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BRANCH 22, YOUNGSTOWN

By Rosemarie Kascher

This is the last meeting of Br. 22 as we will be combined into Br. 30.

Upcoming events:

Br. 30 Meeting May 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Installation of new officers

(No meetings in June)

Retirees Meeting, Thursday, May 9 at 11:30 a.m..

We are delighted to receive two new members, family of our past ATS president, Dave Bokesch. They are Pamela Albrecht and Patricia Thomas. Another new member we welcome is Michele Healy.

Birthdays: Samantha Marucci, Regina Teutsch, Kay Herman, Markie McCurdy and Betty Garhammer.

Please check to see if you have paid your dues for this year. They remain at \$24.00 for 2019 and are payable to Betty Garhammer, 969 Canfield Rd, Youngstown OH 44511 or phone at 330- 788-4274.

Cards for sympathy were sent to: Susan Vuletich and family, Raymond Coppersmith and family: also the Rosemarie Yohman family.

Our new slate of officers is:

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We are excited about the new slate of officers and wish them well!

BRANCH 27, NEW CASTLE

By Dolores Both

Our club's 125th anniversary is May 4 and we will celebrate in grand style. The Branch Presidents' Meeting and Luncheon will be at the club. Members and guests will gather at the Villa to enjoy dinner, celebratory remarks, entertainment and music to dance the night away. We look forward to participating in the meetings and festivities. We congratulate Branch 25 on their 125th anniversary and celebrate a wonderful milestone in the history of our club.

Our annual Mother's Day Dinner has been moved to June 6. We will meet at the club on May 2 at 3:30 pm to finalize our arrangements and take reservations. It's never too late to celebrate our wonderful mothers.

Jane Fishovitz won the door prize. Glorie Geisel informed us that she and her husband applied and received their Real ID cards. Ms. Razo, who spoke to our group in November, helped Glorie when they went to the Department of Transportation office to apply. They had the required documents with them and the process was very easy. Their cards came in two days later. See you all at the club for our meeting on May 2 at 3:30.

**WE HAVE A RICH AND
COLORFUL HISTORY
AND HERITAGE!
DO YOUR PART
TO KEEP IT ALIVE!
BECOME A PROUD
AND ACTIVE MEMBER!**



2019 NORTH AMERICAN
SAXON HEIMATTAG
AYLMER ONT CANADA
JULY 12-14

See Page 7 for
Reservation Info

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joan Miller-Malue

ATS Nat'l President



"Spring is the time of plans and projects" is a quote from Leo Tolstoy which describes the time of the year for our members to plan and support upcoming local and national events. Nationally we have a number of activities to enjoy for various age groups as well as events that Local Branches have planned for their membership and communities. As we know Spring fosters growth throughout the land and gives hope for new beginnings. We need our members to grow in their role of active participation in our organization. We need every member's help to spread the word of belonging to our great fraternal family.

We are still looking for a few members, ages 18 – 21, to attend the Jugendlager that will be held in Austria July 19 – August 3, 2019. The ATS member is to bear the cost of his/her transportation to and from Austria. The ATS will pay the participation fee. This program is organized by the Federation of Transylvanian Saxons to provide an experience for young people to learn about their Saxon heritage and make friendships from the other countries in the Federation. If a member is interested please contact the ATS Home Office as soon as possible.

The North American Annual Saxon Heimattag will be held in Aylmer, Ontario the weekend of July 12–14, 2019. It is a time for our Canadian and USA Saxons to come together to celebrate our Transylvanian Saxon heritage by enjoying performances of the various culture groups, reminisce with friends about the past, enjoy good food, music and dance. The festivities will start at the Saxonia Hall with a casual event, "East Coast Kitchen Party." On Saturday evening there will be the Heimattag Banquet with cultural performances and evening dance. Sunday morning there will a parade that will lead into the church service followed by lunch with afternoon cultural performances. If any Branch or cultural group is chartering a bus to bring a large group to the Heimattag, the ATS will reimburse one-half the cost of the charter. Guaranteed it will be a memorable event! Make plans to attend!

Mother's Day is a special day each year where we honor and celebrate our mothers, as well as other influential mother-like figures in our lives, for the strong and wonderful people that they are. It is a day for us to remember the importance and significance our mothers have had on our lives. My mother died when I was 26 and it was devastating to me that I would no longer be able to hang my head on her shoulder or give her a daily hug. But till this day, I am thankful that I was blessed with a mother that was loving, strong, happy, and selfless. Her most impressive attribute was caring for family and friends. So, I try to follow my mother's teachings to be kind and thoughtful to others. To

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**TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
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Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



Schloss Horneck located in Gundelsheim, Germany is the international location for our Siebenbürger Sachsen to house Sachsen artifacts, books and other historical documents and records. It is important to our worldwide Sachsen community to help in the maintenance expenses of this historical facility that will preserve our Sachsen culture and heritage.

The Federation of Transylvanian Saxons requests donation to help in the funding of the facility. If you are interested in giving a donation, 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

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zipcode _____

Amount Donated \$ _____

Please indicate if donation is in memory
or honor of someone



Breakfast in Bed

A mother was surprised on Mother’s Day by her children who ordered her to stay in bed in the morning. She lay there looking forward to breakfast in bed, as the smell of bacon wafted up the stairs. After a long while, though, she became concerned and headed downstairs to see if there was a problem. She found both of her children sitting at the table, eating bacon and eggs. Surprised, she asked them what was wrong. “Nothing,” said the children. “We thought we’d surprise you for Mother’s Day and cook our own breakfast.”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
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strive for the best and to be strong in my convictions. When Sunday, May 12th comes, I will remember and give honor to my mother and hope that you will give thanks and honor to your mother for the time they have devoted to you, the patience and forgiveness they have given you and the endearing love and support. Happy Mother’s Day to all who have showered their unconditional love on their children!

Transylvanian Saxon Trivia: The village of Almen has existed since the early 1200s, when the Saxon settlers came to southern Transylvania for economic and military reasons. The village was famous for its vineyards and fruit orchards. In the sixteenth century fortifications were built around the Saxon church so that it would never be conquered. The Saxons surrounded the church with towers, firing posts and holes for throwing pitch on top of invaders. The first level of the bell tower was used to be inhabitable by the community. There is a legend that tells of a women named Alma, the wife of one of the guards of the citadel, was the first to see the threat of the Tartar army approaching and to buy time for the villagers to escape, she put on rags and soiled her face with jam and soot that terrified the



Church fortress of Almen

pagan attackers. I love the funny legendary story of a young woman who found her master’s geese lying breathless in the yard. So she plucked all the feathers for later use. But the next day the featherless, indignant geese marched through the village causing great concern among the villagers. It was only later that they discovered the geese had eaten the sour cherries from the liquor and became so drunk that they were believed to be dead. I think of my Dad and Grandpa Henning who were known to make cherry liquor each year and my brother and I would know when they were sampling the batch when they started singing louder and louder! Great memories.

Ich wünsche allen einen schönen Tag.

Bist du ein Sachs, und sagt’s mit Stolz?

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Articles e-mailed will receive an e-mailed confirmation by Noon Thursday. If you did not receive a confirmation, please give us a call.

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019	FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019	FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019	FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 noon?

Please call Hanz or Barb Hermann at (440) 892-0436.

BRANCH 2, ERIE
By Lee Wolfe

We held our Business/ Dinner Meeting on Sunday, April 7th at 2:30. We enjoyed a Stuffed Pork Chop dinner with Coconut Cream Pie for dessert. Before the meeting started we recited the Pledge of Allegiance It was decided that all of our meetings will begin with the Pledge of Allegiance,

We held a moment of silence for deceased member Pauline Wegelin. Our best wishes to Corey McLaughlin who had pneumonia and was in the hospital for several days. He is home now and we hope he is all better now. Also, Flo Martin is on the sick list and we hope she is doing much better now.

Special Blessings are sent to Evelyn Holdsworth who for health reasons resigned her Auditor position.

We also send our sympathy to Cleveland Branch 4 for the loss of Joanne “Honey” Wolff. We also send our sympathy to her family and friends. Years back at an ATS Bowling Tournament in Cleveland, I spotted a lady decked out in Cleveland Indian regalia. I went up to her and told her I was a “die hard” Tribe fan too. When I told her my name she laughed because she was a “Wolf” too only spelled differently. We kept in touch for a while either by phone or letter praising or yelling about our beloved Indians. God love her, she lived to be a 101!! Honey, you will meet a lot of Erie Branch 2 Cleveland Indian fans in Heaven and one Yankee fan named Sal, but be nice to him anyhow.

We received a lovely letter from Debbie Woods, daughter

of Karl Gaber in which she thanked us for our tribute to her Dad, which was not a problem because Karl was a nice guy and a true gentleman. She is working on a family Tree and has plans of going to Transylvania in the future.

We welcome new member Bodhi Bennett Krahe who is the Great Grandson of Helen Frontino.

The auditors checked the books and all is in order and accurate.

Unfortunately, we will not hold a Bowl Where You Are bowling tournament for our young members this this year. President Manning made several phone calls to invite our young members to participate in this tournament. Since he received a poor response he decided to cancel this event. How sad. This would have been a great time for our young members, free bowling and free pop and pizza after bowling.

Congratulations to New Castle Branch who will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary.

This column is late because of three incapacitated fingers because the owner of the fingers tried to catch a falling knife. Two of the fingers are all healed but the index finger is playing the invalid. I Band-aided her pretty good so it would not hurt while I was typing.

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, May 19th at 2:30. Maybe by that time Spring weather will kick in.

Happy Mother’s Day to all the Moms out there. Hope you all have a lovely day.

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES
By Ro Dundon

WE ARE BACK!!

Our turnout was slight but a good time was had by all.

Diana Kommel is our new President. She called the meeting to order and we pledged allegiance to the flag and sung God Bless America. We had no birthdays in April, but Teri Laret had one on March 16th. We serenaded her and she was first in the buffet line. There were no anniversaries in April either.

The Swiss Steak, mashed Potatoes and vegetables were very good. Thank you, Michele for a good job. While waiting for the ice cream, topped with chocolate and nuts, many memories were

passed around the tables. We really are a chatty group.

We will continue to meet at the Club in the ballroom annex. The next meeting will be May 9, 2019, Eileen Ring will be the hostess. For the menu for May she has chosen BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans and Macaroni Salad. Dessert will be Ice Cream topped with Carmel and or chocolate sauce.

Mark your calendar for May 9th so you won’t forget the date. If you cannot attend or you have not already reserved please call Eileen Ring 330.718.7462.

Till we meet again, let’s all smell the flowers.

As usual, it’s Ro.

BRANCH 5, LORAIN
By Michael Johnson

After a fine dinner at the Blue Sky Restaurant we then went to the American Slovak Club to begin our general meeting for the month of April. We meet the third Monday of every month at 7:00 PM. Our next meeting will be held on May 20th, 2019.

An occasional pre meeting dinner is just one of many benefits to members of our (Branch 5) society. And though we have a good number of people who participate in our picnics, and social events, our overall membership is either stagnant or dwindling. For this reason, we need each member to always be an advocate to make friends and family who are not members, aware of the opportunities and benefits available to them by going with a fraternal society such as The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons when making a decision in purchasing life and or annuity plans. These products most people already have as part of their financial portfolio or they are presently looking for something to fill this area of their wealth management that has been overlooked. Though this is not always a particularly popular subject, this is how we grow and maintain a healthy fund for the benefit of our members. Our Branch 5 person (Deputy) to contact for these and other questions is our branch President, Sister Monica Gilles. You can contact her at (440) 309-7894. By owning one of these products, this person is then eligible to be a member of Branch 5 Lorains Saxon Sick Benefit Society of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, even though they may not be of Saxon or German birth, or married to someone who is. A good source of information would also be on the Internet at www.atsaxons.com for a full overview of our society. What better way to explain our society than by sharing

an issue of the fine bi-weekly publication of the Volksblatt with its many stories, pictures and schedule of events to let people know what we as Saxons are all about.

I’m happy to report that Sisters Betty Ralph and Carolyn Mroski are off the sick list and doing fine. Remember to contact Sister Jane Mowery at (440)246-3004 as soon as possible when you come under a doctor’s care. It’s a little bit of help that’s nice to have if your laid up for awhile and possibly missing work.

Congratulations to Sisters Barbara Gilles for winning first place in the women’s Single Event at this year’s TSBA tournament and Ginger Romes being Most Improved player for the 2018 - 2019 TSBA season. THANK YOU to those members who represented Branch 5 in this

year’s TSBA season and those Junior members who participated in this year’s Bowl Where You Are Tournament. Kailey Hochevar, Conner Hochevar, Addison Long, and Logan Ralph all enjoyed pizza and bowling together a few weeks ago at a party for our junior bowlers at Rebman’s.

Spring time Birthdays being celebrated in this month of May are Sisters Anne Conley, Barbara Tillman, Olga Theiss, and Brother Brian Gilles. Also Junior members Wade Cox, Blake Henderson, Logan Ralph, and Carsen Sergent will be enjoying their special day as well. Happy Birthday!

With Spring here and summer around the corner, it’s a great time to get up and get outdoors. Begin making plans that include a few outings hosted by our Sister Branches to help support one another. Until next time, be blessed and enjoy life!

ATTENTION:
Members Cleveland East Branch 33
2019-20 Application for
Scholarship/Reimbursement
College Expenses

Branch 33 members who are newly entering or continuing college (undergraduate studies only) are invited to apply for a Freshman (\$1,000) or Sophomore/Junior/Senior (\$500) scholarship for the 2019-20 academic year. IT IS THE MEMBER’S RESPONSIBILITY to call or write to REQUEST an application.

DEADLINE IS May 31, 2019.

- Here are the eligibility requirements, i.e. the RULES.
1. At least one parent or guardian or grandparent of the applicant must be a member in good standing of ATS Branch 33 for the past two (2) years.
 2. Scholarship applicants must be a member in good standing of ATS Branch 33 for the past two (2) years, having transferred from Junior/Juvenile status to Active/Adult i.e. local dues paying status.
 3. Freshman: High School accumulative GPA minimum 2.0
 4. Upperclassman: College accumulative GPA minimum 2.5

Branch 33 members attending college for undergraduate studies can request an application by mailing in the form below or via e-mail to Karyn Schmidt at mbks26@gmail.com.

Questions call Karyn at (216) 382-7397.

Application Request for Branch 33
College Scholarship/Reimbursement

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

College/University: _____

Year: circle one Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Parent/Guardian/Grandparent Name: _____ + _____

DEADLINE IS May 31, 2019:
Mail to: Karyn Schmidt
4979 Anderson Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

May 4, 2019
Branch Presidents' Meeting
Host New Castle

June 23-28, 2019
Saxon Summer Camp

July 12-14, 2019
North American Saxon Heimattag
Host Aylmer German-Canadian Club, Aylmer ONT

July 19 - 21, 2019
Teen Weekend

July 27, 2019
Family Day at Waldameer Park, Erie PA

September 13-15, 2019
Family Camp Out
Camp Fitch North Springfield PA

October 19-20, 2019
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Host Cleveland West

LOCAL EVENTS

May 4, 2019
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball
New Castle Eintracht Singing Society 125th Anniversary

May 5, 2019
Cleveland East Br. 33 Membership Banquet
Noel Banquet Center

May 11, 2019
Chicago Br. 9 Stiftungsfest/Trachtenfest
Schwabens Center Buffalo Grove IL

June 15, 2019
Cleveland Sachsenheim Beer and Sausage Fest

June 23, 2019
Chicago Br.9 Picnic Lynne Woods Morton Grove

August 24, 2019
Cleveland West Br. 1 Oktoberfest

September 22, 2019
Cleveland West Brs. 1 and 4 Membership Banquet

October 5, 2019
Cleveland Sachsenheim Clambake

October 19, 2019
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Truabenfest

October 25, 2019
Cleveland West, East and Lorain Children's Halloween Party

November 3, 2019
Cleveland Sachsenheim Fall Schnitzel Fest

November 10, 2019
Cleveland West Veterans Day Dinner

December 7, 2019
Cleveland ES Sachsenchor Sausage Sale

December 14, 2019
Cleveland West, East and Lorain Children's Christmas Party

December 15, 2019
Chicago Br. 9 Christmas Party

Engineers develop early-warning system for asthma

Engineers have developed a technology that's showing promise as an early warning system for asthma attacks. Referred to as a disposable respiration monitor, patients place one sensor on their skin between the ninth and 10th rib and another on the abdomen. The sensors track the rate and volume of a person's respiration and can send signals via Bluetooth to a smartphone app. The monitors are made by affixing a thin layer of metal to the plastic sheet and then heat-shrinking it -- no draw-

ing necessary -- before the shrunken item is transferred to material akin to a bandage that can be adhered to patients. Researchers are hopeful that the sensors can be used to warn of pending asthma attacks as well as help children with cystic fibrosis and those with chronic pulmonary conditions. The devices were developed in the lab of Michelle Khine, a University of California, Irvine professor of biomedical engineering, and are expected to undergo pilot tests shortly.

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS
By Donald Blum

Recently, I came across some interesting information regarding a town in Transylvania. The town of Turda (pronounced Tourda), Transylvania. Turda's history goes back to Roman times, when it was named Potaissa. Turda was an important location in medieval Transylvania. The town, which is located some 35 km south of Cluj-Napoca, is where, in 1568, the right to free practice of the Catholic, Lutheran, Calvinist, and Unitarian Churches. Below is a picture from National



Geographic. The Turda salt mine (Salina Turda) is a top attraction, which covers an underground theme park. It was an example of a mine conversion into an underground amusement park. The underground amusement has been a feature story for various theme amusement parks. Upon further reading about Turda I came across another interesting piece of geographic history. Six kilometers west of the town, visitors can find the Cheile Turzii nature park, one of the most impressive karst landscapes in Romania. The reason this caught my eye was the name karst landscapes. I have cousins with the last name Karst, so I had to read and find out what karst landscapes were about. A karst landscape has sinkholes, sinking streams, caves and springs. There are many variations of karst landscape, often described in terms of a particular landform. Some karst regions were formed during the Ice Age. Sometimes the underground drainage structure collapses, leaving odd formations such as natural bridges and sinkholes (dolines karst). Karst is a German name for an unusual and distinct limestone terrain in Slovenia, called kras. The name kras was Germanized as "karst". The karst geologic

structure can be found all over the world and even in the United States, in areas like Kentucky (Mammoth Cave National Park) or New Mexico (Carlsbad Caverns National Park). About 20% of the US is underlain in karst landscapes and 40% of the groundwater used for drinking water comes from karst aquifers. Karst landscapes are of prime importance in petroleum geology because as much as 50% of the world's hydrocarbon reserves are located in porous karst systems.

It is with great sadness that we advise of the passing of Hilda Kautz. Hilda was a beautiful person, beloved by all who were fortunate to know her. She was a long time member of the Columbus Saxon Club, of which her father was a founding member. Hilda was married to the late Richard "Dick" Kautz, past president of the Columbus Saxon Club and is the sister to Saxon Club member, Evelyn Roth and Aunt to current Saxon Club President, Michael Roth. Our prayers go out to the entire family. Funeral services and celebration of Hilda's life were held on Saturday, April 27th at Redeemer Lutheran Church, at 11:00 am. Her complete obituary can be found on the Graumlich Funeral Home website. We realize that the funeral will have occurred prior to the next publication but felt it was important to make everyone aware. Sophia Uncth's sister Maria Campanio has been experiencing poor health for the past year. Regina Kellner's relative George Rader has been hospitalized due to illness and is recovering. Your prayers for those experiencing medical issues are greatly appreciated. Susi Mueller's Sister, Sara Resch, advised that her grandson, Justin Johnson, passed away at the age of

33. If you would like to send condolences to Justin Johnson's mother you could do so as follows:
Susan Resch
7660 Cincinnati-Zanesville Rd
Amanda, Ohio 43102
Our prayers go out to the entire family.
Susie Karst will be having knee surgery the week of April 22 and Jill Blum will be having shoulder surgery on May 15th. Please keep Susie and Jill in your prayers for a speedy and complete recovery.
We will have two birthday celebrations in May. Susie Karst, May 23rd and Jill Blum, May 24th. They both have exceeded their 39th birthday. We wish them both a very Happy Birthday.
We are happy to note that we will now have 7 people going to Heimattag in July. We are fortunate that Olga Hesch is organizing the trip, travel arrangements and serving as our excellent chauffeur. If any other people want to attend Heimattag with us, please contact Olga Hesch (614) 837-9038.
Mike Roth and Donald Blum will be attending the President's Meeting on Saturday, May 4th in New Castle, Pennsylvania. They look forward to the entertainment, the meeting and sharing ideas on successful branch programs.
Humor of the day
At a hotel restaurant, a man sees an attractive woman sitting alone at the next table. Suddenly, she sneezes, and a glass eye comes flying out of her eye socket. It hurls by the man, and he snatches it from the air and hands it to her.
"This is so embarrassing," the woman says, and she pops her eye back in place. "I'm sorry to have disturbed you. Let me buy dinner to make it up to you. May I join you?" He nods in approval.
The woman is a stimulating conversationalist, stunningly pretty, and the man finds they have a lot in common.
He gets her phone number and asks, "You are the most charming woman I've ever encountered. Are you this nice to every guy you meet?"
"No, she replies. You just happened to catch my eye."
Interesting Trivia
Did you know that retired Romanian basketball player, Gheorghe Murgesan, was the tallest NBA player? He was 7'7", tied with Manute Bol. He played 7 years in the NBA and his playing career was 1991-2000.
We hope to see our members at our May meeting on Monday, May 20th.

It's never too early to start saving for your retirement years

CHURCHES



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Senior Circle

Sunday School

Church Choir

Bell Choir

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**Rev. Paul Stork
Pastor**

10:00 Worship Service

Taxes and retirement: What is taxed?

Upon retirement, you don't get a paycheck with the proper amount of taxes withheld. That's obvious.

What may not be so obvious until you retire is the amount of taxes you owe. Unlike employees, retirees write checks for their taxes, making them acutely aware of their tax burden.

Of course, everything we save for retirement is taxable at some point and in some way.

If you are ready to retire, here are some things to look forward to:

- Social Security taxes: You have to pay tax on your benefit. You can have amounts from 7 percent to 22 percent withheld from every check. See form W-4V (for Voluntary).

- Pension and annuity taxes: See Form W-4P to instruct the payor how much to withhold.

- IRA distributions: The law requires 10 percent be withheld unless you tell the distributor not to withhold. You can also tell the distributor to withhold all of the taxes.

- Company plans and lump sums: Some of these plans are taxed at 20 percent.

BRANCH 18, SALEM

By Barbara Spack

At our March meeting, we installed our newest member, Christine Phillis. We welcome Chris to Branch 18 and look forward to having her with us at our local events and meetings.

The ladies send our love and prayers to our members who are unable to be with us at our monthly meetings. We send special greetings to Flo Spack and Kate Sanor who are both at Salem Healthcare; and to Shirley Kataro whose daughter, Ann, sent us a nice letter with an update on Shirley.

Ray Appleby, son of Mary Sanor Appleby, sent a very nice note thanking the ladies for sending him to Saxon Summer Camp. We are glad you enjoyed it, Ray.

The annual Easter egg

hunt was held at the Salem Saxon Club on Saturday April 20. Dawn Jackson was the chairperson and there was a nice turnout for the event. The weather held up and there was no rain. The children enjoyed a visit from the Easter bunny before filling their bags and baskets with goodies. Then they moved inside where the clubhouse was decorated for the occasion and they enjoyed snacks and punch with their friends and family. The children played some indoor games and received prizes. There were also three tulip plants raffled as door prizes. It was a fun afternoon and many thanks to Dawn for taking this on. A picture of the participants with the Easter bunny is included with



Salem Easter Egg Hunt

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND

By Joan Miller-Malue

Sadly, I report the death of our dear member, Katharina Gross, who passed away suddenly on Easter Morning. Kathe was a devoted member of Branch 4 and the Eintracht-Saxonia Sachsenchor for the past 43 years. She was always there to help out at the sausage sales. She loved singing in the choir and attended all the Sachsenheim's cultural events. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her husband, Andy and family. She will be sorrowfully missed by her family and friends.

We had a wonderful Easter Party. The children (and adults) enjoyed the Hula Hoop show and then getting to play with a hula hoop. We thank everyone who had helped out with the party. The kids had a blast.

We hope some of our members are making plans to attend the Saxon Heimattag that will be held in Aylmer, Ontario the weekend of July 12-14. It sounds like a fun evening on Friday with an

"East Cost Kitchen Party." Saturday evening will be the official opening that includes a program with performances by cultural groups. Sunday morning is a church service followed by the Kundgebung then lunch and an afternoon of fellowship and several more cultural performances. The reservation form is in the Volksblatt and deadline for meals is June 14th. Let's be proud of our Transylvanian Saxon Heritage and take part in this special annual celebration.

If you haven't signed up for this year's Saxon 250 Club it is not too late. This fundraiser helps defray expenses at the Sachsenheim. Cost is only \$50 for the year. A drawing for \$25 will be held for 50 consecutive weeks and a special drawing for \$100 will be held at the end of the 25th week. At the completion of the 50 weeks, you will be invited to a free dinner and 12 prizes will be awarded that evening with the top prize being \$1000. You need not be

this article.

The fish fries were a success and a huge thank you to Sharon Walker and everyone who helped and worked very hard during the six weeks. The format was a little different this year with the diners going through the serving line, rather than having sit down service. There was an option to eat in or carry out; and the bar was open for purchases of a variety of beverages. Overall, the feedback was good, and the changes were well accepted.

The 2019 Salem Saxon Scholarships are available to high school seniors who are graduating this year and attending an accredited post high-school college, university or vocational program. Applications are now available from the guidance offices at Salem High School, United Local High School, and West Branch High School, or from any of the trustees. The trustees are Sam McKinney, Barbara Spack, Art Maroscher, and Carol Kuner. The scholarships will be awarded at the Salem Branch 18 and 19 joint social on Friday July 12, 2019 at the Salem Saxon Club. If anyone has any questions, please contact Barbara Spack at 330.337.7487.

The next meeting of the ladies of Branch 18 will be held on Monday May 13 at 7:00 pm at the Saxon Club.

present to win. The chances are good that you can be winner! Please help support the Club with your membership into the 250 Club. Please contact Robert Cunningham at (216)398-7520 if you are interested in joining. Or send him a check made payable to the Saxon 250 Club, 9005 Memphis Villas Blvd., Brooklyn, OH 44144.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 20th at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

Cleveland and Lorain Easter Party



We remember our Sisters and Brothers who have departed this life in recent days. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the members of the bereaved families.

Dorothy Howard-Flynn

Age 90

Died: February 4, 2019

Branch 5, Lorain OH

Olimpia Edling

Age 90

Died: April 10, 2019

Branch 18, Salem OH

William L. Sellers

Age 59

Died: April 12, 2019

Branch 3, Alliance OH

Edith H. Crosbie

Age 96

Died: April 11, 2019

Branch 22, Youngstown OH

Hilda Kautz

Age 91

Died: April 17, 2019

Branch 10, Columbus OH

Katharina Gross

Age 80

Died: April 21, 2019

Branch 4, Cleveland OH

ATS



Saxon Summer Camp

June 23-28 2019

Camp Frederick Rogers, Ohio

New Adventure Grades 1 - 2 (completed)

Discoverers Grades 3 - 4 (completed)

Journeyers Grades 5 - 6 (completed)

Ultimate Challenge Grades 7- 9 (completed)

Teen Weekend

July 19-21, 2019

Salem Saxon Club

Ages 13-19

ATS Family Day

July 27, 2019

Waldameer Park, Erie PA

Family Camp-Out

Camp Fitch

September 13 - 15, 2019

N. Springfield, PA

Plus Coloring Contests during the Year

And

Coloring Projects in the Volksblatt

Meine tägliche Routine

My daily routines



Ich stehe auf
I get up



Ich dusche
I take a shower



Ich ziehe mich an
I get dressed



Ich frühstücke / Ich esse zu Mittag / Ich esse zu Abend
I eat my breakfast / lunch / dinner



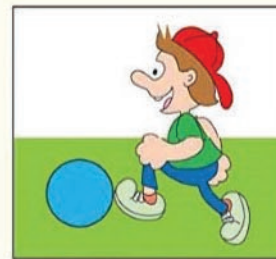
Ich putze mir die Zähne
brush my teeth



Ich gehe in die Schule
I go to school



Ich mache meine Hausaufgaben
I do my homework



Ich gehe raus zum Spielen
I go out to play



Ich gehe ins Bett
I go to bed



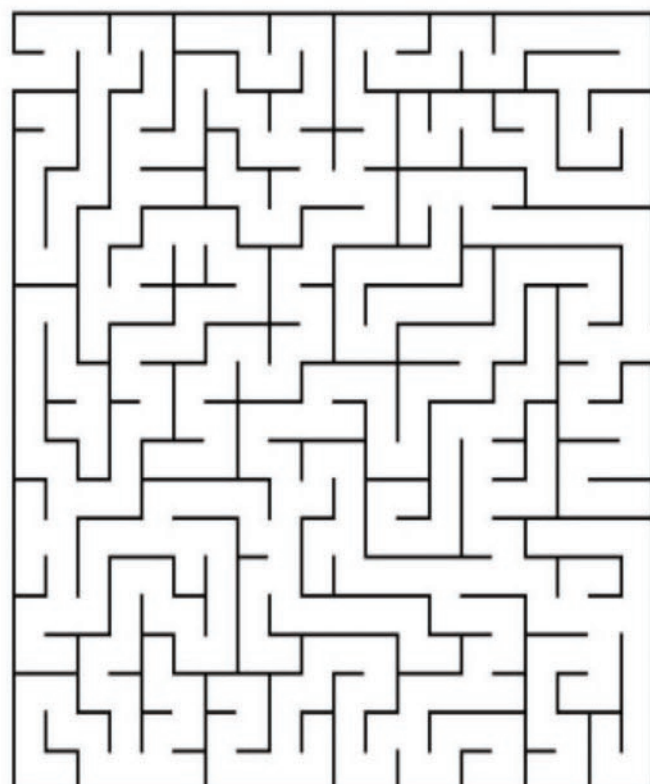
Happy Mother's Day!



Help the children get their gifts to Mom!



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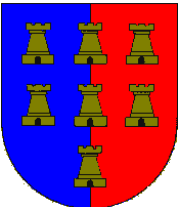
Heimattag Hotels
Aylmer, Ontario
July 12 – 14, 2019

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100 Centennial Ave.,
St. Thomas, Ontario
N5R 5B2
1-519-633-4082
2 Queen Beds \$125.79 CDN
Reserve under “Saxonia Hall”

Best Western Plus
Stonebridge Inn & Conference Centre
6675 Burtwistle Lane
London, Ontario
N6L 1H5
1-888-471-2378

Comfort Inn & Suites
20 Samnah Crescent
Ingersoll, Ontario
N5C 3J7
519-425-1100
Reserve under
“Saxonia Hall- Homecoming”

Saxon Heimattag Reservations
July 12 - 14, 2019
German Canadian Club Aylmer – Saxonia Hall
522 Talbot Street West
Aylmer, Ontario, Canada N5H 2T8



Friday July 12, 2019

Kameradschaftsabend “East Coast Kitchen Party”

7:00PM - 11:00PM

\$20.00 x _____ \$ _____

Saturday July 13, 2019

Dinner and Cultural Evening

6:00PM - Midnight

\$50.00 x _____ \$ _____

\$20.00 x _____ (Children 7-12)

(Under 7 Free)

\$ _____

Sunday July 14, 2019

Saxon Parade / Church service

9:00AM - 12 Noon

Lunch and Cultural Performances

1:00 PM - 4:00PM

\$30.00 x _____

\$ _____

\$10.00 x _____ (Children 7-12)

(Under 7 Free)

\$ _____

Weekend Special

Adult \$90.00 x _____

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(Friday, Saturday Banquet and Sunday)

Grand Total: CAD Funds \$ _____

Grand Total for this reservation must be paid in CAD Funds,
preferably in advance.

Payment type: [] Cash (at door) [] Cheque [] Visa/MasterCard

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Deadline for Reservations: June 14, 2019
Call if any questions: 1-226-236-2403

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1. Mot-terhärz, ta Ä - delstîn, hartäm Drön uch

Dül - den, drist et al - les gärn e - lîn

wat de Känjd ver - schul - den; fräst dich, wo se

riecht ge-dân, huest se trâ er - zi - jen, kâst en

änj - den noch verzân, mër se dich be - dri - jen.

2. Biet, ir Känjd, det Motterhärz sâl es lång noch liewen.
Motterüg verhât de Schmärz, mächt de Wëch es iewen;
Motterhând, ta hâlf es trâ, schätz es vir Verdärwen;
Mottermangd âs Bibel sâl! Motter sâl net stârwen.

Weise und Worte von Georg Meyndt
Satz von Günther Ferentzi



Artisans and Nobles:
The von Kraus Family across
350 Years of War and Social Change in
Eastern European History

Rüdiger H. von Kraus
(Continued)

- II.
The Concurrence of
Opposites:
Artisan and Nobleman
1. Tanning Becomes a
Family Business

That the Gräv had also sent a teacher along with the priest might indicate that schooling for the Saxon children was not what it was supposed to be, which might have affected Thomas’s then 14-year-old son, Thomas Jr. In the absence of complete documentation, I shall piece together a possible course of the lives of the two Thomases based on known facts. We know that Thomas Jr.’s son and grandson, Johannes Sr. and Johannes Jr., were tanners. A generation later two of Johannes Jr.’s grandsons, Peter, and Samuel,

the nature of the free-corps in which Thomas Sr. served at Zenta. Beginning in 1675 a series of temporary free-corps (Frei-Compagnien) were established as garrison troops (Garnisons-Truppen) and were stationed primarily in strategic places in Hungary, including Transylvania, so as to give permanent troops the mobility to move wherever needed. The free corps were made up of anywhere between 150 and 250 men but were stretched thin during the periods of unrests in Transylvania. The stationary mode of these corps, together with the fact that their soldiers were allowed to have secondary incomes made them less costly than the field army. The irregular pay caused the free corps to be less disciplined, and the lack of emphasis

near his tanning business in Fogarasch. To be a tanner at that time required a rigorous training process as spelled out in the guild’s rules. An aspiring tanner would first become an apprentice, then a journeyman, before finally qualifying as a master who was then expected to manage his own apprentices and journeymen. Being a master would explain why Thomas was able to become an officer rather than just a regular soldier. One can assume, and Obristleutnant Eberswein probably did as well, that a master of any craft had to have leadership skills.

Prince Rakoszi approved the formation of Fogarasch’s tanner guild in 1643. By the time Thomas joined the guild in the 1680s, it had become one of the most successful guilds in Fogarasch. Its products had become well known beyond Fogarasch and given the territory’s close links with Wallachia were sold there as well. The Tanners’ Street (Strada Tăbăcarilor; Gerberstraße) remains to this day as a reminder of these heydays.⁵

Of course, not everything happened as expected and when the Weißenburg corps were added to General Rabutin’s expeditionary force, Thomas had to leave Weißenburg and home for a while. Thomas Jr. was only 11 years old at the time, too young to take over his father’s tanning business. But Thomas Sr.’s journeymen and apprentices could have operated it, since they had gained experience on their own while Thomas was performing his officer duties in Weißenburg.

One might call this the optimistic view of Thomas’s life. There is of course an alternative, more pessimistic, possibility. Thomas Sr. could have been desperate for a job when he joined the corps in Kanizsa at 25 years of age with the responsibility of caring for his 2-year-old son and without any other source of income. In the 9 years before the Battle of Zenta his skills might have helped him gain the rank of an officer. Those skills would have also helped Thomas gain special recognition for his leadership during the Battle. From Prince Eugen’s correspondence with Viennese officials, including a letter to Leopold describing the Battle, we know that paying the troops was a continuous problem for Vienna’s treasury. Therefore, it is likely that

Thomas did not receive regular compensation after his return to the Weißenburg-garrison. Only after his dismissal in 1699 as part of a more general reduction in the number of free-corps⁶ and his appointment as captain of the Galatz bridge could his pay have become more regular. All this alternative does is shift the start of tanning in the family forward, from the first to the third generation.

2. Thomas’s First
Assignment after Zenta and
the Future of Tanning

With the Habsburg take-over, the bridge that crossed the River Alt from Fogarasch to the Galatz-village had come under the jurisdiction of Vienna’s Obrist-Schiff-und Brücken-Amt that controlled all shipping on and crossings over the Danube and its tributaries. This River Ships and Bridge Authority was created by the imperial directive of March 23, 1685, to primarily facilitate all military transports and crossings but also civilian ones. The military importance diminished over time with the receding Ottoman threat while the revenue-generating civilian crossings gained in importance. The military, clergy, and nobility were excused from paying the relatively high tolls for the crossing.⁷ The revenues more than covered the maintenance, protection, and administrative costs making it a good source of income for the royal treasury. Because of its multiple functions (i.e., securing military and related crossings; commercial crossings) as well as a source of considerable income to the royal coffers) the Shipping and Bridge Authority was subordinated to the Hofkriegsrat,⁸ the Hofkammer,⁹ and the General-Kriegs-Commissariats-Amt,¹⁰ which made getting any approvals of requests at local levels such as Fogarasch rather cumbersome. But Thomas’s experience as a formal officer of the imperial army prepared him probably better than anybody else in Fogarasch for the cumbersome Habsburg bureaucracy. His officer experience was also helpful in handling his staff, which taking into account the multiple functions, could have numbered at least 10 people¹¹ according to some examples I found. The fact that the bridge was a completely wooden “marvel of water and bridge structures”¹² covered with

shingles most likely meant the need for an additional handyman and carpenter. In addition to its proximity to the border with the Ottoman vassal Wallachia, now an enemy, the staff might have included military guards, at least at the beginning. Adding them up leads us to believe that the staff amounted to 14-16 people¹³ plus Thomas, the bridge captain.¹⁴

If we follow the optimistic thread of Thomas’s life, he would have continued his tanning business even as bridge captain. It is also possible that Thomas Jr. continued both jobs since it was common practice for an interested son whose father had served the government honorably to take over his position when the father retired. The same could have been the case with the tanning business for which Thomas Jr. could have started his apprenticeship at home, as long as both father and son adhered to the guild’s rules. Fogarasch’s tanner’s guild was subordinated to the Saxon Nation’s guild, headquartered in Hermannstadt, despite its location outside the Königsboden.¹⁵ The Saxons had had such a headstart in crafts and the associated formation of the guilds that they ended up controlling them in Transylvania. There were, of course, “illegal” craftsmen, particularly in the villages outside the guild’s radar, but if detected they were fined with a 60 forints Landeskür¹⁶ or forced to close their businesses. While the guild’s rules protected the Krauses and all the other members from price competition, they also stifled innovation, which was one of the causes of their decline and the guilds’ morphing into craft societies in 1872.¹⁷ The last tanner in the family was Josef of the seventh generation who died in Fogarasch in 1890. The 1870s and 1880s were the times when those who wanted to stay in business had to invest in new cost-saving technologies that had made imports from western Europe competitive, even with the added customs duties. For a tanner, that meant steam-driven machines such as the essential leather splitting machine. The manual splitter had size and speed limitations that were overcome with the more powerful steam. The machine as such was not too expensive (approximately

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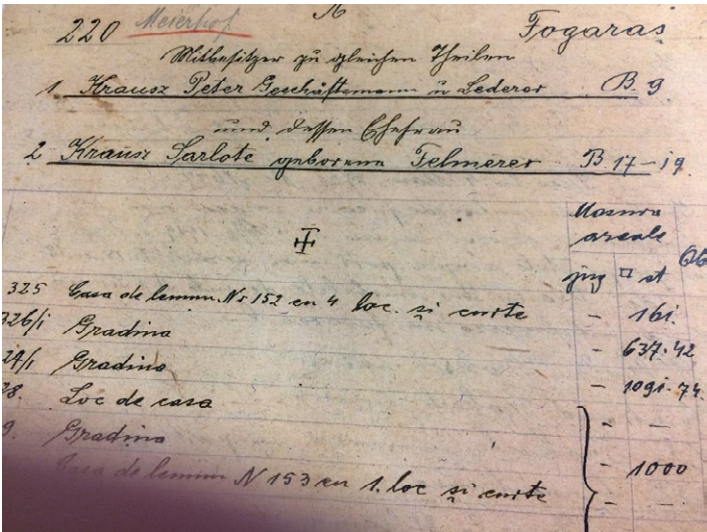


Fig. 3 Inheritance document: Kraus Peter Geschäftsmann

also became tanners. In this inheritance document¹ issued after his death in 1878, Peter is identified first as a businessman (Geschäftsmann) and then as a tanner. Being a businessman meant that he was managing the tannery as well as the landholdings and brick works at the time. The last known tanner in the family was Johannes Jr.’s great-grandson, Josef. Another indication of the continuance of this trade in the family is the Gärberbach (Tanner’s Creek) that bordered the family’s main property where the tannery must have been. Together, these facts lead one to believe that the tannery was an ongoing business passed on from generation to generation and could have very well been Thomas Sr.’s profession. Following this train of thought, it may be helpful to investigate

on training meant that they were always ready to fight.² The number of these corps increased or decreased with the frequency of conflicts. After the Ottoman siege of Vienna in 1683, their number increased in expectation of further encounters. Obristleutnant Eberswein, after serving under Prussian Prince Friederich the Great, in the 1678/79 winter campaign against the Swedes,³ joined the imperial army and, in 1688, was tasked to form such companies in Kanizsa, Hungary. Two of these military units (500 men) were stationed under his command in the garrison at Weißenburg⁴ not far from Fogarasch. The stationary mode of the free corps and the allowance of a secondary income might have been the reasons that Thomas joined the corps, which were likely stationed

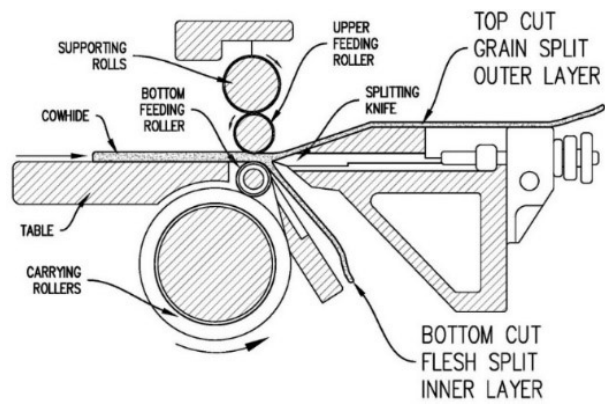


Fig. 4 How the splitter works

1200 forints) but the steam installation with its space and safety requirements cost many times that of the splitter.

Steam was used for both the powering of the machines and for the production of highly concentrated tanning extracts that were capable of reducing tanning time from months to several weeks. The initial investors in these new technologies experienced learning curves that included costly mistakes, as was the case for the incipient Karres Werke in Mediasch. Samuel Karres, a successful traditional tanner, decided to upgrade from a steam producing traction engine (Lokomobile) with limited capacity to a higher capacity steam installation, complete with a walled-in boiler and steam engine at the cost of around 10,000 forints.¹⁸ When, however, business did not grow fast enough to use up all this additional steam capacity, he decided to purchase a self-contained steam-powered mill to take business away from the neighboring Kokel-river mills. Competing with the lower cost water mills would have been difficult if as luck would have it, 14 days of rain had not caused a major swelling of the river putting all the water mills out of business for a while. The generated income bridged the financial needs until the business had grown enough to use up all the new installation's steam capacity.¹⁹ Karres Werke went on to become one of Transylvania's leading leather manufacturing enterprises.

It is needless to say that the automation of the tanning process caused a considerable decrease in the number of old-fashioned tanners. Although the registered number of more than 700 Transylvanian tanners (Gerbermeister) had not changed much over several decades, by 1867 only half of them were active.²⁰ The initial decline actually started before the new technologies reached

Transylvania.

One cause had been the political turmoil of the 1848-49 revolutionary years. In Transylvania, it turned into a civil war when the Saxons and Romanians sided with the imperial forces against the Hungarian patriot Lajos Kossuth,²¹ whose inspiring speeches called for the removal of the "dead hand of Viennese absolutism." Kossuth had tasked Polish freedom fighter Jozef Bem with the campaign in Transylvania. He was so successful that the unscathed at that time Tsar Nicholas I worried about pandemonium in his western territories and agreed to help. In a quite short order, the Russian troops prevailed on July 31, 1849, along with the Transylvanian Army Corps²² in the Battle of Segesvár,²³ not far from Fogarasch. The aftermath of these clashes was one of doubt regarding the political stability of the Habsburg Empire, which only with Russian help had just avoided falling apart, an atmosphere not very conducive to risky new ventures. And as mentioned earlier, imported leather produced in Western Europe with more efficient machines had become affordable even with the added customs duties. It was, therefore, difficult for the relatively smaller tanner from Fogarasch to make a living.

It should be therefore no wonder to see the younger generation of Krauses starting to make a living in the related but safer shoemaking business as well as tepidly in other occupations. But before we continue with this younger generation, let us go back to Thomas Sr. who, as mentioned earlier, was ennobled by Leopold I for his "faithful services the said subject rendered to our Majestic House of Austria on various occasions, times and places."²⁴

To be continued

- 1 Fogaras Foaia de proprietate: Mitbesitzer zu gleichen Teilen: 1. Krausz Peter Geschäftsmann u Lederer und seiner Frau 2. Krausz Sarlote geborene Felmerer (February 15, 1880). Copy in author's possession.
- 2 Alphons Freiherr von Wrede, ed., Geschichte der K. und K. Wehrmacht: Die Regimenter, Corps, Branchen und Anstalten von 1618 bis Ende des XIX Jahrhunderts, vol. 2 (Wien: Verlag von L.W. Seidel & Sohn, 1898), 564.
- 3 August Riese. Friedrich Wilhelm's des Großen Churfürsten Winterfeldzug in Preußen und Samogitien gegen die Schweden im Jahre 1678/79: Ein Beitrag zur brandenburgischen Kriegsgeschichte (Berlin: Verlag der Königlichen Geheimen Ober-Hofbuchdruckerei, 1864), 47.
- 4 A letter dated April 7, 1971 from Vienna's Kriegsarchiv confirms that "Thomas Krauß of the Eberswein-schen Freicompanie zu Stuhlweissenburg" was one of the officers dismissed when the corp was dissolved in 1699. Copy in author's possession.
- 5 Ioan Ciupea, Făgăraș, Mic Îndreptar Turistic (București: Editura Sport-Turism, 1983), 39.
- 6 According to a report from the Hofkriegsrat of March 3., 1699 two compagnies from Weissenburg totalling 500 men were on the 'Armee-Reduction' list. Copy in author's posession.
- 7 Everybody else had to pay 1 Kreuzer (a 60th of a forint) per person, 2 Kreuzer if the person carried merchandise or 1 additional Kreuzer for each sheep, goat, pig or calf, 3 Kreuzer for cattle, 12 Kreuzer for a two horse-wagon and 30 Kreuzer for a four horse wagon. Abteilung für Kriegsgeschichte des k.k. Kriegs-Archives, Feldzüge des Prinzen Eugen von Savoyen: Nach Feld-Acten und anderen authentischen Quellen, I.Serie – I. Band (Wien: Verlag des k.k. Generalstabes. 1876), 200-202.
- 8 The Hofkriegsrat was the Empire's highest military authority responding only to the Emperor.
- 9 The Hofkammer was the highest financial authority responding only to the Emperor.
- 10 The General-Kriegs-Commissariats-Amt provided Commissäre to the troops in the field through which it controlled all the procurements, finacial needs and the appearance of the soldiers and officers. It had been elevated by Leopold I to a Hofstelle, which gave it considerable independence and as such was now "coordinated" rather than "controlled" by the Hofkriegsrat and the Hofkammer.
- 11 Abteilung für Kriegsgeschichte, Feldzüge des Prinzen Eugen von Savoyen, 202.

- 12 Johann Michael Ballmann, Statische Landeskund im Grundrisse, vol. 1 (Hermannstadt: Verlag Martin Hochmeister, 1801), 99. This mention refers in fact to a 1777-1783 built copy of the bridge that existed when Thomas took over and that had burned down.
- 13 1 ship/boat care-taker; 1 toll collector; 2 bridgeworkers; 2 push-workers; 4 water-workers; 1 handyman; 1 carpenter; 2-4 military guards = 14-16 plus Thomas the bridge-captain. There is no indication that they had to work more than one shift.
- 14 In 1971, Ernst von Kraus, a family member, had commissioned a local historian to research Thomas's ennoblement. In his report, the historian had cited a description of the staff of a Brücken-Hauptmann from the Feldzüge des Prinzen Eugen, V. Band page 105. Here the staff totalled 90 people. A closer look shows this as an ambulant unit tasked with the building of bridges for troop-crossings where there were no permanent bridges.
- 15 G.D. Teutsch, Geschichte der Siebenbürger Sachsen, 491.
- 16 Landeskür = cure for the damage done to the state.
- 17 Ciupea, Făgăraș, Mic Îndreptar Turistic, 49.
- 18 To put this in perspective, a homestead in those days would cost ca. 2000 forints.
- 19 Karres, 300 Jahre Gerber. Available on site at the Siebenbürgische Bibliothek in Gundelsheim, Germany. Copy in author's posession.
- 20 Peter Josef Frank, Siebenbürgens hervorragende Bestimmung als Industrie-Land. (Hermannstadt: Verlag Franz Dressuandt. 1868), 88.
- 21 Lajos Kossuth, a member of Hungary's lower nobility, had become an international hero in his fight for independence from Austria. In the summer of 1849, after a brief period as "governor" of Hungary, he was forced into exile by the Russian army.
- 22 The Transylvanian Army Corps of around 8,000 was made up of Romanians and Saxons commanded by the Austrian General Eduard Clam-Gallas.
- 23 Due to a statute requiring the use of Hungarian names for all Transylvanian towns this battle is recorded in most history books under the town's Hungarian name although Schäßburg had throughout its history a predominantly Saxon population.
- 24...fidelitate, fidelibusque servitus, quae ipse Nobis, Augustaeque Nostra Domui Austriacae pro locorum at temporum varietate..." Appendix A The Patent of Nobility.

Half of older Americans have nothing saved for retirement, study says

Even though the number of people with nothing saved for retirement is grim, it's better than it was about 12 years ago. Of those 55 and older, 48 percent have nothing put away in a 401(k)-type contribution plan or an IRA, according to the Government Accountability Office report released in March 2019. That is better than 52 percent who had nothing saved in 2013. Of those that have nothing saved, 29 percent had neither a pension or any other financial assets. The GAO reported that Social Security provides most of the income for about half of households age 65 and older. As an example: The average Social Security retirement benefit in 2017 was \$1,360 per month, or about \$16,000 per year. But if a person who has worked for at least 40 years in a medium paying job would probably receive just under \$2,000 per month in Social Security. That income is rarely enough to live on and Social Security was not intended to be a single source of retirement income. The Employee Benefit Research Institute estimates that 41 percent of households headed by someone age 35 to 64 will probably run out of money in retirement. But that number is down 1.7 percentage points since 2014. So, in other words, more people are getting the message that they must save for retirement.

PotPourri

Your Horoscope

May 2019

Aries 3/21 - 4/19: A bouncy stock market has young people worried. Stars say keep your 401(k) contributions going and stop watching the ball.

Taurus 4/20 - 5/20: A hunch is on your mind. Don't disregard it, but examine whether it comes from bias or insight.

Gemini 5/21 - 6/20: Your outlook becomes sunny as spring sets in. Stars say your creativity surges with the sunny days.

Cancer 6/21 - 7/22: Remember your mother this Mother's Day, May 12. Those small remembrances add up to a closer relationship.

Leo 7/23 - 8/22: You might say life is long. You might say it's short. Any way you look at it, this month ask yourself if you are living the middle.

Virgo 8/23 - 9/22: Some Virgos face star-crossed plans in May. What they would never accept, seems possible now. Take a wait-and-see approach.

Libra 9/23 - 10/21: A big project somehow balloons into a massive project. Find the bloat. Stars say you might have to be more hands-on.

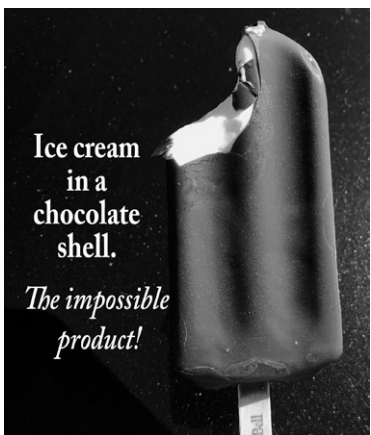
Scorpio 10/22 - 11/21: You've done all you can but results aren't coming as fast as you hope. Add patience to the plan. Don't deviate now.

Sagittarius 11/22 - 12/21: Now that spring is here, time to put into action all the things you wanted to do in January. Onward!

Capricorn 12/22 - 1/19: Save your breath and money. Some people make a career out of bad decisions. Don't get caught in the struggle.

Aquarius 1/20 - 2/18: Stars say your plan to make a difference in the world could start at home. It is a more difficult path.

Pisces 2/19 - 3/20: Time to accept the facts on the ground: Not what you wanted or expected. Stars say it is time for you to change direction.



Sweet success: The impossible little treat that made a fortune

The Eskimo Pie--or chocolate covered ice cream bar--is something we take for granted, but think about it for a second: Why does it even work?

How do you get hot chocolate around ice cream without melting the ice cream?

In fact, that's a question everyone had when inventor C.K. Nelson began shopping around the idea in the 1920s and, truth be told, Nelson hadn't figured out the process either. It took a fellow named Russell Stover, a former chocolate factory superintendent, to make the sweet idea a reality. And the trick, in part, was the temperature of the chocolate. If you heat it to 115 degrees, then let it cool to 90 degrees, you can dip in a hard block of ice cream. Instead of the hot chocolate causing the ice cream to melt, the ice cream causes the chocolate to harden.

Russell and Nelson teamed up and sold the idea to ice cream companies, taking a penny royalty for every dozen bars made. They were soon hauling in \$30,000 a week in royalties -- virtually an overnight success.

You might recognize Stover's name because he and his wife Clara went on to form Russell Stover Candies, a venture that started right in Clara's kitchen. At the time of Russell's death on May 11, 1954, the Stovers were selling 11 million pounds of candy every year.



"This one travels 30 yards farther when you throw it."

Alles gute zum Namenstag!

Jakob(us), Philipp	1. Mai
Sig(is)mund	2. Mai
Erna	3. Mai
Florian	4. Mai
Gotthard, Götz	5. Mai
Hermine, Herma, Jochen	6. Mai
Ilse, Gisela	7. Mai
Alwin, Botho	8. Mai
Gebhard	9. Mai
Hulda, Viktoria(ine)	10. Mai
Adolf	11. Mai
Gangolf	11. Mai
Pankratius	12. Mai
Servatius	13. Mai
Bonifatius, Christian, Giselher	14. Mai
Sophia	15. Mai
Sunhild	16. Mai
Herta, Jodokus, Theoderich	17. Mai
Erich	18. Mai
Gerald, Malvine	19. Mai
Bernhard	20. Mai
Edith. Konstantin	21. Mai
Juliana, Julie, Olga	22. Mai
Ewald	23. Mai
Hanna, Johanna	24. Mai
Urban	25. Mai
Gerda	26. Mai
Helene, Helga	27. Mai
Wilhelm	28. Mai
Elena	29. Mai
Max	29. Mai
Wi(e)gant	30. Mai
Angela, Angelika,	31. Mai

Celebrating Mother's Day

Arriving on the second Sunday each May, Mother's Day is a celebrated tradition that can trace its official roots back to before the Civil War.

According to the History Channel, a woman in that time named Ann Reeves Jarvis, of West Virginia, created 'Mother's Day Work Clubs' to help teach women in the community how to take care of their children properly. After her passing in 1905, her daughter Anna Jarvis pushed to create a national holiday to honor the sacrifices that all mothers make for their children. In 1908, she secured financial contributions that allowed her to celebrate the day officially for the first time.

By 1912, many churches, towns, and states had adopted the holiday, and it was signed into measure by President Woodrow Wilson in 1914.

Different people all across the world have developed their own Mother's Day traditions in one form or another over the years. According to Care.com, Brazil's holiday includes performances by children, church gatherings, and large, multi-generational barbecues. In Japanese culture, mothers

are revered for their gentle strength and children use red or white carnations as gifts on their holiday to represent that along with pampering them for the whole day.

Serbia, meanwhile, has an interesting tradition in which Children's Day, Mother's Day, and Father's Day are all celebrated on consecutive Sundays in December, and each of them involves a kind of game in which the honored one is tied up. Mom and dad tie the kids up on children's day and the children must agree to behave before being let go. The kids get their chance the next week when they tie up their mother. She must promise to supply yummy treats and gifts to the kids. Finally the kids tie up dad, and he must promise presents.

In North America, Mother's Day typically involves flowers, the most popular of which are roses, tulips, lilies, daffodils, orchids and azaleas, according to Pro-Flowers. One-fourth of the flower and plant purchases made for holidays occur at Mother's Day, according to the Society of American Florists.

Of course, there is always breakfast in bed -- a traditional surprise for mom.



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Alliance, OH Br. 8
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(614) 861-4078
SEC'Y. Marlene Mueller
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(614) 834-1060
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Canton, OH Br. 14
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Location varies
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(330) 337-7575
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New Castle, PA Br. 25
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Eintracht Hall 108 Taylor St.,
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Merrillville, IN Br. 26
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Merrillville, IN Br. 26 cont'd
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New Castle, PA Br. 27
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Freedom, PA 15042
(724) 869-0261
SEC'Y Lauren Freshkorn
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(724) 462-0046
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ATS SEC'Y Julaine Gilmartin
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Canfield, OH 44406
(330) 799-5171
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Poland, OH 44514
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Ellwood City, PA Br. 32
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(724) 758-8486
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16117
(724) 714-1217
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Ellwood City PA 16117 (724) 752-1109

Cleveland, OH Br. 33
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asuts@windstream.net
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Lyndhurst OH 44124
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SEC'Y. Jamie Miller
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Ellwood City PA 16117
(724) 601-4181
ATS SEC'Y. Lori Biddle-Berendt
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(724) 900-2616
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