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BRANCH 30, YOUNGSTOWN

By Diane Kirr

Hello members and friends! It's fall and almost time for the things we look forward to at this time of year like the Canfield Fair and the start of school. Monday the club is closed but the Flea Market is open from 8 - 12 p.m. While you are there, check out the treasures our venders have for sale on their tables and in their trunks. September 28 is the last day.

Wednesday, we have Dinner and Drawings. Sign up at the bar. Thursday is Bar Bingo. Friday, we have a delicious fish dinner and the only day we are open to the public. Sunday is Breakfast from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and on the second Sunday of the month, we have our Branch meeting for Fraternal members only. And remember, there is a fee when you use your credit card at the club.

Our Pork and Kraut dinners will start September 20 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. You can dine in or carry out. Bring your children so they can see our new

Kinder Korner. Thank, you Kiki and Michelle!! Our Speck Fry is set for September 26 with some side dishes. It smells so good and is really tasty.

Something is missing at the club! "What!?" "you ask. It's you, your families and children – our future members. Bring them so they can meet other kids their age and play in our Kinder Korner, on our playground and swings, run around and maybe the train will come out in the warmer weather.

See you September 20 at the Pork and Kraut dinner and September 26 at the Speck Fry.

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of your Volksblatt
running late?



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First TSBA session of 2026-2027 season

New Castle, PA
Sunday,
September 20th

Ten Pin Alley
3825 E State St
Hermitage, PA

Bowling
at 10:00 a.m!

NO MEAL afterwards

Rich Baker
(724) 854-0149

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Denise Aeling Crawford

ATS Nat'l President



The ATS Board of Directors met on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at the ATS Home Office. We had a very productive meeting and discussed many topics. The Trustees and Treasurer met the day before to perform their Trustee Audit of the ATS records. Various ATS Committees also met prior to the meeting and reported their recommendations, which were then approved. As I've said before, the members of the Board work well together, whether it is planning an event (new or recurring) or trying to map out the future of the ATS. It is a great pleasure to work with this group of people.

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. I write about life insurance a lot in my articles and on the back page of the paper because it is something that I believe in. It is a good thing to have, whether your finances are solid or not. If they're solid, that just means that your beneficiaries can use the life insurance proceeds for your funeral and use the remaining inheritance as they want. If your finances are not so solid, your loved ones will be relieved that they have one less burden to inherit when you pass. Life insurance can provide your beneficiaries with time. Time to grieve without worrying about how to pay for a funeral on top of everything else they need to deal with.

People should have whole life insurance that is separate from your group-term life insurance at work. There's nothing wrong with the insurance that your employer provides; it is a nice benefit. But the odds of actually dying during your working years are slim. In addition, most younger people do not stay very long with an employer these days; they move from job to job. Does that new employer provide life insurance? Maybe, but maybe not. If not, then what? Also, what happens when you retire? That's the time when you really need life insurance, since you apparently didn't pass away during those working years! Now you're in your mid to late 60s, maybe not quite as healthy, and the cost of life insurance is much more expensive. When you're at this age, can you afford to purchase enough life insurance to cover that funeral? To be on the safe side, purchase a Whole Life Insurance policy while you're younger, during those working years, when you can afford to purchase enough insurance to give your loved ones a little peace of mind in the future.

Did you know that on September 12, 1995, the Harlem Globetrotters lost their first game since 1971? The team was playing an 11-game exhibition series in Europe against a team of retired basketball stars led by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. According to History.com, during the third game, "Kareem's All-Stars" beat the Globetrotters, ending their 8,829-game winning streak. Generally, parts of the Globetrotters' games were pre-planned or scripted featuring incredible coordination and skillful handling of one or more basketballs, such as passing or juggling balls between players, balancing

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If you belong to a household receiving two or more *Volksblatts*, or if you have recently moved and have a new address, you can alleviate both situations simply by using the Change of Address Form printed in the *Volksblatt*. We ask that one *Volksblatt* per household be sufficient.

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Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



Schloss Horneck located in Gundelsheim, Germany is the international location for our Siebenbürger Sachsen to house Sachsen artifacts, books and other historical documents and records. It is important to our worldwide Sachsen community to help in the maintenance expenses of this historical facility that will preserve our Sachsen culture and heritage.

The Federation of Transylvanian Saxons requests donations to help in the funding of the facility. If you are interested in giving a donation, please complete the form below and send to the ATS Home Office, 5323 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129.

Please make your check payable to the ATS.

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YOUNGSTOWN
SAXON RETIREES
By Ro Dundon

Hello to everyone. Here’s hoping you are all well and having a wonderful summer.

Our group met on August 13th at Ruby Tuesday’s Restaurant in Austintown.

It was good to see Mike and Carmella Markle back in the fold and feeling fine. We did miss Dan and Rene. Kay was under the weather and missed as was Dom who could not make the meeting. We are hoping you all make it next month.

What a pleasant meeting we had. Members take note the 300 Club will have their dinner and drawing on September 12th. It is always an exciting evening. If you have bought tickets be sure to attend—send in your response.

Also, on September 20th the FAMOUS Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner will be in the ballroom from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Geez, I’m hungry already.

Carmella was wished a very Happy Birthday. The happy day was August 27th.

We wish you many, many happy birthdays.

September 10th at 12:00 Noon will be our next meeting. Again, we will meet at Austintown’s Ruby Tuesday’s Restaurant—we enjoyed the last meeting there.

Hoping to see everyone on the Thursday the 10th. Anyone not having anything to do, come and join us. We would love for you to come. Any change in time or date our President, RoseMarie, will call everyone.

All members stay healthy and safe. Pretty soon Autumn will be here with chills, wind and rain.

Until we meet again, As usual—it’s RO.

If at first you
do succeed,
try not to look
astonished.



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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!



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:

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

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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or spinning balls on their fingertips, or making unusually difficult shots. Their opponents did not interfere with the hijinks while on defense, but they played a serious game while in possession of the ball. This exhibition series in 1995, however, was not scripted.

Abdul-Jabbar was no stranger to the Globetrotters. In 1969, the Globetrotters, who were known primarily for their on-court antics, reportedly offered him a \$1 million contract to play with them after his historic collegiate career at UCLA. He turned down the offer and went on to become the number one draft pick of the 1969 NBA Draft, and was drafted by the Milwaukee Bucks. At the time of this game in Europe, Kareem was 48 years old.

The Globetrotters won the first two games of this series in Switzerland and Germany. After the win, Abdul-Jabbar complimented the Globetrotters saying, "they impressed our team with their poise in this loss". Meanwhile, the Globetrotters had taken the loss fairly hard. Reggie "Regulator" Phillips told the media that "after being part of the team for over 300 straight wins, it is a strange feeling to lose a game". The Globetrotters went on to beat the All-Stars in the next game of the series.

The Harlem Globetrotters got their start in Chicago during segregation and a time when basketball was not even a well-known game. They began in 1926. When Chicago's Bronzeville's Savoy Ballroom hired the team to play as pre-dance entertainment, they became known as the Savoy Big Five. Sports promoter Abe Saperstein, a short-statured Jewish man from Chicago's North Side purchased the

team and became the manager and coach. He even pitched in as a player from time to time when a team member was ill or injured. Eager to capitalize on the team's unique all-black roster, Saperstein changed their name in 1930 to the Harlem Globetrotters to link the squad with the neighborhood known as the mecca of black culture. Despite the name, the Globetrotters didn't actually play a game in Harlem until 1968.

Before they became known for their on-court antics, the Globetrotters were highly competitive in professional basketball and introduced a flashy, school-yard style of play. They popularized the slam dunk, the fast break, emphasized the forward and point guard positions, and the figure-eight weave. In 1940, the team captured the World Professional Basketball Tournament title. In 1948, the team defeated the Minneapolis Lakers, champions of the all-white National Basketball League, the precursor to the NBA.

Throughout their storied history, the team has counted among its ranks many legendary players such as Reece "Goose" Tatum, Marques Haynes, Meadowlark Lemon, Fred "Curley" Neal, "Wee" Willie Gardner, Nat "Sweetwater" Clifton, Wilt "the Stilt" Chamberlain, Connie "The Hawk" Hawkins, and Lynette Woodard, the first women to play on the team. In 1982, the team received the ultimate recognition for their role as entertainers: a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Did you catch that they started in 1926? They are still playing and are celebrating their 100th anniversary this year!

Until next time...



Living on Social Security? A small fund works

If you live on Social Security, the advice to stash away a year or two of expenses can feel not just impossible but insulting.

Here is the good news: that advice is meant for people with big investment portfolios. For regular Social Security recipients, an emergency fund can be far smaller and still do its job.

That job is simple: keep a surprise from becoming a crisis. A car repair, a dental bill, a broken water heater, or a sick pet can wreck a tight monthly budget and push you toward a credit card or a payday loan. A small cushion of cash heads that off.

How much? A realistic first goal is \$500 to \$1,000, which covers most everyday emergencies. Research from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau suggests that even about one month's worth of expenses is enough to sharply lower the risk of hardship for households on a tight income. You do not need to get there overnight.

The most important step is simply starting. Financial educators like to say that any emergency fund is better than none, and studies back them up: people who begin saving, even a little, are far less likely to be sunk by an emergency. Set aside \$10 or \$20 when you can, keep it in a separate savings account so it is not too easy to spend, and let a tax refund or a birthday check go straight in. A few hundred dollars, built slowly, is worth more than a perfect plan you never begin.



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September 6th - Erie, Pennsylvania - German Heritage Fest
September 12th - Cleveland German Central - 3:00 PM
September 19th - Oktoberfest at the Penguin City Brewing
September 26th - Warren - Oktoberfest
September 27th - Columbiana - Birdfish Oktoberfest - 1:00 PM
October 3rd - Youngstown Saxon Club - Sausage Sale
October 3rd - Maennerchor Oktoberfest - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
October 10th - McDonald Oktoberfest - 3:30 PM until 5:30 PM

Summer — IS — WINDING DOWN...

Fall is just around the corner! ♥

If you've been meaning to stop by the
Saxon Club Flea Market,
now's the time!

Shop local vendors, hunt for unique treasures, enjoy delicious food, and soak up the last few weeks of the season.

EVERY MONDAY
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
(WEATHER PERMITTING)
SAXON CLUB
710 S. MERIDIAN RD.
YOUNGSTOWN, OH

Our **LAST** market of the season is
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH!

Don't miss your chance to shop, support local businesses, and enjoy one last summer tradition before the leaves begin to fall.
We can't wait to see you! ♥



FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

September 20, 2026
TSBA Bowling - New Castle
October 4, 2026
TSBA Bowling - Cleveland West
October 10, 2026
Saxon Jugend Sport und Spiel Fest
Streetsboro, OH
October 17 -18, 2026
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Host: Salem

LOCAL EVENTS

September 20, 2026
Youngstown Saxon Club Pork and Kraut Dinner
September 26, 2026
New Castle Br. 25 and 27 Oktoberfest
Cleveland East Br. 33 Clambake
Youngstown Saxon Club Speck Fry
October 3, 2026
Youngstown Saxon Culture Group
Sausage Sale
October 17, 2026
Youngstown Saxon Club Craft Show
November 7, 2026
Youngstown Saxon Culture Group Trachtenball
December 6, 2026
New Castle Br. 27 Christmas Party
December 12, 2026
Youngstown Saxon Club
Anniversary Dinner / Dance
December 13, 2026
Chicago Br. 9 Christmas Party
Columbus Br. 10 Christmas Party Berwick Party House



What to do with all that zucchini

Come late summer, gardeners and their neighbors are often buried in zucchini and yellow squash. The good news is that summer squash is endlessly versatile -- you can grill it, fry it, bake it, or eat it raw, and the two are interchangeable in almost any recipe. One tip runs through nearly every recipe: squeeze out the water. Grated squash holds a surprising amount of moisture, and wringing it dry in a clean towel is the secret to results that come out crisp instead of soggy. 1. On the grill -- Slice the squash lengthwise into planks, brush with olive oil, salt, and pepper, and grill a few minutes per side until tender and marked. Toss the planks with a splash of vinegar and fresh herbs, or pile them on crostini with goat cheese. 2. Zucchini fritters -- The

classic answer to a bumper crop. According to Natasha's Kitchen and The Kitchn, you grate the squash, salt it, squeeze it dry, then mix it with an egg, a little flour, scallions, garlic, and grated Parmesan, and pan-fry 1/4-cup patties until golden. Serve with sour cream or tzatziki. 3. Ribbons and noodles -- Shave the squash into thin ribbons with a vegetable peeler, or spiralize it into "zoodles," and toss with pasta, pesto, and lemon for a lighter summer bowl. 4. Baked chips -- Slice it thin, season, and bake or air-fry into crispy chips for snacking, with marinara for dipping. 5. Sweet, too -- Squeezed-dry grated zucchini all but disappears into zucchini bread, and even into a chocolate cake, adding moisture without changing the flavor.

The science prizes for making you laugh, then think

Every September, a few weeks before the Nobel Prizes are announced, a rowdier ceremony hands out awards for research that, in its own words, first makes people laugh and then makes them think. They are the Ig Nobel Prizes, and this year's are awarded on September 3. The prizes are real, and so is the science. According to the organizers, past winners have tackled questions both useful and deeply strange. One team analyzed the acoustics of cat purrs, chirps, and trills. A geologist won for explaining why so many scientists like to lick rocks. Another group showed that people speak a foreign language a little better after a drink. An engineering prize went to the inventors of a shoe rack designed to defeat foot odor. The ceremony, run by the magazine Annals of Im-



probable Research, is gloriously absurd. Genuine Nobel laureates hand out the awards. Winners get 60 seconds to speak before an eight-year-old girl begins interrupting with "please stop." The trophies are homemade, and the cash prize is a now-worthless ten-trillion-dollar bill from Zimbabwe. After 35 years at Harvard and MIT, according to the organizers, the ceremony is moving abroad for the first time, to Zurich, Switzerland. The winners will be announced, as always, to a hall pelted with paper airplanes -- proof, the founders like to say, that curiosity and silliness make fine laboratory partners.



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.

Robert G. Orendi
Age: 80
Died: July 28, 2026
Home Branch

Mary C. Enterline
Age: 72
Died: August 25, 2026
Home Branch

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www.stpeterswarren.org
10:00 Service
Nursery
Coffee following service
Senior Circle

Standing counts, but walking counts more

Getting out of the chair is not quite the same as moving. In studies that interrupted long stretches of sitting in older adults, short bouts of easy walking outperformed simply standing up, according to research published in Sports Medicine. Standing still beat sitting. A lap around the room beat both. A reasonable target is to break up sitting every 30 minutes, even briefly. Stretching while lying down or reclining is not a cop-out either -- it takes the hips and shoulders through their full range without asking the back to hold up body weight.





BRANCH 33 CLAMBAKE

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

at MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

5200 Mayfield Rd, Lyndhurst, OH 44124
3 p.m. Social Hour
4 p.m. Dinner

Reservations and payment due
by September 20th

Make checks payable to
ATS Branch 33

Bring payment to September 9th meeting

Call or text Maria at
(440) 552-1364
or email tonmariaphillips 22@gmail.com

DINNER INCLUDES

One dozen Middle Neck Clams (plus butter)
½ Roasted Chicken, Ear of Sweet Corn,
Sweet Potato, Coleslaw, Roll and Butter
Branch 33 will provide beverages

Chicken and 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
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Or email this info to Office@ATSaxons.com
Registration Deadline: September 25, 2026



"In your price range, you stay home and I sprinkle
sand inside your car and shoes."



BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS
By Donald Blum

Monthly Meeting
Rusty Bucket
September 21, 2026
73 N. Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
Noon



Prayers for our Country

SPECIAL MENTION

It's good to be back doing the Volksblatt. Thanks to Christine Oehlman for doing a great job on articles for the Volksblatt and to Mike Roth for handling the Treasury responsibilities. Special thanks to everyone for meals, cards, phone calls and especially prayers.

We have a couple of members that are plugging away but could use your prayers, phone calls and get-well cards. Sophie Uncth and Hedy Fleischer. Gott segne!

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Anniversary to Christine & Todd Oehlman (September 5) and Jill & Don Bum (September 9) Alles Gute zum Hochzeitstag!

DON'S BOTSCH TO AMERICA HISTORY
(Fleischer, Moisch, Sollner, Krautner)

From Botsch to Columbus, the story of our family, as best we know and can piece together. Sometimes history and heritage are lost because it is transferred to the next generation by verbal story-telling and not supported by written record. As the matriarch or patriarch passes away, so does much of the heritage. That is why it is important to collect all the information and documents for the next generation. It is vitally important that we write down the stories from Omas, Opas, Mutters and Vaters, as they are our living history and heritage.

Many of us were fortunate to travel to Transylvania 2 years ago. In some instances, we were able to visit our families' original Transylvanian home towns. Personally, we walked the town of Botsch, the church yard and cemetery of our ancestors. We were very fortunate to visit with the current mayor and he said he could remember many family names (even though they may not be current residents). He said he was familiar with many of the names that we know, too; Fleischer, Sollner, Hartig, Schlecht, Alzner, Krautner, Moisch, Both, Lassel and Karst. Additionally, my daughter had run in the Berlin marathon the year before our visit and had hired a guide to take her to Botsch. She got inside the beautiful church, saw the houses where our actual families had lived and visited the cemetery. The cemetery is laid out in family sections, where your close

family are congregated together. You got the sense that we were traveling back in time and walking and visiting places where our relatives from hundreds of years ago had walked the same paths and places. It was very humbling and moving.

We come from the Transylvanian Saxons located in Northern Romania. We were part of the German-speaking tribes who ventured out to Transylvania and settled in Transylvania, as it was known to become roughly eight hundred years ago. These groups would be invited east in the Middle Ages from the Rhineland and Moselle region. We kept our German language and our customs, while establishing nuisances to the language and would become the Transylvanian Saxon language; distinct to the new region we were settling.

We were fortunate, that because of the unrelenting pursuit to achieve success and a new life in this unsettled dense forest land, we were rewarded for our accomplishments and lifestyle that we created. These courageous Germans faced unsurmountable odds in carving out a life in Transylvania. They not only faced the rugged, dense forests of this completely unsettled, and considered waste land, they would be faced with all the countries that were constantly attaching the Hungarian Empire.

Transylvanian Saxons would be rewarded by letting us create our life as an autonomous entity, practicing our German Heritage, Lutheran Religion and what would become our own style of life.

Our family was part of this group of Transylvanian Saxons who would settle in areas of the Carpathian basin and mountains.

Our family was a hard-working family looking for the promise of a new life in this new land. We had no royalty in our family, but were people of stature that were desiring a new life.

Our family would decide on building our life in Mures County. Our family was an important family involved founding a small village called Botsch (today known as Batos). It is a Saxon village with a Gothic style small church begun between 1380 and 1450. It is one of the oldest Gothic churches in Romania, predating the famous Black Church in Brasov. The church in Botsch burned in 1728 and was rebuilt.

The parish house carries a stone dated 1789, with the names of the men who oversaw the work. One of those names is Andreas Fleischer. Our name was carved in the parish house more than two hundred years ago. The Fleischer, Sollner, Moisch, Krautner names are everywhere in Botsch (there are several other fam-

ily names that are related in some fashion as it was a small town where many of the families were closely related and distantly related). Our family was not a single prominent household, it was one of the largest and oldest clans in the whole village, so common that two Fleischer brothers ran the important village mill.

At first, Botsch was so small it was considered a commune. As you can see there is an original entrance to the commune, with concrete walls and wooden old wooden doors. Above these doors is the engraved name of Fleischer, which denotes being a prominent family of the commune.

When you stood in the church you would see the names of Fleischer, Krautner, Moisch and Sollner. They would be carved into wooden plaques with a wooden peg that was designated as your place to hang coats and hats of that family.

The church exterior is plain and is surrounded with a barrier wall. You will see while the exterior of the church is not ornate, the inside of the church is restored to demonstrate exquisite craftsmanship.

The seating is simple bench seating, and I am told the women and children were segregated from the men. I am sure this tradition has been abandoned for some time. The ceiling, while simple, demonstrates artistic skills for detail. The Altar contains a beautifully embroidered covering. The Altar is directly below the figure of Jesus Christ surrounded by an encasement demonstrating the importance and significance of Christ to the church. A significant placement of the altar is that it faces east, symbolizing the resurrection. As you will note, there are iron rods/cables in the ceiling, going from arch to arch. Since the structure had been destroyed once and the structure is old, these serve as reinforced and stabilizes the structure.

We are going to pause here today and will get more into the community of Botsch in the upcoming issue.

In the next issue we will continue



in Botsch and eventually travel to the United States.

CHRISTMAS
(NEVER TOO EARLY TO
THINK ABOUT CHRISTMAS)
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 13th

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, anyone that just wants to have good time and **especially children, who will receive a Christmas surprise.**

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 13th.

Join us for food, fellowship and Christmas Fun.

Please let us know your interest.

There will be more information in the coming weeks on the Facebook page, Volksblatt and other communications!

SAVE THE DATE:
DECEMBER 13th,
11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
BERWICK MANOR
on Refugee Road!

Invites will go out November 1st
and RSVPs (with payment) must
be returned by November 16th.

HUMOR

A man was chatting with a bartender. The conversation turned to family. The bartender asked if I was married. "I said oh yes, I am so happily married." He says my wife loves me more than any other wife could." The bartender says what makes you say that? Last week, I took a few days off of work to be with my wife. My wife was so thrilled to have me around that when the milkman or postman came, she ran outside waving her arms and shouting, "My Husband is home, my husband is home!"



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Meet Jimothy,
the raccoon shaped
like a little ball

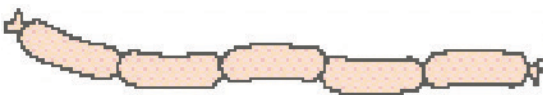
When Kiana Hall spotted something waddling across a Seattle field, she thought she was looking at “an orb with really long legs.” Then it turned around, she saw the mask, and she realized it was a raccoon. The short clip she posted -- asking only what on earth she was looking at -- has since drawn more than 18 million views on TikTok alone, turning a neighborhood critter into a global star named Jimothy.

Jimothy’s compact, ball-like shape comes from a rare congenital spine condition, possibly short spine syndrome, a disorder that also turns up in dogs. But the surprising part, according to the veterinarians watching the clips, is how well he is doing. Marcie Logsdon of Washington State University’s veterinary hospital said he was likely born just this year, and that surviving this long tells her he is managing life in the wild just fine.

He had help. A Ballard neighbor who had watched Jimothy since he was a baby said the little raccoon was clumsy and often unsteady, but his mother and siblings were endlessly patient -- keeping him from falling, and sometimes simply carrying him.

The internet, meanwhile, has adopted him completely. There are subreddits, sighting trackers, tattoos, and a slogan -- “hot Jimothy summer.” A city council-member is preparing a proclamation declaring “Jimothy Summer,” and the University of Washington has handed an honorary degree to one Dr. Jimothy.

Youngstown Saxon Culture Group



Spring Sausage Sale
Saturday, October 3rd, 2026

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

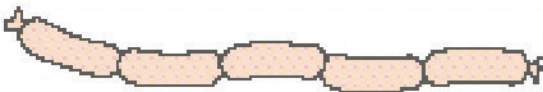
All flavors come in 3lb and 5lb links
or 3lb and 5lb bulk packages
(each with a little overage).

The price is \$4.00 per pound

You can call in orders to
Michael Bachinger 330-540-5168
Walter Benesch 330-398-5449
Robert Bachinger 330-980-0911

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

Pick-up is from 9 AM to 2 PM in the Pavilion
Orders will be accepted
until September 28th, 2026



Getting along

Across

1. Cooking meas.
4. 100 lbs.
7. Breakfast area
9. Diamond Head locale
10. Farfetched, as a tale
11. ___ reflection
12. Like some skirts
14. Flub
15. Apparition
19. Adjutant
20. Small pest
22. Type of plant fiber
23. Aplece
24. Actor Cruise
25. "Fancy that!"

Down

1. Atlanta-based station
2. "General Hospital," e.g.
3. Straw or exit ___
4. Superhero accessory
5. "___ of thunk it"

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6. Wine cask
8. Soft tissue
9. Indignation
13. Gallery display
15. Greek pastry dough
16. Economist Smith
17. Glitch
18. Defensive spray
19. Astern
21. French beverage

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



your relatives and friends
to join the crowd at ATS.
Tell them about
our fraternal society!

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Do I have enough Life Insurance?

How do I figure out how much Life Insurance is enough?

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