

October has National Sausage Month



Did you know?

The English word "sausage" comes from the Latin word *sal-sus* meaning "seasoned" or "spiced". Exactly when salts and spices were used to preserve meats is obscured in the veils of history. We do know that the Chinese were eating pork sausages long before the introduction of Christianity and that sausages were referred to in the writing of the early Greek historians and poets. It is also recorded that when Constantine the Great became Emperor of Rome, the Romans were especially fond of a finely-minced pork sausage seasoned with pine nuts, which was parboiled then grilled and served with a dab of ground mustard seed. The popularity of sausages spread throughout Europe and the New World. Many regional recipes were developed depending on the ingredients available and local tastes. Sausages were particularly popular in Frankfurt, Germany, where they were served with bread. Sausages served in this manner became known as frankfurters.

Other fun facts;

Sausages were called bangers during the Second World War because they contained so much water they exploded when fried.

More sausages are eaten on Saturday than any other day.

My favorite? Andouille sausage in anything Cajun.

Halloween Fun!



Odds and Ends from Orion:

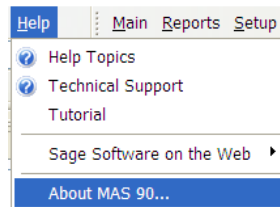
- Halloween this year falls perfectly on a Saturday. Let's hope for good weather for the little ones!
- Sage has issued updated payroll tax tables (Q4 2009) for the following versions of their MAS 90/MAS 200. Versions 3.71, 3.72, 3.73, 3.74, 4.0, 4.05, 4.10, 4.20, 4.30. There were no changes for Michigan on this update. If you do payroll in more than one state, you may want to download the update. Please contact us if you need any assistance.
- For those on Level 4.1, Level 4.2 and Level 4.3. Sage has been consistently releasing a new service update for 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 on a monthly/bi-monthly basis. Level 4.1 is on service update number 23, Level 4.2 is on service update number 26 (both of these are their Microsoft Vista compliant releases) and 4.3 is on service update number 14. These updates are available to you as part of your Client Care subscription with Sage. If you need help installing any of the service updates or have any questions, please give us a call.



Till Next Month,

How to find the version of MAS90 you have

At the top of your MAS 90 Desktop find the Help menu option and select About MAS 90



The About MAS90 screen gives you your version and service pack level

MAS90 User's Conference

This year's User's Conference was very successful based on your feedback. Many people said that they benefitted from the classes and enjoyed our last session, which was the Open Panel Q&A on any MAS90 topic.

Suggestions for next year ranged from classes on individual modules to a half day class just for people who are new to MAS90.

We spent some time reviewing the planned features and benefits for the next version release, Level 4.4, and how it would impact your day to day processing. Many people had a variety of questions related to how to plan for the upgrade considering the new release of Microsoft's operating system, Windows 7.

We would like to thank all who attended and we look forward to doing it again next year.



Windows Tip

Windows Tip will be back next month. In it's place, something just for giggles.



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