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BRANCH 37, DETROIT

By Trudy Kalvin

Detroit Branch 37 hosted the Herzogenaurach Dance Group on Friday, August 15. It was an evening full of wonderful traditional dancing by the group that calls themselves the "Herzis".

The evening started out with our President Susanna Fleischer greeting and announcing the group to the audience of 120 people in attendance, followed by a prayer, and dinner was served.

We were told that the Herzis are celebrating their 25th anniversary. They have traveled and performed in Austria, Sweden, Romania, Italy, Belgium, Portugal, and the United States. There are 22 active members in the dance group.

Along with the dance performances, they also sang songs, like "Muss I Denn", and when the "Siebenburgen Saxon Anthem" was sung, the audience joined in too.

The Herzis also sang Happy Birthday in English and German to member Katie Fedototszkin, celebrating her 101st birthday.

The evening ended with our Branch 37 musicians Robert Schneider, Mike Rehner and bandmember playing for all to enjoy or dance.

We at Branch 37 thank the Herzis for coming here and wishing them continued success in carrying our culture into the future.

Special thanks to Debbie Ferguson, Ingrid Weihs Ferguson, and President Susanna Fleischer for their efforts to make this evening a huge success.

(See Page 8 for photos. Ed.)

BRANCH 9, CHICAGO

By Rose-Marie Hauer

Greetings to everyone! Hopefully everyone has had a great summer.

Branch 9 was proud to welcome the **Transylvanian Youth Dance Group Herzogenaurach**, traveling directly from Herzogenaurach, Germany. They arrived on August 19, and in the evening, they were treated to a Chicago style dinner. Early Wednesday morning President Dede Thut and Sister Rose Hauer took them down to Navy Pier to ride the Seadog on the Chicago River for an architecture tour. Later that evening a dinner and a performance by the dance group was held at the Donauschwaben venue with over 150 people in attendance. The group was excellent, and the audience was forever grateful for their performance.

Thank you to the volunteers that made this event so successful! Eric Deloy, Finn Deloy, Jenny Deloy, E. Fleps, Rose Hauer, Elizabeth Hauer, Erica Hauer, Eric Hauer, Elfie Sanderson, Claudia Schmidt, Dede Thut, Karina Thut, Georg Thut, all Donauschwaben staff and anyone I might have missed. Your hard work was very much appreciated to make this event successful! (see Page 9 for photos. Ed.)

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting!

*Ich bin ein Sachs,
und sagt's mit Stolz!*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



The Transylvanian Saxon Bowlers Association (TSBA) season is gearing up. Please consider bowling with the league! You don't have to be a great bowler, just plan to have fun. They bowl seven sessions, one a month, in different cities. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow Saxons from different Branches. Whether you have a whole team or just yourself, you're welcome to join. If you can't make every session, no worries. You can sign up to be a Sub for other teams who need a bowler. Contact the ATS Home Office or TSBA President Glenn Spack for more information.

I was reading some articles on Life Insurance and read the following quote: Tomorrow isn't promised to anyone, but we can plan for it. September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. It was created to highlight a national problem: too many families face financial hardship when the unexpected happens. Life Insurance is one of the most affordable and powerful ways to safeguard a family's financial future. With the higher cost of living these last few years, rising medical expenses, and longer life expectancies, protecting your loved ones is more important than ever. Here are some statistics:

□ Nearly half (47%) of families say they would have trouble paying everyday living expenses within six months of their primary wage earner's death. 30% would have trouble within one month.

□ Fewer women (48%) than men (54%) say they have life insurance.

□ Approximately 50% of employed Americans rely on workplace life insurance to meet their life insurance needs.

Some things for you to keep in mind with the above statistics. Life Insurance premiums will only climb higher the older you get. In other words, the younger you are when you purchase it, the lower the premiums and obtaining a higher amount of insurance coverage will be easier for you. In addition, you are generally healthier the younger you are. That will get you better rates on life insurance. If you wait to obtain coverage, you run the risk of developing health issues that could cost you more or even make you uninsurable. Also keep in mind that workplace insurance generally will not follow you when you leave that job. Most people today do not stay at their jobs forever. Young people seem to change jobs every few years. If you're relying on that workplace coverage, what happens then? Now you're older and looking to purchase life insurance. What happens when you retire? Now, you're even older and looking to replace that workplace coverage.

Remember, the ATS has great life insurance rates. As members, we do pretty good getting our children and grandchildren policies. However, usually we pur-

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issued July 1, 1996
and after

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



A former pantry
staple seeks
a lifeline

Del Monte, the 138-year-old titan of the canned food industry, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy as it struggles with pandemic-era overproduction mistakes, inflation side effects, rising steel and aluminum costs, and a costly debt burden. The cash-strapped company, which also produces Contadina tomato sauces and College Inn broths, is currently seeking a buyer, but whoever those new owners are, they'll still face an unresolved existential problem: Consumers aren't buying canned food like they used to.

The past five decades haven't been kind to the canned food industry. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, 30 percent of vegetables and 11 percent of fruits available for consumption in 1970 were canned. These days, canned vegetables account for just 23 percent of available vegetables, and canned fruit has dropped to a puny 5 percent.

According to the New York Times, consumers today are more likely to opt for fresh options over canned, and grocery budgets are tighter than ever, thanks to higher retail prices -- about 30 percent higher on average than just three years ago and still climbing. When consumers do choose canned foods, they're more likely to buy store brand options, which are typically priced below name brands.



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!



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, etc.

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DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025

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

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
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chase the bare minimum of life insurance that is available to get them membership in the ATS. We need to do better for them. A \$3,000 or \$5,000 policy today will not go very far in the future when that child is an adult with a family. Keep in mind that the average cost of a funeral today is \$7,000 to \$10,000. Remember, life insurance isn’t about you – it’s about the people you love most. An adequate amount of life insurance will ensure that no matter what happens to you in the future, their financial future is protected.

Did you know that the first drunk driving arrest occurred on September 10, 1897? A 25-year-old taxi driver in London was the first person ever arrested for drunk driving after his cab slammed into a building. George Smith later pleaded guilty and was fined 25 shillings. According to History.com, the first laws in the United States against operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol went into effect in New York in 1910. With the surge in automobile ownership during the 1920s, other states followed suit. With the repeal of Prohibition in 1933, alcohol availability increased even more. The first device to measure intoxication was developed and patented by Dr. Rolla Harger, a professor of biochemistry and toxicology from Indiana. He created the “Drunkometer”, a balloon-like device into which people would breathe to determine whether they

were inebriated in 1936. In 1953, Robert Borkenstein, a former Indiana state police captain and professor who had collaborated with Harger, invented the Breathalyzer. This device was easier to use and more accurate than the Drunkometer. It was the first practical device and scientific test available to police officers. A person blows into the Breathalyzer, and it gauges the proportion of alcohol vapors in the exhaled breath, reflecting the level of alcohol in the person’s blood.

Even with this newer and easier to use invention, it was not until the late 1970s and early 1980s that public awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving increased, and lawmakers and police began to get tougher on offenders. In 1980, a California woman named Candy Lightner founded Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, known as MADD, after her 13-year-old daughter was killed while walking home from a school carnival. The drunk driver had three previous convictions for drunk driving and was out on bail from a hit-and-run arrest two days earlier. Lightner and MADD were instrumental in helping to change attitudes about drunk driving and pushed for legislation that increased penalties for driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

I hope everyone enjoys this Oktoberfest season; just do so responsibly, please!

Until next time...



**If at first you do
succeed, pretend
you knew what you
were doing.**



For any additional questions,
call the ATS Home Office at
(440) 842-8442 or email
Office@ATSaxons.com

Travel with us to the
**65th ATS OPEN BOWLING
TOURNAMENT**
In Merrillville, Indiana
OCTOBER 18 - 19, 2025
The cost for round trip on the bus is
\$75.
Accommodations are at either the
Fairfield Inn or the Hampton Inn.
(see Hotel Info)
Bus starts early **Friday** morning (Oct
17th) from the **Youngstown Saxon
Club** with a stop at the **ATS Home
Office** in Cleveland. We will return
late Sunday evening.
Reservations for the bus must be
made by **September 26, 2025**
We welcome Bowlers and Non-Bowlers
to join us for this trip to Merrillville.

RESERVATION FORM FOR BUS TRIP

NAME _____ Br. No. _____
Number of Passengers _____ @ \$75.00 Total Remitted \$ _____
List of Travelers _____

Pick up Location: Youngstown Saxon Club _____ (8:30 a.m.)
ATS Home Office _____ (10:00 a.m.)
Make Check payable to ATS and mail to ATS Home Office 5323 Pearl Rd. Cleveland, OH 44129

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

September is here and it’s time to get back to our monthly Branch meetings. We hope to see you on Monday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. to plan for future events and the future of our Sachsenheim. We need your thoughts and support.

It’s Clambake time! Join us for the Sachsenheim’s Annual Clambake on Saturday, September 27th.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Clambake with chicken \$25.95 and Clambake with steak \$29.95. Order of extra clams is \$10. Clambake includes Clam Chowder, Corn, Potato and rolls with butter. You can get your tickets at the Sachsenheim or call the Club at (216) 651-0888. There will be no tickets for sale the night of the clambake. Doors open at 4 p.m. and dinners will be served 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Deadline for reservations is September 20. It will be a Clam-tastic evening!

**It’s never too early to start
saving for your retirement years**



**Sachsenheim Hall
Annual Clambake 2025!!**

Saturday, September 27th, 2025
Doors will open at 4 p.m.
We will serve from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Steak and Clams-\$29.95
Half Chicken and Clams-\$25.95
Extra Dozen Clams-\$10.00
**Clambake Includes - Clam Chowder, Corn,
Potato, and Rolls with butter.**

All Tickets must be PREPAID.
**Please call (216) 651- 0888 to purchase your tickets
with a valid credit card or stop up and
speak with your bartender or server.**

**Unfortunately, we will NOT be selling ANY tickets
at the door the day of the Clambake.**
The last day to purchase tickets will be September 20.
**Please call us with any questions
regarding this event. (216) 651-0888**

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

September 14, 2025
TSBA Bowling Session Host: Lorain
October 5, 2025
TSBA Bowling Session Host: Cleveland West
October 18 - 19, 2025
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Host: Merrillville, IN
November 16, 2025
TSBA Bowling Session Host: Cleveland East
December 14, 2025
TSBA Bowling Session Host: New Castle
January 11, 2026
TSBA Bowling Session Host: Lorain
February 15, 2026
TSBA Bowling Session Host: Salem
March 15, 2026
TSBA Bowling Session Host: Youngstown
April 11 - 12, 2026
TSBA Season-end Tournament - New Castle
July 10 - 12, 2026
North American Transylvanian Saxon Heimattag
Aylmer, Ontario Canada

LOCAL EVENTS

September 13, 2025
Youngstown Saxon 300 Club Banquet
September 20, 2025
Youngstown Saxon Club Speck Fry
September 27, 2025
Cleveland Sachsenheim Clambake
New Castle Br. 25 Oktoberfest at Cascade Park
October 5-6, 2025
New Castle Br. 25 Last Summer Weekend \ at the Grounds
October 11, 2025
New Castle Br. 25 Texas Hold-em Tournament
October 15, 2025
Cleveland Sachsenheim Lagerfest
October 18, 2025
Youngstown Saxon Club Craft Show
October 24, 2025
Cleveland Sachsenheim Children’s Halloween Party
Youngstown Saxon Club Children’s Halloween Party
New Castle Br. 25 A Choir Dinner
October 26, 2025
Youngstown Saxon Club Pork/Kraut Dinner
November 1, 2025
Youngstown Saxon Club Trachtenball
New Castle Br. 25 Fall Sauerkraut Dinner Noon - 3 p.m.
November 9, 2025
Cleveland Sachsenheim Veterans’ Day Dinner
November 15, 2025
New Castle Br. 25 Chili Cook-Off
November 16, 2025
Youngstown Saxon Club Pork/Kraut Dinner
November 19, 2025
Cleveland Sachsenheim Tree Trimming
December 5, 2025
New Castle Männerchor Christmas Concert
December 5-6, 2025
Cleveland Sachsenheim Sausage Making / Sale
December 6, 2025
New Castle Children’s Christmas Party 5:30 p.m.
December 9, 2025
New Castle Männerchor Christmas Party
December 13, 2025
Cleveland Sachsenheim
Children’s Christmas Party



BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS
By Donald Blum

*******IMPORTANT**
NEW*****
MONTHLY MEETING
LOCATION
RUSTY BUCKET
RESTAURANT & TAVERN
73 N. HAMILTON ROAD
GAHANNA, OHIO 43230
(614) 475-4435
September 15, 2025
12 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.”



THE COLUMBUS SAXON CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!
Sankt Nikolaus is checking his list and his calendar, and he wants you to Come join Sankt Nikolaus on Sunday, December 7th

SAXON LIFE OF MICHAEL FARR
(his story is paraphrased from excerpts of his story)

Michael Farr was born March 2, 1888, in Weillau, Transylvania. At the time, this was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Michael father’s name was George and mother’s name was Susanna (maiden Tinnes). Michael had an older sister and brother, and a younger brother and sister.
When he was four years old the family house burned down in 1892. All they had left from the house was the clothing on their backs. Much of their livestock that was in the field at the time, so they were fine. However, they had some livestock (a cow and some pigs that they couldn’t get out of the stable in time so, they lost them. Michael’s family was poor, so his father had to go to the bank to borrow money in order to rebuild their family home. They were forced to live in the basement until his father returned from Sus Regan with wood and supplies to rebuild their home.
Like many hard-working Saxon families everyone had duties and responsibilities. At

six years old Michael started school. The school day was long, and he would study by an oil lamp in the evenings. When he came home from school, he would cut wood and clean the stables until dark. In the summer his routine would change. He would only attend school until noon, and in the afternoons, he would work in the fields hoeing corn. His father and older brother would plow the fields, and in the afternoon his older brother would help him hoe corn. It was hard work, and he worked hard to show his father how much he could do. His father appreciated the effort and told he had done “A big piece,” by all that he had done.

When Michael was thirteen, he was hired out to George Moser for the summer. In the winter he would go to school. Michael had to sleep in the stable at night. At first, he was afraid that something was going to take him away in the night. Eventually, he got used to the solitude and it was fine.

At fourteen, Michael was hired out for fourteen gulden (about \$5-6 dollars a year). His job was to mow the grass with a scythe. It was definitely hard work. A gentleman came by and said the boss’s wife said Michael was too young to be mowing. After some discussion, it was decided that if he was getting paid fourteen gulden, then he should be able to do the work.

When Michael was fifteen, he was hired out to Johann Gross. The Gross family were relatives. While staying with them he would get confirmed. While he was working for the Gross family, his uncle (Johann’s brother-in-law), saw how hard he worked and said, “Michael, I want you to come work for me and I will give you more money.” Because Michael

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We remember our Sisters and Brothers who have departed this life in recent days. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the members of the bereaved families.

Helen E Mauch
Age: 83
Died: July 21, 2025
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Carol Ann Cook
Age: 86
Died: August 13, 2025
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Judith Nordin
Age: 85
Died: August 20, 2025
Home Branch

Sophie Szabo
Age: 91
Died: August 25, 2025
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

CHURCHES



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



65th ATS ANNUAL
OPEN-BOWLING
TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER 18 – 19, 2025
Host: Merrillville Saxon Bowlers

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:

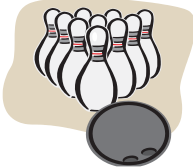
a. The average of the past five years’ tournaments, with exception of 2020.

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.

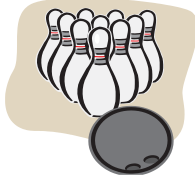
c. If a team has a blind, then a 200 Average is used and no handicap.
4. A bowler may only bowl once in each event in this tournament.
5. The tournament management has the right to return for correction any entry which does not comply with the above rules.
6. Prizes will be awarded at the ratio of at 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 18, 2025 and ends on October 19, 2025.
9. Closing date for entries is October 1, 2025.
10. There will be no refunds of fees after October 10, 2025.
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 be awarded in Singles event only. Doubles and team event will be mixed.



65th ATS ANNUAL OPEN-BOWLING TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER 18 – 19, 2025
HOST: MERRILLVILLE SAXON BOWLERS
STARDUST BOWL 2
3925 E. LINCOLN HWY.
MERRILLVILLE, IN
(219) 627-2924



Check in on begins on Saturday at 10:00 am

Doubles Event 12:00 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18
(Name) (Certificate #)

Singles Event 2:30 p.m. (approx.) Saturday, Oct. 18
(Name) (Certificate #)

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1. 2. 3. 4.

Team Event 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 19
(Check in begins at 8:30 a.m.)
(Name) (Certificate #)

All Events
(Name) (Certificate #)

1. 2. 3. 4.

1. 2. 3. 4.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: OCTOBER 1, 2025. Note: Tournament is for ATS Members in good-standing only. All bowling fees and meal reservation money for bowlers and non-bowlers MUST accompany this form. No refunds after October 10, 2025. Sunday Banquet will be held at the Slovak Club; 6920 Broadway; Merrillville, IN.

Doubles @ \$46.00..... \$

Singles @ \$23.00..... \$

Team @ \$92.00..... \$

All Events @ \$2.00.....\$

Sunday Banquet free for Bowlers.....\$

Sunday Banquet @ \$25.00 for Non-Bowlers \$

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.....\$

Name

Address

Tel.Number Email

TSBA Team Number (if applicable)

SEND ENTRY FORM AND PAYMENT TO:
ATS Home Office
5323 Pearl Rd.
Cleveland, OH 44129
Make checks payable to ATS
Deadline October 1, 2025
Any further questions, call the ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442 or email: Office@ATSaxons.com

Hotels for the ATS Open Bowling Tournament
October 18 – 19, 2025
Hosted by: Branch 26, Merrillville, IN

Fairfield Inn & Suites 8275 Georgia St Merrillville, IN 46410 (219) 736-0500/ (219) 843-7983 1 King Bed - \$94 King Suite/pull out sofa - \$119 Free Breakfast Room Block Name: ATS	Hampton Inn 8353 Georgia St Merrillville, IN 46410 (219) 736-7600 1 King Bed - \$129 2 Queen Beds - \$149 Free Breakfast Room Block Name: ATS
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Deadline for room block rate is September 26, 2025
The ATS Bus will be staying at the two above hotels (Fri, Oct 17 & Sat, Oct 18).
Other nearby hotels include:

Red Roof Inn 8290 Georgia St Merrillville, IN 46410 (219) 738-2430	Baymont Inn 9275 Georgia St Merrillville, IN 46410 (219) 472-9025
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BRANCH 33 CLAMBAKE



SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
at MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
5200 Mayfield Rd, Lyndhurst, OH 44124

3 p.m.: CORNHOLE AND BOCCE
4 p.m.: DINNER AND LAUGHTER

Reservations Due by September 20th
Call or text Arline at [440-867-6103](tel:440-867-6103)

Make checks payable to: ATS Branch 33
Bring payment to September 10th
Branch 33 meeting or mail to:
Arline Suts, 413 Downing Drive Chardon, OH 44024

DINNER INCLUDES

One Dozen Middle Neck Clams (plus Butter)
1/2 Roasted Chicken
Ear of Sweet Corn
Sweet Potato
Coleslaw
Roll & Butter
Branch 33 will provide beverages

Chicken & Clam Dinner
\$30 Members; \$35 Non-Members
Chicken (Only) Dinner
\$25 Members; \$30 Non-Members
Extra Dozen Clams **\$12 All attendees**
Children's Dinner
Chicken Nuggets and Tater Tots
\$5 Members; \$8 Non-Members

50 / 50 RAFFLE to benefit a local Food Bank
\$1 each or 6 for \$5
Raffle pulled that day—
you don't need to be present to win!

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!!!

How were glasses invented, anyway?

It's difficult for us to imagine, but before glasses existed or were available to anyone except the very wealthy, a huge number of people just couldn't see very well.

According to Urban Optiks, our nearsighted ancestors simply had to rely on their other senses to see far away objects. Our farsighted ancestors were forced to squint at things or bringing them very close to their faces. Historical depictions of scribes often reflect this, showing them stooping over their desks with noses almost brushing the papers.

But eventually, glasses did come along near the end of the 13th century. According to National Public Radio, the first known eyeglasses came from northern Italy, an area known for its glass production. Spectacles soon became a luxury item, and records show that merchants often carried them along the Silk Road to Asia, where they turned into a status symbol and occasionally a mandatory accessory for China's vaunted class of civil servants.

Those early glasses, with heavy frames (which tied to the head) and shatter-prone glass or quartz lenses, weren't an ideal solution. The first glasses were solely intended as readers, and the first spectacles for nearsightedness didn't show up until the 15th century.

Interestingly, as literacy and book reading became more common, and requiring good close-up vision, distance vision deteriorated. This is possibly because of eye adaptation, but the correlation has been noted for centuries.

During the Reformation, when literacy rates surged and nearsightedness became a common affliction, glasses became more accepted. Even so, purchasing glasses just involved trying on different pairs until you found one that seemed to work. Eye charts, eye exams, and standard lenses didn't come along until the 19th century.

Today, glasses are not only mainstream, but actually considered fashion statements. We don't even need to tie them to our heads, but that could come back.

ATS Branch 25 New Castle



Saturday September 27th

Noon - 10 PM
At Cascade Park

Performers:
Eintracht Kinderchor & Männerchor,
Youngstown Saxon Culture Group
Blaskapelle
Isartaller Dancers,
and SNPJ Button Box Band.

SNPJ - 1 - 3:30 PM
Kinderchor 3:30 - 3:45/4
Männerchor: 3:45 - 4:15 & 7:30 - 8
Isartaller Dancer 4:30 - 5 & 6-6:30
Blaskapelle 5 - 9 PM

Featuring Schnitzel, Saxon Sausage,
Potato Salad and Sauerkraut.



Youngstown Saxon Culture Group



Fall Sausage Sale

Saturday, October 4, 2025

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

All flavors come in 3lb and 5lb links
or 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

Pick-up is from 9 AM to 2 PM in the Pavilion

Orders will be accepted until September 30, 2025



SAXON FISH FRY

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (or till sold out)
\$15 Adults / \$10 Kids

Choice of:
Fried or Baked fish, w/scalloped potatoes,
cole slaw or applesauce, roll, cake
& coffee or tea
Dine-in or Take Out Bar will be open!
Salem Saxon Club

1980 Newgarden Rd. (SR 9) Salem, Ohio

Volunteers and cake donations are needed!

Please call Chris Phillis (330) 853-8834

BRANCH 5, LORAIN
By Michael Johnson



Summer is just about over and we're just days away from meeting again for our regular Branch 5 meetings. We start again this Monday September 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Slovak Club in Lorain. Plan to join us as well for a pre meeting dinner at the Blue Sky Restaurant, 917 N Leavitt Rd, Amherst, OH at 5:00 p.m.

The Branch 5 Summer Picnic was held at Lakeview Park last month. All that attended had a good time. We thank Sisters Jeanne Petty, Barb Gilles and Brother Brian Gilles for the work they do each year to make the picnic a success.

Birthdays celebrated in the month of August were Sisters Jeanne Petty, Dawn Schindler, Myrna Jones, Brothers Robert Brenner, Nick Piller, Michael Kopke, Brent Sanders, junior members Mark Cox and Emilia Jones. Also, members

celebrating their birthday this month of September are Brothers Harry Kallas, myself Michael Johnson, and junior members Flora Jones, and Tyler Henderson. Happy Birthday to those who already have and those who intend to celebrate their special day.

At this time I'm not aware of anyone new receiving any sick benefits. Remember if 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.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments about the content of this article, or member news you'd like to share in the next issue of the *Volksblatt*, contact me, Michael Johnson by text at (440) 225-8441 or by email mikjo79@gmail.com.



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.
- Not be in default with loan payments.
- Have been involved with ATS National or Local events during the past two years or proof of volunteer involvement during the past two years.

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

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

Send in the attached Request Form to receive the Application. Requests must be received by October 10, 2025. The completed Application, along with the supporting documentation, must be returned to the ATS Home Office by November 1, 2025.

Request for ATS Student Loan
Debt Relief Grant application

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Branch #: _____ Cert #: _____

Request Deadline: October 10, 2025

Application Deadline: November 1, 2025

Mail Request Form to:

ATS Home Office

5323 Pearl Road

Cleveland, OH 44129



How to spot a crypto scam

Cryptocurrency may have begun as an obscure digital experiment, but these days it's a mainstream investment.

According to Security.org, around 65 million American adults own cryptocurrencies, and two-thirds of people who already own cryptocurrencies intend to keep building their stockpiles. But some of the things that make it popular -- decentralization, privacy, and limited government oversight -- make it a lucrative business for scammers.

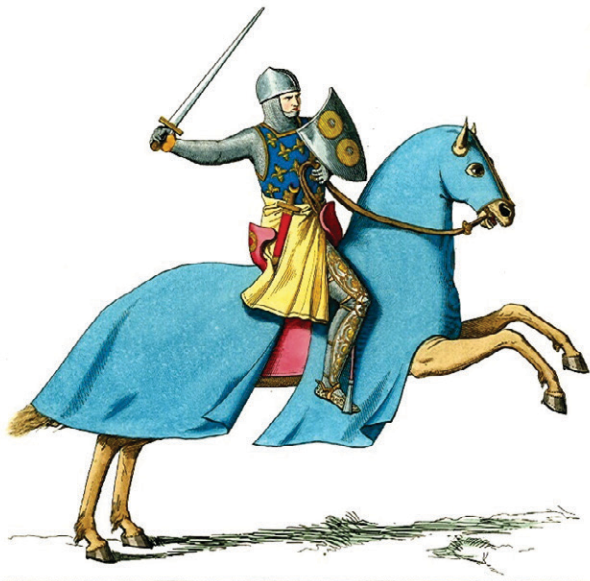
If you own cryptocurrency or are interested in purchasing some, watch out for some of these major red flags:

- Demands for payment in cryptocurrency. If you receive a demand for payment in cryptocurrency, especially in advance, don't pay. A legitimate business, government agency, or brokerage will never even ask.
- Investment scams. An "investment manager" might contact you with an irresistible one-time opportunity that requires an up-front payment with crypto, and they might even have a website with an "investment account," but it's all sleight of hand while they take your money and run.
- Online dating scams. Even modern technology isn't immune to a classic romance scam. If someone charms you on Bumble and then tries to ask you for a cryptocurrency payment or if you'd like to invest, it's a scam.



- Celebrity scams. One man lost \$10,000 after an AI-generated Elon Musk talked him into a fake crypto investment, complete with a fake website that showed his investment growing to \$50,000, according to DigWatch. Be wary of any celebrity-endorsed cryptocurrency investments, and remember that Brad Pitt will never, ever contact you personally to ask for Bitcoin.
- Corporate impersonators. Fraudsters will pose as big companies like Amazon or FedEx in calls, emails, and text messages to warn you about cybersecurity risks, bank fraud, or other potentially serious problems -- and then request a cryptocurrency payment to resolve the issue.

Herzis visit Detroit



Even King Arthur’s knights wore hard hats

Today, hard hats are worn by workers in many types of jobs. They are also worn by football players, soldiers and bike riders. Whether for work or play, they have an essential role in safety.

It’s not a new concept.

King Arthur’s knights in shining armor wore metal helmets to protect their heads. Ancient drawings depict people in head-protecting hats in the ancient civilizations of China, Egypt, Greece and Rome.

The first protective hats made by E.W. Bullard Company, a mining equipment maker, were made of leather. When Bullard’s son returned from the First World War with a steel helmet, that changed.

In more modern times, when famous writer Franz Kafka was with Workers Accident Insurance in Bohemia, he was instrumental in developing the protection hat in 1912, according to legendary management icon Peter Drucker.

In the 1933 construction of the Golden Gate Bridge, all workers had to wear safety helmets. Bullard also designed a helmet for sandblasters with a shield in front, like a window, and a hose for breathing.

In 1938, the first aluminum hard hats were made. They were very durable and fairly light-weight. These hats had one serious drawback: aluminum is a great conductor of electricity.

In the 1950s and 1960s, thermoplastics became the newer material. Manufacturers injected thermoplastic into a mold to produce a hard hat.

Helmets are now made of a high density plastic. They have features like earmuffs, extra ventilation, face-shields, sun visors, linings for absorbing sweat and extra attachments like pagers, radio, cameras or walkie-talkies.

Regardless of its composition and features, to get hard hat protection...

You have to wear it!

Seriously, if your call was important to us, don’t you think someone would have answered by now?



Chicago Branch 9 hosts the Herzis



Drinking water lubricates joints, stirs metabolism

Sometimes aching joints are just telling you they're thirsty. Whether or not you have arthritis, water works by filling the spaces between joints.

The right amount for you could be more or less than the recommended eight glasses of water a day. When you exercise, if the weather is hot or your health condition requires more, eight glasses may not be enough.

If you drink many other fluids, the minimum amount of actual water you need to drink is two to three glasses a day. Water moves nutrients through your body, hydrates your joints and cells and increases metabolic activity.

Low-fat milk and calcium-fortified orange juice are good drinks. Two or three cups of green tea or one cup of fruit juice are excellent drinks.

Two cups of caffeinated coffee, soft drinks or tea count in your favor.

Sodas that contain phosphoric acid, which can prevent calcium from being absorbed, can increase your risk of osteoporosis, say researchers at the Cleveland Clinic.

Always drink alcohol in moderation, one or two glasses a day at most. Alcohol is dehydrating, which can decrease the amount of water in your body and decrease water's benefits.

About 20 percent of your fluid need is met by the foods we eat. The other 80 percent must be from beverages.

Remember that water is a pleasant drink. It's safe, inexpensive and always available.



PROPOSED CHANGES TO NEW CASTLE BRANCH 25 CONSTITUTION

Constitution

Article III Membership

Section 2.

Applicants for Active membership in this society have voting rights. They must be ~~male~~, 21 or more years of age and be a national alliance member qualifying by one of the three criteria below:

- 1. Is of Transylvanian Saxon or German birth or a descendant thereof.
- 2. Is married to someone of Saxon or German birth or a descendant thereof.
- 3. If other than the above the applicant must agree to support the preservation of the ethnic and cultural goals outlined in the national Alliance Constitution and By-Laws.

~~And must also qualify by one of the two criteria below:-~~

~~1. Is an owner of an Alliance life insurance policy or an Annuity contract.~~

~~2. Is an existing member and over the age of 50 when this revision of the constitution was adopted.~~

~~And must also be the owner of an Alliance life insurance policy or an Annuity contract. Existing Active members over the age of 50 when this revision of the constitution was adopted on September 12, 2024, do Not need to purchase an Alliance life insurance policy or an Annuity contract.~~

Active Membership privileges begin when a national alliance policy is approved.

Members who surrender their ATS National Alliance policy cannot remain Active members.

Section 3. Only active ~~male~~ members are entitled to vote, but all male members have the right to join the Singing Section.

An active member, who joins the society and elects to become a Social member, must drop their membership from the society and rejoin as a Social member.

Section 4. ~~Men or women may~~Applicants wishing to become Social members of the Eintracht Singing Society of the A.T.S. and must have passed the age of 21 years, and are eligible to purchase an A.T.S. insurance or annuity certificate which would permit them to participate in all A.T.S. national events.

By-Laws

Article I

Duties of the Officers

Duties of the President

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings, preserve order and be impartial toward all ~~brothers~~ members. If ~~he decides~~ deciding to participate in a debate or make a motion, ~~he they~~ shall relinquish the chair to the Vice-President.

Motions made by ~~brothers~~ members shall be explained ~~by him~~ and shall be put to a vote. ~~He The President~~ shall examine and sign all documents issued by the Recording Secretary and recognized by the Society. ~~He The President~~ shall only bring to a vote motions not contrary to the Constitution.

The President ~~He~~ shall appoint and preside over all committees of the Society.

Duties of the Vice-President

Section 2. The Vice-President shall assist the President in performing his the duties and in ~~his~~-absence ~~he~~ shall conduct the meeting and do all other duties of the President.

Duties of the Recording & Corresponding Secretary

Section 3. The duties of the Recording and Corresponding Secretary are to keep exact impartial minutes of all proceedings of the Society: ~~and He~~ shall carry on all correspondence; issue all orders, receipts and certificates, sign, seal and date same. The Society seal should be kept in his possession.

Duties of the Financial Secretary

Section 4. The duties of the Financial Secretary

shall be to take in all monthly dues as well as other monies and keep an accurate account of them, report same in the order received, and turn the money over to the treasurer, taking his receipt therefore.

The Financial Secretary ~~He~~ shall take care of all correspondence in case of sickness for local members and members living outside of the city limits.

At the initiation of a candidate ~~the Financial Secretary~~ ~~he~~ shall see to it that the balloting is carried out legally.

Dues paid after the books are closed will be added to the next monthly meeting’s business.

If a member should be nominated to an office, it is ~~his the~~ duty of the Financial Secretary to see if such member’s dues are up to date.

The Financial Secretary ~~He~~ shall inform all members whose dues are unpaid, prior to their suspension: ~~It is also his duty to, and~~ report such suspended members to the President of the Society.

The Society shall bond ~~the Financial Secretary~~ ~~him~~ to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00)

The Financial Secretary ~~He~~ shall be required to give a quarterly report of all members who are delinquent with their dues.

Duties of the Treasurer

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Financial Secretary and give his receipt therefore and deposit same in a bank designated by the Society, in the name of the Society. In the proper order of business, ~~he the Treasurer~~ shall state the receipts, disbursements and balance at hand-~~He, and~~ shall keep all valuable papers of the Society, charter, deed, as well as all valuable documents in a safety deposit box designated and paid by the Society. All documents of the Society safe-guarded in this manner shall be produced for examination anytime upon demand of the Society officers.

At the quarterly and annual auditing of the books of the examining of the bills, it is ~~his the Treasurer’s~~ duty to be present with the Officers of the Society and submit receipts for all expenditures-~~He, and~~ shall have the bank books of the Society in ~~his~~ possession. The Society shall bond ~~him the Treasurer~~ to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00). This bond can, if the Society finds it necessary, be increased or decreased.

Duties of the A.T.S. Secretary

Section 6. The A.T.S. Secretary keeps accurate records, and reports of new and suspended members of the A.T.S.; issues transfer cards to members transferring to another branch. The A.T.S. Secretary ~~He~~ shall immediately report the death of a member to the office of the Alliance-~~He, and~~ shall promptly report to the Alliance any illness or accident to members which may result in claims. The ATS Secretary shall, in spirit of fraternal helpfulness, be of service to members in all Alliance business.

Article 5. Admittance to Membership.

Section 1. Every ~~male person~~ wishing to join the Society as an Active ~~male~~ member must ~~have himself~~ be proposed by two (2) Active Members in good standing, must fill out an application printed by the Society for such purposes and present application and the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) with the Society in advance of his initiation, and must pay a premium payment or annuity payment to the ~~national National society Alliance~~ with the ~~national National society Alliance~~ application.

Section 4. Should it be revealed that a member has made false statements in ~~his their~~ application for membership to the Society, charges should be brought against ~~him the member~~ and if found guilty of same shall be dropped from the Society and loses all payments made into the Society.

Section 5. If a member leaves the city and still wishes to remain a member, ~~he the member~~ must within fourteen (14) days report his exact address to the Financial Secretary.

Section 10. If an applicant is not approved by Branch for Eintracht membership, the applicant may apply to another Branch or be accepted in the ATS Home Branch.

Section 11. It is the duty of every Active member to be present at all meetings. Should a member discuss Society business or talk about the Society in a descending way with a non-member upon the first offense ~~he~~ may be punished and fined five (\$5.00) dollars if found guilty. In case of repetition ~~he the member~~ may be expelled from the Society.

Section 12. Candidates for Social membership must be proposed by two (2) Active ~~male~~ members. The initiation fee and one (1) year’s dues must accompany each application for memberships.

Article 6.

Election of Officers

Section 3. The one receiving the most votes is elected. Only capable ~~male~~ members who are present at the meeting, have been a member in good standing for the last three (3) years, have attended at least six (6) meetings this year, are a citizen of the United States, and holding an A.T.S policy can be elected.

Article 7.

Order of the Meetings

Section 2. Every member desiring to speak must ask for the floor, but shall not speak until ~~he receives~~ receiving permission from the President. No motion shall come to a vote that has not been seconded, but remarks may be made to every motion. Motions can only be adopted by a majority vote.

Section 3. A member shall not speak more than two (2) times and shall not speak more than five (5) minutes upon a motion. ~~If he desires~~ desiring to speak a third time, the President may reject ~~his-the~~ request whereupon ~~he the member~~ may appeal to the members who shall make the decision.

Section 4. When a member is called to order while speaking ~~he the member~~ shall resume ~~his-their~~ seat until the point of the order has been decided by the President. In case of disturbance said member shall pay a fine of one (\$1.00) dollar, and then in case ~~he the member~~ still disobeys, ~~he the member~~ must leave the Society assembly room for the remainder of the meeting.

Section 5. In case of a general disorder and offensive manner of speech whereby the regular continuance of transactions are disturbed, the President shall adjourn the meeting remainder fifteen (15) minutes or, if ~~he finds it~~ necessary, for the remainder of the day.

Article 8.

Charges and Grievances

Section 2. Should a complaint or grievance be made against an Officer, ~~he the officer~~ shall be suspended from office until a decision has been made.

Section 3. If a party involved refuses to attend the hearing, the case shall proceed as if ~~he the officer~~ were present. A request for one postponement shall be granted a member.

Section 5. A member who, at a meeting or outside of the Society, is guilty of improper action towards another member (so far as the Society affairs are concerned), or who shows ~~himself-themselves~~ undeserving of Society membership, shall be suspended or expelled.

Section 6. A member who misconducts ~~himself themselves~~ in the Society hall may be suspended and summoned before the officers, and if found guilty shall pay a fine from twenty (\$20.00) dollars to seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars or be suspended for three

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(3) months or both depending upon opinion of the officers.

Upon second such offense **he the member** may be permanently suspended from the Society and shall not be accepted any more as a member.

If the first offense is of a serious matter, the member could be suspended permanently; it should be presented to the body it the next meeting and the body should vote on the decision.

Section 7. Should a member have been before the Executive Committee and has as evidence five (5) members of the Society that **he they** had not been dealt with justly, **he** can seek the signatures of five (5) members and present same to the members of the Society. Should the witnesses be found right, the members shall elect a new tribunal for this purpose. It is the duty of all undersigned witnesses to be present at the next meeting to defend the said member. If not, then the appeal is lost.

Article 9.
Alliance Convention Delegates

The Society shall elect Delegates to represent the Society at the Alliance Convention meetings.

Section 1. The Society is entitled to send one Delegate per fifty Alliance members in good standing to Convention, with a minimum representation of two (2) Delegates and a maximum limit of twenty (20) Delegates.

a. If the total number of Society members in good standing is greater than any multiple of fifty, an additional Delegate may become eligible if **he represents representing** less than fifty but more than twenty-five members.

b. All Delegates must be in good standing, that is, they must be fully current with all payments to the Alliance and **the** Branch 25 as of December 31, preceding the Convention.

Section 2. The Society must forward the name and certificate number of its Delegates on certified official forms to the Alliance Home Office by April 15, preceding the Convention.

Section 3. Any **National** Alliance member in good standing, regardless of ancestry or affinity, may be elected or serve as a Delegate.

Section 4. The President and ATS Secretary shall automatically be the first two Delegates and remaining Delegates shall be elected.

Initiation of Candidates
(Conducted by the President)

Dear Candidates: It is your desire to become a member of the Eintracht Singing Society, **A.T.S. Branch 25**. It gives me pleasure to inform you that your application has been accepted by the Society and that we are about to accept you as a member of this Society. I now ask you the following questions: Will you obey the laws of this Society and the requests of the President? If so, answer "Yes". Will you further the respect, the good reputation and the prosperity of the Society to the best of your knowledge and ability? If so, answer "Yes". Will you hold the officers, the members and their families in high esteem? If so, answer "Yes". Herewith I declare you "with the power of my office, in the name of the Society", a member of the Society and I heartily welcome you as such!

For Male Candidates:

Furthermore! We have a Singing Section which holds regular singing rehearsals. If you have singing talent, you are heartily welcome to join our singer group to further the German and American song.

was such a good worker he would get hired on at sixteen and seventeen years old for his Uncle Schmidt. His uncle was extremely nice to Michael and treated him well. He would always ask Michael, "What are you going to do tomorrow", meaning what are you going to do with your life, it's up to you. His uncle would tell him if you go out in the evenings with the boys and have a beer, when you come home, no matter what time it is, feel free to come into the house and slice some bread and eat; don't go hungry. The only problem was that he couldn't get along with his aunt. She would complain about him and Michael decided he couldn't stay for another year.

This time, instead of being hired out, Michael hired himself out; he found his own job. He got a job working on a farm that had horses and oxen. This did not go over well with his uncle. He told Michael, "You are not a horseman or oxen Knecht (boy-meaning you don't do that type of work). After a heated discussion, my uncle told one of his helpers to take my gulden back to Fritsch. Fritsch wouldn't take it back at first, and then my uncle said you go back and put the money on the table and walk out. His helper did that.

After that, my uncle hired me out to another rich person. Schuller had a dozen oxen, cows and horses. Poor Michael got caught in the middle again. This became a family feud because they were related. Fritsch accused Schuller of hiring his man away. Because they were related, Schuller said he didn't want any trouble with his family, so Michael was out of a job.

So, Michael was hired out again, to another rich person, who was a judge. They had a lot of livestock. Michael had always been a hard worker, but he soon learned how backbreaking work could be. Michael had to clean the stable every morning, and in the afternoon, carry the manure about 100 feet, with a basket in front of him to the manure pile. Then he would clean 20 animals every day. Michael was working from 2:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Even though they were rich they served him terrible meals, and he was basically served the scraps that were left-overs. The family had a huge storage of wine, probably 2,000 gallons in their basement. They never offered any wine to Michael. The judge had a son and daughter-in-law that were nice to Michael would sneak him wine but they knew the judge was the boss so they couldn't help that much. The work never ended. After Michael was done outside, he had to husk corn off the cobb. When he had gotten plenty of corn, he had to clean the animals' harnesses. The boss told Michael that a hired man can cut wood before church on Sunday and after church again. Michael finally told him "Batschi, there is the ax, you go and cut it yourself, I won't." The boss always talked like a know-it-all and like you knew nothing. To say the least the judge's house was not an enjoyable place to work or live.

Just when things looked pretty dismal, Uncle John Farr visited Michael. He told Michael, "You'll kill yourself working here; quit him and go to Germany and in 2 months you'll make more money than you get in a year here, and you'll work just half as hard."

On the next segment, we will see how trying to go to Germany works out for Michael Farr.

HUMOR (compliments of Sara Alzner-Brown)
Wife and husband go to the doctor.

Doctor says, "You husband needs peace and rest. Here are some sleeping pills."

Wife asks, "When do I give them to him?"

Doctor answers, "They are for you!"

FACEBOOK PAGE

Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons, Columbus Branch 10_(Facebook Group).

We are happy to announce that the group has grown to 245 members. Please invite people to

join our Facebook Group, that is open to all people interested in sharing or reading about our Saxon Heritage. We will continue to modify and improve the Facebook page as needed. While we welcome you to join the Columbus Branch 10, you do not need to be a member to join the Facebook Group. You are invited to join our Facebook group and share your Saxon history or just enjoy what others post. If you are interested in becoming part of the Facebook group you can request an invitation or send me your email address (donaldcblum@prodigy.net), and we will set you up.

We are happy to say, we continue to add Saxon/German heritage individuals to the Facebook Group. Some of the new members include people from Europe and Canada. We encourage you to spread the word about our group.

Our Facebook Group is an excellent place to share pictures that anyone would have of the Transylvanian Trip. It's a good reason to join and become a part of sharing Heritage information.



Local news goes dark

What is your local city council doing this month? Are they changing zoning? Raising taxes? What is your school district doing? Chances are increasingly good that you don't know and you won't know.

Since 2005, about one-third of local newspapers have disappeared, creating new deserts where politicians and bureaucrats operate without any oversight. An average of 2.5 newspapers closed each week in 2023.

According to Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly, part of the reason is commerce. Since online shopping became mainstream, local retail stores, large and small, have disappeared, leaving no commercial advertising base that once supported newspapers.

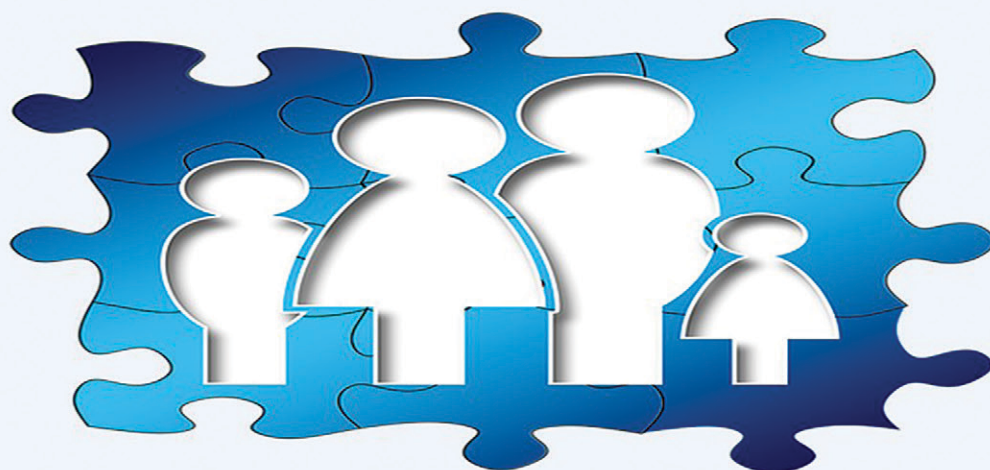
What happens is that local governments become less accountable, as lack of scrutiny declines or even disappears.

In fact, the smaller the community the more likely that citizens get their news from Facebook or other social media, suggesting an opportunity for citizen journalists. According to Pew Research, 52 percent of U.S. adults say they get local news from social media or radio stations. A third of Americans say they sometimes get local news from a daily newspaper.

**Besseres kann kein Volk vererben,
Als der eigenen Väter Brauch.
Wenn des Volkes Bräuche sterben,
Stirbt des Volkes Seele auch.**

**No people can inherit better things,
As the custom of their own fathers.
When the people's customs die,
The soul of the people also dies.**

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month



Do I need Life Insurance? Is Life Insurance worth the cost?

How much life insurance do I need?

Life can be a puzzle. Trying to put the pieces together isn't always easy. There are puzzle pieces that include being a child, becoming an adult, getting a good education, landing a good job, getting married, starting and raising a family, growing old, and retirement years. Mixed in with those puzzle pieces are cars, houses, credit card bills, illnesses, and lots of good memories. But, what happens when you lose a piece of that puzzle? What happens to that family when someone dies? Life Insurance can help!

Do I need Life Insurance? If someone depends on you financially, you are probably someone who needs life insurance. Life Insurance provides cash to your family or loved ones after your death. This cash replaces your income and the many non-paid ways you support your family. They can use this cash to pay for expenses like funeral costs, medical expenses, credit card bills, etc. Even if you do not have someone who relies on you financially, you still need to cover your funeral costs. You don't want to make your loved ones pay for this out of their pockets or make them resort to a go-fund-me account.

Is Life Insurance worth the cost? There are many answers to this question, but the most important one is to ensure your family's financial security and peace of mind. The proceeds of your life insurance policy are paid directly to your loved ones. This provides time for them to piece their life back together after your death.

How much Life Insurance do I need? Add up the immediate, ongoing, and future expenses your family or loved ones would incur if you were to pass away (ex: funeral costs, rent or mortgage, medical costs). Add up the financial resources your loved ones already have. This could mean a spouse's income and life insurance that's already in place. Subtract your financial resources from the anticipated expenses. The difference between the two numbers is the approximate amount of life insurance to buy.

Contact your local ATS Sales Deputy or the ATS Home Office to learn more about our Life Insurance Plans:

- **Single Payment Life**—Only one premium pays this plan for life
- **Seven Payment Life**—Payments are made for only seven years
- **Twenty Payment Life**—Premium payments are made during one's best earning years
- **Life Paid up at Age 65**—Premium payments are completed by retirement age
- **Whole Life**—Provides the maximum amount of permanent life insurance with cash value at the lowest rates



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