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ATS 108th CONVENTION May 18 – 19, 2024 HOST: BRANCH 30 – YOUNGSTOWN



CONVENTION SCHEDULE
YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB
710 S. Meridian Road, Youngstown, Ohio
Friday, May 17, 2024
2:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, May 18

9:00 AM Delegate Registration
10:00 AM Convention Opens
Noon Lunch
1:30 PM Convention Resumes
4:00 PM Recess for the Day
6:00 PM Social
7:00 PM Dinner
8:00 PM Program – Dance

Sunday, May 19

9:30 AM Convention Resumes
Noon Lunch
1:30 PM Convention Resumes
(if necessary)

CONVENTION DELEGATES

BR. 1 CLEVELAND WEST

Robert M. Hanek
August J. Botsch
Henry Botsch
Horst Hebrank
Hanz G. Hermann
David W. Leifer
Alt: Martin Schuller

BR. 3 ALLIANCE

John H. Aeling

BR. 4 CLEVELAND WEST

Monica M. Weber
Edith Hebrank
Barbara A. Hermann
Diane E. Hum
Christine S. Roppelt

BR. 5 LORAIN

Jane E. Mowery
Jeanne M. Petty

BR. 7 FARRELL

BR. 8 ALLIANCE

Denise A. Crawford
Karen M. Kinser

BR. 9 CHICAGO

Diethild Thut
Elfriede Sanderson
Claudia Schmidt
Georg Thut, Jr.

BR. 10 COLUMBUS

Olga M. Hesch
P. Michael Roth
Alt: Elizabeth J. Lassel

BR. 14 CANTON

BR. 17 CANTON

Helen E. Aeling
Pauline J. Sift

BR. 18 SALEM

Marilyn McNutt
Barbara A. Spack
Deborah J. Spack
Marcia A. Spack
Mary Lou Weingart
Alt: Twila R. Rothbrust

BR. 19 SALEM

Glenn T. Spack

BR. 25 NEW CASTLE

Jonathan E. Baisch
Danuel E. Forsberg
Joshua W. Stelle

BR. 26 MERRILLVILLE

Randall B. Floyd
Brigitte Floyd
Daniel Schuffert
Michele Schuffert

BR. 27 NEW CASTLE

Judith E. Both
Ingrid A. Both-Hoesl

BR. 29 MONACA

BR. 30 YOUNGSTOWN

Ernest Roth, Sr.
Sara Deutschlander
Kathleen M. Eberth
Michele M. Eberth
Barry L. Garhammer
Julaine E. Gilmartin
Tammy J. Hahn
Frances A. Hinerman
June L. Hoelzel
Eugene J. Thomas
Patricia V. Thomas
Rose Marie Zarny
Alt: Dennis R. Furman
Mary Ann Dahman
Candace L. Crum

BR. 32 – ELLWOOD CITY

BR. 33 – CLEVELAND EAST

Lisa Deaton
Donna J. Foisel
John W. Foisel
Susan M. Guip
Henry Hum
Maria Phillips
Nicholas W. Ziegler
Alt: Arline E. Suts

BR. 37 DETROIT

Debbie K. Ferguson
Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson

BR. 45 ELLWOOD CITY

HOME BRANCH
Michael Bachinger
Jacob F. Spor
Michael Teutsch, Jr.
Margarete I. Ziegler

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford
ATS Nat'l President



Happy Mother's Day! Sunday, May 12 is Mother's Day. According to Wikipedia, it is a celebration honoring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on different days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May.

The Convention is fast approaching. The ATS Home Office and Branch 30 – Youngstown have been busy preparing for next weekend. The Board of Directors will have its quarterly meeting on Friday afternoon. The Convention starts Saturday morning. The Board will review our financials and fraternal activities with the Delegates at the meeting. The Convention Delegates will vote on budget items and the election of the ATS Board of Directors. The Convention Delegates also vote on the Saxon Handicraft Exhibit items and determine the winners in each category and an overall winner. In preparation, the Fraternal Events/Scholarship Committee met on Saturday, April 27 to review the ATS Scholarship applications. We will be awarding 45 young ATS members with Scholarships! All winners will be announced at the Convention. Cultural Group Subsidies and Branch Sharing Awards will be distributed. Branch 30 has an enjoyable Saturday evening planned for us. The Convention will resume on Sunday morning. The ATS has received one bid for hosting the next Convention in 2026. If another Branch wants to host, let us know. The Delegation will vote on who hosts the next Convention. Safe travels to all of our Delegates who will be travelling to Youngstown.

Send us your email address! Send an email to Office@ATSaxons.com, so that we can update our membership database. Feel free to include emails for your entire family in one email. We are also taking a survey as to which social media site is used most by our members. You can include which one(s) you use in the email.

The summer calendar is filling up. June 8 is the TSBA Bowlers Convention in Youngstown. June 15 will be the ATS Fishing Charter on Lake Erie. Saxon Summer Camp at Camp Frederick starts on Sunday, June 16. The International Jugendlager begins on July 5 in Canada and runs through July 19. The North American Transylvanian Saxon Heimattag will be held on July 12 – 13 in Kitchener, Canada. Plan to take the ATS bus for an easy way to travel to and from the Heimattag. July 27 is ATS Family Day at Waldameer. Then, 80 people will be heading to Transylvania on July 30 to celebrate the Sachsentreffen in Hermannstadt, along with the ATS sponsored tour of Transylvania. We will be returning on August 10. Wow, I'm already tired just writing about all of these events! Please plan to join us at these occasions.

Did you know the upcoming Heimattag in Dinkels-

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TIMELY - DO NOT DELAY
MAILED WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

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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 donations 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, 5323 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



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President's Message Cont'd from Page 1

bühl will be celebrating its 74th year? In addition, at this year's event, our fellow Transylvanian Saxons in Germany will be celebrating the Central Verband (the Association of Transylvanian Saxons) of Germany's 75th anniversary. The motto for the event is “75 years of community – join in”. The Heimattag in Germany always takes place on Pentecost weekend. This year, the weekend falls on our ATS Convention weekend, May 17 to the 20th. I enjoyed my visit last year to Dinkelsbühl for the Heimattag so much. Pictures from my trip are available on the ATS website (www.ATSaxons.com). Click on Volksblatt, and open issue June 23, 2023. Pictures are on the back page. For this year, you can watch videos on the Verband's YouTube channel (Siebenbuergende) and their Facebook page (Siebenbuenger.de). Congratulations to the Central Verband on their 75th Anniversary!

Until next time....

BRANCH 9, CHICAGO By Rose-Marie Hauer

The meeting was brought to order by President Thut at 7:10 pm. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a good Easter.

On the sick list we have Brother Georg Thut who broke his hip. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We are sad to report that Richard Rooney, husband of Erika Salmen-Rooney, and father to children Connell and Colleen, passed away unexpectedly March 27. Branch 9 expresses their deepest sympathy to the family and also to Sister Anni Salmen.

Reminder the Picnic is June 30 and the Banquet will be on September 15. Plans are in progress.

The ATS convention is May 18-19. Brother Georg Thut, and Sisters Dede Thut, Claudia Schmidt and Elfie Sander-son will be attending. If anyone has items for the Handicraft exhibit please let Dede know as soon as possible.

All the best to you all and stay healthy!

Our next meeting will be May 6, 2024.

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THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES
 IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.

You may either

E-MAIL: saxonvolksblatt@aol.com

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

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024	FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024	FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2024
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2024	FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2024

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

The ATS Youth Activities Committee would like to congratulate and thank the following juvenile members for the participation in the 2024 Bowl Where You Are Tournament.

- Quinn Carlevale
Br. 30 – Youngstown
- Laurel Emerich
Br. 27 New Castle
- Maxxon Radeff
Br. 1 Cleveland West
- Jameson Donnelan
Br. 1 Cleveland West
- Allie Shroll
Br. 4 Cleveland West
- Harrison Hum
Br. 33 Cleveland East
- Kendall Emerich
Br. 27 New Castle
- Caiden Phillips
Br. 33 Cleveland East
- Cooper Shroll
Br. 1 Cleveland West
- Carson Mshar
Br. 30 Youngstown
- Katie Hanek
Br. 4 Cleveland West
- Matthew Rau
Br. 1 Cleveland West
- Mora Ziegler
Br. 33 Cleveland East
- Alex Spack
Br. 19 Salem
- Alexis Seiler
Br. 4 Cleveland West
- Bill Smith
Br. 33 Cleveland East
- Joshua Rau
Br. 1 Cleveland West
- Cathryn Best
Br. 18 Salem
- Lucy Deaton
Br. 33 Cleveland East
- Allison Phillips
Br. 33 Cleveland East
- David Deaton
Br. 33 Cleveland East
- Kara Pasquale
Br. 45 Ellwood City
- Paul Runnals
Br. 1 Cleveland West
- Ray Appleby
Br. 19 Salem



The ATS Youth Activities Committee congratulates the following young people on winning their age group in the 2024 Bowl Where You Are. Each winner received a plaque with their name on it. Keep up the good work and we look forward to you bowling next year!

AMELIA WERNER
Br. 18 - Salem
Age 6-7

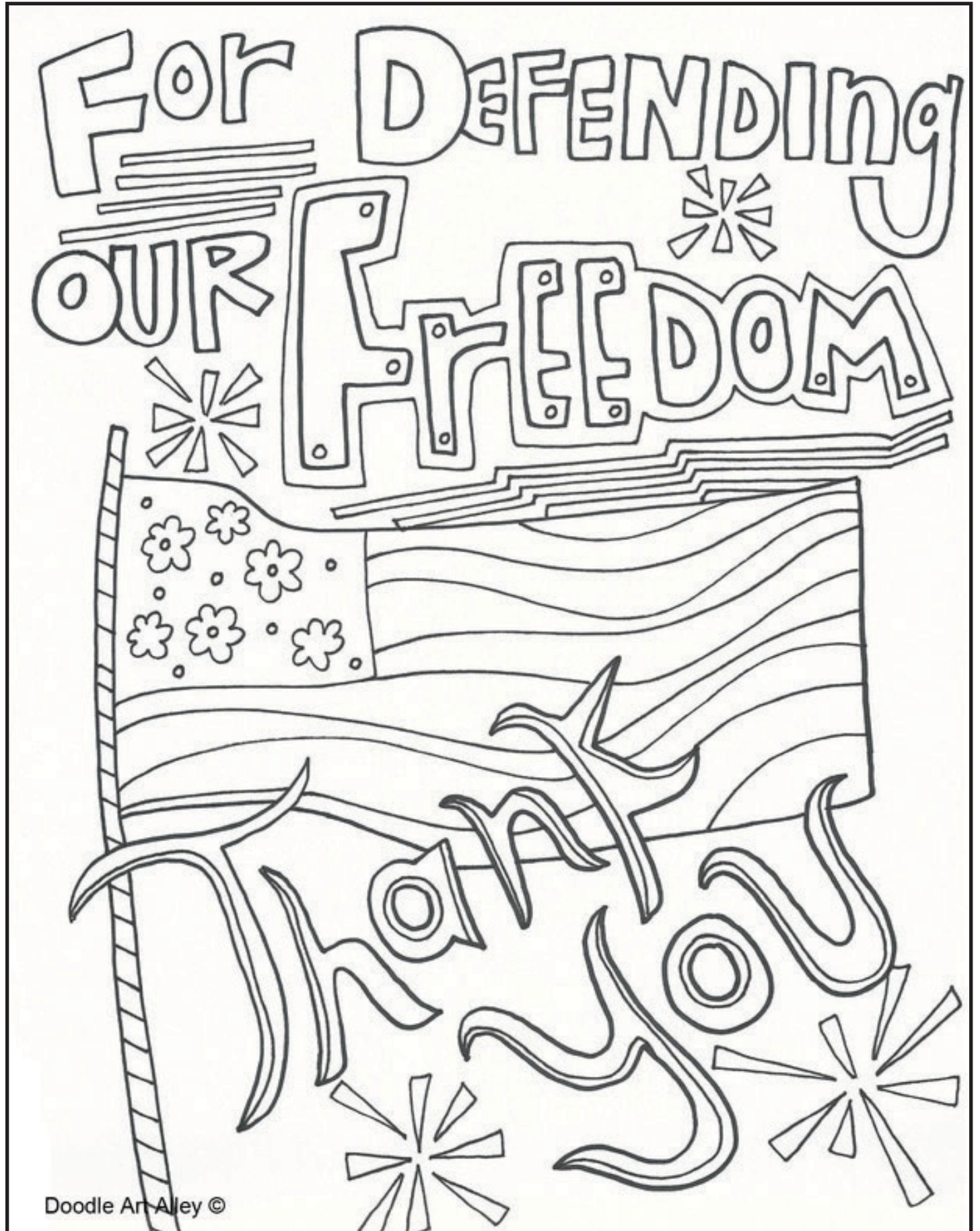
WILLIAM WILSON
Br. 19 – Salem
Age 10-11

SARA WILSON
Br. 18 – Salem
Age 14-15

CAMDEN JACKSON
Br. 19 - Salem
Age 8-9

KYLIE JACKSON
Br. 18 - Salem
Age 12-13

KENNETH WILSON
Br. 19 – Salem
Age 16-17



Name: _____
 Branch No. _____ Cert. No. _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please mail to the ATS Home Office; 5323 Pearl Road; Cleveland, OH 44129

For each coloring entry the ATS receives,
 a donation will be made to Wounded Warrior Project.



FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

- May 18 - 19, 2024
ATS Convention Host: Youngstown, OH
- June 8, 2024
67th TSBA Convention Host: Youngstown Bowlers
- June 16 - 21, 2024
Saxon Summer Camp Camp Frederick Rogers, OH
- July 5 - 19, 2024
Federation International Jugendlager Host: Canada
- July 12 - 14, 2024
North American Saxon Heimattag
Kitchener, ON Canada
- July 27, 2024
ATS Family Day at Waldameer
- October 19 - 20, 2024
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Host: New Castle Bowlers

LOCAL EVENTS

- May 12, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim Mothers' Day Brunch
Youngstown Saxon Club Mothers' Day Dinner
- June 26, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim /GCM
Summer Pilsner Patio Party
- June 30, 2024
Chicago Br. 9 Picnic
Columbus Br. 10 Picnic, Sycamore Creek Park
- July 13, 2024
Cleveland East Captains Baseball Game Outing
- August 18, 2024
Cleveland East Annual Summer Picnic
Penitentiary Glen
- August 24, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim / GCM
Summer Oktoberfest
- September 15, 2024
Chicago Br. 9 Banquet, Lone Tree
- September 28, 2024
Cleveland Sachsenheim Clambake
- October 19, 2024
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Traubenfest
- October 25, 2024
Cleveland West Children's Halloween Party
- December 7, 2024
Cleveland West Sausage Sale
- December 14, 2024
Cleveland West Children's Christmas Party
Cleveland Sachsenheim/GCM Krampus Fest

Send us your E-mail address!

The ATS is in the process of updating our membership database. We would like an E-mail address for all of our members. Please send an E-mail to:

Office@ATSaxons.com

In your e-mail, let us know your full name, address and phone number(s). In addition, let us know what social media site(s) you use. Feel free to include other members of your household in the same email.

Thank You!

The ATS Home Office Staff



Heimattag

2024



Travel with us to the
NORTH AMERICAN TRANSYLVANIAN SAXON
HEIMATTAG
in Kitchener, Canada
July 12—14, 2024

Accommodations are at the
Hampton Inn.....\$189 Canadian +Tax/night

Bus leaves Friday morning July 12 with stops at the
Youngstown Saxon Club and the ATS Home Office.
We will be returning on Sunday, July 14.

Cost for round trip on bus is \$75

Reservation deadline for Bus and Hotel is
June 1, 2024.

RESERVATION FORM FOR BUS AND HOTEL

NAME _____ Phone Number _____

Number of Passengers _____ @\$75 Total for Bus Remitted \$ _____

List Travelers _____

Make Check payable to ATS and send to ATS Home Office, 5323 Pearl Rd, Cleveland, OH 44129

Name for Hotel Reservation _____ Email _____

Number of King rooms _____ Number of 2-Queen rooms _____

Credit Card _____ Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Card type: ___MC___VISA___AMEX Payment for Room must be on Credit Card.

BRANCHES 14 AND 17, CANTON By Cheryl Schnebelen

I hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to a pleasant summer. At our last meeting I was corrected for the misspelling of Pauline Siff's name. For anyone who uses a smart phone or computer word program, you have probably had the pleasure of having your words "corrected" by spell check.... Well, it seems that at the age of 100, Pauline is now a "Swift". Thank you spell check. My major apologies to all the Siff's and I'm sure Taylor Swift is very pleased to have another with her last name. Sorry Pauline... The computer did it and I missed it.

So, the Canton Saxons will be meeting again on Sunday, June 9, at 1:00, at Meyers Landing Bar and Grill in Meyers Lake Plaza. We will be having lunch and a short meeting. As always, if you know of any current, past, or direct descendants of the ladies lodge who are in need, please let us know. You can contact me by email at sherlee5@aol.com, text or phone at (330) 312-5112, and I will forward your request on to others in the branch. We are looking forward to hearing from you and please join us at Meyers Landing on Sunday, June 9, at 1:00.

BRANCH 5, LORAIN By Michael Johnson

The monthly meeting of the Lorain Saxon's Branch 5 met again in April to take care of business that keeps us together under the fraternal order of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons.

Our trustees Sisters Jeanne Petty and Barb Gilles completed the audit of the books and found them to be in order. From the collection of dues by myself to the keeping of all of our financial records in order by Sister Ginger Romes, we thank these officers for their time so we can again plan for an eventful year ahead.

Dates for our summer picnic and Christmas dinner will be posted later as these events draw closer. In the

meantime, there are many other events listed in your *Volksblatt* to participate in.

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Ave, Lorain, Ohio.

We have many members celebrating birthdays this month of May; Sisters Olga Theiss, Barbara Tillman, Brother Brian Gilles and Junior members Logan Ralph, Blake Henderson, Wade Cox, and Carsen Sergent. May you all enjoy your day in your own special way. Happy Birthday!

Until next month, enjoy that glide from spring to summer and stay healthy.



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St. Peter's German and Saxon Lutheran Church

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10:00 Service
Nursery
Coffee following service
Senior Circle

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND By Joan Miller-Malue

The ATS National Convention will be held in Youngstown the weekend of May 18 - 19. Branch 4 delegates are: Monica Weber, Christine Roppelt, Diane Hum, Edith Hebrank and Barbara Hermann. They look forward to a productive and informative meeting.

At our April meeting we had the first drawing for the new season for the Saxon 250 Club. Following were the lucky winners: Dolf Litschel, Stephanie Miller, Mark Mackey and Joan Miller-Malue. There still is time to join for this year. The cost to join will again be \$50.00 for annual membership. This is a great opportunity to support our Sachsenheim. Weekly winners will be awarded \$25.00, with the exception of week 25 where a special prize of \$100.00 will be awarded. At the end of the club year, each member will be entitled to one ticket to the yearend banquet and eligible for the final drawing where cash prizes ranging from \$50.00 - \$1000.00 will be awarded (winner need not be present). It is not necessary to be a Branch 1 or 4 member to join - membership is open to all

Save on groceries with these tricks

1. Shop on Wednesdays. Data from Google Maps show that stores are less crowded on Wednesday evenings. Many U.S. supermarkets also start specials that day, according to Reader's Digest.

2. Look down. Less pricey items are often shelved lower on the rack.

3. Buy whole. From chicken to carrots, buy whole things. If it is pre-cut, it usually costs more.

4. Shop alone. Friends distract, family demands. The kids want this, the spouse wants that. Shop alone and follow your list.



Just Like Mother

Every day I think of you
when the simplest thing I do.
Then I pause for a while
and on my face appears a smile.

I do things the way you did; learning while I was a kid.

Being a mother is a gift indeed
and with God's help you do succeed.

Raising children is complicated and seldom is it overrated.

A mother is God's earthly teacher, nurse,
and accomplished preacher.

Home is where the heart is so the saying goes,
But home is where a mom is as everyone just knows.

If you still have her near treasure every laugh

If she abides with God above,
know the sunshine sends her love.

An original poem by Judith E. Both 2024



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.

Sandra J. Platthy

Age 72

Died: July 4, 2023

Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Donna J. Harris

Age 78

Died: February 8, 2024

Branch 7, Farrell, PA

Bartholomew C. Pruzin

Age 48

Died: February 22, 2024

Branch 26, Merrillville, IN

Lois J. Ulrich

Age 91

Died: March 16, 2024

Branch 18, Salem, OH

Jack L. Guy

Age 91

Died: April 5, 2024

Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Margrit Galano

Age 89

Died: April 12, 2024

Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Marie A. Benedict

Age 82

Died: April 20, 2024

Branch 27, New Castle, PA

*But there's a story behind
everything. How a picture
got on a wall. How a scar
got on your face. Sometimes
the stories are simple, and
sometimes they are hard
and heartbreaking. But be-
hind all your stories is al-
ways your mother's story,
because hers is where yours
begin.*

*Mitch Albom,
For One More Day*

*I ask you, what good is a
big picture window and the
lavish appointments and a
priceless decor in a home if
there is no mother there?*

Spencer W. Kimball

*My mother's love has al-
ways been a sustaining
force for our family, and one
of my greatest joys is seeing
her integrity, her compas-
sion, her intelligence re-
flected in my daughters.*

Michelle Obama

Motterharz

Georg Meyndt

*Motterharz, tea Adelstin,
hart äm Drüen uch Dulden,
drist et alles gunz ellin,
wat de Känjd verschulden;
frost dich, wonn sä recht geduen,
host sä recht erzüjen,
kust än ängden noch verzoen,
mäer sä dich bedruegen.*

*Motteruch, tea seßer Starn,
iwer denje Känjden,
wist wi sich är Wiech verwärr'n,
än de rechten ändern.
Host vu' Klennem sa bewacht,
wonn de Wolken drodjen;
wonn det Glück än' wedderlacht,
fäinkelst tea vür Frodjen.*

*Motterhemd, tea Guld uch Geat,
hälft un allen Denjen;
wonn den Känjden säinkt der Meat,
bäst tea änj ze Hoinjden.
Grefst fuer sau mäir än det Fejer,
hälft än alles brueden,
lihrst de Nüt, det Eagäheuer,
durch de Fleß erdulden.*

*Mottermälch, tea iwich Quall,
geäder, frommer Lihren,
werscht de Känjd mir ös der Hall
garn ze Gott bekihren.
Betst fuer sau än grueßer Nüt,
betst feur än är Sanjden;
Se sau glücklich, wid der Düd
dech noch leichter faindjen.*

*Biet ir Känjd: det Motterharz
sol noch long eas liewen;
Motteruch verhädj de Schmärz,
moch den Wiäch eas iewen;
Motterhemd da hälft äus troa,
schätz eas vuer Verdarwen;
Mottermollj as Bibel soa!
Motter sol net starwen!*

INVEST YOUR
SAVINGS IN
AN ATS
ANNUITY PLAN





**ATS ANNUAL
FISHING CHARTER
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024
LINDA MAE CHARTER
226 E. Island Dr.
Eastlake, OH**

**Just 20 miles East of Downtown Cleveland
\$30.00 for member
\$65.00 for non-members
Pre-paid reservations only
Includes fishing and bait
Charter departs at 2 p.m
Please arrive by 1:30**

This is a great opportunity to enjoy what nature has to offer. What better way to spend the day having a great time, relaxing and fishing on Lake Erie. And the great thing about it is it's fun for everybody, from the person who never had a rod in their hand to the professional angler.

Space is limited. First Come, First Serve!

Additional fees, as needed, are:
Ohio Fishing License \$14.00
Fishing Pole Rental \$15.00

No License required for anyone under the age of 16

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____



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Mail reservation and check to ATS Home Office 5323 Pearl Road Cleveland, OH 44129

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: May 31, 2024

Try this sweet and salty Vietnamese classic

Thit ko trung, or Vietnamese caramelized pork belly with eggs, combines a flavorful cut of meat with sweet, salty, and umami flavors. This classic southern Viet comfort food is especially popular at lunar new year (called Tet) celebrations.

Serve it over rice and cut the richness of the dish with pickled vegetables like mustard greens, daikon radish, and carrot.



Ingredients
1 to 1-1/2 pounds pork belly, sliced into 1-inch chunks
4 (or more) cloves garlic, minced
1-2 shallots, minced
1 knob (about 1 inch) ginger, peeled and minced
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
2 tablespoons sugar
2 cups coconut water or plain water
5-6 hard boiled eggs, peeled
1 tablespoon fish sauce
1 tablespoon soy sauce, more to taste

move from heat, then drain and rinse in a colander. In a medium bowl, mix minced garlic with shallot and ginger, then add the parboiled pork pieces. Add fish sauce, soy sauce, and black pepper, tossing to combine. Marinate for 30 minutes.

In another pot, heat vegetable oil and sugar over medium heat and swirl the pan as the sugar melts. When the sugar turns a deep caramel color, add the pork and all juices, cooking until pork has browned. Add coconut water (or water), then season with fish sauce and soy sauce. Bring the pot to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer uncovered for about 90 minutes, stirring every

20 minutes and removing any foam or scum that rises to the top. Add eggs during the last five minutes of cooking. Taste the sauce and season to taste -- add more sugar for sweetness or more soy sauce to enhance saltiness.

Tip: Pickle vegetables at least the day before in a brine of equal parts white vinegar and water, with sugar and additional spices (try a few whole peppercorns) to taste. Heat brine to boiling, then cool to about 100 degrees Fahrenheit (higher for softer pickles) before submerging clean and prepared vegetables and refrigerating in an airtight glass container.

ATTENTION:

**Members Cleveland East Branch 33
2024-2025 Application for
Scholarship/Reimbursement College Expenses**

Branch 33 members who are newly entering or continuing college (undergraduate studies only) are invited to apply for a Freshman (\$1,000) or Sophomore/Junior/Senior (\$500) scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year. IT IS THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY to call or write to REQUEST an application.

DEADLINE IS May 30, 2024

Here are the eligibility requirements, i.e. the RULES.

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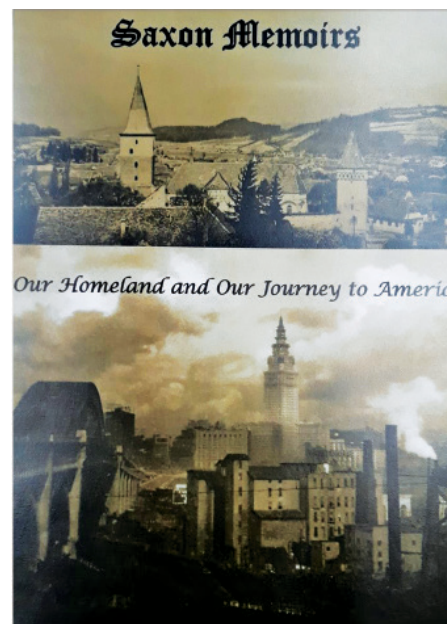
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By Donald Blum



ANNUAL SUMMER SAXON CLUB PICNIC

This year we have moved. We are changing up this year. We are going to be holding the picnic at:

**Sycamore Creek Park
Moorhead Shelter
481 Hereford Drive
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Sunday 1 to 5 pm
June 30, 2024**

Because the picnic has become so popular we had to move to a larger, convenient venue.

SPECIAL MENTION

This is not just for adults. There is a pond where if you or your children or grand children would like to have a fun day fishing in addition to the picnic, please bring yourselves, children and grand children.

We may even have some other fun activities for the kids to enjoy.

If you remember when you were young and you attended a Saxon Club Picnic with the entire family then you won't want to miss this.

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MONTHLY MEETING

HICKORY HOUSE
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May 20, 2024

Time 12:00 noon

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

Remember to bring a canned good item, household product or other food item.

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."

PRAYERS

Please keep long time ATS member, Paul Schaible, in your prayers. Paul is facing physical challenges. We wish him the best. Paul's family was founding members of Martin Luther Church in

Columbus. Paul has said that a highlight for him is to continue reading news and stories about various Saxon activities in the Volksblatt.

CELEBRATION

Please join me in wishing Jill Blum (May 24) and George Lassel (May 29) very Happy Birthdays. Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

GERMAN HISTORY COLUMBUS – RELIGION

This discussion is possible through reading 'The Columbus Germans' by La Vern J. Rippley, reading articles from the Columbus Dispatch, historical articles from the Columbus Public Library and the actual history in the church's directories, regarding religions in Central Ohio originating from German heritage.

As you would expect from your own German religious background, that the German places of worship were an important party of the German and the Columbus Communities. It has been the very foundation of the German immigration. In some instances the religious organization originated from a various religious doctrines or from German organizations. Regardless, Germans had the desire to make religion a main part of their lives, beliefs and in some cases as an extension or basis for education.

We will attempt to discuss religions of Germans in Central Ohio, and expand our discussions to include religions that may not have been part of our upbringing.

I was raised as a Lutheran German. So this is where I will start. As we know the Lutheran religion originated with Martin Luther, who at the time, was a Catholic priest in Eislebon, Germany. We know that Martin Luther had his differences with the Catholic Church and would separate and begin what would become one of the largest religions in the world. I never really thought too much about other religions being German. In fact, going back to college in my mid 50's, I tried to get out of taking a cultural and religious diversity course. I explained that I had taken religion classes at Capital University in the 1970's. After some discussion, I soon realized how narrow my focus and exposure was when they asked what religions did you discuss? I thought for a second, and then in somewhat of an embarrassed response, I told them we talked about

Protestant, Catholic and Hebrew religions. These are religions that I had come in contact with as classmates and friends. I realized it was time to expand my knowledge and understanding of other religions. Again, our discussions on religions will focus on religions that have German in their background.

Getting back to German Lutherans we will talk about churches and their beginnings, and some may still be functioning churches today. I was fortunate to have been a member of some of the earlier German churches. The first Lutheran Church in Columbus was St. Paul's Evangelical Church, was organized on August 6, 1821. The German speaking Lutherans were descendants of pioneer settlers from the Shenandoah Valley and Western Maryland. They gathered in informal settings of 'Lutherische gemeinde' (Lutheran Congregation) until they organized in 1821. Charles Henkel was their first pastor.



St. Paul's Ev. Church

Many important names associated with the church were Christian Heyl, Reverend Schaefer (after 1840's he would teach English afternoon services on Sunday), Reverend Konrad Mees and Professor and Reverend William Lehman (very familiar names associated with Capital University). The original name was "The High German Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed St. Paul's church of Columbus." That is quite a mouth full. It was originally part of the Ohio Synod. Eventually, the word 'Reformed' was removed from the name. St. Paul moved from its original site to its current site of 322 Stewart Avenue, on the corner of Stewart and Bruck Street, just a few blocks east of Schiller. As was the situation with many of the German churches, descendants did not keep up with the German language and created a situation where both German and English services were conducted. Most of

the introduction of the English services occurred in the 1840's. St. Paul's has served as a strong Lutheran foundation of religion and education. They still have a thriving congregation and a school that consists of K-8 grade. The school has achieved very high efficiency as they have a higher proficiency in English Language Arts and Math than the public school district each of the past five years. Also, 98% of the 3rd graders have passed the state reading test and requirements. This has always been a mainstay for schools that originated as German schools.

The next church to discuss is St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church was established on Pentecost Sunday, June 3, 1838. This was when the first building was built of hewn logs by the pioneers. The current church building is located at 12809 State Route 736 Marysville, Ohio. For 8 years prior to the building construction the German immigrants conducted services in their homes. The head of the household would conduct the services from a thick book of sermons. They used 'Gesangbuch' another book from the fatherland, which contained songs and prayers. The original members of St. John's were lured to America by glowing reports of the wonderful life they could expect. In order to travel to America they had demonstrate in various ways of proving their value to be able to enter America. Most of these German-speaking Central Europeans were escaping difficult lives and the wars between the Holy Roman Empire, France, Austria and Prussia. Basically, their homeland was an oppressive mess and they wanted a better life. Like many immigrants they incurred grueling and treacherous voyages at sea for 50-95 days to reach what they thought would be their new home. Many of them got to America but didn't travel west immediately. Their travels were torturous. Many of the names of the immigrants would be the foundation for St. John's; Bunsold, Rausch, Bauers, Beutels, Blumenscheins, Bohms, Rippers, Wolf, Ruhls, Rupprechts, Sheidereres, Schwartzkopfs, Fladts, Arrases and Kreigers. Sixteen charter members organized the congregation under the leadership of Pastor Gerken. Initially, they were served monthly by a traveling pastor.

A fire occurred and the church was destroyed. Many members lost interest and the church almost dissolved. After the fire, new immigrants

kept coming to the area and the number of Germans increased. Interest in rebuilding occurred and a new site, more centrally located was agreed upon. The new log church was 32' x 26'. A majority of the members wanted services to only be conducted in German. This decision caused some members to leave the congregation.

Pastor Adam Ernst was lured to St. John's by the potential of beginning an educational program. His initial interest after coming to America was to create a school to educate frontier children. St. John's would offer a dual opportunity by becoming their pastor and creating a school. The school began in 1843. Prior to the school construction Pastor Ernst would instruct the students 3-5 days a week in German reading, Bible History, Catechism and math. With the assistance of friends in Germany, free books were shipped to Pastor Ernst.

So, St. John's had its building and school, and things were progressing wonderfully, so it seemed. Disagreements in the congregation caused dissent. Some disagreed with dancing and drinking, and the placement of a crucifix on the altar. A majority of the church expressed a more liberal view and they retained the church and cemetery. The conservative group would retain the name and the 1843 constitution. A new brick church would be built for the conservative group in 1847.

In the period of 1845-1850, St. John's would become involved in the creation of the Missouri Synod. A new constitution was drawn up and was shared with Saxons in Missouri, of whom they had become associated with through 'Der Lutheraner.' St. John's would become a charter member. The group would be known as the German Evangelical Synod of Missouri. In 1917, with the advent of the US entering the war the word 'German' would be dropped from the name.

St. John's Lutheran Church and school continue and thrive today.

The next church to discuss is St. James Lutheran Church. St. James was organized in 1847 by nine German immigrant families went by the name of 'St. Jakobi Gemeinde' (St. James Congregation). The second article of the congregation's first constitution, reads 'Sprache,' states "in unsere Kirche soll nur allein Deutsch

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gepredict worden" (In our congregation, only German shall be preached).

The German language stayed this way until the 1890's when English services would begin. The congregation would continue this way for the grandchildren of the founding members who no longer practiced German as their conversational language. Eventually, and in 1943 the last German service was held.

St. James continues today and has grown over the years. Over the past 30 years, they still celebrate the Brats and Crafts Festival as an annual celebration, celebrating the German Heritage. They have a German Service that has become a popular part of the celebration. Many German-speaking people of Columbus and people honoring the founding fathers attend the service and join in by singing German Hymns.

Another important Lutheran Church was Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. The church was built in 1856. Some of the recognizable names involved in the beginning of the church were Kaetzel (several Kaetzels), Heyl (many named Heyl), Reeg, Machold, Haensel, Conley, Bickel, Schmelz, Kannemacher Schott and Krell.

The first services were held at the Capital University building at South High and Sycamore Streets. In 1949, the congregation would rent the Independent Protestant Church on Mound Street.

In 1856 a lot was purchased on the northeast corner of Third and Fulton Streets for the cost of \$ 2,300. In June of 1856 they would begin the erection of a 2-story building. The first floor would serve as a parochial school and Sunday school. The total cost of the building and lot would cost \$16,155.09. A regular name that pops up is Pastor Lehman, having been associated with many

Lutheran churches, would serve as pastor of Trinity, as well as professor at the seminary. Eventually, Pastor Lehman would leave to dedicate more time to being a professor at the seminary.

World War I would force German churches to evaluate the use of the German language in the services. By this time, parents that were thoroughly German found their children being educated in public schools and no longer practicing the German language at home. By 1924, the main services were all conducted in the English language. For a while, German services were held twice a month during Sunday school hour.

Trinity like many Lutheran churches implemented parochial schools. It would operate the school until sometime the 1911 range. It became difficult to find parochial teachers and when they did find teachers, many went on to teach at Capital University. The constant turnover in teachers made it difficult to maintain a parochial program. As a last ditch effort, Trinity tried to create a cooperative parochial school effort with St. Paul's Lutheran Church. It never seemed to catch on and Trinity discontinued its parochial school.

Trinity Lutheran Church continues to serve the community. Since it has now become an inner city church, its association to German Heritage has long disappeared. They continue to serve the inner city community with a variety of services.

In subsequent issues we will complete the discussion of other Lutheran churches and other denominations of churches/synagogues that had German roots.

HUMOR (compliments of Mike Roth)

Borrowing a quote from John Wayne:

"Alcohol does not solve any problems, but then again, neither does milk."



What to do with your sixth sense

Sometimes people have a flash of knowledge that seems to come out of the blue. Whether you call it intuition, a hunch or a "sixth sense," psychologists think they may have figured out where these insights come from and how to use them.

A hunch is the ability to reach conclusions with limited information, according to psychologists at York University in Toronto. People can combine limited bits of information with knowledge gleaned from their own experiences to get their answers.

Those with more experience and information on a subject are more likely to have the best hunches. With experience, hunches become better and better. How can you use your intuition? Here's what the experts advise:

- Learn more, especially if you are out of your area of expertise. When you have a good background in the subject, you'll experience flashes of insight that experience provides.
 - Study the question and possible answers, then relax. Distance yourself for a time. You will return to the issue with a better chance at coming up with a good solution. What you do to relax doesn't seem to matter much as long as you enjoy it and are completely occupied by it.
 - Trust your experience. People have the best hunches about things they know well. Sometimes intuition goes against logic, but can lead to an answer regardless.
 - Double-check your hunch. Check each intuitive judgment against reality before you follow it. A gut feeling is best used as a path to problem-solving.
- Pure facts can take you only so far. At some point, you have to trust your hunch and pursue it.



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Treating arthritis can be a 'walk in the park'

Living with arthritis isn't about limiting yourself. It's about finding ways to maintain your high quality of life, according to the Arthritis Foundation.

There are some things you can do to prevent arthritis, and many of them are just good general health advice: Keep your weight at a normal level to avoid stressing knee and hip joints. Enjoy regular exercise. Eat a nutritious diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables.

There are more than 100 types of arthritis, but osteoarthritis (OA) is the most common kind. It occurs when the cartilage that protects the ends of bones where they meet in your joints breaks down over time. Bones may rub against each other at the joints, which can cause pain, inflammation, and stiffness.

Walking is a great way to help you manage your OA and remain active. Here are some of walking's other benefits:

- Strengthens muscles and builds flexibility.



- Improves cardiovascular fitness.
- Keeps bones strong to help prevent osteoporosis.
- Improves the body's use of insulin to help prevent diabetes.
- Burns calories to help manage body weight.
- Builds strong muscles around joints to protect them.

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is an autoimmune disorder. Because joint damage occurs early in the course of RA, the American College of Rheumatology recommends starting therapy within three months of diagnosis to relieve symptoms and prevent damage to bones and joints. Several medications have been shown to decrease damage from RA.



„75 Jahre Gemeinschaft – Mach mit!“

Heimattag vom 17.-20. Mai 2024 in Dinkelsbühl

München – Der Verband der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland veranstaltet den 74. Heimattag vom 26. bis 29. Mai in Dinkelsbühl unter dem Motto „75 Jahre Gemeinschaft – Mach mit!“.

Dabei werden gleich zwei Jubiläen begangen: 75 Jahre seit Gründung des Verbandes der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland und 800 Jahre Goldener Freibrief (Andreanum); zudem gedenken wir der Flucht und Evakuierung der Siebenbürger Sachsen aus Nordsiebenbürgen vor 80 Jahren.

Am Pfingstwochenende wird den tausenden Besuchern ein attraktives Programm geboten. Kultur und Unterhaltung, Tradition und Brauchtum, Tanz und Musik garantieren für ein stimmungsvolles Pfingsttreffen - ein Fest der Begegnung aller Generationen.

Seit 1951 ist das mittelfränkische Dinkelsbühl zu Pfingsten das Zentrum der siebenbürgisch-sächsischen Welt. Den Auftakt des diesjährigen Heimattages macht am Freitagabend (17. Mai) eine Willkommensparty im Festzelt mit Live-Musik.

Bei der offiziellen Eröffnung am Samstag (18. Mai) sprechen Ovidiu Ganț, Abgeordneter des Demokratischen Forums der Deutschen in Rumänien im Parlament Rumäniens, Dr. Bernd Fabritius, Präsident des Bundes der Vertriebenen, Dr. Petra Loibl, MdL, Beauftragte der Bayerischen Staatsregierung für Aussiedler und Vertriebene, Heiko Hendriks, Beauftragter für die Belange von deutschen Heimatvertriebenen, Aussiedlern und Spätaussiedlern des Landes NRW, und Dr. Christoph Hammer, Oberbürgermeister der Stadt Dinkelsbühl.

Beim Festgottesdienst am Pfingstsonntag predigt Dr. Daniel Zikeli, Bischofsvikar der Evangelischen Kirche A.B. in Rumänien.

Ein traditioneller Publikumsmagnet ist der Trachtenumzug durch die

historische Altstadt von Dinkelsbühl, an dem rund 100 Gruppen mit weit über 2000 Mitwirkenden teilnehmen werden. Bei der anschließenden Kundgebung vor der Schranne sprechen Joachim Herrmann, MdL, Bayerischer Staatsminister des Innern, für Sport und Integration, Josef Hovenjürgen, MdL, Parlamentarischer Staatssekretär im Ministerium für Heimat, Kommunales, Bau und Digitalisierung des Landes NRW, sowie der Bundesvorsitzende des Verbandes der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland, Rainer Lehni.

Zum 75-jährigen Jubiläum des Verbandes der Siebenbürger Sachsen in Deutschland findet am Samstag in der St. Paulskirche eine Festveranstaltung statt - die Festrede hält Dr. Paul Jürgen Porr, Vorsitzender des Demokratischen Forums der Deutschen in Rumänien -, und überdies am Pfingstmontag eine Podiumsdiskussion im Schranken-Festsaal. Unter der Moderation des Historikers Dr. Dr. Gerald Volkmer diskutieren Natalie Bertleff, Bundesjugendleiterin der Siebenbürgisch-Sächsischen Jugend in Deutschland (SJD), Dr. Bernd Fabritius, Ehrenvorsitzender des Verbandes und Präsident des Bundes der Vertriebenen, Horst Göbbel, Ehrenvorsitzender des Kreisverbandes Nürnberg, Michael Schmidt, Vorsitzender der Michael & Veronika Schmidt-Stiftung, und Dr. Daniel Zikeli, Bischofsvikar der Evangelischen Kirche A.B. in Rumänien.

Der Heimattag 2024 beinhaltet ein reichhaltiges Kulturprogramm mit Ausstellungen, Vorträgen, Buchpräsentationen, Filmen, Kinder- und Jugendevents. Im Rahmen der diesjährigen Preisverleihungen werden der Historiker Dr. phil. Dr. h.c. Volker Arthur Wollmann und der Schriftsteller Hellmut Seiler jeweils mit dem Siebenbürgisch-Sächsischen Kulturpreis ausgezeichnet.

Das detaillierte Programm finden Sie online: www.siebenbuerger.de.

“75 years of community – join in!”

Homeland Day from 17th to 20th. May 2024 in Dinkelsbühl

Munich – The Association of Transylvanian Saxons in Germany is organizing the 74th Homeland Day from May 26th to 29th in Dinkelsbühl under the motto “75 years of community – join in!”.

Two anniversaries are being celebrated: 75 years since the founding of the Association of Transylvanian Saxons in Germany and 800 years of the Golden License (Andreanum); We also commemorate the flight and evacuation of the Transylvanian Saxons from Northern Transylvania 80 years ago.

On the Pentecost weekend, thousands of visitors are offered an attractive program. Culture and entertainment, tradition and customs, dance and music guarantee an atmospheric Pentecost gathering - a celebration of encounters for all generations.

Since 1951, Dinkelsbühl in Central Franconia has been the center of the Transylvanian-Saxon world at Pentecost. This year's Homeland Day kicks off with a welcome party in the festival tent with live music on Friday evening (May 17th).

At the official opening on Saturday (May 18th), Ovidiu Ganț, deputy of the Democratic Forum of Germans in Romania in the Romanian Parliament, Dr. Bernd Fabritius, President of the Association of Expellees, Dr. Petra Loibl, MdL, representative of the Bavarian State Government for repatriates and displaced persons, Heiko Hendriks, representative for the interests of German expellees, repatriates and late repatriates from the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, and Dr. Christoph Hammer, Mayor of the city of Dinkelsbühl.

At the celebratory service on Pentecost Sunday, Dr. Daniel Zikeli, Episcopal Vicar of the Evangelical Church A.B. in Romania will preside.

A traditional crowd puller is the traditional costume parade through the historic old town of Dinkelsbühl,

in which around 100 groups with well over 2,000 participants will take part. At the subsequent rally in front of the Schranne, Joachim Herrmann, MdL, Bavarian State Minister of the Interior, for Sport and Integration, Josef Hovenjürgen, MdL, Parliamentary State Secretary in the Ministry for Homeland, Municipal Affairs, Construction and Digitalization of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, as well as the Federal Chairman of the Association of the Transylvanian Saxons in Germany, Rainer Lehni will speak..

To mark the 75th anniversary of the Association of Transylvanian Saxons in Germany, a celebratory event will take place on Saturday in St. Paul's Church - the celebratory speech will be given by Dr. Paul Jürgen Porr, Chairman of the Democratic Forum of Germans in Romania - and also a panel discussion in the Schranken Festival Hall on Whit Monday. Moderated by the historian Dr. Dr. Gerald Volkmer, discussing will be Natalie Bertleff, Federal Youth Leader of the Transylvanian-Saxon Youth in Germany (SJD), Dr. Bernd Fabritius, honorary chairman of the association and president of the Association of Expellees, Horst Göbbel, honorary chairman of the Nuremberg district association, Michael Schmidt, chairman of the Michael & Veronika Schmidt Foundation, and Dr. Daniel Zikeli, Episcopal Vicar of the Evangelical Church A.B. in Romania.

Homeland Day 2024 includes a rich cultural program with exhibitions, lectures, book presentations, films, and children's and youth events. As part of this year's award ceremonies, the historian Dr. phil. Dr. h.c. Volker Arthur Wollmann and the writer Hellmut Seiler were each awarded the Transylvanian-Saxon Culture Prize.

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Older Americans Month focuses on connections



The neo-classical hall church with chancel and western bell tower was built between 1810 and 1813, after the collapse of the initial construction, first mentioned in documents from 1270. But there is no information concerning the aspect of this former church. It is, though, supposed to have been represented in a drawing on one of the church's pews, dated 1793. The interior hosts the altar with organ gallery, the pulpit and the font, which were made partially at the same time with the construction itself, but also in 1822.

Only the ring wall and four defensive towers are still preserved from the 15th century fortification system, while the fifth tower collapsed in 1925 and was never rebuilt. On the southern side, next to the former kennel, only the ruins of the old Saxon school still exist today.

Place and surroundings

The fortified church in the village of Crîț, where more than 400 years ago the first village school law in Transylvania was enacted, lies on a hill in the middle of the place. In the past this location demanded a castle guardian who was a cobbler or at least a skilled craftsman. The steep ascent to the church is arduous and paved with round cobblestones. Many women, on their way to Sunday service, broke their footwear, which were heeled with horseshoes. A cobbler was



therefore needed for urgent repairs before entering the church.

The church and the mostly preserved historic village are surrounded by an idyllic hilly landscape, ideal for walks to neighboring villages and fortifications. Tourist accommodation is available in several lovely restored farmhouses.

Activities

2010-2014 EU-financed restoration project on the fortified church



This year, Older Americans Month (OAM) celebrates our social, civic, and family connections.

It's not just about having someone to chat with. The OAM theme is about the transformative potential of community engagement in enhancing mental, physical, and emotional well-being. In short, the more connected we are, the better for everyone, including ourselves.

Older Americans Month was established in 1963 and is observed every May. Each year, OAM highlights the contributions of older Americans and reaffirms our community commitment to serving older adults.

To spark more connection, try these strategies:

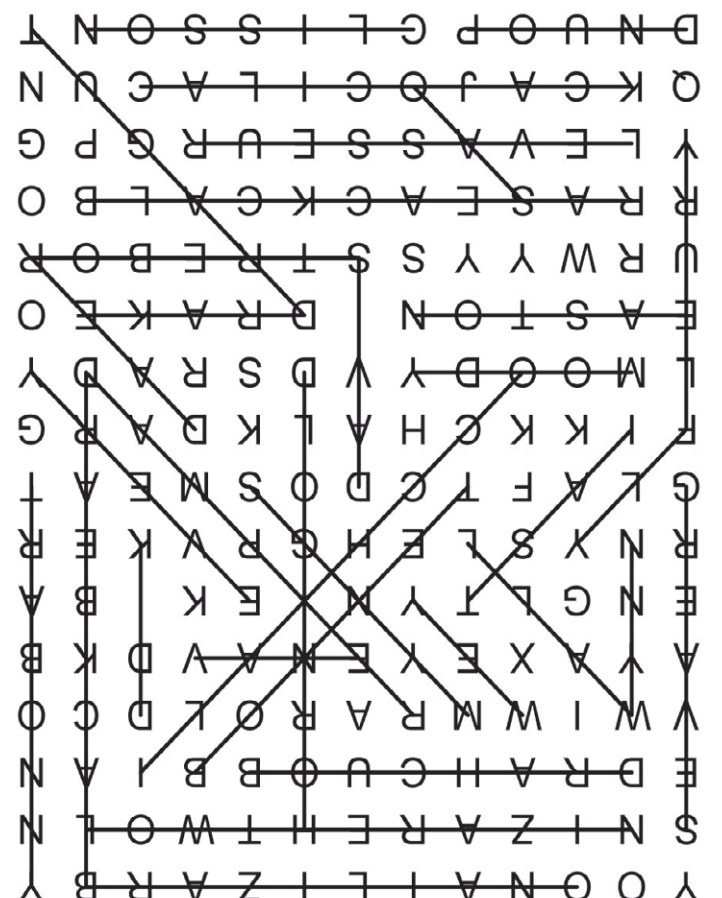
- Invite more connection into your life by finding a new passion, joining a social club, taking a class, or trying new activities in your community.
- Stay engaged in your community by giving back through volunteering, working, teaching, or mentoring.
- Invest time with people to build new relationships and discover deeper connections with your family, friends, colleagues, or neighbors.

For more information, visit the official OAM website and follow the Administration for Community Living on X, Facebook, and LinkedIn. Join the conversation on social media using the hashtag #OlderAmericansMonth.

Pirates

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BLACK CAESAR	GREAVES	WYNN
BLACKBEARD	HORNIGOLD	YEW
BONNET	KIDD	
BONNY	LEVASSEUR	
BOUCHARD	LOWTHER	
BRAZILIANO	MOODY	
CALICO JACK	MYNGS	
CLISSON	OCCHIALI	
DAMPIER	POUND	
DAVIS	RAZIN	
DRAGUT	READ	
DRAKE	ROBERTS	
EASTON	SAO	
EVERY	TSAI	
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The following ratios were prepared by Standard Analytical Service, Inc. of St. Louis, MO. The financial comparisons are based on the December 31, 2023 statutory financial statements filed with the state insurance departments and the NAIC.

SOLVENCY— A high ratio of assets over liabilities is a significant safety factor. This indicates that a company has enough assets to cover its liabilities and to meet all obligations as they become due. Our assets for each \$100 of liabilities:

Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons	\$117.80
Average of 25 of the leading life companies.....	\$107.71

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