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"Locals crafting community one pint at a time"

For Dave and Wyndee Forrest, great beer has always been about more than what's in the glass. The founders of CraftHaus Brewery launched the company in 2014 with a simple mission: build community around quality-driven beer. Inspired by a post-college trip through Bavaria and Europe, they were struck by the way strangers gathered around communal tables, sharing stories and becoming friends over a pint. That experience became the foundation for CraftHaus Brewery. Today, CraftHaus proudly operates two family-friendly locations in Southern Nevada—its production brewery and taproom in Henderson and its Arts District taproom in downtown Las Vegas. Guests can enjoy award-winning craft beer, food, non-alcoholic beverages, and a welcoming atmosphere where everyone can find something they love.

As proud graduates of UNLV's William F. Harrah College of Hospitality, Dave and Wyndee also brew Rebel Spirit Golden Ale, the Official Beer of UNLV, with a portion of proceeds supporting the University. Their commitment to community, education, and hospitality earned them recognition as UNLV Hospitality Alumnus of the Year for 2024–2025.

Twelve years later, the Forrests continue to bring people together—one pint, one conversation, and one community at a time







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Under the Surface

Freedom, For Better or Worse
Why Las Vegas Could Only Happen in America

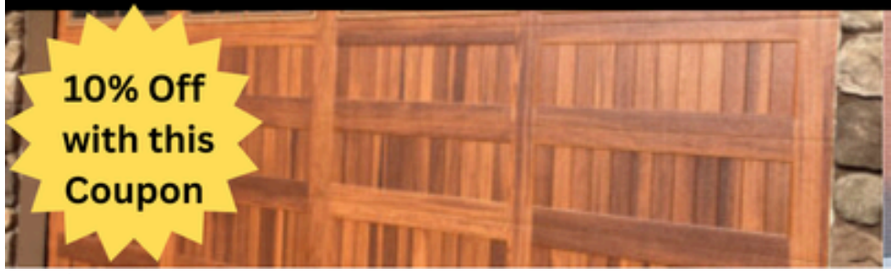
Every city has a personality.
Some are known for politics. Some for industry. Some for history.
Las Vegas became famous for something much simpler:
Freedom.
Not freedom in the constitutional sense taught in civics classes. Freedom in the practical, messy, occasionally questionable sense of allowing adults to make their own decisions—and live with the consequences.
For much of the twentieth century, Las Vegas developed a reputation unlike any city in America. Visitors could gamble all night, drink around the clock, see world-class entertainment, get married on impulse, and, in earlier decades, obtain a divorce faster than almost anywhere else in the country.
To some Americans, that sounded reckless.
To others, it sounded like freedom.
The truth is that Las Vegas became a national debate disguised as a city.
For generations, communities across America wrestled with the same question: How much control should government have over personal behavior?
Southern Nevada answered differently than most.
Rather than trying to regulate every choice, Las Vegas built an economy around the idea that adults could decide for themselves. Whether that decision involved a wedding chapel, a blackjack table, a show ticket, or one more cocktail than was probably necessary was largely considered their business.
That philosophy attracted millions.
It also attracted criticism. Religious leaders warned of moral decline. Politicians occasionally condemned the city's excesses. Newspapers from around the country treated Las Vegas as both fascination and cautionary tale.
Yet visitors kept coming.
The reason may be simpler than either supporters or critics wanted to admit.
Las Vegas wasn't offering people something entirely new. It was offering something deeply American: the chance to reinvent yourself, if only for a weekend.
For a few days, people could step outside the routines, expectations, and social rules that governed daily life. They could take risks. Make mistakes. Start over. Tell stories they might not tell back home.
Sometimes those stories ended well.
Sometimes they became lessons.
Either way, the choice belonged to them.
Of course, freedom has always carried a price.
The same city that celebrated opportunity also witnessed financial losses, broken plans, poor decisions, and more than a few mornings that began with the phrase, "What was I thinking?"
Las Vegas never promised otherwise.
In fact, one of the city's most honest qualities may be that it never pretended freedom was risk-free.
The blackjack table doesn't guarantee a winner.
The wedding chapel doesn't guarantee a successful marriage.
The late-night decision doesn't always look brilliant in the daylight.
But neither does life.
As America celebrates its 250th birthday, Las Vegas offers an unusual reminder that freedom has always been complicated. It creates opportunity and responsibility. It allows success and failure. It produces stories worth repeating and others worth forgetting.
That tension is not a flaw in the American experiment's part of it.
And perhaps that's why Las Vegas could only have happened here.
Not because America is perfect.
But because America has always been willing to trust people with choices-and then let them discover what happens next.



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250th Anniversary of America

Why America's Semiquincentennial Matters

On July 4, 2026, the United States celebrates its Semiquincentennial—the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. While the name may be a mouthful, the milestone is one of the most significant in our nation's history.

For 250 years, America has been a symbol of freedom, opportunity, and self-government. The Semiquincentennial offers a chance to reflect on the courage and vision of the Founding Fathers who declared independence in 1776 and established a nation built on the ideals of liberty and equality.

This anniversary is more than just a birthday celebration. It is an opportunity for Americans to honor the sacrifices made by generations of citizens, soldiers, and leaders who helped shape the country. It is also a time to look forward, considering how we can preserve and strengthen the freedoms we enjoy for future generations.

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Communities across the nation will mark the occasion with parades, fireworks, educational programs, and historical events. As we celebrate 250 years of American history, the Semiquincentennial reminds us that while our nation has faced many challenges, the enduring spirit of the American people continues to unite us.

Happy 250th Birthday, America!



Reimagining Boulder Highway: A Road's Transformation Into a Community Corridor

For decades, Boulder Highway has been one of the busiest and most recognizable roads in Southern Nevada. Originally designed to move large volumes of traffic between Henderson, Las Vegas, and Boulder City, the roadway became known for congestion, speeding vehicles, and a lack of safe pedestrian access. Today, that familiar highway is undergoing one of the largest transportation makeovers in the region's history.

If you've driven through Henderson lately, you've probably wondered why the construction seems never-ending. The answer is simple: crews aren't just resurfacing a road—they're completely reinventing it. The project aims to transform Boulder Highway from a traditional highway into a modern urban boulevard designed for both vehicles and people. When completed, the corridor will feature safer intersections, improved pedestrian crossings, enhanced lighting, dedicated bicycle paths, upgraded landscaping, and improved public transportation access.

City planners envision a roadway that better connects neighborhoods rather than dividing them. The redesign is intended to reduce accidents, improve walkability, and create a more attractive gateway for residents and visitors alike.

While the construction has tested the patience of drivers, the long-term goal is to create a safer and more welcoming corridor for future generations. In many ways, Boulder Highway is evolving from a highway people simply drove through into a destination and community asset in its own right.



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The next time you're stuck in a construction zone, remember that what's being built is much more than a road. It's a new vision for how Henderson grows, connects, and moves into the future







EARTHQUAKES...IN NEVADA



So when I moved to Lake Las Vegas, I felt a sense of relief. I was no longer living along the most famous and active fault system in the United States. A loud noise or a sudden vibration no longer immediately sent my mind to earthquakes.

Then recently, a magnitude 3.8 earthquake struck near Summerlin.

My first thought was, "What the heck?"

Like many Southern Nevada residents, I immediately wondered what fault caused it and whether earthquakes are more common here than we realize.

The answer may surprise you.

While Nevada doesn't receive the attention California does, it is actually one of the most seismically active states in the nation. The state sits within the Basin and Range Province, where the Earth's crust is slowly stretching apart. That stretching creates hundreds of faults throughout Nevada and produces thousands of earthquakes every year.

Like many Nevada residents, I moved here from California, and one of the biggest selling points was simple: no earthquakes. I grew up in Orange County, California, and over the years I seemed to follow the path of the San Andreas Fault. I lived in La Quinta near the southern end of the fault, spent time in Sausalito and San Francisco near its northern reaches, and lived in between in places like San Luis Obispo and Redondo Beach. In every one of those communities, I experienced earthquakes.

If you've never heard an earthquake before it arrives, it's hard to describe the feeling. There is often a deep rumble that seems to come from nowhere. Then comes the panic. Is this the big one? How long is this going to last? Is it going to get stronger? Even a moderate earthquake can feel terrifying when you don't know what's coming next.

Most are tiny and go unnoticed, but occasionally one is large enough to be felt across the Las Vegas Valley.

The recent Summerlin quake appears to be associated with one of several local fault systems that run through Southern Nevada. Geologists note that small earthquakes occur periodically around the Las Vegas area, although damaging earthquakes are relatively rare. In fact, experts estimate there is a possibility of a magnitude 6 or greater earthquake occurring somewhere in Southern Nevada during our lifetimes, though the risk remains far lower than along California's San Andreas Fault.

The good news? A 3.8 magnitude earthquake is generally considered minor and often serves as a reminder that the Earth is constantly adjusting beneath us.

Still, after spending years in California, hearing that Nevada is one of the country's most active earthquake states wasn't exactly the welcome surprise I was expecting.

Apparently, when it comes to earthquakes, you can take the girl out of California—but you can't completely escape the shaking.



PLACES OF WORSHIP



Within approximately 5 miles of Lake Las Vegas
Alphabetical with Approx. Distances & Standard Times

Anthem Community Church
- 4170 W. Anthem Way, Henderson • Sun: 9:00 am / 10:45 am • ~5 mi

Calvary Chapel Green Valley
- 2615 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy., Henderson • Sun: 8:30 am / 10:30 am • ~4 mi

Central Church (Henderson)
- 1001 New Beginnings Dr., Henderson • Sun: 9:30 am / 11:30 am • ~4 mi

Church LV
- 3051 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy., Henderson • Sun: 9:0 am / 11:00 am • ~4.5 mi

Grace Community Church
- 1150 E. Lake Mead Pkwy., Henderson • Sun: 9:00 am / 11:00 am • ~3 mi

Green Valley Presbyterian Church
- 1798 Wigwam Pkwy., Henderson • Sun: 9:00 am / 10:30 am • ~4 mi

Midbar Kodesh Temple
- 1940 Paseo Verde Pkwy., Henderson • Shabbat: Fri 6:00 pm / Sun: 9:30 am • ~4 mi

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
- 204 S. Boulder Hwy., Henderson • Sat 5:00 pm / Sun: 8:00 am / 10:00 am • ~3 mi

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
- 43 W. Pacific Ave., Henderson • Sun: 9:30 am • ~4 mi

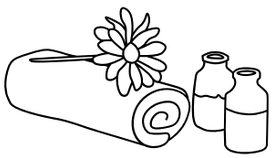
St. Thomas More Catholic Community
- 130 N. Pecos Rd., Henderson • Sat 5:00 pm / Sun: 8:00 am / 10:00 am / 12:00 pm • ~4 mi

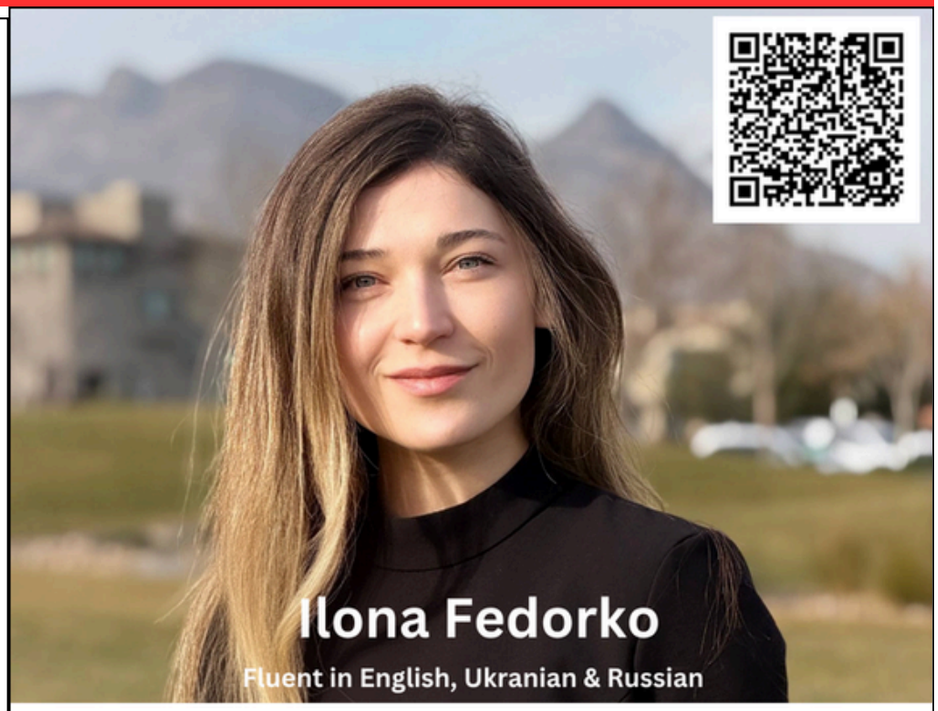
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Lake Las Vegas & Henderson wards • Sun: 9:00 am / 11:00 am • ~2–4 mi

The Church at Lake Mead
- 655 E. Lake Mead Pkwy, Henderson • Sun: 9:00 am / 11:00 am • ~5 mi

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America 250 Challenge Word Find

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Fireworks Safety Tips for Pets



- Keep them safe and calm by:
- Keeping pets indoors during fireworks.
- Closing windows, blinds, and curtains.
- Playing music or TV to mask loud noises.
- Providing a quiet, comfortable "safe space."
- Making sure ID tags and microchip information are current.
- Exercising dogs earlier in the day.
- Never taking pets to fireworks displays.
- Offering favorite toys, treats, or blankets for comfort.
- Consulting your veterinarian if your pet experiences severe anxiety.
- A little preparation can help make the holiday safer and less stressful for your furry family members.

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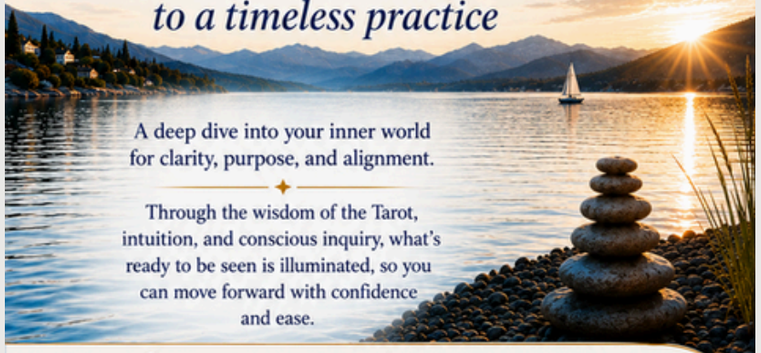
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JULY & AUGUST LAS VEGAS CONCERTS & EVENTS

JULY 1
Dance Gavin Dance — Brooklyn Bowl
JULY 2
Neil Diamond Legacy Concert — South Point (through July 5)
JULY 3
Bulletboys — Golden Nugget
Don Toliver — MGM Grand
Illenium — Sphere (also July 4)
JULY 4
Firefall, Atlanta Rhythm Section & Orleans — Westgate
JULY 7
Turn the Beat — South Point (also July 8)
JULY 9
Jimmy Carr — Wynn Las Vegas (through July 11)
JULY 10
DeRay Davis — The Venetian
Fuerza Regida — Allegiant Stadium
Good Vibrations — South Point (through July 12)
Jeezy — Planet Hollywood (through Aug. 1)
LedZep Again — The Orleans
Mary J. Blige — Park MGM (through July 18)
JULY 11
A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie — Virgin Hotels Las Vegas
Bobby Brown — Palms
Brian Regan — The Venetian
La Mafia — Mandalay Bay
Martin Lawrence — Resorts World
JULY 14
Herman's Hermits Featuring Peter Noone — South Point (through July 16)
JULY 15
Maren Morris — The Cosmopolitan
JULY 16
Backstreet Boys — Sphere (through Aug. 22)
JULY 17
Gary Owen — The Venetian (also July 18)
Kelly Clarkson — Caesars Palace (through Aug. 1)
JULY 18
Ca7riel & Paco Amoroso — Fontainebleau
Cole Swindell — Red Rock Resort
Ed Sheeran — Allegiant Stadium
Mo Amer — The Cosmopolitan
OhGeesy — The Orlean
Olivia Dean — MGM Grand
Patrick Lamb — Sunset Station
Marc Anthony — Fontainebleau (through Aug. 1)
JULY 22
Mrs. Doubtfire — The Venetian (through Aug. 2)
JULY 24
Ella Mai — Resorts World
Jinjer — Mandalay Bay
Marlon Wayans — MGM Grand
One Night of Queen — Durango
Simple Plan — Palms
The Stray Cats — The Cosmopolitan
JULY 25
The All-American Rejects — Resorts World
JULY 26
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Medicare Annual Enrollment: Start Preparing Now

The Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) runs from October 15 through December 7 each year. While that may seem months away, now is the perfect time to start preparing.

Many Medicare beneficiaries automatically renew their plans, but Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug plans can change from year to year. Drug coverage, copays, premiums, doctor networks, and other benefits may be different next year.

Before enrollment begins, ask yourself:

- Are my medications still covered at an affordable cost?
- Are my doctors and specialists still in the network?
- Have my premiums, copays, or deductibles increased?
- Does the plan still meet my healthcare needs?

One of the biggest mistakes people make is focusing only on the monthly premium. A plan with a lower premium may actually cost more if your prescriptions or doctor visits become more expensive. Taking a few minutes to review your current coverage can help you avoid surprises and potentially save money in the coming year.

Remember, the best Medicare plan isn't always the cheapest—it's the one that best fits your doctors, medications, health needs, and budget.

Annual Enrollment: October 15 – December 7. Be prepared before it begins.

Indoor Pickleball Options Near Lake Las Vegas

As temperatures rise, many local players are taking their game indoors. Fortunately, Lake Las Vegas residents have several options within a short drive. The closest dedicated indoor facility is The Picklr Henderson on Horizon Ridge Parkway, offering multiple indoor courts and organized play opportunities. Henderson residents can also enjoy indoor pickleball at the Downtown Recreation Center and Whitney Ranch Recreational Center. For those looking to combine pickleball with dining and entertainment, Chicken N Pickle in Henderson offers both indoor and outdoor courts along with a full restaurant and social atmosphere. Players seeking additional dedicated indoor courts can visit Vegas Indoor Pickleball, located about 30 minutes from Lake Las Vegas

Facility ~	Distance ~ Time
• Dinkers	9.5 miles 15-20
• The Picklr Henderson	11 miles 15-20 min
• Downtown Recreation Center	10 miles 15 min
• Whitney Ranch Recreational Center	13 miles 18-20 min
• Chicken N Pickle	17 miles 20-25 min
• Downtown Recreation Center	10 miles 15 min
• Vegas Indoor Pickleball	23 miles 30-35 min
• Dill Dinkers Henderson	16 miles 20-25 min



Several dedicated indoor pickleball clubs have opened recently in Henderson and Las Vegas, including Dinkers, The Picklr, Dill Dinkers, and Vegas Indoor Pickleball, while Henderson recreation centers continue to offer indoor court time for residents.

Pickleball: A Fun Way to Stay Young and Fit

Looking for a way to stay active, healthy, and connected? Pickleball may be the perfect answer. This fast-growing sport combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong into a game that is easy to learn and enjoyable for all ages.

Regular pickleball play provides excellent cardiovascular exercise, helping improve heart health, balance, coordination, and flexibility. Because the court is smaller than a tennis court, players get plenty of movement without the strain of excessive running, making it ideal for adults and seniors alike.

Beyond the physical benefits, pickleball keeps the mind sharp by requiring quick thinking, strategy, and hand-eye coordination. It is also a wonderful social activity, offering opportunities to meet new friends, reduce stress, and stay engaged in the community.

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned player, pickleball is proof that staying active can be both fun and rewarding. Grab a paddle, hit the court, and discover why so many people are calling pickleball the fountain of youth!



4th of July Fireworks 9:00pm!!!

Fourth of July at the Village

Schedule of Events

- Shops Open
- 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Live Band
- 9:00pm Firworks Display
- Boat Parade

Lake Las Vegas will have its Annual Fireworks Display on Saturday July 4, 2026, starting at 9:00pm for 10-15 minutes, weather permitting. There will be traffic control on Lake Las Vegas Pkwy, between Strada di Villagio and Galleria. When leaving Lake Las Vegas anyone coming in from North Shore will have to exit Galleria and anyone coming in from the Village and South Shore will have to exit Lake Mead. The fireworks will be from a barge in the Lake close to Reflection Bay. There will be events happening at the Village all day.





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Grandkids Coming to Visit? Be Prepared!

When the grandkids come to stay, a little preparation can make the visit safer and more enjoyable for everyone. Consider having a portable crib or Pack 'n Play, high chair, booster seat, baby gate, and a few age-appropriate toys on hand.

Don't forget practical items such as outlet covers, cabinet latches, step stools, and night lights. Stock up on favorite snacks, books, coloring supplies, and outdoor,, activities to keep little ones entertained.

Most importantly, create opportunities for making memories—baking cookies, reading bedtime stories, visiting a local park, or simply spending time together. The best thing grandparents can provide isn't equipment—it's love, attention, and quality time



Dr. Diana Hoppe: Helping Women Thrive Through Telehealth and Healthy Aging

For many women, life after 40 can feel like a balancing act. Between careers, family responsibilities, aging parents, grandchildren, and the physical changes that come with midlife, it is easy to put personal health on the back burner. Dr. Diana Hoppe, a board-certified OB-GYN, women's health specialist, author, speaker, and President-Elect of the NAWBO Southern Nevada Chapter, has made it her mission to help women take control of their health and well-being. Through her telehealth practice, she provides personalized care and education to help women better understand their bodies, hormones, and overall health.

"Many women assume fatigue, poor sleep, weight gain, low energy, or changes in libido are simply part of getting older," says Dr. Hoppe. "While these changes are common, they should not be ignored."

Dr. Hoppe specializes in helping women navigate the hormonal transitions that often occur during perimenopause and menopause. Hormonal changes can affect energy, mood, sleep, muscle mass, mental clarity, weight, and sexual wellness. Her goal is to help women understand what is happening in their bodies and explore personalized solutions that may improve their quality of life.
One area she believes deserves more attention is sexual health. Many women experience changes in desire and intimacy as they age but may feel uncomfortable discussing these concerns with their healthcare providers.

"It's not always just hormones," Dr. Hoppe explains. "Stress, relationships, medications, sleep, and overall health can all play a role. Every woman deserves to have these conversations and understand her options."

A major advantage of Dr. Hoppe's practice is her telehealth model. Patients can meet with her from the comfort and privacy of their own homes, eliminating travel time, long waits, and the stress of fitting appointments into already busy schedules.
For women caring for aging parents, helping with grandchildren, or managing demanding careers, telehealth provides a convenient way to access specialized women's healthcare without leaving home.

Dr. Hoppe believes one of the greatest challenges facing women today is learning to prioritize their own health. Many women find themselves part of the "sandwich generation," caring for both children and aging parents while neglecting their own needs.
"Women spend so much time taking care of everyone else," she says. "Self-care isn't selfish. Taking care of your health allows you to continue showing up for the people you love."

Her approach focuses on healthy aging and helping women remain active, independent, and fully engaged in life. Whether that means traveling, enjoying hobbies, advancing in their careers, spending time with grandchildren, or simply feeling their best each day, Dr.
Hoppe believes women deserve to thrive, not merely get by. Through telehealth consultations, education, community leadership, and speaking engagements, Dr. Hoppe is helping women recognize that aging does not mean settling for less. With the right information, personalized care, and support, women can continue living vibrant, healthy, and fulfilling lives for decades to come.
For more information about Dr. Diana Hoppe's telehealth services and women's health programs, contact her office or visit her website.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 4TH OF July Village Concert Series 6pm-9pm
5 Farmers Market 10am-2pm Stars on the Lake 9am-noon	6	7	8	9	10	11 Summer Concert Series 7pm-10pm
12	13	14	15 Artisan Night Market 7pm-9pm Perfect Paws Fashion Show 8pm	16	17	18
19 Stars on the Lake 9am-noon Farmers Market 9am-12pm	20	21	22	23	24	25 Summer Concert Series 7pm-10pm
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