

### THE SAXON NEWS

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### BRANCH 8, ALLIANCE By Lesley Reed

Our last formal lodge meeting for 2024 was held on October 16<sup>th</sup>. We had eight members present with two being excused. Barb and Jack Esterly provided us with a pre-meeting meal of pizza, fruit cups, and homemade snickerdoodles.

Under "old business" topics, we discussed our choice of destination for a Ladies lodge outing. We whittled it down to a spring performance of The Little Shop of Horrors here in Alliance but will pick the exact date at our January meeting. Denise Crawford mentioned that she will be participating in the upcoming Open Bowling tournament.

Concerning "new business," we held our election of officers for 2025. After making certain all current officers were willing to continue serving in their positions and being there were no other nominations brought forth, a motion was made to retain the current roster of officers. The motion carried unanimously. These officers will continue to be Denise Crawford, President; Karen Kinser, Vice President; Lesley Reed, Recording Secretary and Local Dues Secretary; Barb Esterly, Treasurer; Jan Ossler, Penny Zeedrich and Mary Craven, Trustees; and Helen Aeling, ATS Secretary.

Birthdays being celebrated to round out 2024 are Lesley Reed - October, Penny Zeedrich - November, and Karen Kinser - December.

The night ended with reminders of upcoming events. Our combined Branch holiday dinner takes place on November 9 at 4 p.m. at Hart Mansion restaurant in Minerva and the next two formal lodge meetings are scheduled for January 15 and March 19, 2025. There will be no meeting in February. And lastly, 2025 will bring about the 120th anniversary of the Branch 8 Ladies lodge! We will take up ideas on how to celebrate this special occasion at our next meeting.

### **ARE YOU PROUD**

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BRANCH 1, CLEVELAND By Robert Hanek

The leaves are changing colors, and the ghosts and goblins have gathered their loot. On behalf of Branch 1, I would like to thank Joan Malue, Donna Jankow, Jenny King and everyone else who helped make the Children's Halloween Party a wonderful time for our children and guests.

The storms and power outages this summer really created havoc for Cleveland and the Sachsenheim this summer. Going without power for a week really makes you realize what we take for granted.

Several events are happening at the Sachsenheim in the next few weeks to mark on your calendars and phones.

The Dance Group will be hosting the Veteran's Day meal on November the 10th.

Branch 1 will also have our Sausage Sale on December 7th. The price is \$5 per pound and will be sold in 3- and 5-pound packages. Both garlic and non-garlic will be available. Depending upon the man power available, the spicy Saxon may be made as well. The DEADLINE for orders is November 29.

We need volunteers to help make the sausage on the 6th and 7th. If you would like to help, please call Robert Hanek at (216) 385-9932 or email rhanek8@ vahoo.com.

Orders can be placed in person at the Sachsenheim or email to rhanek8@yahoo.com.

I will be taking phone orders again at (440) 356-5582.

Please give your full name, the amount and type plus a contact number and/or email.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 14th and the Krampus party will also be that evening. This will be one fun filled and busy day!

We are always looking for new members at Branch 1 whether you are Saxon or not. It's easy, just contact any of our members and they will get you started.

Next ATS Bowling session
Cleveland East
Sunday,
November 17, 2023
NOTE later
Start Time 11:30 a.m.
North Woods Lanes
10435 Valley View Rd.
Macedonia, Ohio 44056
NO MEAL
Arline Suts (440) 867-6103

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



I have heard from some people that they are having a hard time finding our new Alliance of Transylvanian Saxon Facebook page. If that's the case, email the Home Office at Office@ATSaxons.com. I will send you a link to the page.

The last of this year's ATS National events was held on Saturday and Sunday, October 19th and 20th. Thank you, New Castle Bowlers, for hosting the 2024 ATS Open-Bowling Tournament. An extra big Thank You to Rich Baker and Ken Wansack for the hard work preparing for the event. You did a great job! I believe everyone had a great time. Saturday started with Doubles and then continued with Singles. Team event and the banquet with awards were on Sunday. See the back page for pictures from the tournament. A special thank you goes out to our faithful bowlers from Chicago and Merrillville, for traveling to Pennsylvania for the weekend.

Next year's tournament will be held in Merrillville, Indiana. As soon as we get the dates, we will post it in the Fraternal Calendar that is in every issue of the Volksblatt. The ATS will arrange a bus for bowlers to travel safely to and from Merrillville. We will depart on Friday and return late Sunday evening. More details will be provided closer to the time.

Thank you, Veterans! Monday, November 11th is Veteran's Day. It falls on a Monday this year, but unlike most federal holidays that are observed only on Mondays, this holiday is always observed on November 11th. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I. The following vear, in November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11th as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. It became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In 1954, after World War II and the Korean War, President Dwight D Eisenhower officially changed the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The holiday honors American Veterans of all wars. If you see a Veteran, thank them for their service. You should do this every day, but especially on this day!

Did you know the first real push for absentee voting in America started during the Civil War? The earliest known example was during the 17th century in Massachusetts. Men could vote from home if their homes were "vulnerable to Indian attack", according to historian Alex Keyssar. In addition, some Continental Army soldiers had their votes presented in writing, "as if they were present themselves." However, it was in 1864, during the Civil War, that absentee voting became a bigger issue. The 1864 election was the second U.S. Presidential election to take place during wartime. (The first was the War of 1812.)

President Abraham Lincoln was running for reelection. Many feared his main weakness as a candidate was that the Civil War was not going well.

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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.

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Please indicate if donation is in memory



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YOUNGSTOWN SAXON CLUB 710 S. Meridian Rd

**PORK & KRAUT DINNER NOVEMBER 17**, 2024

> 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$12.00

TAKE OUT AND EAT-IN **PUBLIC WELCOME** 

### President's Message Cont'd from Page 1

By the spring of 1864, the war had been going on for three years with no end in sight. Lincoln agreed with his advisors that his chances of winning reelection looked grim, but he disagreed with those who suggested that he delay the election. History professor and author Eric Foner stated that Lincoln always felt that the Civil War was about democracy. Lincoln himself said, "We cannot have free government without elections; and if the rebellion could force us to forgo, or postpone a national election, it might fairly claim to have already conquered and ruined us".

So many of the eligible voters for this election were soldiers and were far away from their homes. Most northern states passed new laws allowing soldiers to cast absentee votes. These soldiers voted in camps and field hospitals, under the supervision of clerks or state officials. If the soldier's home state did not allow this, the war department encouraged commanders to let their soldiers go home for a week or more in order to vote.

President Lincoln was reelected on November 8, 1864 with 55% of the popular vote and 212 electoral votes to his opponent's 21. I hope everyone voted this week in the 2024 election. Voting is one of those freedoms that our Veterans risk their lives for so that the rest of us have that freedom.

Until next time...





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### **SECRETARIES TAKE NOTICE:**

THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.

You may either

E-MAIL: saxonvolksblatt@aol.com **POSTAL MAIL:** Saxon News Volksblatt 29076 Fall River Dr Westlake, OH 44145

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** WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 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

### **BRANCH 37, DETROIT** By Trudy Kalvin

Detroit Branch 37 had the summer off, then in September, we rejoined at our annual Speck and Zwiebel gathering. Our longtime President Susanna Fleischer really knows how to prepare that Speck with the help of Larry and Ruth Kracker who manned the grill. Of course, along with the main course, there were the mashed beans, and hot dogs too. Hopefully, we plan to do this again next year.

Our next meeting was in October, where we celebrated our member, Karin Weihs' 90th birthday! Karin told us a funny story about a trip her and her husband were on with other people. There was lively music playing, so Karin said to her husband "father come and dance with me". A priest was sitting nearby and heard her, so he got up and danced with her! She said he was a very good dancer, but you never know who you are



Susanna Fleischer and Karin Weihs, the Birthday

calling "Father" she thought. We also heard an interesting story from Mike Rehner, who recalled his entry into the US Army.

We enjoy hearing stories from our members of past memories, and also current day-to-day life experiences.

In our next meeting in November, we will have election of officers.



### **BRANCH 5, LORAIN** By Michael Johnson

We've reached November again this year. The summer seems to go by so quickly, and the holidays will soon be upon us. Thanksgiving which is a couple weeks away will then take us into another Christmas season and then we'll start over with a new year and look to do it all again with hope and faith to enjoy life as we know it here in America.

Branch 5 members met on Monday October 21, 2024 for our monthly meeting. Minutes from the previous month's meeting and the financial report were given and found to be in order. We discussed this year's Christmas dinner celebration and decided we'd like to again go to Diso's Bistro, 4286 Oberlin Ave. Lorain, OH. We will gather on Saturday December 7, 2024 starting at 6:00 p.m. If you are a 50 year, or a current dues paying member and not in arrears, you are a member

in good standing. You and one guest will have your dinner paid for this evening. All other member's guests will be the financial responsibility of that member for their dinner. RSVP by November 29 by calling Jeanne Petty at (440) 670-3368.

There are no members receiving sick benefits at this time and we hope all our members are doing well. But do remember if the way you liked. Happy you are currently under a doctor's care or soon to be. you need to contact sister Jane Mowery at (440) 246-3004 to begin the process of receiving benefits due through your membership in Branch 5.

We want to wish a warm November Happy Birthday greeting to sisters Juliana Piller and Robin Johnson, brothers Mark Jones, Robert Tomusko and junior members Reese Bond and Cole Sergent. May you all enjoy your special day the way you like. Having

### The problem with Louie

In 1963, The Kingsmen recorded a song that prompted the FBI to investigate and the governor of Indiana to declare the song banned.

The song was Louie Louie and the recording, sometimes called a prototype garage band recording, was a sloppy, one-take track with muddled lyrics and a lascivious, juicy tone. It sure sounded like it should be dangerous, and that was the thrill.

But evidently wasn't. The Kingsmen used the same lyrics as Richard Berry when he recorded the song in 1957 and they weren't exactly bawdy.

But the kids heard something different. In particular, kids misheard the second verse, which goes: Three nights and days I sailed the sea. Me think of girl (oh) constantly.

That misheard verse provided lots of saucy commentary at record shops throughout the 1960s and 1970s. If you want to read what the kids heard, go to ratherrarerecords.com/louielouie.

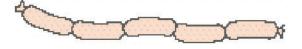
missed October's issue of the Volksblatt, members of Branch 5 that celebrated birthdays last month were sisters Monica Gilles, Jane Mowery, Erica Zgola, junior members Jenee Peters, and my granddaughter Violet Piller. May you have enjoyed your special day birthday to all.

Our next meeting will be Monday November 18, 2024 at 7 p.m. at the American Slovak Club. We will meet for a pre meeting dinner at the Blue Sky Restaurant, 917 N. Leavitt Rd in Amherst at 5:30 p.m.

We hope to see many of our members attend both dinner and meeting as we will be voting on officers for the coming year 2024 as part of our business for the evening. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and stay healthy.



# Youngstown Saxon Culture Group



# Fall Sausage Sale

We are now taking orders for hot, mild, and garlic sausage.

All flavors come in 3lb and 5lb links or 5lb bulk packages (each with a little overage).

### The price is \$4.00 per pound

You can call in orders to

Michael Bachinger 330-540-5168

Walter Benesch 330-398-5449

Robert Bachinger 330-980-0911

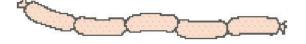
You can also email your order to bman1017@gmail.com

Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Pick-up is from 9 AM to 2 PM

in the Pavilion

Orders will be accepted until November 18th, 2024



### FRATERNAL CALENDAR

### **NATIONAL EVENTS**

November 17, 2024

TSBA Bowling Session Host: Cleveland East

December 8, 2024

TSBA Bowling Session Host: Cleveland West

January 26, 2025

**TSBA Bowling Session Host: Lorain** 

February 16, 2025

TSBA Bowling Session Host: New Castle

March 2, 2025

**TSBA Bowling Session Host: Youngstown** 

April 5 & 6, 2025

TSBA Season-end Tournament Host: Lorain

May 17, 2025

**Branch Presidents Meeting** 

Host: Columbus Saxons, Br. 10

July 11 - 13, 2025

**North American Saxon Heimattag** 

**Host: Youngstown Saxon Club** 

### **LOCAL EVENTS**

November 10, 2024

**Cleveland Saxon Dance Group** 

**Veterans Day Luncheon** 

November 17, 2024

Youngstown Saxon Club Pork and Kraut Dinner

November 20, 2024

New Castle Br. 27 Deck the Halls

November 23, 2024

**Youngstown Saxon Culture Group** 

Fall Sausage Sale

**December 7, 2024** 

**Cleveland West Sausage Sale** 

**Cleveland East Sausage Sale** 

New Castle Br. 27 Children's Christmas Party

December 8, 2024

Columbus Br. 10 Christmas Party

**Berwick Party House** 

New Castle Br. 27 Christmas Party

**Hunters Woods Clubhouse** 

**December 14, 2024** 

Cleveland West Children's Christmas Party

Cleveland Sachsenheim/GCM Krampus Fest

**December 15, 2024** 

Chicago Br. 9 Saxon Christmas Party

Cleveland East Br. 33 Christmas Party

January 19, 2025

Youngstown Saxon Club Pork and Kraut Dinner

February 16, 2025

Youngstown Saxon Club Pork and Kraut Dinner

March 16, 2025

Youngstown Saxon Club Pork and Kraut Dinner





Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons



# **Sneeze demons:** Can it be quieter?

It's sneezing season and you are bound to know a sneezer who shakes the house and sets off car alarms with each mighty outburst.

There are some true physical reasons for the loud sneeze.

Otolaryngologists at the Stanford Sinus Center say the variance in volume is caused by differences in anatomy, such as lung volume, abdominal strength, and trachea size. In some people, the body uses more muscles to sneeze than other people do.

While sneezes can be annoying, people really shouldn't hold a sneeze in. It can actually cause damage to the eardrum, soft tissue of the neck and even eyes.

Nonetheless, we can do some things to quiet a sneeze.

- 1. Use a thick handkerchief instead of a tissue. The fabric muffles the sound and decreases the spread of germs.
- 2. Hold your breath right before a sneeze. It might interrupt the body's coordinated reflex.
- 3. Cough at the same time you sneeze, which suppresses the sound. A cough blunts the reflex and decreases the volume.
- 4. Clench your teeth and jaw, which suppresses the sound. Keep your lips open to prevent air-pressure build-up.

Of course, there is also sneeze commentary that often follows a loud sneeze. That is the equally loud sound that goes something like: arrgh, wob, wob, wob. That's optional. Loud sneezers might limit the commentary. Everyone thanks you.

## **BRANCH 33 SAUSAGE SALE**

Homemade Saxon Wurst

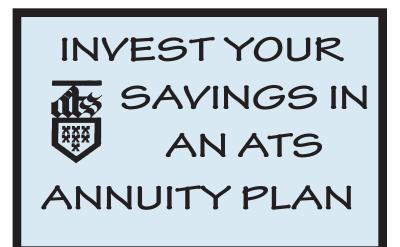


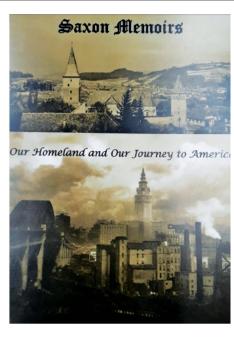
The Taste of Cleveland East!

Saturday, <u>December 7, 2024</u>
Messiah Lutheran Church
5200 Mayfield Rd. Lyndhurst
Pick-up 1 to 4 p.m.
\$4.50 per pound

Satisfy your craving and call order to Ema Litschel (440) 479-9334 Options: In Casing or Loose Garlic or No garlic

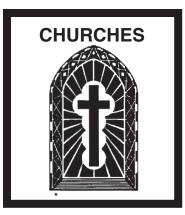
Note- Half Sale Proceeds donated to Local Food Bank





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### St. Peter's German and Saxon Lutheran Church

11423 Chicago Rd. Warren, Michigan 48093 (586) 979-3850 stpeters \_church@sbcglobal.net www.stpeterswarren.org

10:00 Service

Nursery

Coffee following service

Senior Circle

### The commute: Unhealthy part of the day?

The daily commute has more dangers than just sleepy drivers. One study says it appears to be pretty unhealthy.

According to the study of 3,000 commuters reported in Safety and Health Magazine, food is a major health issue on that drive to and from work.

About 68 percent of drivers reported choosing their route to work based on what fast food restaurants were in the area. The majority also reported eating an average of 420 calories on their commute.

The reasons for relying on fast food won't be that surprising. About 53 percent said they did so because it is, well, fast and they were saving time. About 20 percent said they were trying to avoid being too hungry.

One of the most interesting findings was the number of incidents of 'food mishaps.' Eating hot food or drinks that burned the driver happened to about 32 percent of respondents. Others reported unsafe driving behavior with food, such as balancing a meal on the lap (13 percent), driving with the knees (32 percent), and using utensils (6 percent.)

Finally, the drivers were given a hypothetical scenario in which a doctor asked them to stop eating while driving for the sake of their health. Would they do it? About 43 percent said no.

# BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS By Donald Blum

### **MONTHLY MEETING**

HICKORY HOUSE 550 Officenter Place Gahanna, Ohio 43230 November 18, 2024 Time 12:00 noon

Our meetings are the Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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."

### **CELEBRATIONS**

We wish Liz Lassel (November 6), Marlene Mueller (November 6) and Christine Oehlman (November 15). Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>!

It's time again for the Columbus Saxons Club Branch 10 Annual Christmas Party!

You don't want to miss the Christmas Party/Celebration. It's Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Berwick Party House. The celebration will be from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Should you feel the urge you can wear your Dirndl or Lederhosen or Saxon Tracht or Christmas Ugly Sweater

There will be more information in the coming weeks on



the Facebook page, Volksblatt and other communications!

Let **Don Blum** know you are coming to the Christmas Party by **responding to the** 

following:

Don Blum

Email donaldcblum@prodigy.net

Call Cell Phone (614) 580-8616

Or Text To (614) 580-8616
When you respond make sure you let the Don know your name, phone number, the names of all the people & especially children(age) and names that you will be bringing to the Saxon Christmas Party. We need a head count for the Berwick Party House by November 15, 2024.

The cost to come to Saxon Club's Celebration is:

Adults \$ 35.00 Children Under 13 \$ 20.00 Children Under 2 Years FREE

Pay for the Christmas Party by sending your check (Payable to the COLUMBUS SAXONS CLUB BRANCH 10) to Don Blum no later than Friday, November 15, 2024! Again, we need the names of all the people in your party and children's ages and names under 13. Please use the attachment in sending your payment. If we do not

receive your payment by Friday, November 22, 2024, we will assume you are not able to attend and we will miss you.

C/O Don Blum, Treasurer 6436 Lakeview Circle Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110

We encourage you to bring your special and delicious Christmas Dessert to share!

# Mail Check Payable to the COLUMBUS SAXONS CLUB BRANCH 10 to the following: C/O DON BLUM, TREASURER 6436 LAKEVIEW CIRCLE

6436 LAKEVIEW CIRCLE CANAL WINCHESTER, OHIO 43110

PRINT NAMES OF PEOPLE ATTEN	iding 
PRINT CHILDREN'S NAMES	AGE

### BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND By Joan Miller-Malue

We want to thank everyone who helped with the Children's Halloween Party. Special thanks to our junior member, Katelynn Pechatsko for being our MC. She did an awesome job. We thank our judges who had a difficult time choosing the winning costumes. The children enjoyed the entertainer Magic Mike who had kept their interest with laughter and screams. Our Junior Committee is now planning for the Children's Christmas Party that will be held on Saturday, December 14th at 1:00 p.m. Invitations will be sent out to our junior members.

Our Cleveland West bowlers want to thank New Castle for hosting the ATS Open-Bowling Tournament. Branch 4 team placed fourth. We appreciate their great hospitality and friendship. Next year's tournament will be held in Merrillville, Indiana.

The Sachsenheim will hold a Sausage Sale on Saturday, December 7th. You can order sausage in 3 lb. or 5 lb. packages with or without garlic. Price is \$5 per pound. You can place your orders by calling the Sachsenheim at (216) 651-0888 or call Rob Hanek at (440) 356-5582 or email him at rhanek8@ gmail.com. Absolute deadline for orders is Thursday, November 29! Pick-up for orders will be at 3:00 p.m. on December 7th. Get your orders in early!

The evening of Saturday, December 14 will be the Krampus Night at the Sachsenheim starting at 6:00 p.m. The fun evening will include the performances by the Gemütlichkeit Cleveländer Musikanten, DJ Kishka, the Cleveland Saxon Dance Group and of course, Krampus of Cleveland. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com or \$20 at the door. It is an exciting event filled with music, dancing, games, raffles, food and drinks. It is definitely a memorable event.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.



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.

### **Edward Schuller**

Age 71 Died: February 19, 2024 Branch 45 Ellwood City

### Ann G. Harris Noel

Age 90 Died: September 23, 2024 Branch 30 Youngstown

### **Laura Wimer**

Age 45 Died: October 9, 2024 Branch 30 Youngstown

# New flu vaccines ready but one form of the virus is gone

The 2024-2025 flu vaccine will protect against three influenza viruses, which is unusual since previous vaccines worked against four viruses. But it seems one variant has gone into hiding and may be extinct.

The B/Yamagata viruses appear to no longer be actively circulating and haven't been detected since about 2021, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Some sources say this could be because global masking and social distancing basically eliminated the virus during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, public health authorities have not yet confirmed that the B/Yamagata is definitely extinct, nor do they know why it does not appear to be active.

So for 2024-2025, the annual flu vaccine will protect against influenza A(H1N1) pdm09, influenza A(H3N2), and influenza B/Victoria.

Flu vaccines are updated every year because the viruses constantly evolve. Flu season runs October to May, with the most activity between December and February.

Get vaccinated as soon as possible!

### Halloween fun at Cleveland Sachsenheim



**Adult winners: Karen Pearson** and Monika Barrios



Ages 7 - 9: Jean Cricks, **Jameson Donnellan, Richard Cook** 





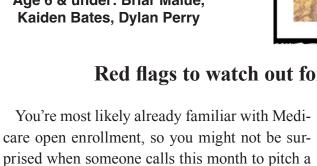
Ages 10 & up: Alexis Perry, Jay Meekins, Katelynn Pechatsko



Age 6 & under: Briar Malue, Kaiden Bates, Dylan Perry



Katelynn MC with Vivian and Francisco Barrios



fantastic Medicare option to you. But although you may not be surprised, you should definitely be.

It's actually illegal for an agent to call you without your permission, so that should be your first hint that something is amiss. But you should also be wary because finding the best plan for your needs isn't like buying a loaf of bread off the shelf.

There are many options available. Some are right for you and some won't be.

A good Medicare insurance broker or agent is

### ATS SAXON RELIEF FUND





We petition our Saxon fraternal community members, branches, affiliate organizations, and friends to continue to support our Saxon Relief Program.

The need is still great and we ask our members and friends to continue to support our Saxon Relief Fund program with generous contributions.

Please send your contributions to our ATS office, 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129. Write checks payable to the "ATS SAXON RELIEF FUND". Thank you for your help!  $\Rightarrow \Rightarrow$  $\Rightarrow \Rightarrow$ 

**NOTE:** Gift packages can be ordered for delivery to a specific relative or friend in Transylvania for a minimal cost of \$50.00. Send your check payable to the "ATS Saxon Relief Fund" and the exact name and address of the recipient to our ATS Office. Please print or type for clarity. The package contents include non-perishable items such as: Coffee, Milk, Cocoa, Sugar, Rice, Flour, Margarine, Soup, Chocolate, Cheese, Sausage, Yeast,



### Red flags to watch out for during open enrollment

a useful ally in helping you sort through the many plans available and find the one that covers your preferred providers and prescriptions at the lowest cost for you. That takes some effort. It won't be worth it to you if some of the benefits sound great, but your prescriptions and doctor are not covered.

If you wish to change Medicare plans during this year's open enrollment period, you can call an agent or broker for information and, if you find something that works, sign up for a new plan. Just be sure the agent reviews all aspects of the new plan, whether it's a supplemental plan or Medicare Advantage. Changing your coverage affects all aspects of your current plan.



Name:	_Age	Branch No	_Cert. No
Address:			

Juvenile Members are encouraged to color and mail to the ATS Home Office for a special treat.

State:

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

Before November 15, 2024

# Give Your Children A Gift That Will Last A Lifetime Why not give a gift that will grow in value and last a lifetime? Consider purchasing life insurance or an annuity from the ATS. Contact your local ATS Deputy or the ATS Home office for detailed information on our insurance plans and annuity plan.

City:

### Do you have a blessed life?

Legendary investor Warren Buffett suggests a thought experiment.

Zip Code:

Suppose that each of the 8 billion people on Earth are now marbles. All those marbles are placed into a massive jar.

You have a choice to put your marble in the jar or not. If you put your marble in the jar and shake the jar, you then



must choose a marble and live that life instead.

Would you put your marble in the jar? If not, you live a blessed life.



# Literacy is key in AI age

You watch the kids picking up all sorts of information from videos and websites, and you hear all about artificial intelligence, and you might wonder: How important are reading and writing in the age of AI?

Answer: Literacy may be even more important than in previous centuries, and not just verbal literacy, but digital literacy as well.

Digital literacy is the ability to use the devices necessary to take in, create, and communicate information, according to Education Week. And the basis of digital literacy is verbal literacy.

One of the most important future skills will be in interpreting AI output. As AI systems integrate more fully into our daily lives, being able to read and understand these systems will be crucial.

Literacy is also closely tied to critical thinking skills. In an age where information is abundant and sometimes misleading, being able to critically evaluate sources and content is essential.

It's no surprise that effective communication requires written and verbal competence and to that end, literacy skills are fundamental.

According to the National Center for Families Learning, in order to develop literacy skills and love of learning in children, introduce them to a variety of books and activities -- not just digital ones -- at a young age. Read to children, go on nature walks, ask questions about the world and look up answers together.











Kathy & Nick Roman

Zach Both

Robbie Clifford

Chase Vassen, Briana Palmer
& baby-to-be, Rudy Bacich

Jason Smith & ATS President

Denise Crawford

# ATS Open-Bowling Tournament October 19-20, 2024 Hosted by New Castle Saxon Bowlers

Ladies:

Singles: Robbie Clifford, New Castle

All Events with Handicap: Robbie Clifford, New Castle

Men:

Singles: Jason Smith, Merrillville

All Events with Handicap: Zach Both, New Castle

**Doubles:** 

Kathy & Nick Roman, New Castle

Team:

Chase Vassen, Rudy Bacich, Robbie Clifford & Briana Palmer, New Castle ATS President's Award for High Series Actual Pins in any Event: Robbie Clifford, New Castle & Jason Smith Merrillville

# Congratulations to all of the Winners!

2025 Tournament will be held in Merrillville, IN



Below—left to right:

Tom Simon

Jenny King

**Ginger Romes** 

Future Bowler Quill Suts with dad Dan Suts







