ATS President Joan Miller-Malue presented a plaque to Youngstown Presidents June Hoelzel and Ernie Roth in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Youngstown Saxon Clubhouse.

Youngstown Saxton Club 50th Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary dinner was held on September 30, 2017 in the Youngstown Saxon Club ballroom. The ATS office presented us with a 50th anniversary plaque. We were grateful to accept this award in honor of our anniversary and we would like to thank everyone who attended and made this a special evening.

June Hoelzel

Ronald Schuster, John Weber, Harry Kallas, and Michael Johnson. Junior members Grace Zgola, Tyler Henderson, Ethan Gibbs, Alexis Cheers and Dalton Cantrell had birthdays also. Happy Birthday to you all!

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Those who attended the Branch 5 picnic on August 9th seemed to have a good time. There was a good variety of side dishes, desserts and plenty of Saxon sausage to even take home for leftovers! Thank you everyone who helped make the picnic a fun and relaxing day.

There were a lot of members celebrating birthdays in September, sister Donna Mize, and Brothers Carl Nau, Ronald Schuster, John Weber, Harry Kallas, and Michael Johnson. Junior members Grace Zgola, Tyler Henderson, Ethan Gibbs, Alexis Cheers and Dalton Cantrell had birthdays also. Happy Birthday to you all!

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The next local event for our members will be the Branch 5 Christmas dinner at the Jackalope Lakeside. The date set for December 2nd at 6:00 PM. The evening’s entertainment will be by Harpist, Karen Westgate. Make your reservation for this festive night out by calling Sister Jeanne Petty at 440-860-1696 by November 20, 2017.

Our November Branch 5 meeting on the first Saturday, November 14th, will be election of officers for 2018. Members will meet for dinner at The Blue Sky Restaurant, 917 N Leavitt Rd, Amherst at 5 PM and then proceed to the American Slovak Club at 7 PM for that evening’s meeting. Please make it a point to be at this meeting that we may take care of this and other business before the end of the year, as there will be no meeting in December due to the Christmas dinner.

Eight of our members will be participating in this year’s ATS Annual Open Bowling Tournament. Good luck to them as they represent Branch 5 in this year’s contest.

Good news this month in that there is no report of anyone on the sick benefit list.

Those celebrating Birthdays in October are: Sisters Monica Gilles, Janie Mowery, Ruth Pasta, and Erica Zgola. Junior member Jenee Campana celebrated her Birthday too. Happy Birthday and may you all enjoy your special day!

Check out the many events happening in the past issue of your Volksblatt for this month, as well as the fraternal calendar to see where you can enjoy the fellowship of fellow Saxons throughout NE Ohio through the end of the year.

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Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!

Since 1960 Schloss Horneck has housed the Siebenbürger Museum, the Siebenbürger Library and Archive, the Siebenbürger-Institut and is the base for many Saxony organizations. A seniors home is also located on the property. Last September the Verband der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland purchased the property for one million Euro.

Donations were received from individuals and organizations to help fund the purchase of the property. The purchase of Schloss Horneck gives the Siebenbürger Saxons throughout the world a central location where Saxony artifacts, books and other historical documents can be collected and stored to preserve our ethnic history for many years.

The Federation of Transylvanian Saxons is asking for donations from all Saxons and Saxony organizations to help in funding of this historical facility. If you are interested in giving a donation to help fund this project please complete the form below and send to the ATS Home Office, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129. Please make your check payable to the ATS.

DONATION FOR SCHLOSS HORNECK FUND

NAME_________________________________________________
ADDRESS______________________________________________
CITY___________________________________________________
STATE_______ZIP CODE______________
AMOUNT DONATED $__________________________

You can indicate if donation is in memory or honor of someone:

BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE
By Helen Brooks

On October 1, 2017 we had our Saxon meeting of Branch 26. It was a beautiful fall day and a relief after the unseasonable hot spell. Yes, it is the fall season and I am raking leaves daily!

President Randall Floyd called the meeting to order and we stood and said the pledge to the flag. Roll call of officers, with several officers absent. The Minutes were read as accepted. It was mentioned at the meeting that the Silver Bell Club has invited our members for a bus trip on October 16.

All Committees and Officers gave reports and all were accepted. There are two members attending the Bowling Tournament. The Election Committee for November is Linda Smith and Willard Schuffert.

Our next meeting is November 5 and a memorial service with a dinner will be held, guests are welcome to attend.

Pete Guip won the raffle and Erika Sumichrast who was visiting from Nevada won the attendance prize. We were also pleased to have Karen Gazdich with us after a brief illness; we wish her well! We closed the meeting and enjoyed fellowship and pizza as well as pumpkin and apple pies.

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YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB PORK-KRAUT DINNER OCTOBER 22, 2017
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. $9.50
Children $5.00
includes coffee/tea/pop and dessert
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE!
The entertaining German bands have packed up and gone home, leaving us with wonderful memories of the beautiful dancers, the wonderfull aroma of the bratwurst, schnitzel and sauerkraut from the kitchen, and the friendship shared by all at our 4th Annual Oktoberfest held at Cascade Park. Our members girgely supported the fest by volunteering wherever they were needed. The Oktoberfest Committee did an outstanding job planning another great celebration. Special thanks to Jean Kaba who did a lot of hard work organizing and working with our ladies branch to get all the food cooked and sold at the Oktoberfest. We sold out of almost everything. Also special thanks to Marie Benedict, Glorie Geisal, Helen Burick and all the potato peelers for cooking all the food. Everything was lip-smacken’ good.

The Oktoberfest Committee already has plans underway for a bigger and better Oktoberfest next year.

Now back to regular business. Branch 27 ladies met October 5 at 3:30 pm at the club for our regular meeting. Marie Benedict began our meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance and acceptance of reports. Our sympathies go out to the family and friends in the passing of Elmira Bower, our oldest member. Our best get-well wishes go out to Sara Augustine and Dee Temple who we understand are doing well. Welcome to Darla Fair our new member!

Stop down at the club Wednesday night for game night. We’ve got various games to play at each table and hot dogs and beer to keep you well nourished as you try your skills. Friday night the pool tournament begins. November 10 we will have a schnitzel dinner. Call the club for reservations.

It was so nice to have Amy Hartfielder-Johnson at our meeting. Amy brought old records and memorabilia from many years past for our ladies to enjoy. It was fun seeing entries in the books made in German so long ago.

Congratulations to Josepine White our Door Prize winner. Judy Both submitted a report on members’ address changes. Marie Benedict sold a couple annuities during our Oktoberfest. Helen Burick reported our raffle baskets netted a $100 profit at the Oktoberfest.

Saw you at our next meeting at the club on November 2 at our new time at 3:30 pm.

SALEM SAXON CLUB
Thursday, November 9, 2017
4 - 6 p.m.
Fried Fish, Mac & Cheese, Vegetable, Roll, Cake - $9.00

BAKED FISH - ADVANCE ORDERS ONLY!
Orders call: (330) 692-2009
Taking Orders at Club October 5, 12:00-4:00 p.m. (330) 222-1770

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The Youngstown Saxon Culture Group
48th Annual Trachtenball Dinner
Saturday, November 4th, 2017
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.
The Youngstown Saxon Club
710 South Meridian Road
Youngstown, Ohio 44509

For Dinner Reservations Please Contact:
Robert Bachinger at (330) 792-5177
rchbl017@zoominternet.net
Mike Bachinger at (330) 788-7535
$18 Adult - $12 Children (12 and under)
Tickets will be held at the door

The evening will feature a Schnitzel Dinner and performances by the Deutscher Musik Verein (DMV), The Alpenschuplattler Dance Group from Pittsburgh and The Youngstown Saxon Band. Please reserve early to attend one of the Valley’s great European Cultural events!

Salem Saxon Club Breakfast Buffet

The Salem Saxon Club, will be serving its next monthly Breakfast Buffet on Saturday, November 18th serving from 7:00 a.m - 10 a.m.

Adults/children $7.00/under 5 yrs. Free. Menu includes bacon, sausage gravy and biscuits, fried potatoes, sausage, scrambled eggs, Belgian waffles, pancakes, tropical fruit, various baked goods, juice, coffee and tea.

THERE WILL BE NO BREAKFAST BUFFET IN DECEMBER

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BRANCH 22 Saxon Club
Cordially invites you to participate in our 7th Annual Fall Craft Show

When: Saturday, November 11, 2017
Where: Youngstown Saxon Club
7100 S. Meridian Rd., Youngstown, OH 44509
Time: 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Rent Fee: $25 (Non Refundable) per (1) 8 Foot Table and (1) Chair

Deadline: Non refundable fee with completed application has to be postmarked NO LATER than November 6, 2017.

For more information call: Betty at 330-788-4274 or Fax at 330-788-4274

Branch 22 Craft Show Exhibitor Rules
1. Set up Saturday morning, November 11 from 9-9 a.m. or Friday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m.
2. Unloading of your vehicles can be done at the front of the building or the balcony doors.
3. Please be respectful of your neighbors. Each space is approximately 6x8’ and all tables are to be covered.
4. Absolutely no nails will be allowed for wall displays.
5. No lit candles allowed in any display.
6. Food & Drinks will be available at the Kitchen Counter and the Annex Bar.
7. Limited electrical outlets are available. Please specify on your application.
8. Please also list on the application if you have any special needs such as: wall, end, corner, etc.
9. Spaces are assigned in the order that paid applications are received.
10. If you need to have a confirmation, please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope.
   Otherwise, your canceled check will be your receipt.
11. No tear downs before 2 p.m.
12. We can only provide (1) chair per space but additional chairs will be available if needed.
13. We will do our best to accommodate your needs on a first come, first serve basis.
   Please get your application in early if you have special needs.
14. We would appreciate a donation of one item for the Chinese Auction.

Thank you and hope to see you here!

Branch 22, Youngstown

By Rosemarie Kascher

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Watch out for Belles and superheroes Oct. 31

As you might imagine, superheroes and other movie characters take the spotlight for 2017, especially for kids.

Topping the list for girls, there is Belle from Beauty and the Beast. You knew that. And for boys, that means the beast. Naturally.

Belle should be followed closely by Wonder Woman impersonators, or so the scents in retail predict.

For adults, Game of Thrones themes abound. For women, Daenerys, mother of dragons, is a natural and easy costume that mainly requires a white wig and blue dress, even a daring one, if so inclined. For the guys, Jon Snow’s leather duds or black cape with ever-present sword make a manly presence.

According to the National Retail Federation, the last decade of children’s costumes has been ruled by a throng of princesses spurred on by Disney movie re-releases and kept aloof by the 2013 hit Frozen. It was hard to keep track of how many Annas and Elsas were running around trick-or-treating that year. In 2016 the top spot for kids was occupied by superheroes and other action stars from Batman, Deadpool and Spiderman.

As for adults, superheroes ranked high last year. But witches, vampires and classic slasher movie villains were also plentiful and are expected to do well in 2017.

Video game characters rank high for adults while kids seem to like characters from fantasy movies.

Drei neue Sachsenhäuser im ASTRA Museum im Jungen Wald


Be a good neighbor on Halloween

Many people enjoy handing out candy to their little visitors on Halloween. To make sure your visiting trick-or-treaters stay safe in your yard:

• Clear away lawn equip- ment and any clutter from the yard, walkways, and steps so kids don’t trip over them.
• If you have lighted jack-o’-lanterns, position them far enough away from where kids will stand so their costumes won’t catch on fire. Better yet, use glow sticks instead of candles.
• Make sure paper or fab- ric decorations can’t blow into the flame of a jack-o’-lantern.
• Keep all of your outside lights on during the evening.
• If you are driving during trick-or-treat time, watch for kids. Before sending your chil- dren on their rounds, make sure they eat so they won’t be tempted to dig into their goodie bags before you can examine them.

Check to make sure no parts of their costumes drag on the ground. Kids could step on them, trip, and fall.

If they are wearing masks, be sure they have a good field of vision. Face paint is better.

Tell them to walk, not run, stay on sidewalks, and cross streets only at intersections, not between parked cars.

Advises kids to approach only those houses with outside lights burning. Never go inside a house. They should wait at the door for their treat.

Young children should be accompanied by an adult. Older kids should travel with a group of friends.

North American treat mystifies Europeans

October through December are prime months for pumpkin pies – a uniquely North Amer- ican treat that mainly puzzles Europeans.

In fact, expats routinely complain that finding cans of pumpkin in October and No- vember is nearly impossible on the continent. According to The Guardian, Brits never really understood a vegetable- based pudding and pumpkin has never caught on. In fact, in Europe, most expats end up substituting butternut squash or sweet potatoes for pump- kin.

Nonetheless, North Ameri- cans love their pumpkins and it does more than satisfy the taste buds. It wins big time for its nutritional values. A slice of pumpkin pie has up to three times the recommended daily value of beta-carotene plus the phytонutrients lutein and zeaxanthin.

The carotenoids in pumpkin neutralize harmful free radical molecules, while lutein and ze- axanthin are potent free radical scavengers, according to Rut- gers University in Brunswick, N.J. A diet that includes these antioxidants can help prevent many of the diseases associat- ed with aging, including heart disease and cancer.

Lutein and zeaxanthin are naturally found in the lenses of the eyes. Studies suggest that eating foods high in these compounds help block forma- tion of cataracts and decrease the risk of macular degenera-

Canned pumpkin has virtu- ally the same nutritional value as fresh, and it’s far less work to prepare.

You can make a nutritious pumpkin pie from a can of pumpkin pie mix or two pies from a 16-ounce can of pump- kin (just add your own eggs, sugar, and spices. The recipe is on the can.)

Some tips about pie made from canned pumpkin: If you find your pie cracks in the cen- ter or doesn’t hold together well enough, your eggs are probably too small. Use three eggs instead of two.

To reduce the fat content of your pie, (pumpkin itself has no fat) use fat-free canned milk.

If you will use whipped cream as a topping, select fat- free whipped cream at the su- permarket for a flavor that’s still very good.

For more intense flavor from pumpkin pie mix, add a bit of extra spice and a tablespoon of brown sugar.

For more daring pie, put in three tablespoons of rum.
It is 500 years since Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses. On October 31, 1517, in Wittenberg, Germany, Martin Luther posted his thoughts about some theological topics and the practices of the Church which would later become the foundation of the Protestant Reformation. Luther’s teaching, and that of the Reformation, is often summarized in three “solas.” Sola gratia, sola fide and sola scriptura — by grace alone, by faith alone and by Scripture alone. This is really the focus of the Reformation. By grace alone means that God gives His love freely. People can’t earn God’s love. People can’t earn forgiveness. God’s love is not gained by human efforts, but given freely by God’s grace. By faith alone means that those who believe in Jesus as God’s Savior for all of mankind receive forgiveness and eternal life. Faith is something God gives to people through His Holy Spirit, working in the Word of God and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. People do nothing to earn God’s love, but receive it by grace through faith. By Scripture alone means that God has revealed His truth through the Holy Bible.

The writings of Martin Luther arrived in Transylvania very early, via merchants and students. In 1543, a Transylvanian Saxon, Johannes Honterus, a humanist from Kronstadt, came to be the reformer in Transylvania. He supported the spread of the Reformation doctrine throughout Transylvania by his printing of the “Reformation Booklet” (Reformationsbuchelein). Under the influence of Johannes Honterus, the great majority of Transylvanian Saxons embraced the new creed of the Protestant Reformation and almost all became Lutheran Protestants. In 1547 he published a “Book of Religious Rules for all Germans in Transylvania” binding all Transylvanian settlements to the Lutheran doctrine. Rev. John Foisel described this book in “Saxons Through Seventeen Centuries”: “It was the ideal of Honterus to regenerate and reorganize his whole nation and to bring everything under the influence of the Church, as it had been in the time of the early Christians. He wished to unite all Saxons in Transylvania into one communion, the members of which should be led in their actions only by the commandments and the Spirit of God. Being a born organizer, like Calvin, he compiled a comprehensive set of regulations and rules for the new National Church, a kind of constitution, in which all conceivable questions pertaining to organization and practice were treated and regulated. This book written in Latin and German, was based on the Augsburg Confession and contained detailed rules for the government of the congregation, the election and duties of the clergy, the operating schools; the orders for marriage, baptism, communion, care of the sick and the poor—everything according to the dictates of the Bible and in the spirit of the Reformation.”

The Lutheran Church was officially recognized in the country in 1550. The first two bishops of the of the new church were Lutheran clergymen from Hermannstadt: Paul Wiener elected in 1553, who had died a year later by the plague and Matthias Hebler. Their successor Bishop Lukas Ungleich was a clergyman from Birthälm where the seat of the Saxon Bishop remained for 300 years. Under Bishop Ungleich, in 1572, the Lutheran Synod accepted the Augsburg Confession.

The Reformation had a significant impact on the life of the Transylvanian Saxons in the 16th century. The school system changed to include all children. They would learn to read, write and study religion. The language of German (Saxon) was taught. Because the population became more literate, new traditions formed in the villages and cities. Luther’s Christmas pageant would be performed by the children on Christmas morning. The Reformation encouraged growth in other areas as well. To the Saxons, the art of writing and date keeping was even more important than to some of the other cultures in the area.

According to Reinhart Guib, current Bishop of the Evangelical Church C.A. in Romania, Reform was the most important moment in the history of Transylvanian Saxons - a community that has lived in Transylvania for centuries, before leaving en masse after the fall of communism. He stated: “To Reform we owe our identity, that is our mother tongue, education and learning, the rich tradition of church music, deaconry, parishioners’ contribution to decision making, the faith in God, the blessing, the availability to engage in talk about life and faith with those of other faiths or opinions.”