local government experience, he is committed to reducing property taxes and working toward eliminating Ohio's state income tax, ensuring fair funding for public schools while protecting parental choice in education, and strengthening our local economy through energy development, revitalizing vacant properties, and protecting farmland. Schimmel believes in practical leadership, fiscal responsibility, and putting our communities first.

Lyndsey Stough (I)

As a third-generation architect and Sylvania City Council member, Lyndsey Stough has spent her life building community, not pursuing a political career. Over six years on Sylvania City council, she has listened to neighbors, continued quality service, and helped shape the community's long-term vision. As an architect, Stough has delivered complex projects for organizations such as TARTA and Owens Community College on time and on budget. The parties are stuck grasping for power while costs rise, schools go underfunded, and local dollars stay in Columbus. District 44 needs an independent voice for progress. Lyndsey Stough is running as an independent to deliver practical solutions over partisan gridlock.

Candidates were offered the opportunity to share information regarding their campaign.

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Allison Russo
Secretary of State

Seth Walsh
Treasurer of State

Marilyn Zayas
for Supreme Court

Justice Jennifer Brunner
Supreme Court

Paula Hicks Hudson
State Sen. District 11

Erika White
State Rep. District 41

Elgin Rogers, Jr.
State Rep. District 42

Michele Grim
State Rep. District 43

David Fournier
State Rep. District 44

Nedal Adya
for Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations

Judge Ian English
Court of Common Pleas General Division

Judge Amy Stoner
Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Division

Tom Puffenberger
for Court of Common Pleas Probate Division

Lisa Sobecki
County Commissioner

Katie Moline
County Auditor

YES on Issue 6
For Springfield Schools

YES on Issue 7
For Sylvania Schools

YES on Issue 8
For Toledo Lucas County Public Library

YES on Issue 9
For Toledo Schools

YES on Issue 13
For Imagination Station

YES on Issue 16
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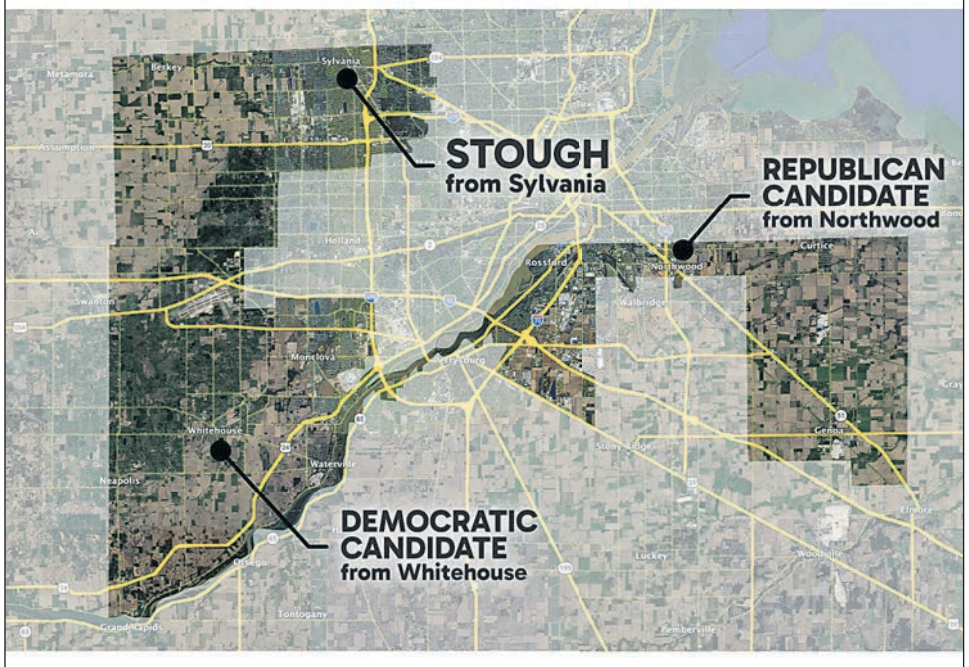
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Common Pleas - Domestic Relations

Lisa McGowan

Judge Lisa McGowan has dedicated her career to serving Lucas County families and the legal community. Elected to the Lucas County Domestic Relations Court in 2014 and re-elected in 2020, she previously served the Court as both a law clerk and magistrate. Her experience also includes service as an Assistant Public Defender, corporate counsel, and private-practice attorney. Judge McGowan is a Past President of the Toledo Women's Bar Association and Toledo Junior Bar Association and served more than two decades as a Reader for the Ohio Bar Examination. She lives in Sylvania with her husband, Chris, and their two children.

Nedal Adya

As an attorney and magistrate, Ned has helped people navigate some of the most emotional and life-changing situations they will ever experience. Throughout his career, Ned has maintained a commitment to listening, serving, and treating people with dignity, because he deeply believes that everyone coming before him matters.

Divorce Court is never anyone's first choice, and right now couples and families are dealing with a court that can be run more efficiently and compassionately. Ned knows that behind every case is a couple, kids, or a family, and that an efficient court means a quicker path to closure and moving forward.

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Levy estimator helps voters

Urging voters to "take note before you vote," Auditor Katie Moline released the Levy Estimator for the Nov. 3 election for property owners to estimate how proposed levies will affect their property taxes.

"An informed voter is an empowered voter. This Levy Estimator gives property owners a clear, straightforward way to see how each proposed levy could affect their property taxes. I'm pleased to offer this tool to help voters make confident, informed decisions this November," Auditor Moline said.

To use the Estimator, owners can visit the Auditor's Real Estate Information System, LucasCountyOhioAuditor.gov/AREIS, and enter their address on the property search screen.

Click on the Levy Estimator, which is halfway down the left side of the page, to view all levies for the current calendar year, including those on the upcoming ballot.

The Levy Estimator allows property owners to see the taxing authority, levy name, current property taxes paid to the levy, and new taxes generated upon approval. They can also view levy details and read the ballot language for each levy on the ballot.

"Property taxes stay in our communities. When voters cast their ballot, they choose and prioritize what they want to invest in locally. The Levy Estimator helps voters see exactly where their tax dollars go and what each measure means for their community. I urge voters to take advantage of this tool before they vote," Moline added.

Common Pleas - Probate

Jaime Agnew

The Toledo Bar Association recommends Agnew for Lucas County Probate Court Judge over her opponent. If elected, Agnew would be the first female judge to serve on this bench in its 174-year history.

Her professional and life experiences set her apart. She has been an active, practicing attorney for 20 years and is the only candidate in the race with judicial experience. She has also served as a Magistrate in Toledo Municipal Court.

Agnew's legal background includes working in corporate settings, running a partnership law firm, and managing a solo practice focused on bankruptcy, probate, criminal, civil, and family law. She was also a Public Defender, and Senior Assistant Attorney General for Ohio.

Agnew's decision to pursue law was driven by personal experience. While in undergraduate school, she sought to gain legal custody of her brother, which was awarded to her in 2003.

Agnew offers the legal knowledge, dedication, and life skills needed to lead the Probate Court with empathy and understanding during families' most vulnerable moments.

Tom Puffenberger

Tom believes Probate Court can be different. People come to Probate Court during really difficult moments. When a court is serving people at their most vulnerable, it shouldn't feel confusing, intimidating, or like something to avoid. Tom believes the Court should focus on the people so they can focus on their families.

Tom serves as an Assistant Lucas County Prosecutor in the Tax Foreclosure Division, where he protects the interests of Lucas County residents and ensures that property laws are applied fairly. Tom previously worked in private practice handling probate matters: estate planning, guardianships, business transactions, and real estate.

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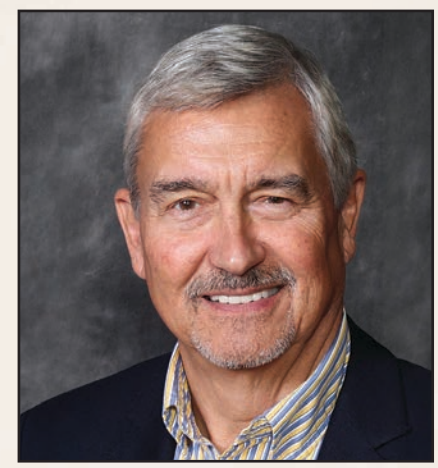
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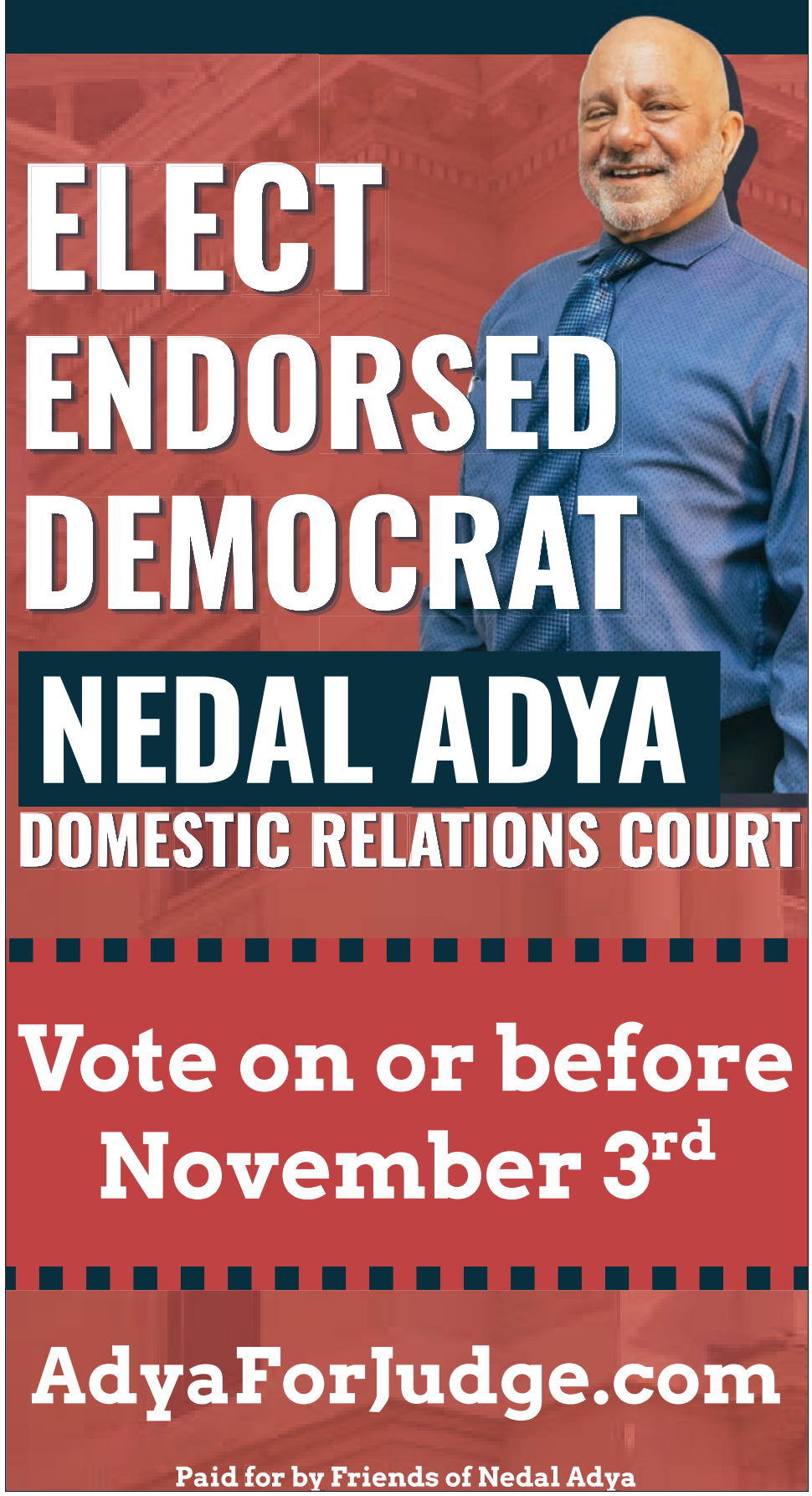


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Sylvania Fall Festival Parade



Sylvania Mayor **Mark Frye** is at the head of the Fall Festival Parade.



Sylvania Community Services' float celebrates 50 years of service to the community.



'Pirate' **Dave Walker** and wife **Karen** capture the essence of the Sister City relationship with Woodstock, Ontario.



Former Sylvania Mayor **Craig Stough** serves as Grand Marshall of the 2026 Fall Festival Parade.



Northview band members have a different look wearing their Halloween attire in the parade.



Once again, **Jack Schroeder** and his team from Epic Homes Real Estate showcase a playhouse to be auctioned.



The Sylvania Moose Lodge mascot is a welcome addition to the annual Fall Festival Parade.



The Southview Marching Band also entertained parade viewers with their costumes and sounds.





Southview Band competes



The Southview Marching Band attended the Columbus Grove Band Show and earned a superior rating, qualifying for OMEA State Marching Band finals for the 4th year in a row. The band was also awarded best music overall, and earned top ratings in percussion and auxiliary.

Drum Majors **Eddie D'Amico** and **Max Ethington** are members of the Southview Marching Band.

SV garage sale raises funds



Ethan Hutchinson, **Talca** and **Naya Hamru**, **Sarah Chen**, **Denice Perkins**, **Ayah Alhwick**, **Aaliyuh Faulkner**, **Charlie Patter**, **Anna Figueroa-Soldner**, **Claire Cohen**, **Adrienne Elhai**, **Tasha Petersen**, and **Shannon Szyperski** are Southview volunteers for the fall garage sale held on Oct. 10.

Paws & Protect with Leo



Hey friends, it's me Leo, back with some safety tips. I love fall, playing in the leaves, bonfires, and spending time with friends and family. Incoming fall means Halloween is almost here, so some trick or treating safety tips are in order. Stick with me and check out a few ways to keep your Halloween safe and sweet.

Dress for Success: I know we all want everyone to see the amazing costumes you have, but it's important to be seen and dress for the weather. If your costume is dark, add bright colors or reflective tape so you can be easily seen in the dark. We recommend carrying a flashlight or glow sticks so drivers can see you too. If it's cold, wear the coat! I know it may cover your costume, but you'd rather stay healthy than get sick. Finally, make sure your costume fits and any long pieces, like capes, are secure so you don't trip and fall.

Stick Together: Any of my younger friends should have a trusted adult with them at all times. My older friends might not need a grown up, but they should still travel in a group and stay in familiar, well-lit streets. Remember our basic safety rules all still apply, don't go into homes you don't know, and use the cross walks so we can all stay safe.

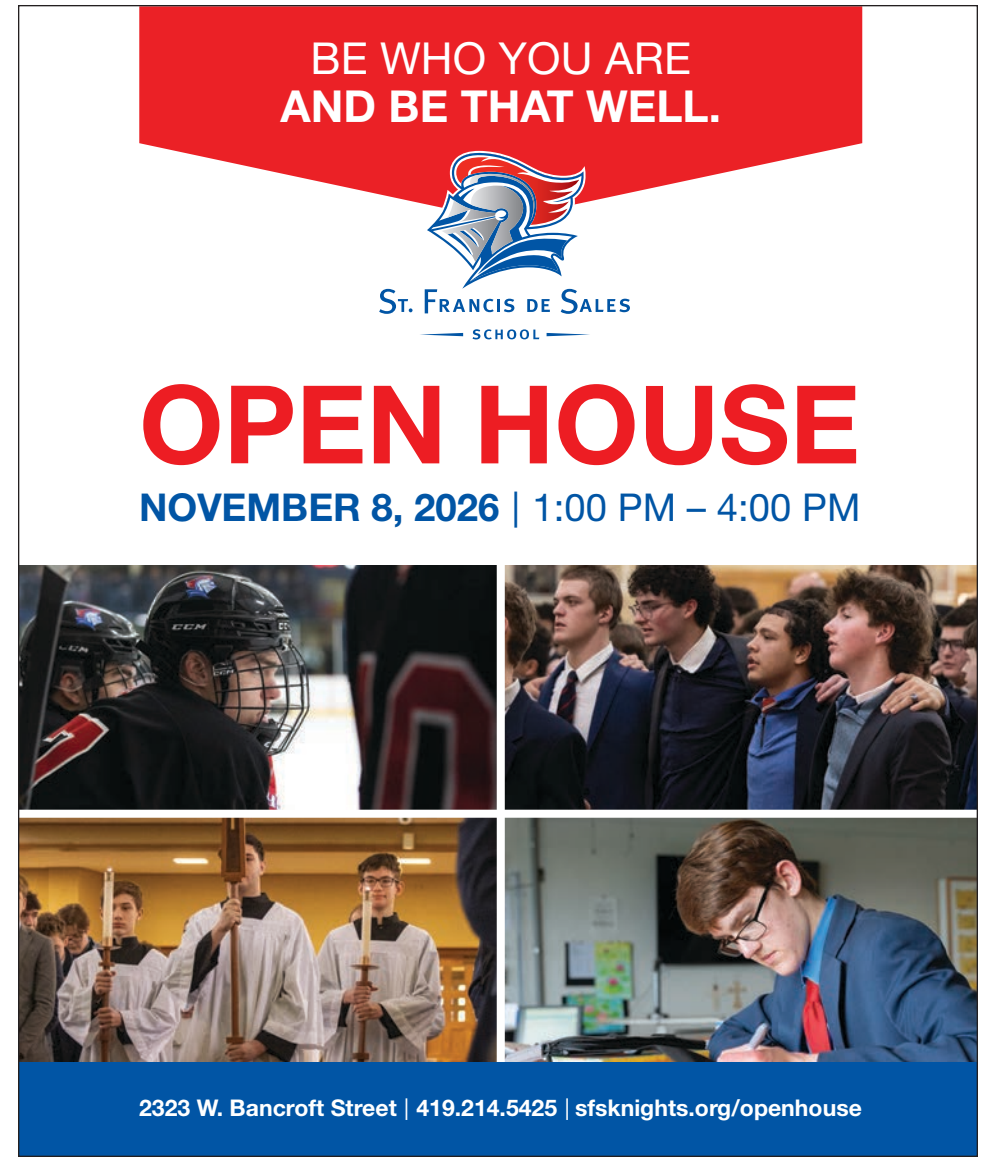
Check Your Treats: I know we are all really excited to dig in to all our treats, but everyone needs to stop and check them out first. Have a trusted adult check your treats to make sure they are safe. Anything that is unwrapped, opened or looks suspicious should get thrown away. If you have any food allergies, make sure what you have is safe before you enjoy them.

Halloween should be full of great costumes, lots of laughs, and delicious treats, so if we work together, we can all enjoy our Halloween this year. Remember, safety is everyone's job. To everyone driving around, slow down, take your time, and watch for kids, Halloween is exciting for kids and sometimes they forget to look before they run across the street. Remember all these safety tips to have the best Halloween yet.

Remember everyone, stay safe, the Leo way!







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6433 MONROE ST.

The next two parcels along Monroe Street were always sold together. The river runs through the west parcel so the owners used the remaining parcel for parking and the building was built on the east parcel.

In 1927 Frank A. Sabin purchased the two parcels, and a May 6, 1927 building permit from the Village of Sylvania allowed him to build a 30-foot by 53-foot concrete block building with a basement. The cost was estimated at $3,500, and the building was to be used as a sheet metal shop.

By 1949 the site was occupied by the Sylvania Shell Service, doing vehicle repair and maintenance. An advertisement in the Sylvania Sentinel on Oct. 20, 1949 read, "WINTER IS COMING . . . Eliminate Car Heating Trouble by Having Your Cooling System Ready by Our MOTOR SAVER CLEANING METHOD – Permanent Type Anti-Freeze – Winter Change-Over of Greases and Oils – Tires – Batteries – Wheel Balancing – BE WISE, DO IT NOW – We Pick Up and Deliver – SYLVANIA SHELL SERVICE – 6435 Monroe St. – Phone 2-9947"

In 1963 Homer E. Knisely purchased the parcels, demolished the old structure (although there was no permit to remove the building) and constructed the building that currently sits here. Knisely had been operating his dry-cleaning business on the southwest corner of Main and Monroe streets since 1949, where the Speedway gas station is today (see 1963 photo). He operated his business here until 1963, when he sold to Marathon Oil Company.

After purchasing these Monroe Street parcels on June 7, 1963, he was issued a building permit to have McNerney & Son of 1316 Cherry St. in Toledo construct a 50-foot by 60-foot brick and steel structure, which stands today.

Knisely operated his dry-cleaning business here until he retired in 1976 when he moved to Orlando, Florida where he lived until his passing in 1994.

In 1976 Joseph and Claudia Giovinnucci purchased the property and on Aug. 11, 1976 he was issued a permit to replace the sign, and a permit to convert the building from a dry cleaning business to a realty office.

On Aug. 10, 1976 the Buck Asphalt Pavers Company of Toledo wrote a letter saying that the installation of Asphaltic Concrete as an underlayment, over a concrete floor, would in no way, shape, or form cause a fire hazard. He was doing the work at 6433 Monroe St. It was signed by Francis R. Buck.

Joseph S. "Gio" Giovannucci operated Gio Realty business here starting in 1976 until 1982. He passed away in 2000. His obituary said that he primarily sold residential properties and his prime headquarters was on Monroe Street. He also had branch offices on Reynolds Road and one at Sterns and Summerfield roads in Bedford Township. Beginning in 1968, Joe "Gio" started the practice of giving away pumpkins in the autumn. The last fall he did this he gave away miniature pumpkins, but his son said that at one time, in the early years, he had 15 rental trucks filled with full-sized pumpkins that he handed out. It is interesting to note that he was also a certified optician for the Toledo Health & Retiree Center from 1961 to 1968, when he was named to the sales staff of the former Grogan Realty, Inc.

In 1982 The Pfeister Company purchased the building from the Giovannuccis and owned it until 1994. Directories during this time listed The Pfeister Company (Toledo Branch) here through 1991.

The 1992 and 1993 Suburban Directories listed the following, "The Pfeister Company (Toledo Branch) Unit A – Cavalear Realty Company and Construction; B – Cavalear Insurance Agency Inc."

In 1994, P & J Realty Company purchased the building. On Sept. 21, 1994 the city of Sylvania's Architectural Review Board approved a new sign for the business which read, "Sylvania Vision Center – Dr. Cindy A. Pezo, Optometrist." On Oct. 4, 1994 a permit was granted for the installation of awnings on the front and side windows by Wettle's Canvas Awnings of Toledo.

The Sylvania Vision Center is where many have been getting eye exams, glasses, contact lenses and received necessary eye care since 1994.


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2026

All Good Things gift shop moves to new location

More than a century after the Sylvania Franciscan Sisters purchased a farm in Sylvania, one of the property's original buildings is beginning a new chapter as the home of All Good Things Art & Gifts.

The Sylvania Franciscans will celebrate the shop's new location with a grand opening and blessing at 10 am Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 6832 Convent Rd.

The historic house sits on the Sisters' 89-acre campus, purchased in 1917 to establish their Motherhouse. Over the years, the building has served several purposes, including as a home for foundress Mother Adelaide, a rectory, Sophia Counseling Center and the Lourdes University Alumni and Welcome Center. It now welcomes the public as the home of All Good Things Art & Gifts.

The shop features handmade items created by the Sisters, fair-trade products, books, jewelry, handmade ceramics from Alverno Studio and a variety of affordable, sustainable gifts.

"This house has been part of the story of the Sisters in Sylvania for more than 100 years," said Sister Sharon Havelak, OSF. "We are delighted to give it new life as a place where people can come in, look around, make something, discover something beautiful and experience a little of what the Sisters have to share."

All Good Things previously operated in Madonna Hall, closer to the center of the Motherhouse campus. A satellite shop remains open in Rosary Care Center, providing convenient shopping for the Sisters, residents and visitors.

The new location, near the front entrance of the Sylvania Franciscan campus next to the Franciscan Center, makes the shop easier for the public to find and visit. The Franciscan Center regularly draws crowds for community events, giving visitors an opportunity to discover the shop while on campus.

The shop also offers opportunities for visitors to discover their own creativity. Artist and manager Beth McArthur leads Tea & Teaches, inviting members of the public to gather over tea and learn to create their own works of art.

A former art instructor at the Sylvania Franciscan Academy on campus, McArthur specializes in transforming found objects and simple materials into imaginative creations that blur the line between craft and fine art.

During the grand opening, guests can enjoy tea and watch McArthur and Sister Brenda Hawley, OSF demonstrate how to make a suncatcher.

All Good Things Art & Gifts is open from 10 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Friday and 10 am to 2 pm Saturday.

For more information, visit allgoodthingsosf.org.

Triad of Trees still stands at gateway to Sylvania

The Triad of Trees takes center stage in the James E. Seney Triangle Park welcoming motorists traveling into Sylvania on Alexis Road, Monroe Street, or US 23 as it has done for nearly four decades.

The scuplture in the gateway was the inspiration of Donna Johnston, an educator, a local Sylvania artist and chair of the fledgling Slvania Arts Commission. She and her husband Chuck along with the Art for Sylvania Committee raised the $10,000 to commission sculptor Bruce Janssen.



According to the sculptor, the design evolved following several meetings and phone calls with committee members. "The Triad of Trees was developed as a means of conveying a sense of the Sylvania community...the maple trees after the city logo, and the triangular configuration recalling the symbol of unity. The cycle of nature was captured by portraying the leaves in seasonal colors: spring and summer green, and autumn red. The size was conceived as a function of the space which it would occupy. The height mimicks the heigth of nearby living rees while the width and thickness give the sculpture a sense of presence in the large park area. The individual trees attempt to convey an abstract, yet identifiable version of the real thing. Natural wood for the trunks, branches and leaves brought a soft earthy quality to the brass and steel used for the main body. The brass with its many cutout areas recalls the sense of light and openness in real trees. All the elements together give the trees a sense of dimension and mass also present in real trees.

Total materials for the project came to a generous 240 feet of steel tubing, 1,700 board feet of redwood, 920 square feet of brass, and 20 gallons of adhesive, and wood glue. "It took over 700 hours of labor and five to six months to complete," Janssen noted in a press release regarding the work.

Patsy Camp, also a local artist and retired Sylvania art teacher, served as assistant chairman of the committee and a member of the Sylvania Arts Commission. "We wanted to have art that reflects Sylvania as the city of trees," she remembered. "The small park on

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"November reminds us that endings are not final—they clear the path for renewal, regeneration and a powerful new beginning."

Happy Birthday Scorpio! November 2026 promises to be an intense and thought-provoking month as several planetary retrogrades encourage us to revisit, rethink and reevaluate what is happening in our lives.

Venus continues retrograding through Libra until it turns direct on Nov. 13. This can restore balance to relationships, bring clarity to matters of the heart and help us recognize what and whom we truly value. Financial decisions may begin to feel more settled. Confusion begins to lift and we may feel ready to move forward, but move thoughtfully.

Mercury turns direct in Scorpio on Nov.13. Until then, relationships, financial matters, conversations and emotional issues may require extra patience and clarity. This is an opportune time to regain clarity through words as well as actions. Those born under Gemini and Virgo, ruled by Mercury, will feel the lift. However, retrograding in Libra, will also affect those born under the sign of Libra and Scorpio.

Saturn remains retrograde in Aries until Dec.10. Saturn retrograde encourages us to examine commitments, relationships, responsibilities, and emotional boundaries. Unfinished matters from the past may return to teach us something important. By the time Saturn turns direct on Dec. 10 we may have a clearer understanding of what or whom truly belongs in our future.

Neptune continues its retrograde journey through Aries until December. It asks us to examine our identity, personal desires, and the dreams we are willing to pursue. It can heighten intuition and creativity, but it may also create uncertainty about which direction to take. Trust your inner voice while remaining grounded in reality.

Uranus remains retrograde in Gemini until February 2027. With so many planets retrograde, November asks us to slow down, reflect and reconsider our direction before moving forward. This transit asks us to rethink how we interact, absorb information, use technology, and express our ideas. Unexpected news, changes in plans, or misunderstandings may encourage us to view situations differently. Many of the greatest changes may occur internally—as mental breakthroughs, changing opinions, and release of outdated beliefs

Jupiter travels through Leo and forms a powerful conjunction with Mars, the planet of action and motivation, on Nov. 16. This combination restores confidence, enthusiasm and momentum. Mars enters practical Virgo on Nov. 25 creating order and a sense of normalcy. Mercury and Venus moves direct, with communication, relationships and plans flowing more easily.

New Moon in Scorpio on Nov. 9 invites emotional renewal, transformation and powerful new beginnings. Scorpio encourages us to look beneath the surface, release old resentments, confront feelings we may have avoided, and plant new seeds involving intimacy, trust, healing, and shared finances. This is a powerful opportunity to begin again with greater strength and self-awareness.

Full Moon in Gemini - Nov. 24, opposite the Sagittarius Sun, brings communication, information and important decisions to a culmination. Facts may come to light, questions may finally be answered, and decisions may need to be made. Gemini focuses on details, while Sagittarius looks at the bigger picture, so the challenge will be separating truth from assumption and listening as carefully as we speak.

SIGNS:

Aries: Shared finances, intimacy and trust come into focus. The Gemini full moon encourages honest conversation and helps you express what has been weighing on your mind.

Taurus: Partnerships take center stage. The Scorpio new moon offers a fresh start in love or business, while the full moon brings clarity to money, security and self-worth.

Gemini: November asks you to reorganize work, health and daily routines. The full moon in your sign may bring a personal revelation, important decision or emotional turning point.

Cancer: Romance, creativity and matters involving children are highlighted. The Scorpio new moon opens your heart, while the Gemini full moon reminds you to rest, reflect and trust your intuition.

Leo: Home, family and emotional security require attention. Mars and Jupiter in Leo increase your confidence and motivation, while the full moon brings activity and clarity within friendships or group situations.

Virgo: Communication, contracts, siblings and short-distance travel are emphasized. Double-check details while Mercury is retrograde. When Mars enters Virgo on November 25, your energy and determination receive a powerful boost.

Libra: Money, possessions and self-worth come into focus. Venus retrograde in your sign asks you to reconsider personal desires and relationship patterns. As Venus moves direct, confidence and emotional clarity begin returning.

Scorpio: This is your season of personal renewal. The new moon in Scorpio offers an opportunity to reinvent yourself, set meaningful intentions and begin a new chapter. The Gemini full moon highlights shared finances and emotional bonds.

Sagittarius: The Scorpio Sun encourages rest, reflection and closure. The new moon helps you release what no longer serves you. As the Sun enters Sagittarius on Nov. 22, your vitality, optimism and sense of purpose return.

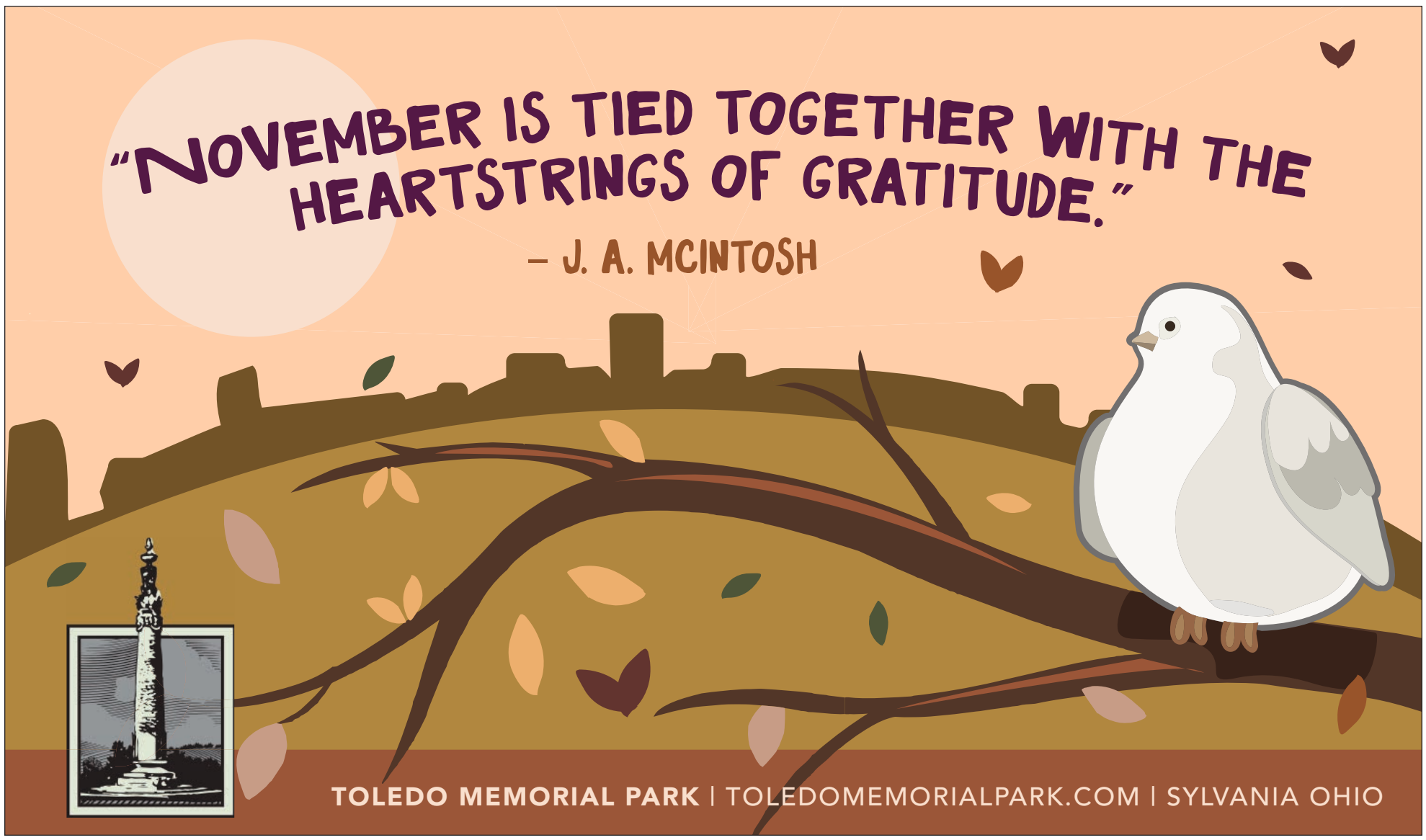
Capricorn: Friendships, professional connections and long-term goals are highlighted. The Scorpion new moon may introduce a new alliance, while the Gemini full moon brings attention to work, health and daily responsibilities.

Aquarius: Career, recognition and public image take center stage. The Scorpio new moon can open a professional door, while the Gemini full moon inspires romance, creativity and joyful self-expression.

Pisces: Travel, education, spirituality and personal growth are emphasized. The new moon encourages you to expand your horizons, while the Gemini full moon brings an important home or family matter to a culmination.

These forecasts are based on Sun signs only. Your individual birth chart and exact time of birth provide a much more personalized interpretation.

Janet Amid a media astrologer who writes for The Sylvania AdVantage. To schedule an in-office or phone consultation, call or text 419-882-5510. When texting, please include your first and last name and email address.



Triad of Trees still stands at gateway to Sylvania FROM 23



The Triad under construction.

Monroe Street and Alexis Road was a great spot for the art in 1988 and it has become even better with the increased traffic over the years," Camp offered.

The Triad continues to be a centerpiece in the roadway park as it has for nearly four decades. However, following the recent bridge and road reconstruction, almost every original feature of the park has been removed, including the real trees.

"I was so happy to see the Triad still standing after the trees were taken down and bridge and road construction was completed," Camp reflected.

Over time, weather has had its way and the sculpture made of steel tubing, redwood,and brass, is in poor condition according to Anthony Haddad, a member of the city's tree commission. Haddad is leading the charge to keep and restore the sculpture.

"This is a piece of our history," he said. "Its presence at the gateway to the city gives it symbolic importance. Removing it would be another loss in a city already grappling with the removal of dozens of mature trees and several historic structures in recent years," Haddad reported.

Those in oposition have voiced concerns that restoring the Triad might be too costly and it would be better to replace it with something more durable.

"The Triad is now the last original fixture still standing in that park. To me, that makes this more than a question of repairing an aging sculpture. It is a question of whether we preserve one of the last remaining physical connections to the park's history," Haddad offered.

"Public art requires upkeep and care", he added.

The Triad has become more than a sculpture in a park. For many residents, it is part of how they recognize and remember Sylvania.

"The condition we see today reflects years without regular maintenance, not a lack of value. The Triad was created for this place. It reflects Sylvania's identity as the City of Trees and has become woven into the fabric of our community. I believe we have a practical and fiscally responsible opportunity to preserve both the artwork and the history it represents," he noted..

"Let us allow the final standing trees to shine again," Haddad emphasized.



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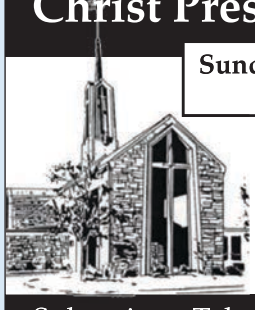
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Madeline, **Patricia**, and **Harper Langenderfer** inspect all of the creatures in the JF Woodworking booth.



Marcella Hessick, **Amber Kraft**, and **Luke Westphal** greet festival guests at the Sofo's booth.



Braelynn and **Kevin Herman** create suncatchers in the Copper Moon booth.



Taylor and **Kairi Miller** have fun blowing bubbles at the Imagination Station booth in the Kids Zone.



Stephanie and **Noah Scott**, and **Anna** and **Charlie Cousino** paint ornaments in the Ivy & Elm Co. booth.



Cassidy Sloan watches as **Priya Pawlowski**, **Sloan Sloan**, and **Penelope Pawlowski** enjoy Sloan's Slime.



Eyad Yousif, **Sami**, and **Nathan Cheng** learn about Sylvania history from **Samantha Ayres** of Heritage Sylvania.

