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BRANCH 5, LORAIN

By Michael Johnson

Branch 5 members met on Monday October 20, 2025, for our monthly meeting. Minutes from the previous month's meeting and the financial report were given and found to be in order. The date of the Christmas dinner was announced to be held again at Diso's Bistro at all Nations, 4286 Oberlin Ave. Lorain, OH 44053 on Saturday December 6, 2025, 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 members' guests will be the financial responsibility of that member for their dinner. RSVP by November 28 by calling Jeanne Petty at (440) 670-3368.

Our next regular scheduled meeting will be at the American Slovak Club on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see many of our members in attendance as we will be voting on officers for the coming year 2026. We'll also be discussing any changes to the constitution we may want to make for our ever-changing times. Review your copy and share your opinions so we can begin that process in the coming year.

We had two members who were on the sick list, one is now off. Sister Arlene Gilles had hand surgery on August 22 and now has recovered. Still on is Sister Sharon Powell who reported being admitted to the hospital September 11 with heart issues. She is now home and stable but still visiting her doctor monitoring her condition. There are no other members receiving sick benefits at this time and we hope all our other members are doing well. Do 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 beginning the benefits due through your membership in Branch 5.

Sister Ginger Romes represented Branch 5 by competing in the 65th ATS Annual Open-Bowling Tournament held in Merrillville, IN on October 18-

19, 2025. She reported that though she did not place in the singles she did have a good time and was happy to have had the opportunity to go.

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.

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.



Attend the
monthly
meetings
of your Branch.
Help make
your Branch a
healthy Branch.



TSBA BOWLING

Next Session
Sunday,
November 16, 2025

Host: Cleveland East
North Woods Lanes
10435 Valley View Rd
Macedonia, Ohio

Practice 11:30 a.m.
Bowling Battles
start 11:45 a.m.

NO MEAL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



The 65th ATS Open Bowling Tournament is now history. Even though we were a small group, I believe everyone who attended had a great weekend. Most of the bowlers took the ATS bus to Merrillville, starting in Youngstown and picking up the rest of the travelers in Cleveland at the Home Office. Guy, our bus driver from Anderson Bus lines, took great care of us, especially driving back home on Sunday in the rain. We were all glad that we weren't the ones driving! During the weekend, our bowlers bowled 707 strikes! The ATS will be making a donation to breast cancer awareness for every one of those strikes, thanks to all those good bowlers. See the back page for pictures, winners, and stats.

Veterans Day is November 11th. It was originally known as Armistice Day. 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. One year later, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the day as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. It became a federal holiday in the U.S. in 1938. In 1954, President Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day to honor American Veterans of all wars. To all of our Veterans out there – THANK YOU for your service!

Those ATS Members who have a Traditional IRA with us, who have not taken their 2025 Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) yet need to do so prior to the end of the year. Call the ATS Office to request your distribution paperwork. If you don't need the funds in your checking account, you can always deposit the IRA withdrawal into your Deferred Annuity account with us. Don't have a Deferred Annuity account? Let us know and we'll be glad to set one up for you!

Did you know that on November 7, 1944, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected to an unprecedented fourth term in office? According to History.com, Roosevelt rose above personal and political challenges to emerge as one of the nation's most revered and influential presidents. In 1921, at the age of 39, he contracted polio and thereafter was burdened with leg braces and eventually confined to a wheelchair. He was first elected as President in 1932 and served 13 years to mid-1945, when he died while in office. During that time, FDR presided over two of the nation's biggest crises – the Great Depression of the 1930s and World War II. He implemented drastic and often criticized legislation to help boost America out of the Great Depression. He initially tried to avoid direct U.S. involvement in World War II, which began

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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 _____
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PRESIDENT’S
MESSAGE
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in 1939, but after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, America was thrust headlong into the conflict. By the time Roosevelt was elected for his fourth term, the war had taken a turn in favor of the Allies, but FDR’s health was already on the decline. In April 1945, four months before the war ended, FDR died of a stroke at his vacation home in Georgia.

FDR was the first, and last, president to win more than two consecutive elections. According to the National Constitution Center, most of the framers of the Constitution were against term limits. Amendments seeking to enforce term limits were proposed some 200 times between 1796 and 1940, without being adopted. Most presidents followed George Washington’s precedent in not seeking re-election a third time. Some had tried, such as Ulysses S Grant and Woodrow Wilson, but they did not receive their party’s nomination for the ballot. Because World War II was still ongoing, FDR agreed to run for a third and then a fourth term.

In 1947, Congress again proposed a law that would limit presidents to two consecutive terms. In 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, officially limiting a president’s tenure in office to two terms of four years each.

Until next time...

You can’t be
late until
you show up.



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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!

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

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 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

BRANCH 9, CHICAGO
By Rose-Marie Hauer

Our meeting was held on October 6, 2025. President Thut brought the meeting to order and all reports were read and approved.

Sick List we have: Brother Fritz Roth, Sister Kathy Roth, Sister Elfie Sanderson, Brother Mike Schmidt. and Sister Katharina Thut. Please say a prayer for all of these members.

Sister Rose Hauer and Sister Elizabeth Hauer represented Branch 9 at the German Day Commemoration on October 5, 2025 at St. Benedicts Church in Chicago.

Saxon fleece jackets- see flyer. Questions please contact Sister Karina Thut at: 224-402-0536. These would make great Christmas gifts. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUeV6wWzU35DfFXCGz0HXyhUjny70wNu1bZ4IA6ZKYPOxPDQ/viewform>

Events: Christmas Party December 14, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Invitations being sent out. Please RSVP for lunch to Sister Rose Hauer at (847) 685-9821. More to follow.

See everyone at the next meeting on November 3.



YOUNGSTOWN SAXON RETIREES
By Ro Dundon

I apologize for not having an October report, but I promise a newsletter in November.

This is just a note to remind all that our next meeting will be on November 13th at the Eat and Park in Austintown. The time will be 12:30. I hope to see everyone there.

Everyone have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. It's such a delicious holiday.

Try not to eat too much Turkey and Pumpkin Pie. I'll try to practice what I preach.

Stay warm and keep in good health.

Until we meet again...As usual...It's RO.



When squirrels attack

It isn't funny, but it is unusual.

In the town of San Rafael, California, five people were attacked and two went to the hospital following an assault by a squirrel. In separate cases, women were out for a walk when a brown squirrel, evidently the same one in each case, leapt at them, attaching itself to a leg, or going for the face and arms. One woman was left with deep lacerations on her arms.

Squirrels do not carry rabies.

Marin Humane speculates that people have been feeding the squirrel. Wildlife rehabilitation workers think the squirrel was raised by humans and has no skills for surviving in the wild. They speculate that the squirrel is hungry and wants to find a human to feed him.

The latest reports say the attacks have stopped, leading some to speculate that the squirrel has died.

EVENT SCHEDULE

2025

9

NOVEMBER

CRAFT FAIR

LOCAL CRAFTING VENDORS SALE 12PM-4:30PM

15

NOVEMBER

ITALIAN NIGHT AT SACHSENHEIM

5-9PM CHEF INSPIRED ITALAIN DISHES

26

NOVEMBER

3RD ANNUAL TREE TRIMMING & DECORATION DRIVE

THANKSGIVING INSPIRED DISHES, TREE TRIMMING, AND DONATION DRIVE

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7001 Denison Ave Cleveland OH

BRANCH 33 SAUSAGE SALE
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Saturday, December 6, 2025

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NOVEMBER 16, 2025

11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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IN AN ATS ANNUITY PLAN**

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

BRANCH 8,
ALLIANCE
By Lesley Reed

NATIONAL EVENTS

- 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 - March, 2026
Bowl Where You Are Contest
- February 15, 2026
TSBA Bowling Session Host: Salem
- March 15, 2026
TSBA Bowling Session Host: Youngstown
- April 18 - 19, 2026
TSBA Season-end Tournament - Salem
- May 2-3, 2026
ATS National Convention
Hosts: Cleveland West Branches 1 and 4
- June 14 - 20, 2026
Saxon Summer Camp
- July 10 - 12, 2026
North American Transylvanian Saxon Heimattag
Aylmer, Ontario Canada
- July 25, 2026
ATS Family Day at Waldameer , Erie, PA
- October 17 -18, 2026
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Host: Salem

LOCAL EVENTS

- November 9, 2025
Cleveland Sachsenheim Craft Fair
- November 15, 2025
New Castle Br. 25 Chili Cook-Off
Cleveland Sachsenheim Italian Night
- November 16, 2025
Youngstown Saxon Club Pork/Kraut Dinner
- November 26, 2025
Cleveland Sachsenheim Tree Trimming
- December 5, 2025
New Castle Männerchor Christmas Concert
- December 5-6, 2025
Cleveland Sachsenheim Sausage Making / Sale
- December 9, 2025
New Castle Männerchor Christmas Party
- December 13, 2025
Cleveland Sachsenheim
Children’s Christmas Party
Krampus Fest
- New Castle Children’s Christmas Party 5:30 p.m.
- December 14, 2025
Chicago Br. 9 Christmas Party
- December 20, 2025
New Castle Tom and Jerry Party 3 p.m. - close

Our lodge conducted its final meeting of 2025 on October 15th with nine ladies present. Tonight’s recipients of our two attendance awards were Helen Aeling and Jan Ossler. We decided to make two charitable donations before the year ends. The first to the Akron-Canton Regional food bank in memory of our 50+ year member Kay Epps, with condolences to her family. The other donation was made to the Paris Township food bank in our area. We were in agreement to celebrate our Branch’s 120th anniversary with a gathering at the Hart Mansion restaurant (a unanimous favorite) on Sunday, January 11th at Noon. An outing was scheduled to attend the Carnation City Players performance of White Christmas on Sunday, December 14th. Ladies are asked to check your calendars and let Barb know at our holiday dinner on November 8th if you want to attend the show.

We also conducted our election of officers for 2026. These include President - Denise Crawford, Vice President - Karen Kinser, Recording & Local Dues Secretary - Lesley Reed, Treasurer & ATS Secretary-Helen Aeling, Trustees - Jan Ossler, Penny Zeedrich and Mary Craven, Sergeant at Arms - Shari Edwards, and Luncheon committee Chairperson - Barb Esterly.

Ladies celebrating upcoming birthdays are Lesley Reed on October 26, Penny Zeedrich on November 5, and Karen Kinser on December 14. Other dates and activities to keep in mind are the holiday Hart Mansion dinner on November 8 at 4:00 and our next lodge meetings on January 21 and March 18. We will forego a meeting in February and only convene then if the meeting in January would be canceled due to bad weather. Also to consider is anyone wanting to submit handicraft items or volunteer as a deputy for the ATS Convention on May 2-3 in Cleveland.

Lastly, we would like to ask everyone to keep our member, Shari Edwards, in your thought and prayers. Thank you!

Ellwood City Saxon Club
Branches 32 and 40
Pig Roast
August 23, 2025

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fee. Contact Judy Both at 724-654-0573 or jboth1512@comcast.net

BRANCH 4, CLEVELAND
By Joan Miller-Malue

We had a well-attended Halloween Party. The costumes were fantastic which made it difficult for the judges: Monica Gilles, Mike Bretz and Gene King. The winners in the age group 5 and under were Kai-den Bates – a monkey, and Alexandria Litschel – Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz. Winners in age group 6 -10 were Steven Pruchinsky – Alien and Andrew Kravatz – Luigi. In the age group 11 and up the winners were Disney Pooh Team – Becca, Quinn Pechatsko, Lexi Seiler – Tiger, Pooh Eegor and Katelynn Pechatsko as the Ice Princess. The adult winners were Eric and Kelsey Litschel as the Scarecrow and Wicked Witch from the Wizard of Oz and Amanda Donnellan as Cruella de Vil from 101 Dalmatians. Everyone enjoyed the magic show by Richie Rich. We thank Katelynn Pechatsko for being the MC of the evening and to all that helped to make this party a huge success.

November brings several events at the Sachsenheim. On Sunday November 9th will be a Craft Show from Noon – 4:30 p.m. This will give you a chance to find a unique

Christmas gift or two. On Saturday, November 15 at 5:00 p.m. it will be Italian Night at the Sachsenheim. There will be a variety of traditional homemade Italian dishes on the menu such as Chicken Parmesan, Chicken Alfredo, Lasagna, Spaghetti and Meatballs, classic Italian soups plus more. Background music of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin and some special wines to enjoy throughout the evening. On Wednesday, November 26 will be the 3rd Annual Tree Trimming party. We need help decorating our Christmas trees and other décor. It starts at 4:00 p.m, and we welcome donations of holiday decorations.

On December 5-6 there is a Sausage Sale. Help is needed for both days. Please contact President Rob Hanek to joyfully volunteer for this fundraiser for our Club. We will host A Breakfast with Santa for our junior members on Saturday, December 13 at 10 a.m. and then that evening it will be Krampus Night from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Our next monthly Branch Meeting will be held on Monday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.

**Halloween Party at
Cleveland Sachsenheim**



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.

Michael H. Schmidt
Age: 68

Died: October 22, 2025
Branch 9, Chicago, IL

CHURCHES



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German and Saxon
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www.stpeterswarren.org

10:00 Service

Nursery

Coffee following service

Senior Circle

**Study: Stem cells
age 10 times
faster in space**

Data collected from the identical twin astronauts Mark and Scott Kelly show that space travel is even harder on the body than previously thought. According to a new study published in the journal Cell Stem Cell, stem cells age approximately 10 times faster in space than on the ground, a change that may impact natural healing abilities and contribute to chronic disease. The data provides crucial insights about the health risks of spaceflights and may also help researchers better understand the aging process on Earth.

**A penny saved is
a government
oversight.**

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
NOVEMBER 17, 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.”
OCTOBER MEETING

We had a good meeting and luncheon. We celebrated birthdays for Susi Mueller and Mar Sue Birtler by singing Happy Birthday.

Discussed Saxon Club Christmas Party coming up on Sunday, December 7th at 1:00 pm, to be held at the Berwick Party House Manor. Invitations have been mailed and if you have not received an invitation; please contact Don Blum at 614-580-8616. We are looking forward to another fun event with our Saxon Family. Please note the **RSVP** on the invitation, so that we can provide Berwick with an accurate head count.

Mike Roth prepared and provided a letter that details how interested individuals can take advantage of becoming a member of the ATS Columbus Saxons, Branch 10 and the benefits of membership.

We discussed other events down the road such as Heimattag in Aylmer, Ontario (July 10 - 12) and the Columbus Branch Picnic (date to be determined). Also, we discussed activities such as remote bowling tournament.

John Gellner is doing fine and enjoying life. Hedy Fleischer has completed her move to Asheville and getting accustomed to country living.

CONGRATULATIONS

Please join me in wishing Liz Las-
sel (November 8), Marlene Mueller
(November 8) and Christine Oehl-
man (November 15) very Happy
Birthdays, and we wish them many
more. Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

SAXON LIFE OF MICHAEL FARR
(his story is paraphrased from ex-
cerpts of his story)

We take up where we left off with Michael and Rosie making a huge decision. They talked about it and decided that originally, Michael would make some money, and they would go back home, buy some land and live. Rosie was extremely homesick and so was Michael. They sold everything they had and bought tickets to go back and in March 1911 they sailed back on the George Washington ship. In six-days they would be in Bremen, Germany.

Before we go too far, we should tell you a little about Rosie, because this is now her journey, too. Rosie's maiden name was Rosa Promer. Her mother's name was Rosa Promer

(Klusch). Rosie had a sister, Anna Promer and a brother that was killed in the first World War.

In the spring of 1911, Michael and Rosie would arrive in Bremen, Germany. They took a train to Sza-
szregen (Sächsische-Regen). They arrived and needed a place to stay. Mrs. Theil had a restaurant and they ate there. Mike asked for a place to stay, and she gave them a room where they ended up sleeping on the floor that night.

The next day they hitched a ride with a man who had a one-horse buggy. He drove them 15 miles to Weillau. They arrived at 10:30 in the morning. As they drove by people, they did not recognize them because Michael had been gone for a while and no one was expecting them. The driver dropped them off at Michael's parents' house. His parents were totally surprised. They came out, greeted them and were excited.

Michael and Rosie would stay at his parents' house while their house was being built. They had purchased a lot 2 doors down from Michael's parents. In 1912, they started building their house. They worked hard in building their house and family and friends helped and brought materials to help. They worked so hard that they were able to move into their house before Christmas of 1912.

Just when Michael and Rosie were back where they wanted to be, in the Spring of 2013, Michael got a notice that he was getting a call to report for an examination for the Army. So, Michael reported for the examination. He got on the scales and the examiner said "Tauglich 1." (which meant you are good to go number 1), for three years in the army. There was a bit of haggling and Michael would show them papers he got previously, that said he was no good for the service a first and second time. After much discussion, the man said "minder tauglich" which meant he was going to have to serve for eight weeks.

After the eight weeks in the army, Michael told Rosie, "I don't like it here, let's go back to America." Well, this was a big problem. Because Michael was responsible to practice two weeks with the army every year, they would not give a passport to go back to America. Getting a passport for Rosie was not problem. Michael said I will find a way to get a passport but in the meantime that would get a passport for Rosie. They got to the Notar at the court house and the Notar said you want to let your wife go alone? Michael told him that if she wants to go, I'll let her go. Michael had another plan. He was going to get a false passport and go, too. Their plan was that Michael would get his false passport, get on a ship and send a letter to Rosie, letting her know that it was okay to come. Michael went to a neighboring town, to get a judge and his secretary to make him a false passport. The judge told Michael he could get him a false passport, but it would cost him 10 Gulden, or \$4 in

American money. He got the false passport and would send word to Rosie when it was okay.

I am beginning to see a trend in Michael's luck. You know the saying, 'If I didn't have bad luck, I wouldn't have luck at all.' That seems to be a theme to Michael's life.

In March, 1914, Michael and a couple of friends took off to leave Romania. Michael had the perfect scheme. Michael and a bunch of his friends played cards at his house every night. Rosie was to tell them he left for Brenndorf (where Rosie was from), that he had business there. So, Michael and his friends took a train to Chasa (the Hungarian border). They sat down on a bench at the train station. Michael decided to take a walk. Suddenly, he felt someone touch him on the shoulder. It was the gendarme (police). In Hungarian, they asked "Where is your passport?" Michael handed them his passport and said here it is, go ahead take a look at it. They looked it over and gave it back to him. After that they took him to a doctor to verify something about a medical issue. The doctor checked gave Michael out and said to his medical issue trachoma verdachtig, meaning it says you have contagious eye disease, and he thinks it is suspicious. The doctor told him to go home back home get healthy and you can go now. The doctor kept Michael's fake passport and marked with a cross in blue chalk; this meant there is concern about the passport. The police asked Michael where he was from, and he told them Posmosch Besterze Madye Posta Nagy Schauv. He was sure that if he told them he was Weillau that they would lock him up. Michael went to the station and told his friends goodbye and they cried.

Michael went home and surprised Rosie. Rosie was glad to see Michael. Later his friends stopped by to play cards. They knew something had happened but never mentioned anything.

Veterans Day: A time for appreciation

We all recognize the solemn moment of "the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month." We bow our heads in recognition of the end of World Wars I and II. Most of all, on Veterans Day, we remember and honor the veterans of all American wars and conflicts. We show our gratitude in many ways.

Some of us will attend parades, ceremonies or prayer services. Others will take time to remember family members and friends who served in past and present conflicts. Many of us will just say, "Thank you for your service."

You won't have a hard time finding a veteran. According to the most recent data from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the U.S. Census Bureau, there are approximately 18 million living veterans in the United States as of 2025. This represents about 6 percent of the adult population.

Michael went to the man that had sold him the passport. Michael told the man the gendarmes (military police) had the false passport and that they would bring it back to the man that they thought it belonged to. They came to the man that sold the passport. They thought it was his. He told them it wasn't his and he had never been to America. He said he sold it to a man in Weillau. The police came to Weillau to get to the bottom of this story. Michael and Rosie were in the field hoeing corn. That evening when they came home the town servant yelled the gendarmes were in town and wanted to see Michael. He knew what they wanted. That evening, Michael went to the town servant's house, and the police were waiting. The policemen had Michael's fake passport and questioned him about the passport and how many times he traveled to America. Michael thought he could get out of the situation by not telling the truth and asking them to prove that he had gone to America twice. That is when they pulled out the fake passport, that Michael had intended to use to go to America again. He knew he was caught in a lie and confessed to everything and told them the whole story. It turns out honesty does pay. The sergeant told him that was all and he could go home. He came home and everything was fine.

This is a good place to pause before we see what is next in the life of Michael and Rosie Farr.

HUMOR

A woman and a man got into a discussion about who should have to pay a restaurant bill.

She said: It's the guy's duty to pay the bill at the restaurant, that's why it's called a MEN' U, meaning men you pay.

He disagreed, he said no, it's both our responsibility, that's why it's called ME' N' U.'

I guess who is right is determined by who ends up sleeping on the couch.



Veterans themselves usually take a joyful view of the event. They may gather to celebrate with their buddies, sometimes having a party with fellow unit members who have come from some distance away for the gathering. It's a popular time for reunions.

Veterans Day celebrations at the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) and the American Legion clubs include music, dancing, dining and more, often arranged by the women's auxiliaries.

The revelry, however, comes to an abrupt silence for a few moments in recognition of "The 11th Hour."



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH!

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 7th at the Berwick Party House.

The celebration will be from 1:00 to 5:00 PM.

Should you feel the urge you can wear your
Dirndl or Lederhosen or Saxon Tracht
or Christmas Ugly Sweater.



Sankt Nikolaus is checking his list and his calendar,
and he wants you to come join Sankt Nikolaus!
In order to make this a fun and nice experience, we need to
make sure we know how many people will be attending.
We want to invite Club members, ATS members, guests, and
especially children, who will receive a Christmas surprise.
In order to get an idea of the number of attendees,
we need to have you RSVP.
Also, we would like to have an idea of children attending.

Respond by November 15, 2025 to by text
or call Don Blum

Email donaldcblum@prodigy.net
Call Cell Phone 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, 2025.

The cost to come to Saxon Club’s Celebration is:
Adults \$ 35.00 Children 11 – 16 \$ 20.00
Children 10 years and under are FREE

Pay for the Christmas Party by sending your check
(Payable to the ATS COLUMBUS SAXONS CLUB
BRANCH 10 Saxons Branch 10) to Don Blum
no later than Saturday, November 15, 2025!
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, 2025,
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
ATS COLUMBUS SAXONS CLUB BRANCH 10

C/O DON BLUM, TREASURER
6436 LAKEVIEW CIRCLE
CANAL WINCHESTER, OHIO 43110

PRINT NAMES OF PEOPLE ATTENDING

PRINT CHILDREN’S NAMES AGE



Christmas at The Saxon Club

Old World Style Christmas Makers Market

November 29th 2pm -8pm
Salem Saxon Club
1980 St Rt 9
Salem, OH. 44460

The Market will Consist of:

MAKERS
CRAFTERS
ARTIST
MUSICIANS
SPECIALTY FOOD MAKERS
FOOD FOR PURCHASE

Including:

Pork w/ Sauerkraut, Bratwurst, Fries, Donuts, Pretzels, German Chocolate
and Black Forest Cakes, Hot Coco and Coffee Bar, Beer, Signature Holiday
Drinks of Cranberry Smash and Mulled Cider.

DOOR PRIZES TO WIN
BON FIRE

Vendors and Sponsors Needed!

Vendor Fee of \$20 includes 8ft table and 2 chairs
Plus a Donation of a Door Prize Item for the Guest to ENTER TO WIN!

Sponsorships will be Promoted!

Can include donations for Door Prizes, Food, Christmas Lights or
Monetary Donations

CONTACTS:

Stacy 330-301-0744
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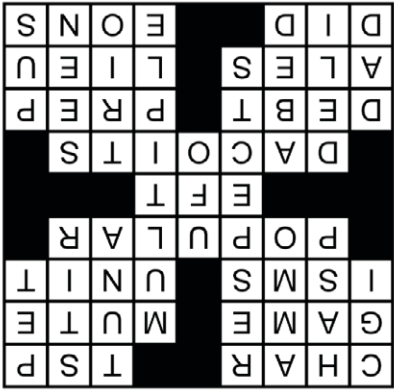
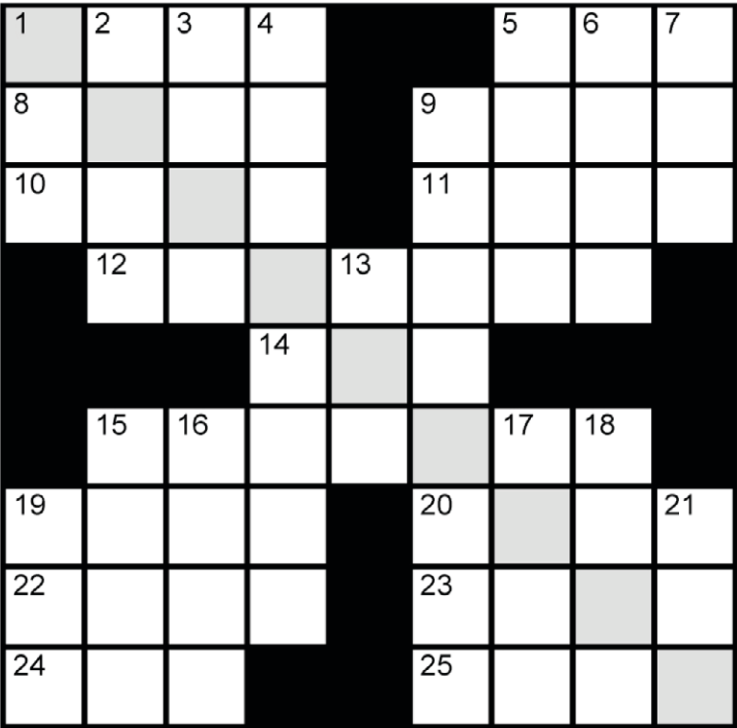
Cozy Blaze

Across

- 1. Blacken
- 5. Cooking meas.
- 8. Charades, e.g.
- 9. Quiet
- 10. Doctrines
- 11. Condo, e.g.
- 12. Funny song from Wicked
- 14. Lizard, old-style
- 15. Wordnik
- 19. Balance sheet item
- 20. Get ready, for short
- 22. Brews
- 23. In place of
- 24. “___ not!”
- 25. A long, long time

Down

- 1. Special effects letters
- 2. Door fastener
- 3. BBs, e.g.
- 4. Shows consideration and high regard.
- 5. Charlie, for one
- 6. Mix
- 7. Darling
- 9. Number divisible by
- 13. Amateur video subject, maybe
- 15. Kosher ___
- 16. Lying, maybe
- 17. Beethoven’s “Archduke ___”
- 18. Caught in the act
- 19. “Dear old” guy
- 21. Sign of infections



The headline is a clue to the
answer in the diagonal.



65th ATS Open-Bowling Tournament October 18-19, 2025 Hosted by Merrillville Saxons

Ladies:

Singles: **Stephanie Miller** (711), Cleveland West
All Events with Handicap: **Stephanie Miller** (2058), CLE West

Men:

Singles: **William Wilson** (790), Salem
All Events with Handicap: **Gus Botsch** (2138) Cleveland West

Doubles:

Sara Wilson and William Wilson (1428), Salem

Team:

Gus Botsch, Brigitte Floyd, Ema Litschel, Dolf Litschel,
Cleveland East and West with assistance from Merrillville

ATS President’s Award for High Series Actual Pins in any
Event:

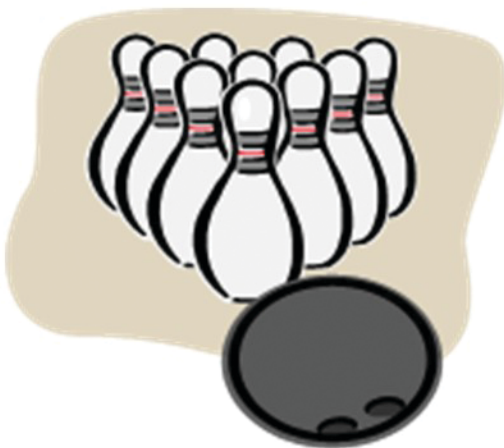
Sara Wilson (534 Singles), Salem and **Jason Smith** (774 Sin-
gles), Merrillville

Best Weekend “Influencer”:

Jenny King Cleveland West

Congratulations to all of the Winners!

The 2026 Tournament will be held in Salem, OH
on October 17 & 18, 2026



During the 2025 ATS Open Bowling Tourna-
ment, we heard a lot of people saying *back in*
“year” and *when we bowled at “city”*. We
thought we would list out the last 25 years’
worth of ATS Open Bowling Tournaments and
locations to help everyone’s memory a little
bit!

- 2025 Merrillville, IN
- 2024 New Castle, PA
- 2023 Merrillville, IN
- 2022 Youngstown, OH
- 2021 Cleveland West, OH
- 2019 Cleveland West, OH
- 2018 Merrillville, IN
- 2017 Youngstown, OH
- 2016 New Castle, PA
- 2015 New Castle, PA & Youngstown, OH
(joint effort)
- 2014 Chicago, IL
- 2013 Cleveland West, OH
- 2012 Merrillville, IN
- 2011 Cleveland West, OH
- 2010 Merrillville, IN
- 2009 Cleveland East, OH
- 2008 Youngstown, OH
- 2007 Merrillville, IN
- 2006 Erie, PA
- 2005 Cleveland West, OH
- 2004 Cleveland East, OH
- 2003 Detroit, MI
- 2002 Merrillville, IN
- 2001 Erie, PA
- 2000 Youngstown, OH