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We Moved!
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Cleveland OH 44129



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford
ATS Nat'l President



We have moved! Please note that the new address for the ATS Home Office is 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129-1503. Our phone number, fax number and emails have all remained the same. We had three and a half truckloads, with seven guys moving us. Talk about efficient. We struggled with storage boxes and plastic bins prior to the move. The guys walked down the steps at the old office with three storage boxes on their backs! Our move included a few glitches, as any move does. A late installation of the internet by the cable company at the new location, one of our printers didn't want to work after the move, an email that wasn't connected, etc. But, we're working through them all and should be back to normal by the time you read this.

The Hermann Oberth Space Museum in Feucht near Nuremberg, Germany celebrated its 50th anniversary on June 25th with space travelers and space enthusiasts in a talk show that was broadcast on the internet. Hermann Oberth was one of the key pioneers of today's space technology. "He is one of the most important Transylvanian Saxons with his scientific achievements" said Rainer Lehni, Chairman of the Transylvanian Saxons in Germany and the Federation of Transylvanian Saxons. Lehni continued stating that Oberth's almost 100-year-old works, "The Rocket to Planetary Spaces" and "Ways to Spacecraft," contributed to paving the way for space travel in the post-war period. The space museum was opened on June 25, 1971, making it one of the oldest dedicated space museums. Only the Ziolkowski Museum in Kaluga, Russia is older. In addition to the scientific legacy of the rocket and space travel pioneer Hermann Oberth, the museum preserves a wealth of original historic documents and artifacts particularly on the early history of space travel. During your next trip to Germany, you may want to include this destination in your itinerary.

Did you know that moving is the third most stressful event in life? It ranks just below the death of a loved one and divorce. The average American moves 11.7 times in his or her lifetime. That's once every six years. Friday is the most popular moving day of the week. Sunday is the least popular moving day. By then, all of the Friday movers are settled into their new homes. Renters move more than home-owners. One out of three renters move every year. Half of all moves occur between May and September. Household moves typically include about 6,500 pounds worth of stuff. 60 is the average number of boxes used for a move. (The ATS office had 70 plastic bins and probably 60 boxes, as well as a few mannequins dressed in Trachts!)

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of your Branch.
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your Branch
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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.

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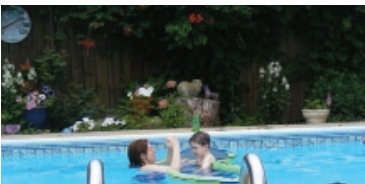
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
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When moving locally, a moving company may cost less than you renting a moving truck and doing it yourself. The moving company covers the labor, packing, the cost of the truck, insurance, transportation, gas, etc. The least expensive time to move is during the winter, because it’s the least popular time to move. The largest reason people choose their new neighborhood is by convenience to their job. Almost 62 percent of people in the United States currently live in the state they were born in. Florida has the lowest percentage of people born in the state who live there.

Until next time....



“OK, you win the staring contest. Now, let’s see how long we can talk without using a buzzword.”



Bring your full
attention to
swimmers at the
pool or beach

This year, as you prepare to enjoy the pool or the beach, take care to remember that drowning is possible for anyone and it is often unrecognized.

No one should ever swim alone, even if they can swim well. The World Congress on Drowning states that an estimated 66 percent of the more than 360,000 people who drown worldwide each year knew how to swim.

Often people who can swim overestimate their ability. They overestimate how far or long they can swim before they become exhausted. They might not know how to swim out of a current or undertow. They can be hit by a wave or another swimmer, then panic.

Pre-teen children can dramatically overestimate how well they can swim and should never be left to swim in a pool without an adult inside the pool, even in shallow water.

Everyone knows that children should not swim alone. That includes small plastic wading pools, in which children have drowned, though the water level was not more than three inches. Children can drown in any depth of water, even if the water is not above their heads. Never instruct a baby sitter to watch a child in a pool. Children should always be supervised by parents.

Remember, children playing in water make noise. If there is no noise, there is trouble.

Quotations: Gardens

There can be no other occupation like gardening in which, if you were to creep up behind someone at their work, you would find them smiling. –
Mirabel Osler

There are no happier folks than plant lovers and none more generous than those who garden. –
Ernest Wilson

One of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides. –
W.E. Johns

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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.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021	FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2021
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021	FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2021
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 Noon?
Please call Hanz Hermann at (440) 525-0020

Don't kiss chickens

We're a nation of animal lovers – according to Spots, about 67 percent of American households own at least one kind of pet.

Not only do we love animals, we love them more than we used to: In a 2016 survey, researchers found that Americans feel significantly more positive about all kinds of animals than they used to – even the less cuddly ones like bats and sharks.

It's no surprise that we love our chickens, too – so much that federal health officials have issued a stern warning: Stop hugging and kissing ducks and chickens, or risk illness.

According to the New York Times, the warning is due to a salmonella outbreak linked to backyard poultry, with 163 illnesses and 34 hospitalizations in



43 states.

Keeping poultry at home in a backyard coop is fine, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but owners should wash hands for 20 seconds after contact with birds and related supplies and not allow small children to touch them.

While stories abound about people who have a chicken as a pet, those who have owned chickens as a hobby may not be inclined to kiss them anyway. "They can be jerks," said one coop owner.

Ancient pepper can spice up barbecue



Black pepper (*piper nigrum*), the friend to salt on your kitchen table, probably comes to you from Vietnam or Ethiopia, via thousands of years of discovery and spice trade.

But, there is another pepper, today a less known pepper, that competed for a place on tables hundreds of years ago, with a flavor described as a sort of sweet heat.

The Long Pepper (*piper longum*) was long famous in its native India, where it won a place in medicine and food. Later, it dominated Greek cooking when it appeared in the Mediterranean in the sixth century B.C., according to *Gastro Obscura*.

The long pepper fell into disuse when the Romans, by the fourth century A.D., were able to bring vast quantities of black pepper

from Kerala, undercutting the price of long pepper. By the 1700s, long pepper had largely disappeared.

Barbecue magic?

Long pepper is still available online and it has reappeared as a key ingredient in pork ribs by Brooklyn barbecue restaurant, Fatty 'Cue, which specializes in grilling, smoking and barbecuing.

Writer Sarah Laskow compared the flavors of the black and long peppers, saying that black pepper had a sharp and aggressive pop, while long pepper tended to linger and grow in power with a mellow, floral note.

Long pepper is good with fresh melon or pineapple, salads, or even in cocktails.

On the Web, long pepper is available at SaltTraders.com.

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS

By Donald Blum

MONTHLY MEETING HICKORY HOUSE

550 Officenter Place
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
Monday, August 16, 2021
Time 12:00 noon

Our meetings are the Third (3rd) Monday of the month.

Remember to bring a canned good item or other food item.

CELEBRATIONS

Please join me in wishing a Happy Birthday to Thomas Hendel (8/1), Udo Maroscher (8/3), Sophie Untch (8/6), Susanna Kauntz (8/16) and Julie Kautz Geurard (8/19). May your blessings and celebrations be many, and your Birthdays be filled with Happiness and Good Fortune. Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

Please join me in wishing a Very Happy 48th Anniversary to Debbie and Mike Roth. Love brought you together as husband and wife, gave each of you a best friend for life, may the love that you share, last your lifetime through, as you make a wonderful pair. Frohes Jubilaeum!

FACEBOOK PAGE

Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, Columbus Branch

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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 (donaldblum@prodigy.net), and we will set you up. You do not need to be a member of Columbus Branch 10.

We are happy to say, we continue to add Saxon/German heritage individuals to the Facebook Group. Some of the members include people from all over the US, Canada and Europe. We encourage you to spread the word about our group. We now have 125 Facebook members. Willkommen!

RULERS OF TRANSYLVANIA

It is appropriate to begin our discussion of rulers that impacted Transylvanian Saxons by looking initially at King Géza II. King Géza II was the King of Hungary and Croatia from 1141 to 1162. While Transylvania existed prior to the German migration, it was under King Géza II that the Transylvanian Saxons became an integral part of Transylvanian history. King Géza II was the eldest son

of Béla the Blind, a cousin of King Stephen II of Hungary, and son to Helena of Serbia. King Géza II was born in 1130. King Géza II's father, Béla the Blind, had been blinded due to rebellious actions. Béla was ordered blinded by Stephen II's father, Coloman of Hungary. Coloman did this because he wanted to insure Stephen's succession to becoming king.

When King Géza II was born his parents lived on an estate that King Stephen had granted them. Eventually, Béla, succeeded King Stephen in 1131. King Béla died on February 11, 1141.

Even though Géza was only eleven years old, he was crowned king on February 16th. During his younger years, his mother and her brother, Belos, ruled the kingdom on Géza's behalf. By the age of sixteen, King Géza II was elevated to governing the kingdom. King Géza II and Belos fought and routed troops of mercenaries from Bavaria and Austria to gain control of the kingdom. Géza married Euphrosyne, sister of the Grand Prince Iziaslav II of Kiev, in 1146.

During the reign of King Géza II there were many battles and disputes with Germany, France and the Byzantine Empire. Géza had gained the reputation for his military prowess and also for his political strategies in creating agreements, alliances and relationships that would enable him to maintain control of his kingdom.

King Géza II had an understanding, that while relationships with warring factions had been somewhat normalized, he was aware that he needed further assurances that his kingdom could be protected from the possibility

of invasions. King Géza II determined that a buffer territory would protect Hungary from advance invasions of his kingdom.

There have been various accounts on what occurred whether German settlers (to become known as Transylvanian Saxons) were offered or summoned by King Géza II, to the area from the Mures to Alt River to form settlement on what was considered the new frontier (in the south and northeast). The area was former wasteland along the border area of the kingdom. At the time, the area was only sparsely inhabited by humans, and was mostly inhabited by bears, wolves and lynx. The settlers could freely choose the best areas for settlements.

Tradition holds that *Siebenbürgen*, the German name for Transylvania, derives from the seven principal fortified towns founded by these [Transylvanian Saxons](#). While these settlers, Transylvanian Saxons, would be granted special governing privileges, the intent was for the settlers to provide a source for higher taxes, the settlers would offer better methods of farming, skilled craftsmen and provide an emphasis towards increase in trade. Ultimately, the intent was to provide a buffer against invasion and military support for King Géza II's kingdom.

So, King Géza II was the first and an important part of our Transylvanian Saxon history in Transylvania. King Géza II would rule Hungary and Croatia, an importantly Transylvania from 1141 to 1162.

In the upcoming series, we will look at other rulers that impacted our Transylvanian Saxon History.

HUMOR

Apparently I snore so loudly that it scares everyone in the car I'm driving.

**WE HAVE A RICH
AND COLORFUL
HISTORY AND HERITAGE!**

**DO YOUR PART TO
KEEP IT ALIVE!**

**BECOME A PROUD
AND ACTIVE MEMBER!**

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

October 23 - 24, 2021
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Host: Cleveland West Bowlers
Rollhouse Bowling Alleys
May 21-22, 2022
ATS Convention
Host: Cleveland East Br. 33
Cleveland Marriott East Hotel, Beachwood OH
July 8 - 10, 2022
North American Saxon Heimattag
Host: Branches 18 and 19 Salem OH

LOCAL EVENTS

July 24, 2021
Cleveland East Br. 33 Captains Baseball Game
July 25, 2021
Youngstown Br. 30 Saxon Day
August 8, 2021
Cleveland East Br. 33 Annual Picnic, Penitentiary Glen
August 11, 2021
Cleveland Sachsenheim Lagerfest
August 15, 2021
Lorain Br. 5 Picnic, Lakeview Park
August 28, 2021
Cleveland Sachsenheim Oktoberfest
September 19, 2021
Cleveland West Branches 1 & 4 Membership Banquet
October 29, 2021
Cleveland West Children’s Halloween Party
December 4, 2021
Cleveland East Br. 33 Sausage Sale
December 12, 2021
Cleveland East Br. 33 Christmas Banquet
Cleveland West Children’s Christmas Party

How to grill the perfect, tender pork chop

Grilling season is in full swing, and carnivores know that few things are quite as unpleasant as a dry, tough grilled pork chop. But it doesn’t have to be that way! With a little preparation and caution, you can grill tender, juicy pork chops in just a few minutes. The best part? Grilled chops pair well with just about any sauce or side, and pork is more affordable than beef, which means you can grill out as often as you please.

First, choose a thicker pork chop, at least one inch. Thinner chops cook too quickly on the grill, and by the time you develop a nice crust, the inside will be tough. You can choose bone-in or boneless chops -- whichever you prefer.

Next, brine your chops in a mixture of four cups cold water and 1/4-cup kosher salt. Leave them in the mixture for about 30 minutes. After 30 minutes have elapsed, pull them out and dry them off with paper towels.

After your chops are dried, you can sprinkle on

some black pepper or your favorite spice or rub, but make sure that your rub doesn’t contain salt, or else your chops might end up over-seasoned.

To grill outside, crank up the heat to sear the chops for three minutes per side, which starts the cooking process and leaves impressive grill marks. After that, you’ll want to turn the heat down (or move to a higher rack) for an additional four to seven minutes, depending on the thickness. This completes the cooking process while leaving a nice crust



outside. Make sure your grill stays closed during cooking to ensure high, even heat.

When your chops register 145 degrees Fahrenheit in the thickest part, they’re ready to come off the grill and rest for three to five minutes, which gives juices time to redistribute and lets muscle fibers relax. The result? A tender, flavorful chop with minimal effort and maximum reward.

BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST
By Arline Krestel-Suts

Frequently I do some research to put something interesting in articles. I remember a song from childhood, seems like a summer classic, “Lazy Days of Summer”. As I am looking up the lyrics, I found some trivia to share.

“Those Lazy-Hazy-Crazy Days of Summer” music was composed by [Hans Carste](#). It was originally written as “Du spielst ‘ne tolle Rolle”, with German lyrics by Hans Bradtke, Aha! Two Germans. This German song was first recorded under that title in 1962 by [Willy Hagara](#), an Austrian, credited at the time as “the best jazz singer in Vienna”.

Du spielst ‘ne tolle Rolle in den Memoiren

Die ich mal schreibe, das schwöre ich Dir.

Ich hab’ was vor für meine alten Tage

Ich brauch’ nur Feder und Papier dazu

Sei nicht erstaunt wenn ich Dir heute sage

Ich schreib’ ein Buch, und die Hauptperson bist Du.

OK.... so where’s the summer reference?? Well the English lyrics were written by [Charles Tobias](#), with the same theme, [Nostalgia](#). But now, Summertime nostalgia! In 1963, it was recorded by Nat King Cole, arranged by [Ralph Carmichael](#), and hit #6 on the US [Hot 100](#).

*“Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
Those days of soda and pretzels and beer
Roll out those lazy, hazy,*

*crazy days of summer
You’ll wish that summer could always be here”.*

Well now here’s my point. Branch 33 does suspend meetings July and August. But we still try to meet for warm weather outings. Remember, Barb Hum has arranged a group outing baseball game and picnic party deck Saturday, July 24, at Lake County Captains in Eastlake. Branch 33 will pay admission and food for members.

If you don’t like baseball, ATS Family Days at Waldemeer Park in Erie PA is the same day. Branch 33 will reimburse our members’ admission for this event as well.

And please remember to sign up for our Branch Annual Summer Picnic, Sunday August 9, Penitentiary Glen in Kirtland. Catering by Dino’s, games, raffles, walking trails, and really cool nature and play area for kids. \$5 for members, and \$10 for guests; Reservations to be made with Arline or Wayne Suts, 440-867-6103 or 440-279-3330, by August 2. So hey, call us! I haven’t from too many yet....

Meetings start September 8th, in person not Zoom, St. John’s Lutheran Church. We will start with a party tray supper.

Hope everyone has a great summer. Stay safe and see you at the picnic!



Introducing our newest
Fraternal Benefit Program:
The ATS Student Loan
Debt Relief Grant

Qualifying applicants must:

- Be an ATS member for 4 years.
- Be out of school for at least two years.
- Have an annuity certificate with a balance of at least \$1,000 or a life insurance policy.
- Be current with their loan payments.
- Have been involved with ATS National or Local events during the past two years or proof of volunteer involvement during the past two years.



The intent of this program is to provide financial support in the form of a grant to qualifying ATS members who have graduated from college, have been out of school for at least two years, and still owe on their student loans.

Selection of grant recipients will be determined by a random drawing conducted by the ATS Scholarship Committee. Selected recipients will be awarded \$500, payable to the lending institution.

Send in the attached Request Form to receive the Application. Requests must be received by August 20, 2021.

The completed Application, along with the supporting documentation, must be returned to the ATS Home Office by September 1, 2021.

Mail Request Form to:
ATS Home Office
5323 Pearl Road
Cleveland, OH 44129



Request for ATS Student Loan
Debt Relief Grant application

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Branch #: _____ Cert #: _____

Request Deadline: August 20, 2021
Application Deadline: September 1, 2021

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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
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(440) 449-1334

**Rev. Barbara Holzhauser
Pastor**

10:00 Worship Service

BRANCH 26, MERRILLVILLE By Helen Brooks

Saxon Lodge Branch 26 held its meeting on July 11, 2021. We said the pledge to the flag.

Jeff Szostek called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was held in honor of our departed member Christa Guip.

Roll call of officers: three were absent and excused. Minutes were read and accepted. Treasurer's report was also read and accepted, as was the Recording Secretary's report.

A motion was made to pay the death benefit for Christa Guip.

The sign up sheet for the Rail Cat's game on August 29th at 2:00 p.m. was passed around.

The Raffle was won by Judy Andrews, and the Membership prize was won by Marty Varney.

It was great to see such a large group show up for the meeting.

We sang Happy Birthday to Wally Szostek who turned 95 years young. We wish many, many more.

Til we meet again – stay safe and healthy.

SALEM RETIREES

By Norma C. Byers

Salem Retirees met on Wednesday, July 7th. When we heard the gavel hit, we knew our President Lois Whitacre meant business to open our meeting. Tony Rothbrust gave the invocation and we all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had a delicious lunch (as usual) prepared by Beverly and Cheryl, our precious caterers!

17 were present and after lunch we bowed for a moment of silence for our good friend, Walter Eyrich who passed on July 3rd.

Our Secretary, Dianne Kuttler, gave her report from June and Katie Lederle gave the financial report. Dora Lee Sandoe conducted our drawing.

July birthdays were read and we sang Happy Birthday to everyone and also to George Spack, who was

there and it was for his 95th Birthday!

Helen Aeling always comes prepared to cheer us up with her humor, and she did that today! Bless her!

We all had a good time and I must say - I wondered how everyone would look since we hadn't seen one another since before the pandemic!

But guess what? No one seemed to look older and in fact they looked darn good!

We ended with the Lord's Prayer and then YIPPEE - Bingo! - then George won a game and got money, so he really had a Good Birthday!

Hope to see all of you on August 4th! Stay Well! Too-dle-oo!

Keep these invasive plants out of your garden



It's pretty, it would look great in your garden, and since your local garden center carries it, there's no way it's a destructive invasive species, right?

Not necessarily. According to Epic Gardening, while garden centers are mostly knowledgeable about the plants that they sell and most don't carry invasive species, destructive plants slip through the cracks all the time, and can wind up in your garden.

If you're thinking about adding one of these commonly available plants to your garden, ask a reputable garden center about a better native option. If you already have it in your landscaping, consider digging it up and replacing it with something that will support local flora and fauna.

* Chinese wisteria: Popular for its purple flowers, but can kill trees and displace native species.

* English ivy: Can climb and kill trees or cover the ground and suffocate na-

tive plants. It's worth noting that the British naturalists, who work where buildings and trees are covered with ivy, defend it, saying it doesn't kill trees or harm buildings. But the ivy should be cut before it reaches a tree's canopy, they say.

* Japanese honeysuckle: This plant has almost no natural enemies and can kill shrubs and young trees by girding.

* Privets: This shrub can invade woodlands and forests.

* Burning bush: The leaves are beautiful, but this shrub invades prairies and woodlands.

* Callery/Bradford pear: This small tree invades prairies and woodlands.

* Common periwinkle: Periwinkle grows in dense patches and can smother native species.

* Sweet autumn clematis: With its profusion of white flowers, this species can grow over native plants and block sunlight.

Safety Tip

To be safe when using an ATM, try to avoid using street ATMs at night. It is always safer to go into an open business to use an ATM. It is important to be aware of your surroundings. Be on the lookout for suspicious vehicles or persons idling in the area of the ATM. If you are confronted, it is better to give up your money than risk injury or worse. Try to engage a robber as little as possible by not fighting or arguing. As soon as possible, call 911 for help.



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.

Marvin L. Mackeprang, Sr.
Age 72

Died: June 8, 2021
Branch 25, New Castle PA

Alba Kessler

Age 95

Died: July 2, 2021
Branch 27, New Castle PA

Walter Ulrich

Age 92

Died: July 3, 2021
Branch 19, Salem OH

Carol Novotny

Age 97

Died: July 6, 2021
Branch 30, Youngstown OH

BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN By Rosemarie Kascher

We welcome into new membership: Christa Blasko, Alexander Vargo and Joel Albrect.

The next general meeting will be August 8, 2021 with the officers meeting prior to it.

The Youngstown Saxon Club is open three days a week: Sundays from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with Wednesdays and Fridays, from 4:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Even though we are open, we ask you to use good health practices while in the Club; distancing and masks when not eating or drinking, please.

Saxon Day was held July 25th, our first major time to get together. I'll report on it in the next issue.

Since our Club is experiencing age related problems, we are asking for help from volunteers with general maintenance and building experience to aid with repairs. Even if you can donate a little time, please contact the office. 330-792-7973, or one of the officers. Any help you can give us is truly appreciated.

We thank all the staff and those who volunteer daily for their commitment to keeping us going.

Please stay healthy!

Katzendorf / Cața



A pier basilica, easily recognizable by its main features, constitutes the core of the fortified church in Cața. Inside, the pillars with arcades are a typical Romanesque construction to connect the side aisles to the nave. On the northern clerestory two uncovered false windows can be seen. The Romanesque chancel as well as the apse were rebuilt during the 15th century in Gothic style. The cross vault collapsed 1894 together with the western tower and it was replaced later on by a flat ceiling. The tower was never rebuilt. The massive fortified curtain wall dating back to the 15th century still preserves four of initial six defence towers. The pentagonal “priest’s tower” offers views over the garden of the parish house. The assembly was provided with a second defence wall with outer bailey as early as the 17th century. Its northern side was demolished in 1884 and in 1937 for using the resulting material to build the school and the community hall.

Place and surroundings

The precise date of the village’s establishment remains unknown. While the first documented reference dates back to the beginning of the 15th century, the foundation of the Romanesque basilica in the village’s center was laid as early as 1250 and the church was also fortified later on. The village developed at the crossing point of two main roads, thus being often affected by enemy attacks and fires throughout the centuries. During the 17th and the 18th century the village was plundered and torched six times. A strong fire heavily damaged the fortified church around 1706, while the parish house and the school were entirely burned down.

With its 2.500 residents Cața is today a rather quiet and peaceful place. In the village’s center, in the parish house lives the Transylvanian Saxon writer and film maker Friedrich Schuller. He restored the homestead where his father used to live as priest of the village and regularly hosts nowadays cultural and literary events: for example, in 2011 it was awarded here the first “Wordsmith of Cața” price.



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TRIVIA TEASER
Say Uncle

- 1. What patriotic song includes the lyrics “I’m a real live nephew of my Uncle Sam / Born on the Fourth of July”? a-”God Bless America,” b-”Yankee Doodle Dandy,” c-”God Bless the USA,” d-”America the Beautiful.”
- 2. Peter Parker is the alter ego of which comic book superhero, who was raised by his Uncle Ben and Aunt May? a-Human Torch, b-Beast Boy, c-Lightning Lad, d-Spider-Man.
- 3. What comic actor played the title role in the 1989 movie “Uncle Buck”? a-Steve Martin, b-John Candy, c-Eugene Levy, d-Jim Belushi.
- 4. “Uncle Vanya” is an 1898 play by what Russian playwright? a-Nikolai Gogol, b-Alexander Pushkin, c-Mikhail Bulgakov, d-Anton Chekhov.
- 5. On the sitcom “The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air,” what was the name of Will Smith’s uncle? a-Peter, b-Paul, c-Phil, d-Parker.
- 6. Created in 1910 by Howard R. Garis, what kind of animal was the literary character Uncle Wiggily? a-Elephant, b-Tiger, c-Rabbit, d-Fox.
- 7. Uncle Albert, played by Ed Wynn, hosted a tea party on the ceiling in what Disney movie? a-”Mary Poppins,” b-”Matilda,” c-Aladdin,” d-”The Aristocats.”
- 8. What top 10 hit song for Uncle Kracker featured vocals by Dobie Gray? a-”Good to Be Me,” b-”Follow Me,” c-”Drift Away,” d-”Smile.”
- 9. What musical instrument was the specialty of Grand Ole Opry performer Uncle Dave Macon? a-Banjo, b-Mandolin, c-Fiddle, d-Harmonica.
- 10. What is the name of the anthropomorphic pepperoni pizza slice on the animated TV series “Uncle Grandpa”? a-Elmo, b-Ringo, c-Steve, d-Chuckie.

- Answers
1-b, “Yankee Doodle Dandy”
2-d, Spider-Man
3-b, John Candy
4-d, Anton Chekhov
5-c, Phil
6-c, Rabbit
7-a, “Mary Poppins”
8-c, “Drift Away”
9-a, Banjo
10-c, Steve

Not all diets best for heart-healthy weight loss

Even though weight loss comes down to a simple formula -- eat fewer calories than you burn -- dieters should exercise caution when choosing how to eat. Not all diets are created equal when it comes to protecting or improving heart health.



According to the Harvard Heart Letter, all older adults should pay attention to their heart health, and for people who want to lose weight, low-carb diets may not be the best choice. Dieters who stick to a ketogenic or Atkins-style diet tend to eat lots of red meat and high-fat, high-salt processed meats, like bacon -- not exactly heart-healthy choices. But low-carbohydrate diets aren’t completely off-limits -- for dieters who prefer to avoid carbohydrates, doctors recommend choosing unprocessed or minimally processed foods and high-quality fats, such as those

found in nuts. But in general, experts caution, dieters should think twice about any diet that restricts a specific category of food, such as carbohydrates or fats, because they are less sustainable for people who want to lose weight and

keep it off. Instead of restrictive diets that eliminate entire food groups, experts urge dieters to eat a variety of heart-healthy foods. According to the American Heart Association (AHA), a variety of whole fruits and vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy products, skinless poultry and fish, nuts and legumes and non-tropical vegetable oils (such as olive oil) are all good choices for heart health. In addition, the AHA recommends that dieters limit saturated fats (such as butter), trans fats, sodium, red meat, sweets and sugary drinks.

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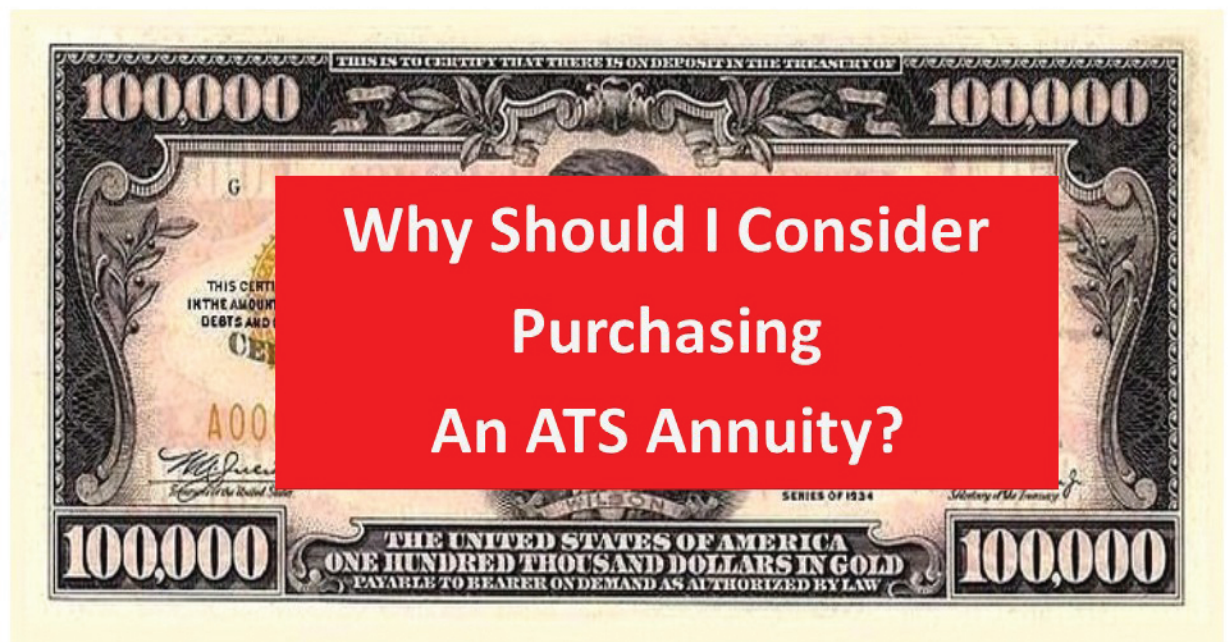
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