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Update Your Personal Records and Family Protection

Address changes?

Have you notified the ATS Home Office of your new address? Have your adult children changed their addresses?

Beneficiary changes?

Was there a marriage, divorce, death, etc., in your family which would require you to make a change of beneficiary on your Life Insurance or Annuity Contracts? Take care of it right away! Senior citizens tend to neglect this, so remind them!

Did the stork visit you recently?

Did a new son or daughter arrive recently? Congratulations! Don't forget to make him/her an ATS member by purchasing a Life Insurance or Annuity plan so the he/she can benefit from our fraternal programs.

Do you need more life insurance?

Do you have enough life insurance protection for yourself and your family? Chances are you should have better coverage! Call you Local ATS Deputy.

How about an ATS Annuity or IRA Plan?

Are you saving for your retirement needs? ATS Annuity Plans offer you a safe way to increase and protect your savings while providing tax sheltered growth. Call your Local ATS Deputy and strengthen your financial future.

BRANCH 5, LORAIN

By Michael Johnson

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Some days it's tough to beat the heat. But for the most part we've had good weather for the holidays and most weekends so far. We're hoping for blue skies on Sunday, August 15th, 2021 as Branch 5 gets together at Lakeview Park, 1800 W. Erie Ave. Lorain, Ohio to picnic at pavilion #1 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Make your reservation to attend by calling brother Brian Gilles at 1(440) 315-5214 or by e-mail at bgilles74@yahoo.com no later than August 8th, 2021. Be prepared to let him know how many in your family will be attending and what side dish or dessert you would like to bring to share. Since this is an outdoor event, face coverings are not required to be worn, though if you choose to do so that would be your choice. Again, if you cannot get a ride and would still like to attend, let Brian know that as well so we could arrange for someone to help in your transportation.

At the time of this writing, Lorain County is at a MODERATE level of Community Transmission as it relates to Covid-19 and the new Variant which seems to be creeping though many parts of our state. We will continue to monitor the recommendations of the Lorain County Metro Parks as it relates to our gathering for the picnic in hopes that we don't feel the need to cancel as we did last year.

TSBA (Transylvanian Saxon Bowling Association) will be starting in September. If you would like to bowl this season with Branch 5, contact sister Monica Gilles by August 15th, 2021 at 1(440) 309-7894 or by e-mail at gillemo76@hotmail.com to let her know you are interested.

At this time I'm unaware of anyone reporting an illness or collecting sick benefits, and let's hope everyone remains healthy.

And finally, we wish to say Happy Birthday to all our members celebrating birthdays in August. They are sisters Dawn Schindler, Myrna Jones, Jeanne Petty, brothers Ronald Stephanchick, Robert Brenner, Michael Koepke, Nicholas Piller, Brent Sanders, and junior members Wendy Webber, and Mark Cox! May you all enjoy this day you call your own! Congratulations also to Brother Russell Gilles who at the end of June of this year, became a 50 year member of Branch 5.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



The ATS held its first National event in more than a year on Saturday, July 24th at Waldameer Park in Erie, PA. I believe that everyone who attended the ATS Family Day had a wonderful time. It was great to actually get together again and visit with lots of people. We had attendees from Alliance, Cleveland East, Cleveland West, Lorain, New Castle, Salem, Youngstown and even Home Branch members. The Bachinger family from Youngstown was well represented with about 20 people. There were a few other sets of families with large groups, too. Maybe we'll have to come up with a prize for the family with the most people next year. For those who didn't attend, you missed out on a great day. You should definitely consider coming next year.

I see that some of the Branches have scheduled their summer picnics and events. Please attend these local Branch events. Even better, volunteer to help out at the event.

Let's not forget about the Saxon Relief Fund and the Schloss Horneck Museum. Sometimes we only think of charitable contributions at the end of the year. These are two great causes that can use funds all throughout the year. Checks can be mailed to the ATS Home Office. Please indicate what the check is for in the memo section.

Did you know that Ohio is the Roller Coaster Capital of the world? With Cedar Point, and also Kings Island, Ohio has the title wrapped up. Cedar Point, located on a Lake Erie peninsula in Sandusky, Ohio, is considered the second-oldest operating amusement park in the US. Lake Compounce in Bristol and Southington, CT is the oldest continuously operating park. Mine tracks were the original roller coasters. A mine in what is now Jim Thorpe, PA, created a gravity railroad for moving coal. On slow days, locals would take a ride in the mine cart. Soon, people were paying for the opportunity to go for a ride. That's how we came to have the roller coaster as we know it today. There are nearly 5,000 roller coasters worldwide. The oldest operating amusement park in the world is in Denmark. It opened over 400 years ago in 1583. Other fun facts about amusement parks are that all lost change found at Cedar Point goes to charity. Before the Ferris Wheel existed as we know it today, it was known in the 17th century in Bulgaria as the Pleasure Wheel. It had chairs suspended from rings and the entire contraption was turned by strongmen. The Ferris Wheel as we know it today made its grand debut at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. This Expo is also frequently credited for creating the modern carnival or fairground because of its Midway and its isolated zones for amusements. The oldest operating Ferris Wheel is in Austria. It was built in 1897. Doritos were invented at an amusement park. Shortly after Disneyland opened in 1955, a restaurant there created Doritos in an effort to prevent food waste by tossing out unused tortillas. Another Disneyland fact is that

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to start saving for your
retirement years**

**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

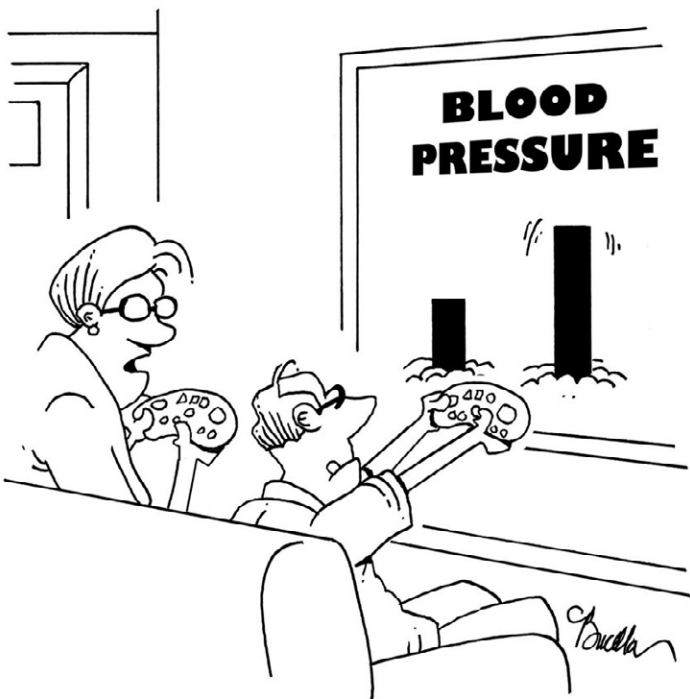
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Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zipcode _____

Amount Donated \$ _____

Please indicate if donation is in memory
or honor of someone

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
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the park is overrun by feral cats. Once the park closes for the night, feral cats prowl the streets of the park keeping the rodent population under control. The cats initially set up camp in the 1950s in Sleeping Beauty’s castle. No one could figure out how to get rid of a bunch of cats without causing an uproar, so Disneyland has been using them as pest control ever since. In addition to housing the cats, they feed them and give them medical care.
Until next time....



“Relax. It’s like golf. Low score wins.”



When walking hurts

Maybe you’re just starting a walking routine or you’re a walking veteran with years of brisk daily walks under your belt. Either way, it’s no fun when aches and pains slow you down or even send you back to the couch. But not all pain is created equal, and while some pains are just inconvenient or uncomfortable, you should know when to call your doctor.

Heel pain is often caused by plantar fasciitis, when the band of tissue that runs from your heel to the ball of your foot is strained, according to Prevention. Pain in your heel or arch first thing in the morning is a common sign. Stretching and supportive shoes are a must, or you can try cold packs or shoe inserts, according to the Harvard Health Letter. Call your doctor if the condition persists.

Calf pain that primarily shows up on one or both sides of the lower calf may be due to spinal stenosis, a condition in which a narrowed spinal canal results in compressed nerves. According to the Harvard Health Letter, symptoms often worsen during the day, so you may choose morning walks instead of evening walks. If you experience pain while walking, take breaks until the pain subsides.

Knee pain that feels like a throbbing in front of the kneecap is often a simple case of runner’s knee, according to Prevention. Try another type of exercise, like cycling or swimming, for a few weeks until the pain subsides. You might also consider some exercises to strengthen your quads and help support your knee for future activity.

Pain throughout the leg that occurs every time you start activity and stops when you finish could be a sign of peripheral arterial disease, or PAD. According to Duke Health, PAD occurs when major blood vessels that supply blood to limbs become fully or partially blocked by fatty deposits. If you’re obese, a smoker, diabetic or have high blood pressure or high cholesterol, you may be at increased risk for PAD. If you have leg pain that starts and stops with activity, contact your doctor. A variety of treatments are available, and the earlier the condition is treated, the better.

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THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES
IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.

You may either

MAIL: 29076 Fall River Dr
Westlake OH 44145
E-MAIL: saxonvolksblatt@aol.com

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, AUGUST 11, 2021	FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2021
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2021
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

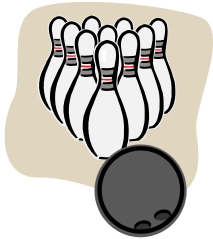
Did you miss the deadline?

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

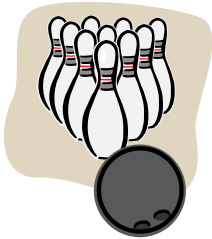
**ATS OPEN BOWLING
TOURNAMENT RULES**

1. All bowlers must be Alliance of Transylvanian Saxon members in good standing to participate in this tournament.
2. Each bowler will receive 100% of the difference between his or her average and a two hundred ten (210) scratch with no limit on pins.
3. Averages to be used are:
 - a. The average of the past five years' tournaments, with exception of 2020.
 - b. If the bowler has no tournament average, then the bowler will establish his or her average after the first three games rolled in the tournament, which will remain the bowler's average for the remainder of the tournament.
4. A bowler may bowl only once in each event in this tournament.
5. The tournament management has the right to return for correction any entry, which does not comply with the above rules.
6. Prizes will be awarded at the ratio of at least one (1) prize for each ten entries. One hundred percent (100%) of the prize fee must be returned. Prizes will be awarded by handicapped scores and not by gender.
7. It shall be the duty of the tournament manager to keep a running record of all bowlers' averages participating in each event.
8. Tournament starts on October 23, 2021 and ends on October 24, 2021.
9. Closing date for entries is October 1, 2021.
10. There will be no refunds of fees after October 8, 2021.
11. Two All Events Winners will be awarded. One for actual scores; one for actual scores plus handicap.
12. We will start with Doubles Event followed by the Singles Event on Saturday.

Your All Events score will be your total individual score of singles, doubles, and team event plus your handicap total for the tournament. Separate men and women prizes will only be awarded in Singles event only. Doubles and team event will be mixed.



ATS ANNUAL OPEN-BOWLING TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER 23 & 24, 2021
HOST: CLEVELAND WEST SAXON BOWLERS
ROLLHOUSE LANES
12859 BROOKPARK RD.
CLEVELAND, OHIO
(216) 267-2150



Check in on Saturday at 10:15 am

Doubles Event 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23

(Name)	(Certificate #)	(Name)	(Certificate #)
1. _____	_____	1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____	4. _____	_____

Singles Event 2:00pm Saturday, Oct. 23

Team Event 10:00 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 24
(Check in at 9:30 am)

(Name)	(Certificate #)	(Name)	(Certificate #)
1. _____	_____	1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____	4. _____	_____

All Events

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: OCTOBER 1, 2021

Note: Tournament is for A.T.S. Members in good-standing only.

All bowling fees and meal reservations money for bowlers and non-bowlers MUST accompany this form.

No refunds after October 8, 2021.

Sunday Banquet will be held at the Westside Sachsenheim; 7001 Denison Ave.

# _____ Doubles @ \$40.00.....	\$ _____
# _____ Singles @ \$20.00.....	\$ _____
# _____ Team @ \$80.00.....	\$ _____
# _____ All Events @ \$2.00.....	\$ _____
# _____ Sunday Banquet @ \$0.00 for Bowlers.....	\$ _____
# _____ Sunday Banquet @\$15.00 for Non-Bowlers.	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.....	\$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Tel.Number _____ Email _____

SEND ENTRY FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

ATS Home Office
 5323 Pearl Rd.
 Cleveland, OH 44129
 Make checks payable to ATS
 Deadline October 1, 2021

Any further questions, call ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442 or email: monica@atsaxons.com



Save your neck: Use head restraints correctly

Head restraints reduce the whip-lash effect caused by a rear-im-pact crash. If they are set at the right level for the driver, they re-perform very well. Adjusting the restraint properly is critical for good protection. According to State Farm Auto

Insurance, the space between the back of your head and the front of the head restraint should be no more than four inches. The re-straint should be as high as your head's center of gravity, which is about three inches below the top of your head.

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

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

EINTRACHT SAXONIA SACHSENCOR
By Edith Hebrank

For a long, long time, our Volksblatt had been rather "undernourished" with news/reports from the various groups/branches. Due to the vaccinations against that deadly virus, we can now come back slowly, have meetings, rehearsals and social gatherings. I am looking forward to read and hear the various news from the many branches. Please, send your reports, so we all can read, how you survived the pandemic.

How did the Sachsenchor do it? We, of course, had to stay home, since especially singing, would spread the virus. Our relatives in Germany were not even allowed to sing in church. Thanks to the telephone, members could stay in touch, exchange news and report on friends and relatives. And the most frequently asked question: When can we go back to singing. Will all the singers return?

The Choir missed two Birthday Parties, one Christmas Celebration and several meetings as well as one election. Thank you, all you members, who stayed on in the same position as the year before.

The Sachsenchor was in an unusual position: our Director, Andrea Ball, had resigned shortly after Christmas because of

health reasons. Thus, the choir had just hired a new Director, Mr. Dallas Young, to start rehearsing in March, 2020. He had one practice session with us, and because of planned vacation he left. He has not been back with the choir; that week Governor DeWine ordered everything closed. The question arose, will Mr. Young even come back to direct us?

That question was settled. June 30th the choir had lunch at the Sachsenheim, with a meeting following and decided, the first rehearsal to be held September 14. All but two singers will come back to practice, to enjoy singing and fellowship.

However, in January we lost a long-standing member because of illness: Marie Seiler.

Marie had been a singer for many, many years. If the choir needed help, a volunteer or adviser: Marie was there. She was everybody's friend. Marie was one person, who had no enemies, only friends. We all miss her so much.

Geh aus, mein Herz,
und suche Freud
in dieser schoenen
Sommerzeit
an deines Gottes Gaben.

Paul Gerhard
1607 - 1676

ATS Family Day!
July 24, 2021



ERIE, PA



Bingo Winners:

Helen Aeling
Matt Aeling
Mike Bachinger
Quinn Carlevale
Dick Jackson
Tim Rosenberger

Raffle Prize Winners:

Helen Aeling
Amanda Bachinger
Heidi Bachinger
Mike Bachinger
Benson Carlevale
Courtney Crawford
Horst Hebrank
Dick Jackson
Anneliese Kirr
Matt Aeling
Bob Bachinger
Kathryn Bachinger
Su Bachinger
Dennis Catrain
Darla Fair
Amanda Hudak
Steven Kinnison
Heather Maloney

Macy Sweesy



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.

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

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



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St. Peter's German and Saxon Lutheran Church

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Warren, Michigan 48093
(586) 979-3850
stpeters_church@sbcglobal.net
www.stpeterswarren.or

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. Barbara Holzhauser
Pastor**

10:00 Worship Service

Choosing a Great Pet Bed

Most pets enjoy having their own bed. If you are deciding on a bed for your dog or cat, be sure to choose one that will provide warmth, support and a sense of security. What makes a pet bed great? Keep these tips in mind when shopping.

- A good pet bed should be made of durable and washable material. Natural fibers are best and the fabric should not be treated with chemicals such as flame-retardants or stain-protectors.

- The bed should have a non-skid bottom to help keep it in place.

- Get a bed that will comfortably fit your pet even when he or she is stretching. But if you have a dog or cat that only sleeps curled up, you may need to get a smaller bed to provide a cozier feel.

- There are a variety of beds for special needs: hypoallergenic materials for allergic pets, orthopedic beds for animals with arthritis, and waterproof beds for pets with incontinence problems.

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(8/25). 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!

Belated congratulations to Simon Lassel, who got married in July. Also, congratulations to his parents, Rena and Mike Lassel, and to his grandmother, Mary Lassel, on the marriage of their son and grandson.

PRAYERS

Please keep Susie Karst in your prayers. Susie is recovering from a fall.

Please keep Mary Lassel in your prayers. She is facing some mobility challenges. Heavenly Father, please comfort them and give them strength, Amen.

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!

HUMOR

As a brain wave technologist, I often ask postoperative patients to smile to make sure their facial nerves are intact. It always struck me as odd to be asking this question right after brain surgery, so a colleague suggested I ask patients to show me their teeth. Armed with this new phrase, I said to my next patient, "Mr. Smith, show me your teeth." He shook his head and says, "I can't". The technologist asks, "Why". Mr. Smith says, "the nurse has them."

RULERS OF TRANSYLVANIA

In the first series on rulers that impacted our Transylvanian Saxon History, King Geza II was responsible for getting Germans to migrate to Transylvania. His motives were to settle and improve a wasteland area, but more importantly to serve as a buffer zone from warring factions against the Hungarian and Croatian countries. King Geza ruled until his death in 1162. The next ruler in line that impacts Transylvania was Stephen III of Hungary and Croatia. Stephen was the eldest son of Geza II. Only weeks after the death of Geza II, Stephen was crowned King of Hungary and Croatia in June of 1162. His crowning did not come without some complications. Stephen III's uncles, Ladislaus II and Stephen IV, challenged his right to the crown. Both of his uncles had fled Hungary and settled in Constantinople and the Byzantine Empire. Stephen IV had left Hungary to escape a murder sentence by Geza II.

Only six weeks after Stephen III's coronation, Ladislaus II convinced Byzantine Emperor Manuel I Komnenos to support his claim to the crown. The Byzantine Emperor would launch a campaign against Hungary. The emperor

would force the Hungarian lords to accept Ladislaus II as their ruler. Stephen III was forced to leave Hungary and seek refuge in Austria. Stephen III would later return and seize Pressburg (which was annexed to Hungary in the 10th century-currently part of Slovakia). So, slowly, but surely Stephen III was regaining some of the land in Hungary that he had been forced to leave. Ladislaus II reign was short-lived. January 14, 1163, Ladislaus II would die. The other uncle, Stephen IV, would replace Ladislaus II, and Stephen IV would be crowned king without any resistance. Stephen IV would encounter problems as a ruler. Stephen IV became unpopular with the Hungarian lords, allowing his nephew Stephen III to create an army that would challenge his uncle, Stephen IV (I know it sometimes gets confusing when many of the rulers have the same first name). In a battle at Szekesfehervar, on June 19, 1163, Stephen III would defeat his uncle, Stephen IV in a very decisive battle. This would force Stephen IV to flee Hungary yet again.

Stephen IV attempted to regain his crown with the help of Manuel I and Frederick I. Both emperors would abandon Stephen IV and his efforts. Emperor Manuel I eventually agreed to settle Stephen IV in Syrmium, a province that had been acquired from Hungary. Stephen IV's luck would run out. The murder sentence that had been imposed by Stephen III's father, Geza II, would be carried out. During a siege on Zimony, supporters of Stephen III would poison Stephen IV.

So while it took a while, Stephen III would again become ruler and have his rightful crown restored as king of Hungary and Croatia. Stephen III would reign until his death on March 4, 1172.

As we know, the rulers of Hungary would impact Transylvanian Saxons, as they would have control of Transylvania for some time. In our next series we will see who is the next ruler that will impact our Transylvanian Saxon lives.



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.

Nancy Schotten

Age 81

Died: June 24, 2021

Home Branch

Shirley A. Hobby

Age 88

Died: July 14, 2021

Branch 5, Lorain, OH

YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES

By Ro Dundon

Happy Summer!!! It's been either a really hot one or a wet one. Regardless, it's Summer.

On Thursday, July 8th we met at Eat and Park in Austintown for lunch. It was also Kay Ring's birthday. Hope your day was wonderful.

Roger was missing. We were sorry to hear he is having medical problems and is scheduled for a procedure in the coming month. We all send our good luck and prayers for his speedy recovery.

Lunch was very enjoyable as were our conversations. For me, there's such a good feeling to be among friends, even if it's just once a week. It's a day I look forward to.

Because of the last year we are all excited about going to Youngstown Club's Picnic. A good time is always had by all. Hope everyone has made their reservation for the event.

Our President Diana Kommel took a survey as to where our next meeting should be held. And...we all agreed to meet at Eat and Park again. So we will see each other there at the same hour... 12 noon.

Here's hoping everyone is and will be safe, happy and relaxed, and use sunscreen if you spend time in the sun.

Till we meet again,
As usual, It's RO

**For every action
there is an equal
and opposite
criticism.**

*It matters not
where you were born, or where you live,
but what's in your HEART.
Be Proud to be
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Kirchberg / Chirpăr



In Chirpăr it is still possible to observe the original three aisles Romanesque basilica built in the 13th century. Without significant changes the chancel with groin vault and apse, the arcades to the side aisles and the western tower are still preserved until today. In the 15th century the assembly was surrounded by a polygonal fortification wall with outer bailey and six defence towers, which are not preserved. Around 1500 a defence level was built above the western tower, but no military systems were foreseen for the church itself. In 1862 the nave and the aisles were covered with a flat plastered ceiling and a lower roof was built above the nave. The interior furnishing originates from the 18th century. The 1778 organ rests on the western masoned gallery. The 1795 altar was built in the workshop of the master Johannes Folbert in Sighișoara.

Place and surroundings

Because of the many Ottoman attacks, the 7 level bell tower was fortified around the year 1500 and today, 500 years later it enjoys the status of the highest tower in the Hârtibaciu Valley. Despite its troubled existence, this stone soldier has protected not only the safety of the villagers, but also the peace of their hearts and their well being. In the old days there was a custom in Chirpăr that after the religious service all villagers would gather for dance in front of the church. Another very appreciated custom both here and in all Saxon villages was the so-called „Maibaum“ (“the May tree” in German). This ritual has a long history, since it started to be celebrated in ancient times. In the 13th Century the tree used to signify the will to live and it was cherished as a persecutor of dark and evil forces. In the 16th Century it takes over the role of “Liebesmaien” (“The May of love” in German): the country lads were placing the trees as messengers of love in the yards of their beloved ones, revealing secret loves to the community.



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A fair sampling of the best state fair fare



August is state fair time and while we might care who has the best lamb, and we might want to hit the free concert, we will definitely buy fair food -- an outrageous culinary category unto itself.

And it's really not always on a stick and not always fried.

Case in point, Florida's Strawberry Lemonade Sweetcake Sundae. This yummy dessert features a biscuit-like cake fried like a doughnut and coated with cinnamon sugar. Over that goes a coating of lemon buttercream, strawberry slices and whipped cream. Find it at DeAnna's Food at the Florida State Fair, which is actually in February, because it can be.

Buckeye seeds are good eating for squirrels, but poisonous to humans. Idea: We should make something edible that looks like them. Ohio, the buckeye state, has a tradition of doing just that, covering a ball of peanut butter with chocolate. But we are talking state fairs here. So Bulk Candy Store batters and deep fries, then sprinkles them with powdered sugar. And they no longer look like a buckeye nut, but people are crazy for them.

One of the many choices that does come on a stick: The Tennessee deep-fried goo goo cluster. A legend since its invention in 1912, the Goo Goo is made of roasted peanuts, nougat and caramel bathed in chocolate. Get them deep-fried and on a stick at Strickland's Funnel Cakes.

In Montana, the famous Viking is a deep fried meatball on a stick. It combines pork, egg, oatmeal, onions and Scandinavian spices, all on a stick. It has authentic roots, since it is properly made at the Sons of Norway booth.

At the Delaware State Fair, it's scrapple sandwiches that draw the crowd. Scrapple is a meatloaf invented by the Pennsylvania Dutch, featuring pork, cornmeal, flour, pepper and sage. Served on white bread, we can forgive it for not being deep fried.

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