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BRANCH 5, LORAIN

By Michael Johnson

We had our monthly meeting in May with average attendance to take care of business as usual. President Sister Monica Gilles gave her report from attending the 2019 Branch Presidents' meeting held in New Castle, PA. The ATS financially seems to be stable. So much so that we, along with other Branches, were presented an extra monetary gift along with our Branch Share Fund. Thank you ATS! We were encouraged to maintain and grow our membership, be active as a group in our communities by doing charitable work, and have branch activities which keep us connected for this purpose. This takes work by all members whether you attend our monthly meetings or not by getting the word out to family and friends about the benefits offered through our fraternal organization. If you have never come to our meetings, start coming and see what you are a part of. The more members who come and participate, the more we can do! We met again on Monday, June 17, 2019 at the Lorain Slovak Club. This was the last meeting until we meet again in September on Monday the 16th, 2019 again at the Lorain Slovak Club at 7:00 PM. There will be no meetings in July and August.

We will however be meeting on August 18, 2019 at Lakeview Park, 1800 W. Erie Ave. Lorain, OH starting at 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM for our Branch 5 Picnic. For those of our members who don't drive but would still like to come, call me (Brother Michael Johnson) at (440) 324-2534 and we can arrange a ride so you don't need to miss out on the good food and fun! You can begin to make your reservation by calling Brother Brian Gilles at (440) 315-5214 and letting him know how many will be attending and if you will be bringing a dessert or side dish to share. Branch 5 will be providing the meat, beverages and table settings.

Be sure to check out The National events listed in your Volksblatt coming up this summer that may interest you and your family. There was a motion made and passed to give a choice of one of two events designated for reimbursement of ticket price for Branch 5 dues paying members in good standing, (dues paid up and having attended at least two meetings before the activity)

lifetime and Junior members. Family Day at Waldameer Park, Erie PA on July 27th, 2019 or, Family Camp Out, Camp Fitch North Springfield PA, September 13-15, 2019. You need to keep your paid receipt from that event and present it at the Branch 5 meeting following the event to be reimbursed.

Thankfully there is only one member on the sick list and receiving benefits. Sister Betty Ralph underwent surgery for a pacemaker but is recovering and doing well.

Members who celebrated Birthdays last month are Junior members Kayla Ali and Logan Davis, Sisters Arlene Gilles, Lesley Hochevar, Shirley Mitoff, Eleanor Norheim, Brother Paul Kirschner, and an Extra Special Happy Birthday going out to our oldest member who turned 97 on June 5th, 2019, Brother Elmer Schneider! Hope everyone enjoyed their special day!

Another special announcement I would like to share with the members of Branch 5 and all who know them, is that my daughter Sister Juliana Johnson and Brother Nicholas Piller announce their engagement. They are currently making wedding plans for early next year. Stay tuned! Have a great summer.

BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST

By Arline Krestel-Suts

Hello Branch 33 members near and far. Summer is in full swing, hope you have a great vacation plans and the weather is good.

Upcoming important dates to remember: on Saturday, July 20 members and guests are invited to attend our annual Lake County Captains game outing at Classic Park in Eastlake. Buffet starts at 6:30 PM, the game starts at 7 PM and it is a fireworks night. Cost for members is \$10, and \$24 for nonmembers. Barb Hum is taking reservations (440) 336-5290.

Our annual summer picnic will be on Sunday, August 11 at Penitentiary Glen picnic pavilion in Kirtland. As always we will have raffle and games and catered picnic food from Dickey's. The park has really upgraded the facility, and there is a great children's play area. Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for nonmembers. Call Fred Krestel (440) 639-1775, or Arline Suts (440) 867-6103 to make your reservation.

Remember there is no meeting in July or August; our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 11 starting with the party tray supper at 7 PM.

Also, Branch 33 members attending Family Day at Waldemere Park and Juniors who are attending the ATS Saxon Camp: The branch will reimburse the cost of your admission. Contact Ema Litschel or Jeff Krestel for details.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joan Miller-Malue

ATS Nat'l President



On Thursday evening, June 27th, Monica Gilles, Denise Crawford and I went to Saxon Summer Camp to visit a bit with our junior members. Fortunately, they had good weather for their stay, except when we were there it was thundering and a few drops of rain. We first had a brief talk with the group about the Saxon flag and the seven districts of Transylvanian that are represented on the shield. Everyone received a small Saxon flag along with a camp t-shirt. Monica taught the group a Saxon Dance and then ended with the Chicken Dance when other campers and councilors joined in for the dance. They all said that they were having a great time and they would be returning next year. Once again, we received a nice report from the Camp Director that the junior members were well-behaved and that he always enjoys seeing them and loves joining in on the Saxon dances.

We are going to try a new outdoor event this year, ATS Family Camp-Out at Camp Fitch located on the shores of Lake Erie in North Springfield, PA the weekend of September 13 – 15. We have reserved the Glenn Oaks Lodge which has bunk beds, dorm style bathrooms and a common space. Outside the lodge is a fire circle that on Friday evening we will be enjoying a Speck Fry. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served in the Dining Hall. There be a variety of activities that family members can take part in such as rock climbing, archery, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, hikes, and for an additional fee horse trail rides. This camp is operated by the YMCA so all activities will be overseen by expert instructors. All family members, of all ages are welcome! Let's forget about TV and put away the cell phones for a weekend of outdoor activity with your family and friends. Total cost per person is \$45 which covers lodging, meals and activities. The Registration Form is printed in the Volksblatt. Please complete and remit form and payment to the ATS Home Office by August 1st. This will be a memorable weekend for the entire family!

ATS Family Day at Waldameer Park and Water World is a perfect way to celebrate summer fun with your family and friends. This year it will be on Saturday, July 27th. We have Pavilion Coaster #1 reserved for our group. You are permitted to bring in your own food and beverages to be enjoyed while at the pavilion. There is an outdoor charcoal grill for your cooking of mici, hotdogs, hamburgers, etc. We will play a few games of bingo during the afternoon and have a drawing at 5:00 pm, so make sure you stop by the pavilion when you arrive to sign up for the drawing. There is free parking, free entertainment throughout the park besides the various rides and awesome water park. Cost for ATS members is only \$12 a ticket and for non-members \$27.75. The order form is in the Volksblatt. Deadline for ticket orders is July 18th.

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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

What you can't buy on Amazon

You are going to be really happy when you hear what Amazon doesn't sell: Live animals, including pets. Not suitable for warehouses. The massive retailer also doesn't sell gas or fireworks because, well, danger. Other things Amazon doesn't sell, mainly because of conflicting federal and state laws or licensing: Guns, nicotine products, cars, and lottery tickets.

Other forbidden items are less obvious, but probably wise: No contact lenses, not even cosmetic ones.

How much of your life does it cost?

According to AffordAnything.com, putting \$50 into your gas tank costs 2.5 hours of your life.

Here's how that is calculated: A person earning \$54,500 a year earns \$27.25 per hour (working 40 hours per week). They lose 28% of their income to taxes, so their take-home pay is \$19.62 per hour.

If you think of things you buy in terms of hours off your life, that \$100 jacket takes off 5.5 hours.

Merely shaving \$150 off weekly expenses saves an entire working day.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
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Transylvanian Saxon Trivia: The small village of Magarei is located approximately thirty minutes from Mediasch or Schässburg surrounded by rolling hills and hardwood forests. The fortified church was built in the 15th century and has remained almost unchanged to this day. The neoclassical white-golden altar which was consecrated in 1832 dominates the interior. After the restoration of the baroque organ it was moved to the evangelical church in Bucharest. The curtain wall of the evangelical church located in the center of the village represents a good example of medieval defense. Since there are no longer Protestant parishioners left in Magarei, the maintenance of the fortified church has posed an increasing challenge in recent years. In fact, this year there was a cultural exchange and



Magarei

learning program established to recruit people to help in renovating the parochial house and church along with the surrounding grounds areas. The program would provide lodging, food for three meals a day and the opportunity to work with others to preserve history the of a small Saxon village.

Ich wünsche allen einen schönen Tag.



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THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.

You may either
MAIL: PO BOX 45198, Westlake OH 44145
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PLEASE NOTE: FAX SERVICE IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE

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, JULY 17, 2019	FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2019
WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019	FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2019
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019	FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 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.

By Ro Dundon

As usual, Ro.

By Docia Jacobs

Wishing you a fun filled, blessed Summer! See you in the Fall !!!



Branch 32 Luau



A group of children wearing life jackets are paddling kayaks on a river. The kayakers are in the foreground, and a building is visible in the background.

- Rock Climbing (indoor or outdoor)
- Archery
- Candle making
- Aquatic Recreation (including Canoeing, Stand Up Paddle boarding, Sea Kayaking and Swimming in Lake Erie -- warm weather dependent)
- Fishing
- Night Hikes
- Horse Trail Rides (additional Cost of \$20)

ATS FAMILY WEEKEND AT CAMP FITCH

Registration Form

This form must be received at the ATS Office by August 1, 2019.
Mail check and form to: ATS, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129

Front row L-R: Lukas Jones, Alexander Spack, Sophia Snow, Jason Krestel, Logan Aeling, Mora Ziegler. Second row L-R: Alexis Perry, Liam Clay, Madeline Snow, James Thellman. Back Row: Vala and Andreas Schobel.

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

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

July 20, 2019
New Castle Classic Rockers at the Picnic Grounds
July 27, 2019
New Castle Performance TBD at the Picnic Grounds
August 4, 2019
New Castle Members Picnic with a DJ
August 10, 2019
New Castle Beer Money Performance
August 24, 2019
Cleveland West Br. 1 Oktoberfest
New Castle Schutzenfest & Singer Picnic/ Rhythm
Express at the Picnic Grounds 8-11pm
September 7, 2019
New Castle Zoo at the Picnic Grounds
September 14-15, 2019
New Castle Oktoberfest at Cascade Park 1:00-10:00 PM
September 22, 2019
Cleveland West Brs. 1 and 4 Membership Banquet
Youngstown Br. 30 Pork and Kraut Dinner
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
October 27, 2019
Youngstown Br. 30 Pork and Kraut Dinner
November 3, 2019
Cleveland Sachseheim 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
December 24, 2019
New Castle Tom and Jerry Party 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
December 31, 2019
New Castle New Year's Eve Bash

Tenderize that bee sting

There's nothing you can do for the zing of a bee sting, but you can minimize the pain and possible swelling.

One remedy many people swear by: treat the area with meat tenderizer. Make a paste of unseasoned meat tenderizer and water, and coat the area. Tenderizer contains papain, an enzyme found in papayas. It supposedly breaks down proteins that cause pain and itching. Mix one part tenderizer with four parts water for the paste and give it a go.

The tenderizer remedy is not mentioned in medical literature, but it can't hurt.



If nothing else, a cool paste can help with the hot spot left behind by a sting.

One preventive measure is to not go barefoot or wear sandals to walk in the grass.

Severe allergic symptoms to bee stings require immediate medical help.



ATS Family Day
at
Waldameer and
Water World
3100 West Lake Road
Erie, Pa.
Saturday, July 27, 2019

Over100 Attractions and Waterpark full of
Wet n' Wild Fun for Everyone
Less than 2 hours from Cleveland and Pittsburgh

ATS has reserved a Picnic
Pavilion – “Coaster #1”
Free Parking
Free Admission to Picnic
Facility and Amusement park
Bring your Own Picnic Basket
Grill available by Pavilion

Drawing at Pavilion
at 5:00 pm

Discounted Tickets for Combo
Pass –
Amusement Park Rides and
Water World

ATS Member \$12.00
Non-Member \$27.75
(Children Under Age 1 Free unless
They want to enter Water World)

Hours for Water World 11 am – 7 pm
Waldameer Rides Noon – 10 pm

TICKET ORDER FORM

NUMBER OF ATS MEMBERS @ \$12.....\$
Name and Certificate Number of Members:
Cert No. _____
Cert No. _____
Cert No. _____
Cert No. _____
Number of Non-Members @ \$27.75.....\$
Number attending that will not purchase combo pass _____
Amount Remitted.....\$
Mail tickets to: _____
Address _____ Telephone _____
City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____
Mail to Ticket Order to: Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129
Deadline for Ticket Orders is July 18, 2019

ASK ...

ASK YOUR DEPUTY HOW A CERTIFICATE OF
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10:00 Bilingual Service

Nursery

Coffee following service

Senior Circle

Sunday School

Church Choir

Bell Choir

St. John's Lutheran Church

1000 Ford Road
Highland Hts., Ohio
(440) 449-1334

**Rev. Paul Stork
Pastor**

10:00 Worship Service



Supermarket ambience spurs buying

According to Reader's Digest, grocery stores have learned many subtle tricks over the years to encourage shoppers to spend more money on their products. By placing the brightly colored fruits and vegetables near the front of the store, for instance, it can put shoppers in a better mood and more likely to spend money.

Similarly, the music playing in the background is often slower than the average heartbeat, causing people to walk slower and linger.

Other tactics rely on promotional pricing, such as 10-for-10 sales that increase the price of the items listed above a dollar or on bulk packaging that makes the items more expensive than buying singles of the same thing.

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS

By Donald Blum

MONTHLY MEETING

HICKORY HOUSE

550 Officenter Place Gahanna, Oh 43230

July 22, Monday, Noon

We are putting this at the top of our newsletter in order to invite you to attend. Our meetings are usually the Third(3rd) Monday of the month but several members will still be traveling home from Heimattag on that Monday, so we moved it back a week. Perhaps you have not been to a Saxon Club event in quite a while. Maybe you used to attend activities, or perhaps you attended activities with your parents and even grand parents. Recently, while not under the most pleasant circumstances, we have talked with many of you at funerals for loved ones and friends, about memories of a special Saxon Club event(s). Come share those memories at our next Luncheon. We hope to renew those memories with you and possibly create new memories through becoming involved with the Saxon Club. We should have pictures and stories from the Heimattag in Canada.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Correction: As part of our tweaking, we have come up with our final name for our Facebook page.

Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, Columbus Branch 10

We will continue to modify and improve the Facebook page as needed. You are invited to join our Facebook group and share your Saxon history or just enjoy what others post. If you are interested in becoming part of the Facebook group you can request an invitation or send me your email address(donaldcblum@prodigy.net), and we will set you up.

HEIMATTAG

We are excited about attending the Saxon Heimattag events in Aylmer, Ontario, July 12th-14th. Our group of six people will enjoy all of the festivities. We will bring back pictures and stories to share with our members and on our Facebook page.

LUTHERAN HERITAGE CENTER AND MUSEUM

President Mike Roth, member Evelyn Roth and family visited this museum in Altenburg, Missouri. The museum covers Lutheran and Saxon Heritage. We look forward to their stories and pictures about their exciting experience.

PASSING

It is with great sadness that we advise of the passing of Deborah (Debbie) Kay Zardinkas. Debbie is the niece of Susi Mueller and cousin of Marlene Mueller. Debbie's battle with cancer is now over. She is free from the pain and ills of this world. Debbie now has been reborn in a new body in the House of the Lord. Debbie and her family had a strong Saxon heritage. Deborah K. Zardinkas, age 58, of Reynoldsburg, passed away at her home under the care of OhioHealth Hospice, and surrounded by her loving family on June 21, 2019. Debbie was born July 4, 1960 in Columbus to David C. (Pat) Seum and Kathe, nee Folkendt (Tom) Lilley, who survive her, along with her children Stefan Folkendt Zardinkas and Katharina Alexis Zardinkas; sisters Monica Moore, Linda (Tim) Parsons, Amy (Jesse) Moore, Summer (Jeff) Hessler, and Amanda (Christian) Stringer.

We offer our sincere condolences to all of Debbie's family and friends. God Bless.

BIRTHDAYS

We will be celebrating Evelyn Roth's birthday this month. Congratulations on your July 15th birthday. This is a milestone birthday for Evelyn who was born in 1924 and will be celebrating her 95th birthday.

What was going on in 1924?

The US president was Calvin Coolidge

Top #3 songs in the USA

1. It Had to be You - Isham Jones & His Orchestra

2. Virginia (Don't Go Too Far) - Carl Fenton & His Orchestra

3. Oh Susanna - Wendell Hall & Shannon Quartet

Edgar Hoover appointed Director of the Bureau of Investigation, later becomes the FBI

U.S. Army planes first round-the-world flight.

Ellis Island closes as an immigration entry point to the US.

The Indian Citizenship Act passed, which confers citizenship on all Native Americans born within the United States.

Russia-Vladimir Lenin dies and Joseph Stalin begins his bid for leadership.

Mahatma Gandhi released from jail

"Happy Birthday To You" published by Claydon Sunny-which we will sing to you.

The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is held

We hope you have a wonderful birthday celebration.

RECOVERING

Susie Karst is still rehabilitating from her knee replacement surgery and Jill Blum is still rehabilitating from her rotator cuff surgery. We wish both of them a full and speedy recovery.

DRACULA: Fact or fiction-Part II and conclusion

This part begins with Vlad III's political and military background

Vlad's Political and Military Background

Vlad III's political and military tack truly came to the forefront amid the fall of Constantinople in 1453. After the fall, the Ottomans were in a position to invade all of Europe. Vlad, who had already solidified his anti-Ottoman position, was proclaimed ruler of Wallachia in 1456. One of his first orders of business in his new role was to stop paying an annual tribute to the Ottoman sultan — a measure that had formerly insured peace between Wallachia and the Ottomans.



A woodcut from a 1499 pamphlet depicts Vlad III dining among the impaled corpses of his victims.

Vlad the Impaler

To consolidate his power as ruler, Vlad needed to quell the incessant conflicts that had historically taken place between Wallachia's nobles. According to legends that circulated after his death, Vlad invited hundreds of these nobles to a banquet and — knowing they would challenge his authority — had his guests stabbed and their still-twitching bodies impaled on spikes.

This is just one of many gruesome events that earned Vlad his posthumous nickname, Vlad the Impaler. This story — and others like it — are documented in printed material from around the time of Vlad III's rule. Whether or not these stories are wholly true or significantly embellished is debatable, Miller

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**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.**

Gayle J. Cavell

Age 83

Died: May 18, 2019

Branch 26, Merrillville IN

Donald J. Tinkey Sr

Age 82

Died: June 21, 2019

Branch 30, Youngstown OH

Michael Karsti

Age 80

Died: June 25, 2019

Branch 30, Youngstown OH



Protect your heart in the heat

Summertime heat brings with it special considerations for those with heart conditions, and it's especially important to stay hydrated and as cool as possible during these dog days.

For every degree your body's temperature rises, your heart beats 10 BPM faster, according to Harvard Health. While a study published in 2014 said most cases of atrial fibrillation tend to occur in the winter, those with irregular heartbeats should take special precautions in the summer as well -- higher temperatures can trigger AFib as your heart works harder to regulate itself.

Here are some ways to alleviate that stress:

- * Stay hydrated. Dehydration is one trigger for atrial fibrillation, not to mention stroke.

- * Avoid going outside between about noon and 3 p.m.

- * Get in air conditioning. A fan is of little use if it's circulating 95-degree air.

- * Reduce caffeine and alcohol, as these can cause dehydration.

- * Avoid exercising in the heat.

- * Take a cool shower and put an ice pack under your arm or near the groin.

- * Wear well-ventilated shoes.

- * Take breaks. Schedule in more breaks than you normally would in order to conserve energy and prevent overheating.

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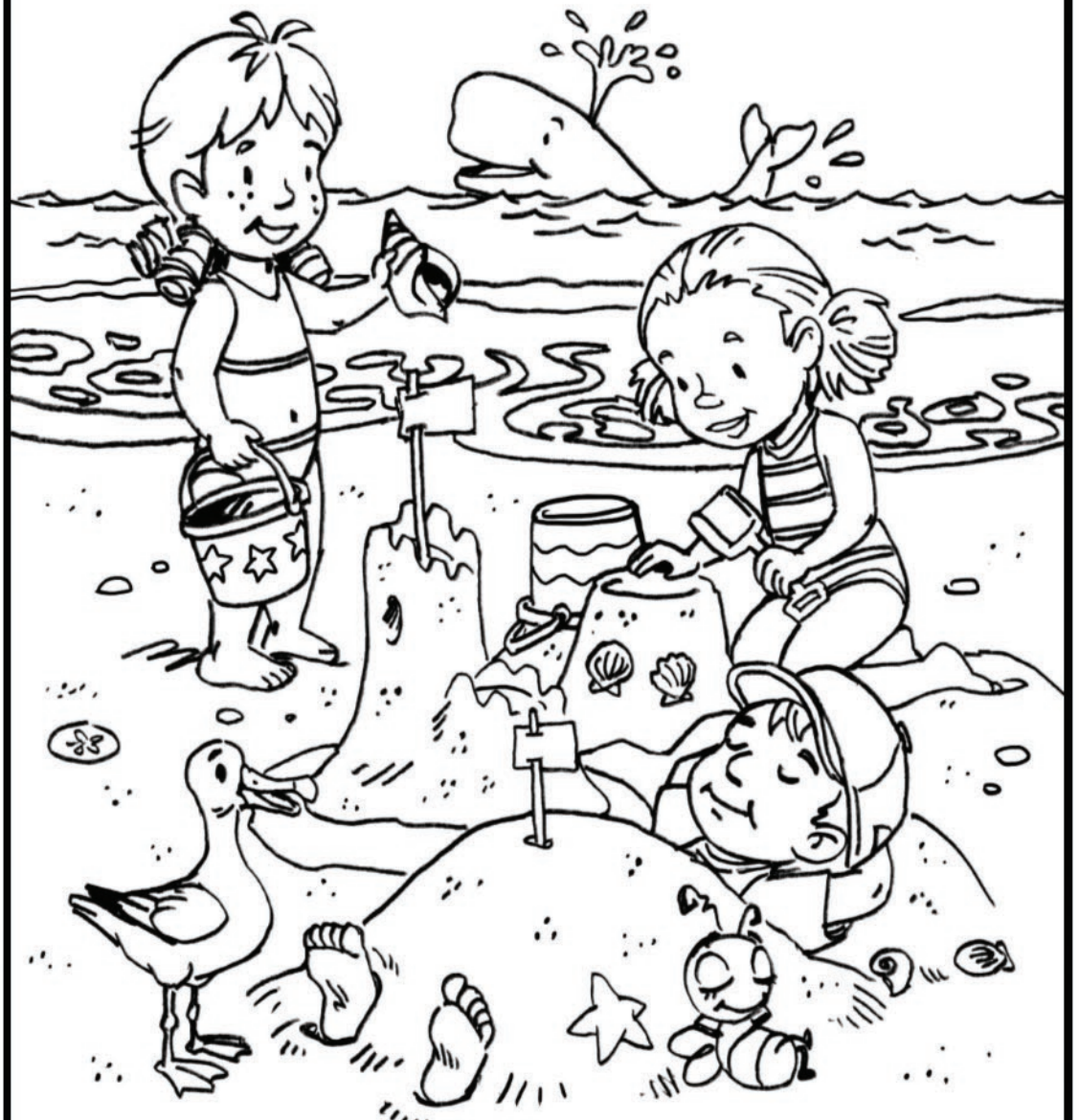
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 Ages 13-19

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 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

It is fun at the beach!



Wortsuche/Wordsearch

Find the following words:

Blau (blue), Kleid (dress), Hose (trousers),
 Regen (rain), Sonne (sun), Katze (cat), Obst
 (fruits), Karotte (carrot),
 Apfel, (apple).

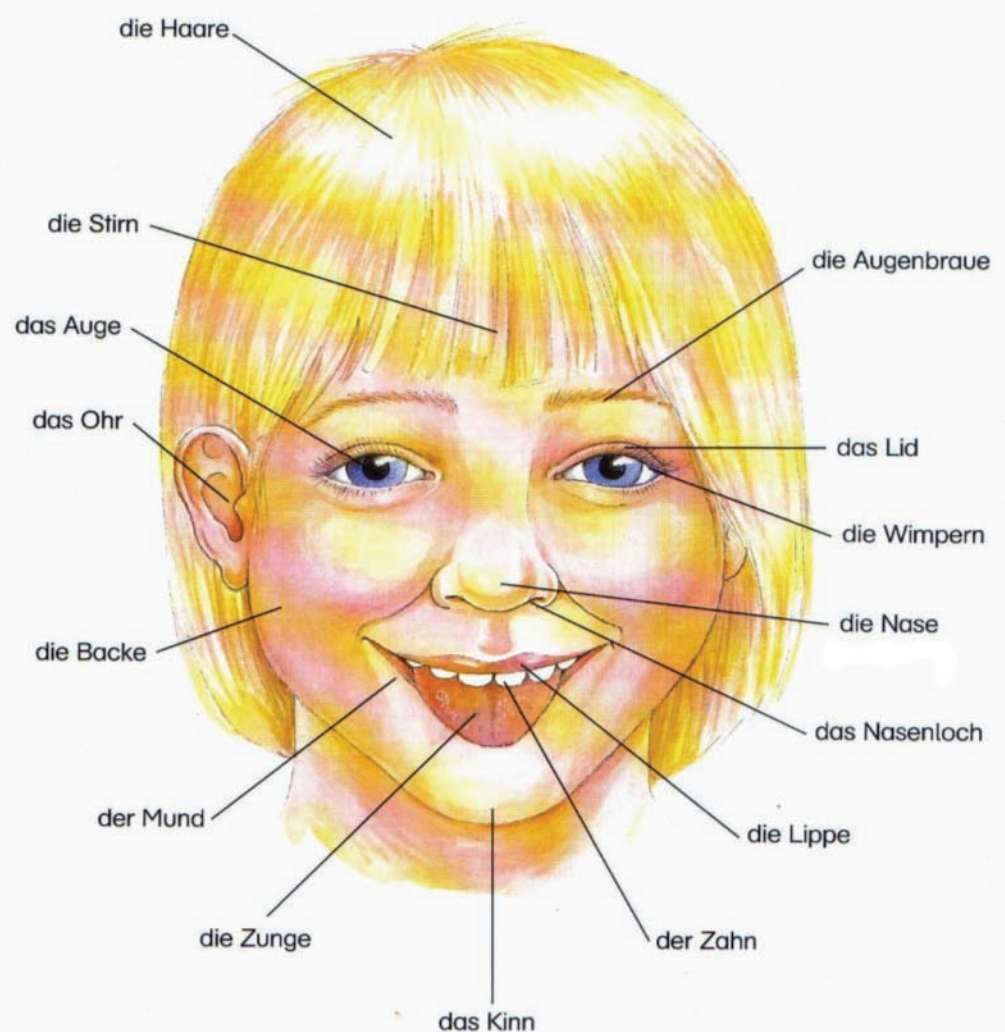


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A Few Laughs!

- What did the pig say on a hot summer day? – I'm bacon!
- Why do bananas use sunscreen? – Because they peel.
- What is the best day to go to the beach? - SUNday
- What does the sun drink out of? - Sunglasses

Das Gesicht



The Duke and Duchess

1. Who is England's current Duchess of Sussex? a-Kate Middleton, b-Princess Anne, c-Meghan Markle, d-Camilla Parker-Bowles.
2. What singer had a 1977 hit with his tribute to Duke Ellington titled "Sir Duke"? a-Marvin Gaye, b-Elton John, c-Stevie Wonder, d-Barrett Strong.
3. What country singer sang the theme song for, and was the narrator of, the TV series "The Dukes of Hazzard"? a-Willie Nelson, b-Clint Black, c-Merle Haggard, d-George Jones.
4. What grand duchess of Russia and daughter of Russian Tsar Nicholas II was executed at the age of 17 along with the rest of her family during the Russian Revolution? a-Tatiana, b-Anastasia, c-Olga, d-Seraphina.
5. Which fictional cowboy hero had an aunt called Duchess? a-The Lone Ranger, b-Hopalong Cassidy, c-Pecos Bill, d-Red Ryder.
6. At the battle of Waterloo, the Duke of Wellington rode a horse that shared its name with which European capital city? a-Copenhagen, b-Brussels, c-Minsk, d-Paris.
7. Which school scored more than 100 points in the NCAA Division I men's basketball championship game against Duke University in 1990? a-Georgia Tech, b-Gonzaga, c-UNLV, d-UCLA.
8. The Duchess and Piney Woods are found dead together at the end of "The Outcasts of Poker Flat" by which writer? a-Bret Harte, b-Mark Twain, c-Robert Browning, d-Stephen Crane.
9. Grand Duke Henri Albert Gabriel Felix Marie Guillaume is the head of state of which European nation? a-Luxembourg, b-Portugal, c-Monaco, d-Andorra.
10. Which painter was thought to be having an affair with the Duchess of Alba whom he portrayed naked as his "Nude Maja"? a-Eugene Delacroix, b-Edouard Manet, c-Diego Velasquez, d-Francisco Goya.

added. After all, many of those printing the pamphlets were hostile to Vlad III. But some of the pamphlets from this time tell almost the exact same gruesome stories about Vlad, leading Miller to believe that the tales are at least partially historically accurate. Some of these legends were also collected and published in a book, "The Tale of Dracula," in 1490, by a monk who presented Vlad III as a fierce, but just ruler. Vlad is credited with impaling dozens of Saxon merchants in Kronstadt (present-day Braşov, Romania), who were once allied with the nobles, in 1456. Around the same time, a group of Ottoman envoys allegedly had an audience with Vlad but declined to remove their turbans, citing a religious custom. Commending them on their religious devotion, Vlad ensured that their turbans would forever remain on their heads by reportedly having the head coverings nailed to their skulls. "After Mehmet II — the one who conquered Constantinople — invaded Wallachia in 1462, he actually was able to go all the way to Wallachia's capital city of Târgovişte but found it deserted. And in front of the capital he found the bodies of the Ottoman prisoners of war that Vlad had taken — all impaled," Curta said. Vlad's victories over the invading Ottomans were celebrated throughout Wallachia, Transylvania and the rest of Europe — even Pope Pius II was impressed. "The reason he's a positive character in Romania is because he is reputed to have been a just, though a very harsh, ruler," Curta said.

Vlad's death

Not long after the impalement of Ottoman prisoners of war, in August 1462, Vlad was forced into exile in Hungary, unable to defeat his much more powerful adversary, Mehmet II. Vlad was imprisoned for a number of years during his exile, though during that same

time he married and had two children.

Vlad's younger brother, Radu, who had sided with the Ottomans during the ongoing military campaigns, took over governance of Wallachia after his brother's imprisonment. But after Radu's death in 1475, local nobles, as well as the rulers of several nearby principalities, favored Vlad's return to power.

In 1476, with the support of the ruler of Moldavia, Stephen III the Great (1457-1504), Vlad made one last effort to reclaim his seat as ruler of Wallachia. He successfully stole back the throne, but his triumph was short-lived. Later that year, while marching to yet another battle with the Ottomans, Vlad and a small vanguard of soldiers were ambushed, and Vlad was killed. There is much controversy over the location of Vlad III's tomb. It is said he was buried in the monastery church in Snagov, on the northern edge of the modern city of Bucharest, in accordance with the traditions of his time. But recently, historians have questioned whether Vlad might actually be buried at the Monastery of Comana, between Bucharest and the Danube, which is close to the presumed location of the battle in which Vlad was killed, according to Curta.

One thing is for certain, however: unlike Stoker's Count Dracula, Vlad III most definitely did die. Only the harrowing tales of his years as ruler of Wallachia remain to haunt the modern world.

And so you have a brief summary of how Dracula and Vlad III found their way into our Transylvanian history.

HUMOR

Husbands are the best people to share your secrets with.

They will never tell anyone because they aren't even listening.

Green Living Tip

Summer is the perfect time to enjoy your local farmers' market. Not only will you enjoy a nice selection of fresh and healthy produce, you will also be leaving a smaller carbon footprint. The food sold at a farmers' market is transported less, making this a greener alternative to shopping at your local supermarket. You will also often find lower prices and fresher products, along with a family-friendly atmosphere.

Crackle and Pop

- Across
1. TV watchdog org.
4. Piano key material
9. ___ Bravo
10. Nearby
11. Crew need
12. Solder with an alloy
13. Continued ahead
15. "___ a little teapot"
16. Single
18. '___ Thee I Sing'
20. Excite
23. "Remember the ___!"
25. Piano piece
26. Forbidden
27. Hit the slopes
28. Buzzing cloud
29. Poetic contraction

- Down
1. Kermit, for one
2. Italian farewell
3. Object shaped like a horn
4. Space to maneuver
5. Brunei's island
6. Mozart's "L'___ del Cairo"

7. W.W. II foe
8. Primordial substance
14. Captivate
17. Showed courage, old-style
18. Horse feed
19. Blemish
21. Pseudonym of H. H. Munro
22. Auspices
24. Attorneys' org.

S I T M R V W S
I K S O O B A T
G V R O M A L A
E S U O R A F O
W I D E W N U G
M Z N O E N O G
L V A B R A R O
L C O L O R I R
Y N O B E C C F

The headline is a clue to the answer in the diagonal.

SUDOKU

How to solve sudoku puzzles

No math is required to solve a sudoku. You only need logic and patience. Simply make sure that each 3x3 square region has only one instance of the numbers 1-9. Similarly, each number can only appear once in a column or row in the larger grid. The difficulty on this puzzle is easy.

	8					6		
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	1		5					
		9						7
			2	4	8		9	
		2					1	

Thunderstorm Safety

Thunderstorms often occur during the summer. When the sky begins to rumble, be sure to remember these tips from the National Weather Service.

Once you can hear thunder, lightning is close by. Seek shelter in a sturdy building or car immediately. If you are caught out in a storm, go

to a low spot. Avoid trees, fences, or poles. If you are in an open area, squat low to the ground, stay on the balls of your feet, and place your hands and head between your legs. Don't lie flat on the ground. When indoors during a storm, don't take a bath or shower. Unplug everything electrical and avoid using the telephone.

You know you are over the hill when work is less fun and fun is more work.

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9	6	5	8	4	2	1	7	3
7	8	2	3	1	9	6	4	5
4	9	8	6	2	5	3	1	7
2	7	6	1	8	3	9	5	4
5	3	1	9	7	4	8	2	6
1	4	3	5	9	8	7	6	2
8	2	7	4	6	1	5	3	9
6	5	9	2	3	7	4	8	1

10-d, Francisco Goya
9-a, Luxembourg
8-a, Bret Harte
7-c, UNLV
6-a, Copenhagen
5-d, Red Ryder
4-b, Anastasia
3-c, Merle Haggard
2-c, Stevie Wonder
1-c, Meghan Markle
Trivia Teaser Answers

Different



Kind

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Fraternal benefit societies were developed in the mid to late 1800s as a way for people, many of them immigrants from Europe, to work and associate with others with similar ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds. These non-profit organizations provided "mutual aid" to many individuals and families. This aid included benefits for death, disability and illness, but also involved a "lodge system" where their families could meet for various social and charitable events. These benefits continue to this day.

Did you know that, according to the American Fraternal Alliance, fraternal benefit societies raised over \$17 million in the wake of the 9/11 attacks and more than \$17 million following hurricane Katrina? The AFA also reports that volunteerism among fraternal benefit societies represents over 95 million hours per year, worth an estimated \$1.6 billion, and a total of \$410 million is spent annually on other fraternal benefits as well. We can be proud that our members volunteer to help out within their communities.

Each type of insurance company—stock, mutual and fraternal—offers life insurance and annuities to the general public. When a client purchases a policy or certificate from any of the three types of companies, they're receiving something of value—a certain amount of insurance for a certain amount of premium, or a certain interest rate on a certain amount of deposit into an annuity.

But does a commercial insurance companies invite their clients to attend picnics, dinners, children activities, participate in bowling or golf outings, baseball games or trips to foreign lands? Will stock or mutual companies provide benefits to your newborn, an orphaned child or a graduating high school senior? Do stock and mutual companies provide scholarships to qualifying members to help offset the cost of obtaining a post-secondary education? These are just a few of the benefits you'll receive when purchasing your insurance or annuity from a fraternal benefit society, like ATS.

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