



Jasper German Club  
**Deutscher Verein**

# Die Zeitung

February 2022

*The Jasper Deutscher Verein was founded in January, 1980 to promote, preserve and celebrate our proud German Heritage in Jasper and surrounding area. The Club is intended to be primarily Social and Not-For-Profit.*

## **A Christmas Greeting from Pfaffenweiler's Bürgermeister Dieter Hahn**

We must accept finite disappointment, never lose infinite hope. (Martin Luther King Jr.)

Dear Citizens of Jasper,

Martin Luther King Jr. was one of the outstanding personalities of the 20th century. He stands for one of the most important representatives for a peaceful fight against discrimination and social injustice.

He certainly did not state this quote related to a pandemic. Still an important message to us is included in it.

Just as all of you, I am tired of this pandemic; the restrictions; the almost daily changing rules. I am tired to always trying to figure out what I am allowed or not allowed, what I should or shouldn't do.

I am done with determining if a certain event is permitted, if it makes sense or if it is too dangerous. I don't want to hear the word "Hygienic Concept" anymore.

Martin Luther King Jr. would frown in response to my words and give me a stern look; but he is right. We have to endure this pandemic, and we must accept what it brings along with it. Then we will overcome it all.

It works much easier in our town, if we don't lose our unending hope for normality, for our social life, our health and our responsible being as society.

To hold on to the unending hope, that is something we can do. By supporting each other, cheering each other up, by assuring each other, that the vaccination is a huge part of our hope for better times to come.

With this in mind, I want to thank everyone for your support during this past year and wish you All a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year 2022.

Yours Truly,

Bürgermeister Dieter Hahn

(taken from THE HERALD – December 17, 2021)

## **Jasper DeutscherVerein December meeting in Review**

The Jasper DeutscherVerein gathered on Thursday, December 16th for the annual Christmas party at the Jasper Moose Lodge. We had over 100 members and guests in attendance. Members signed in at the door and were able to pay dues for 2022 if they so desired.

President Paul Siegel welcomed everybody to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance and God Bless America. Members Charlotte and Ron Kieffner were then congratulated for winning the "Most Original" category in the Jasper Jaycee/Chamber Christmas Decorating Contest. Well done, Ron and Charlotte! After the announcement came the Ein Prosit, and then Herr President led the prayer and released the tables for dinner.

Guests dined on roast beef and chicken while DJ Vicki Mann spun Christmas tunes. And then! the familiar sound of jingle bells let us all know that Santa had arrived! He walked in, jolly as always, and told his famous jokes. Santa also brought a special present for Fr. Don Ackerman who was celebrating 60 years of priesthood. Congratulations, Fr. Ackerman!

The Moose this year had a fantastic Christmas tree and fireplace set up for pictures, and after passing out candy canes Santa found just enough time in his busy holiday schedule to take a few pictures with our club members. Thank you, Santa!

At that point, at least one club member was ready to dance and so the drawings were held early so we could get to it. Ed Beyke and Judy Rohleder won the special prizes, and Judy Bennett and Judy McCarty won the door prizes. Members who had either a "J" or a "P" written under their placemats got to take home a table decoration, either a small poinsettia or a simmer jar. (Special thank you to Phyllis Ackerman for that time-saving idea!)



And then, it was time to dance. Birnie Jeffries helped get the crowd up and onto the dance floor and DJ Vicki did a great job playing everyone's favorites and keeping us moving.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 19th at the Jasper Moose Lodge. Doors open at 6pm, dinner at 6:30. The club will serve spaghetti and garlic bread, members A-H bring a salad, and N-Z a vegetable. This will be our annual wine and pie contest so bring your best homemade wines and pies! Until then, I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Submitted by

*Lacey Apple*  
Secretary

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### **Jasper DeutscherVerein January meeting in Review**

The Jasper DeutscherVerein gathered on Wednesday, January 19th for the annual Homemade Pie and Wine Contest meeting at the Jasper Moose Lodge. We had around 50 members and guests in attendance. Members signed in at the door and were able to pay dues for 2022 if they so desired. Those who brought wine and pies for the contest submitted them to VP Landen Weidenbenner for judging.

President Paul Siegel welcomed everybody to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance, God Bless America and the Ein Prosit. Birthday greetings were given to all January babies, and Danny Wehr introduced two new club members. Chris and Jennifer Hays are new to Jasper as well as the club. Willkommen, Chris and Jennifer! We're glad you're here.

From there Paul announced the 2022 nominations for the Board of Directors. The club unanimously voted in the following members: Al Bennett, Bridgette Bartley, Dave Buehler, Brandon Ferguson, Laura Grammer, Mike Hochgesang, Patrick Schuler, Danny Wehr, Sandy Wehr, and Van Ziegler.

Laura Grammer then gave an update on the Glockenspiel: it's done! Congratulations to Laura and Jim Corn for making this happen. Anyone who has seen the clock can tell you how amazing it is. Looking forward to seeing it in action!

Laura also made a plea for someone to take over the German Heritage Committee for the coming years. Preferably someone from the club. If anyone is interested or would like more information, please contact Laura Grammer at (812) 630-7244.

Last but not least, Laura gave an update on teaching Sheephead at JHS. In an effort to keep Dubois County Sheephead alive and well in our community, Laura will be facilitating a Sheephead course in the German classes at the high school. Classes will run January 21st through January 28th. Let's hope Sheephead is just as popular with the younger generation as it has been with generations past! If all goes well, Laura plans to offer lessons to club and community members. If you are interested in learning Sheephead, please let us know! More information on lessons to follow.

Mike Ackerman gave the treasurer report and announced that the board approved the budget for 2022 at their last meeting. He also gave some updates on the booth location for the next Strassenfest. Additionally, if anyone still needs to pay dues for 2022, we will be collecting money at the next meeting.

Van Ziegler took the floor to pay respects to Sylvester Hoffman, a longtime Moose member who passed away recently and whom the club worked closely with on many events. We took a moment of silence to honor Sylvester and thank him for all of his help over the years.

Next up, Mary Leah Siegel provided information on the upcoming partnership trip this summer. For a complete rundown of the trip, please visit Sister Cities of Jasper on YouTube for a video with all the details. Flyers with information are also available at our club meetings. It's sure to be a fun trip!

Ross Halvorsen then led the prayer and the tables were released for dinner.

Our guest speaker for the night was Amy Kippenbrock, County Clerk, who gave an excellent presentation on our voting systems, how to vote, the importance of voting, and recent updates on where we can vote in upcoming elections. It was very informative and Amy encouraged anyone who still had questions on our voting systems to contact her. Thank you, Amy, for spending your evening with us!

And then, the moment we were all waiting for... the announcement of the contest winners so we could finally taste all the delicious pies and wines! This year's pie winners were: 1st place Russell Jaent with his Reese's Pie, 2nd place Ann Ackerman with her caramel apple pie, and 3rd place Bob McCarty with his strawberry rhubarb. The wine winners were: 1st place Linda Wehr with her 2003 Elderberry wine, 2nd place Danny Wehr with his 1999 Raisin Jack, and 3rd place Kurt Hedinger with his red grape wine. Congratulations to all the winners! And special thanks to all who submitted entries. What a delicious way to start the new year.

Landen closed out the meeting with our usual prizes: attendance prizes were won by Benne Mayer and Bob



Dilger, and special prizes were won by Ginger Hedinger and Gene Humbert.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 16th at the Moose. Doors open at 6pm. This will be our annual bread contest meeting, so time to show off all the new bread recipes you perfected over the last couple years! See you all then. Tschüss!

Submitted by

*Lacey Apple*  
Secretary

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### **A message from our president**

Welcome to 2022! The DeutscherVerein is excited to start a new year with our monthly meetings at the Jasper Moose Lodge on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. We had a wonderful night in January with members bringing in homemade wine and pies. For the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, we request members bring in their homemade bread! We will not have the beer competition, since the number of entries have decreased over the past few years.

I wish to thank the current Board of Directors for their past service, and for re-enlisting for another two-year term. The experience, dedication, and enthusiasm they have for the club is unsurpassed. I greatly appreciate their continued service.

I want to invite all German Club members to consider volunteering in a specialized group this year. We have committees for hosting the StrassenVORfest, German Heritage night at Strassenfest, the Scholarship Committee, the food booth, and others. Please contact a member of the Executive Committee or a Board Member if you wish to join.

I look forward to an exciting year in 2022 with a trip to Pfaffenweiler, Germany in June! Details are in the newsletter and on the website.

Prost!

Mit freundlichen grüßen,

*Paul Siegel*  
President

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### **A message from our vice president**

Happy New Year to all! I hope each of you had a joyous and healthy holiday season with your families and friends. I am so excited to begin a new year. I am hopeful that 2022 will bring some "normalcy" back into our lives. The officers and Board of Directors have been

working on an exciting line-up of events for the 2022 calendar year. Be on the lookout for more information. If any members have any suggestions or ideas for events, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself, any officer, or Board member. Now, more than ever, it is so important that our club kicks the year off strong and continues the momentum throughout the year, and the years to come. I wish you all a Happy New Year!

*Landen Weidenbenner*  
Vice President

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### **A message from our treasurer**

We are now collecting dues for 2022. Dues are the same amount as in the past, \$10.00 per person (\$20.00 per couple). Dues payment may be made at club meetings or mailed to Jasper DeutscherVerein at P O Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015. Your prompt attention to paying 2022 dues will save us the expense of mailing you a reminder post card.

With the help of successful 2021 Strassenfest booth sales, your club finished the year in a strong financial position. The board of directors approved a budget for 2022 that will allow our club to continue to celebrate and promote our proud German heritage.

Strassenfest relocation.....As you may have learned, the City of Jasper is planning to undertake a major rebuilding of the underground utilities, pavement and sidewalks on the Courthouse Square. To enable this work to occur, the city has advised that there will be no events allowed on the square for approximately the next 15 months. This means that events such as the downtown chow down, the chalk walk, and the Strassenfest, will need to vacate the square for 2022, and possibly 2023. The city has long had a desire to tie together the Square to the area of the River Walk and now the Cultural Center. In order to help the city work toward this goal, the Strassenfest Committee is planning to relocate the fest to be along 4th Street, between Main St on the West end and the Cultural Center on the East end. Plans are to maintain the Beer Garden Stage in the same position, but to move the entrance from the north to the east. Food Booths including the German Club Booth will be located along 4th Street. There will be only one primary stage outside of the beer garden located near the Cultural Center, with the club's Glockenspiel utilized for German Heritage events and as the second stage for certain performances. The foresight of our club's leadership to pursue the construction of this showpiece is going to allow our club to play an even more important role in the 2022 Strassenfest.

As final plans for placement of booths are determined, there will be additional information shared with you. It is very likely, that in addition to setting up the booths in a



new location, that the set up schedule for the German Club booths may also need to be modified. Your cooperation and continued support will be very important to our success. With anticipated changes, staffing our booth for Strassenfest will require everyone's participation.

*Mike Ackerman*  
Treasurer

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**Sister Cities of Jasper  
Update for Jasper German Club  
By Mary Leah Siegel, President Sister Cities of Jasper**

We can hardly believe that 2022 is finally here!

The Board of Directors of Sister Cities of Jasper met on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> and held a half-day planning session at The Schnitzelbank to review and discuss all the activities we have coming up in 2022 and beyond. We worked on details for the upcoming 2022 Student Exchange as well as the 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trip while also working on the future of the Artists Exchange and a potential Teacher Exchange.

**Student Exchange Update**

A meeting (for parents and students) was held at JHS on January 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss details for the upcoming student exchange. As Sandy Wehr stated, "After so many postponements, its getting real!" Tickets have been reserved and dates for the student exchange trip to Germany are set from June 12<sup>th</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup>. During this exchange, the students will have only one exchange partner from the Staufen Gymnasium (near Pfaffenweiler). The students will be paired up in next month so that they may get to know their exchange partners and families via email, facetime, and texts prior to the trip. At this time, we have 15 students that will be traveling for the exchange. This exchange will be unique, as it will coincide with the students being in Pfaffenweiler with their partner families during the same time as the 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and the Anniversary Trip participants. This will allow the students to enjoy the celebration along with their host students and families as well as the group on the Anniversary Trip from Jasper. We're looking forward to celebrating the partnership all together!

**Save the Date!** Please mark your calendars for the Student Exchange Golf Scramble fundraiser scheduled for Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022!

**Partnership 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trip**

A short video was created and released to showcase and promote the trip on January 18<sup>th</sup>. (Link to video:

<https://youtu.be/ibbDsFxubo8>) More videos will be out soon to hopefully generate even more interest before the deadline for sign-up on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

An informational meeting about the trip was held at Jasper City Hall on January, 24<sup>th</sup>. Relaxing and exploring Germany on the way to Pfaffenweiler are the highlights of the first half of the trip. The destinations and sights prior to arrival in Pfaffenweiler as well as the 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration are sure to be memorable!

At this time we estimate between 15-18 people have definite interest in the trip. We have reserved and priced the trip for 30 participants. If you have ever participated in the trip before, or if you have always wanted to go but it's your first time, please consider coming along with us from June 26<sup>th</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup> on this beautiful scenic trip through Germany visiting... Frankfurt, Mainz, Rudesheim am Rhein, Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Hohenzollern Castle, and the Black Forest area surrounding Pfaffenweiler, Germany!

The more the merrier! More details can be found in this newsletter, on the City of Jasper website, or by calling Jackie at 812-482-7158. We are getting excited!

*Mary Leah Siegel,*  
President, Sister Cities of Jasper

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**MEMBERSHIP**

Dues for the DeutscherVerein are \$10 a person. Out of this \$10, a \$1 will go to the Jasper DeutscherVerein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment, \$.50 per member for dues to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., and \$8.50 to Jasper DeutscherVerein for postage and meetings.

*As a paid member of the Jasper DeutscherVerein, \$.50 of your dues goes to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. making each Jasper DeutscherVerein member a member of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.*

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**The following article was written by Kathy Tretter, editor of Ferdinand News, and was printed in their Wednesday, January 5, 2022 edition.**

**Artist exchange**

**An excellent adventure!**

Pfaffenweiler is a village in the district of Breisgau Hochschwarzwald in Baden-Württemberg in southern Germany. Around 1850, over 200 inhabitants of Pfaffenweiler emigrated to the United States, and settled in Jasper



By Kathy Tretter  
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If someone plans to take a working vacation, Germany would definitely be a stellar place to ply ones craft (and have some time to play).

Such was the case for three Dubois County artists who were selected for an exchange program with Jasper's Sister City, Pfaffenweiler, Germany.

The idea was hatched early last year to solidify cultural and economic ties between the two communities situated on either side of the Atlantic Ocean.

Applications were due in May and the original idea was to send one artist to Pfaffenweiler while Pfaffenweiler would send an artist to Jasper.

The Eckerle Family Foundation agreed to be the lead funder for the project.

After the applications were reviewed, the choices were pared down to three and all three artists were invited in for an interview.

Curt Uebelhor, a dimensional artist and painter who teaches art as his day job, corporate and commercial photographer Jay Hamlin and potter/ceramic artist Monty Young must have all aced the interviews as the committee decided to send all three for a late autumn German adventure.

The trio learned in August they would be departing on November 13, with plans to showcase their work at various German Christmas markets.

Of course the best laid plans can sometime go awry and such was the case this time.

Soon after their arrival, COVID-19 ramped up in Germany and the decree came down from on high — all German Christmas markets (Christkindlmarkts) were canceled and would be closed for the duration. However, 20 miles across the border in France the Christmas markets were open and thriving.

The artists intended to showcase and sell their wares in Freiburg — the largest nearby city — and possibly other markets, but that was not to be.

They were able to set up in a Cap Market, explains Uebelhor, a Ferdinand native and resident. The Cap Market in Pfaffenweiler got around the problem of the closures by not being called a Christmas market — the wares were created by residents with disabilities. The Cap manager set up two booths for his American visitors but Curt says it was rainy and cold to the point the wind lifted the tarp cover, which in turn lifted up the entire structure. Still, it provided an opportunity to chat with

residents and share some of his work — much of which he gave away.

Meanwhile Hamlin was busy photographing Burgermeister Dieter Hahn, the Cap manager and anyone else who intrigued him.

Young had shipped quite a bit of his work in advance while Hamlin had all his camera equipment and Uebelhor brought materials to work onsite.

Curt is primarily known for his three dimensional works of art, which would be difficult to transport or replicate, so he focused on print making, creating four unique designs by carving them into a material that could be compared to an eraser.

Relief prints in the past would have been carved into wood and art students of a certain age will recall carving into linoleum to transfer and create a print. Uebelhor says the softer material is much more malleable and easy to work with.

One of his designs was of a snail.

Why?

"Pfaffenweiler is in the Schneck Valley and schnecke means snail," Uebelhor explains, noting that during the horrific potato famine in the mid-1800s when people could not find food, they relied on snails for sustenance. "They ate snails out of necessity," he adds, and snails have become a sort of icon for the region. He also created a rendering of Pfaffenweiler's logo, featuring goblets, as well as two joined hands with Pfaffenweiler arched around one and Jasper around the other.

Curt set up a studio next to a graphics company and winery and he became friends with the graphics company owner who, he discovered, was restoring a 1953 Chevy truck in his spare time. Prior to departing Uebelhor had gathered a bit of swag from area businesses, including Uebelhor's in Jasper (which is spelled the same as his surname even though there are five ways to spell Uebelhor), so he gifted his new friend with a t-shirt, key chain and other goodies sporting the Chevrolet logo. Later his friend showed him that he had attached a Uebelhor Chevrolet key chain to his prized Chevy pickup key

All three were lodged in Pfaffenweiler homes — Curt with a couple who gave him free reign to the top floor of their abode, which included all the amenities. Jay stayed with an elderly couple in their 80s who had no trouble keeping up with their much younger visitor.

Monty and his wife were provided lodging in a 400 year old home.



Since they couldn't participate in a Christmas market the trio (plus one) did quite a bit of touring, including several visits to Freiburg.

One of the highlights was a soccer match, which Curt calls a "real" soccer match in a stadium filled with around 32,000 people — all wearing masks.

However for him an even bigger thrill came with a visit to Colmar, Alsace, (now in France), to see the Isenheim Altarpiece (1506-1515), a polyptych that decorated the hospital chapel of the Isenheim monastery and was painted by Matthias Grünewald (1470–1528), considered one of the greatest German Renaissance artists. In this, his most famous work, the central panel portraying the crucified body of Christ is pitted with black sores that would have resembled those on the plague victims who visited the monastery in hope of a cure.

"The crucifixion is just amazing," Uebelhor enthuses. "It is so powerful!"

Also of special interest to Curt was the work of early Renaissance painter and printmaker Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528), who would have carved his prints into wood, which is far more difficult.

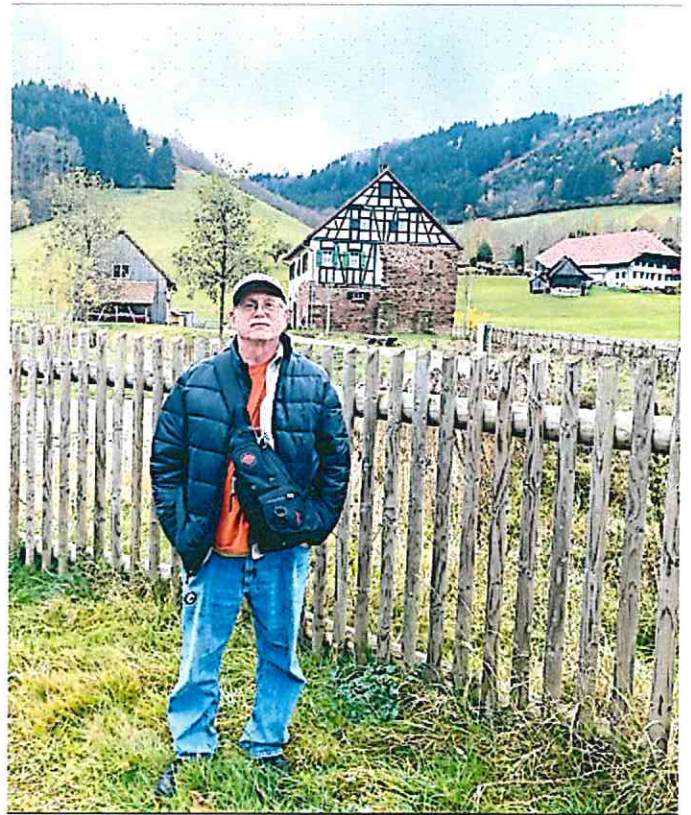
Hamlin, meanwhile, was capturing everything he saw through the lens of his camera. Freiburg has a huge festival known as Schneckefest (yes, that translates to snail festival) complete with historic costumes and he wanted to capture them on film. He wanted Curt to be his model but the costumes were all too small. Luckily they had traveled with a family whose much smaller daughter was along and served as the model.

The working holiday came to a close on December 1 when the group returned to southern Indiana after an excellent adventure — despite the Christmas market snafu.

Sadly, the artist from Germany did not make the trip to Jasper so that part of the exchange didn't happen, but Uebelhor believes this was not a one and done idea as organizers in Jasper, including Mayor Dean Vonderheide would like to give it another shot. Meanwhile, a trip to Pfaffenweiler is in the planning stages for 2022 by the Partnership Commission and everyone is invited. If interested check out the City of Jasper's facebook page.



Curt Uebelhor modeled one of the masks used for the annual Snail Festival in Freiburg for photographer Jay Hamlin. Hamlin wanted him to don full costumes but they were too small. For Uebelhor this wasn't his first European adventure focused on his art. Two years ago he was awarded a Lilly Fellowship that included New York, London, Paris, Florence and Rome. Photo by Jay Hamlin



Curt Uebelhor on a hike near Gutach





Enjoying a fondue feast with friends.



A vineyard overlooking Pfaffenweiler. A scenic view of Freiburg.

Photos by Curt Uebelhor and Jay Hamlin

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### Just a Reminder!!!!!!!!!!

In addition to this newsletter, additional information on the Jasper DeutscherVerein can be gotten on the website – [www.jaspergermanclub.org](http://www.jaspergermanclub.org). The website features information on German Heritage info of the DeutscherVerein and Sister Cities, pictures of areas in Dubois County, past German Heritage winners, and past newsletters and be sure to “like us” on Facebook at Jasper DeutscherVerein and Sister Cities of Jasper. The Jasper DeutscherVerein also has presence on Twitter and Instagram.

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## Jasper DeutscherVerein Taking Scholarship Applications

The Jasper DeutscherVerein is offering a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a German student of Dubois County. If you have a child, grandchild or know of anyone who would like to submit an application, please inform them to contact their Guidance Counselor at their school. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2022. If any questions, please contact Shelley Whalen at 812-827-1027.

At their January Board of Directors' Meeting in 2008, the following adopted the following qualifications for the Dubois County Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00.

1. Completion of the common scholarship application available from the School's Guidance Office.
  2. Successful completion of two years of high school German.
  3. Two years of active participation in German Club or German Civic affairs in other schools.
  4. Verification of enrollment in a German course at the college of their choice, or participation in an accredited German study abroad program such as the IU Honors Program.
  5. Submission of a one page or less essay stating your personal qualifications and intentions.
  6. GPA consideration.
  7. Participation in an exchange program or hosting an exchange student.
  8. Submission of two letters of recommendation from adults other than school personnel regarding personal character, etc.
  9. The scholarship will be awarded upon verification of enrollment in German at college or acceptance into another German study abroad program such as the IU Honors Program. A \$500.00 scholarship will be given for the first semester and will be renewable for the second semester.
  10. Parental membership in the Jasper Deutscher Verein will be considered.
  11. Submission of all completed forms by April 1, 2022 to: Jasper DeutscherVerein, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, Indiana 47547-0015
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## Jasper DeutscherVerein Items for Sale



With each paid membership, a club member will receive a pen and a pin!!! Just come to a meeting to claim your pen and pin!!! If you wish to purchase an additional pin, the cost will be \$4.00, pen - \$1.00.

Also new are sew-on cloth patches for \$2.00.

Show your pride in the Jasper DeutscherVerein by sewing on the new cloth patch to a jacket, vest, tote bag, hat, or anything you wish!!!!

All items can be gotten at a meeting All checks should be made payable to Jasper DeutscherVerein.

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## Sister Cities of Jasper Items for Sale

Sister Cities of Jasper has Jasper/Pfaffenweiler memorabilia has items available for sale at the following locations:

Chocolate Bliss  
 Downtown Fitness and Running  
 Dubois County Museum Gift Shop  
 Finishing Touches  
 Jasper City Mill  
 Jasper Chamber of Commerce  
 Schnitzelbank Restaurant  
 Dubois County Tourism (on display only)  
 Jasper City Hall (on display only)

All proceeds go towards advancing our partnership with Pfaffenweiler including the student exchanges with the neighboring Faust High School in Staufen, Germany. For questions, please contact [sistercitiesofjasperin@gmail.com](mailto:sistercitiesofjasperin@gmail.com)

All checks should be made payable to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

## Show your support for the Jasper/Pfaffenweiler Partnership and the Student Exchange Program!

Sew-on Patch  
 with adhesive (peel-and-stick) backing

Lapel/Hat Pin

\$5

\$5



Car/Fridge Magnet

\$2

Sticker

\$1



Any of the items from the Jasper DeutscherVerein or Sister Cities of Jasper would be great gifts for host families or new friends as you travel!!!!

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## **Beginner's Sheephead and Sheephead Mentors**

Ross Halvorsen, the Jasper High School German Teacher, worked with School administrators to allow Sheephead to be taught to Students in German 2 and German 3. A total of 40 students were taught Beginner's Sheephead. The goal for the week was to introduce them to a card game that is unique to Dubois County. Instruction and mentoring was provided by Laura Grammer, Ann Ackerman, Phyllis Ackerman and Lacey Apple.

In less than 3 hours of interactive class time, students were playing games. They struggled with how to bid and forgot that a Queen of Clubs is not a Club. The last day of class, each table was placed in a tournament situation. The winner at each table was giving a chocolate bar. The success of the High School Students was impressive.

Some German Club members have expressed an interest in learning how to play Sheephead. And some members who haven't played for years are interested in re-learning.



So let's start a Beginner's Sheephead Class. The process we used for teaching the students was a Powerpoint and a Cheat sheet. It was great to learn the basics. But to really learn Sheephead, you have to play it. And it helps to have a Mentor who can explain the finer points of the game.

We will start with classes on Sundays from 6pm to 8pm.

If you would like to learn or would be willing to be a mentor, Contact Laura Grammer at [laura@ackoil.com](mailto:laura@ackoil.com) or 812-630-7244.

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### StrassenVORfest – A “Prep for the Fest” Event

The Jasper DeutscherVerein (Jasper German Club) will have a community, family friendly event, StrassenVORfest on Sunday, July 10th, from noon to 3pm at the Moose Lodge in Jasper. This will be a “Prep for the Fest” event.

StrassenVORfest will help usher in the 2022 Strassenfest which will be held on August 4 to August 7.

The Strassenfest wood cut-out will be available for those who wish to take pictures.

There will be 2022 Strassenfest buttons and mugs for sale as well as various sizes of Strassenfest bunting, slightly used and new traditional German clothing items. Also available will be a variety of vintage Strassenfest souvenirs and German themed bows for sale.

Come for lunch. The Jasper Moose Lodge will have items from their menu available for sale. And enjoy the afternoon with us!!!!

Now is the time to look at your German clothing and maybe purge some or possibly add to your wardrobe!!!

More details will be available in the coming months!!!!

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### Die Jugend

"Schmier your brains out!" shouted Laura Grammer today to one of the students learning Sheephead in my 3rd period class. We have decided to take a week, with the help of also Ann Ackerman, Phyllis Ackerman, and Lacey Apple, to teach my level II and III students how to play Sheephead. Tomorrow we will stage a short tournament and the idea is to leave the students (and myself!) with enough experience to play Sheephead occasionally in class. I have made sure to make the connection to German culture and many of the students have turned out to be very enthusiastic learners of this Dubois County version of the game *Schafkopf*.

The Zoom meeting between the German I Middle School class and a class from our partner high school in Staufen at 8AM (2PM in Staufen) went well. The students had an opportunity to ask each other questions and was a successful first attempt at more virtual exchange between the schools.

The Jasper High School German Club ('s *Schneckehiisli*) is planning on going on, what has become, our annual trip to the Evansville Art Museum with an hour or two of ice skating before the museum opens. Then in April we should be able to get a group of 20-30 middle and high school students who would like to make a Saturday trip to the Athenaeum in Indianapolis. While there we'll get a tour of the building and enjoy a lunch at the Rathskeller in the basement. After lunch, the Athenaeum Foundation might also organize a fun photography activity for the students incorporating pictures of famous people visiting the Athenaeum.

As a change of pace from listening to me all the time, the students have really enjoyed listening to Laura and learning the game of Sheephead. In addition to Laura as "guest speaker," artists who were recently on the artist exchange came to share their experiences and perspectives from abroad. Jay Hamlin joined us in person at the High School in all the German classes and Curtis Uebelhor joined the German I students at the Middle School via Zoom. Monte Young, who was the third artist on the artist exchange, has said that he will come talk to the students on a date in February. About 30 minutes ago I got off of a WhatsApp video chat with one of the Staufen teachers organizing their end of the German exchange and we are moving forward with plans to be in Germany this summer with a portion of the trip overlapping the adult partnership celebrations in Pfaffenweiler in late June/early July.

In case you were wondering, Schmier means "grease," and all of my students now know that greasing your brains out is a good thing.

*Ross Halvorsen*

JHS/JMS German Teacher



## “Ein Prosit”

Ein Prosit Ein Prosit  
der Gemütlichkeit  
Ein Prosit Ein Prosit  
der Gemütlichkeit  
Eins, Zwei, Drei, G'suffa!  
Zicke, zacke, zicke, zacke  
Hoy, Hoy, Hoy,  
Kinder machen, Kinder machen  
Ya Ya Ya  
Motorcycle, Motorcycle  
Vroom, Vroom, Vroom  
Der Deutscher Verein is Wunderbar!!



## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

### Februar

**Februar 16, 2022-Wednesday-Moose Lodge-2507  
Newton Street-Doors open at 6:00pm – festivities  
begin at 6:30pm.** Club will provide Brats, Hamburgers,  
and Potato Wedges. Requesting members with last  
names A - H bring a veggie, I – Q a salad, and R – Z a  
dessert. All members are invited to bring your best  
homemade bread for competition.

### März

**März 16, 2022-Wednesday-Moose Lodge-2507  
Newton Street-Doors open at 6:00pm – festivities  
begin at 6:30pm.** Club will provide Chicken.  
Requesting members with last names A – H bring a  
dessert, I – Q a veggie, and R – Z a salad.

### April

**April 20, 2022-Wednesday-Moose Lodge-2507  
Newton Street-Doors open at 6:00pm – festivities  
begin at 6:30pm.** Club will provide Pork Steak and  
German Fries. Requesting members with last names A  
– H bring a salad, I – Q a dessert, and R – Z a salad.

### Juni – Juli

**Juni 26 – Juli 5 – 2022 Partnership Anniversary Trip  
to Germany** – This trip is open to the public.

### August

**August 2, 2022-Tuesday** – Booth set up for  
Strassenfest – 5:30pm (subject to change)

**August 7, 2022-Sunday** – Booth tear down immediately  
following Strassenfest parade (subject to change)

**August 4, 2022 – August 7, 2022** – Strassenfest

## Endowments at the Dubois County Community Foundation

### Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment

A donor-advised endowment to benefit generations in  
ensuring that our German heritage is preserved and  
enriched in Jasper and Dubois County.

### Claude and Martina Eckert Sister Cities Endowment

A designated endowment to provide support to Sister  
Cities of Jasper, Inc. to support the Jasper/Pfaffenweiler  
relationship.

A gift to the Jasper DeutscherVerein (German Club)  
German Heritage Endowment or to the Claude and  
Martina Eckert Sister Cities Endowment is a wonderful  
way to remember that special someone. A gift in honor  
of someone or in memory of someone may be given.  
The Dubois County Community Foundation will send a  
letter of acknowledgment to the individual being honored  
or to the family of someone being remembered. Send  
your gift along with the appropriate information to the  
Dubois County Community Foundation, P. O. Box 269,  
Jasper, IN 47547-0269. Envelopes are also available at  
the greeting table at each club meeting.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

to the \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I want my gift to be in memory of / in honor of:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Gifts to the Jasper DeutscherVerein (German Club)  
German Heritage Endowment

October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

**In Memory of Bev Streicher**  
Paul and Laura Grammer

**In Memory of Jerry Sander**  
Paul and Laura Grammer





T R A V E L

# 37<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Trip

## Jasper Sister Cities

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!!!

### June 26 – July 5, 2022

10 Days away

Details

A wonderful visit with our friends and even relatives in the scenic Black Forest area of Germany. Relaxing and exploring trip in Germany that will provide lasting memories, friendships and bonds with Jasper's Sister City residents.

### Pfaffenweiler, Germany



Day 1 (6/26) *Leave Jasper by motor coach transfer for flight to Frankfurt Germany*  
Sunday

Overnight flight

Day 2 (6/27) *Arrive in Frankfurt*  
Monday

Dinner Included

Day 3 (6/28) *Rhine River Cruise from Mainz to Rudesheim*  
Tuesday  
*After cruise, travel to Rothenburg for overnight stay.*

Breakfast & Dinner included

Day 4 (6/29) *Travel to Stuttgart and enjoy a tour of the Mercedes Benz Museum. Stay in Stuttgart overnight.*  
Wednesday

Breakfast & Dinner included

Day 5 (6/30) *Travel to Hohenzollern Castle for a visit and then travel to Pfaffenweiler*  
Thursday

Breakfast included  
Arrive in Pfaffenweiler in the early evening

Day 6 (7/1) *Free day with host family*  
Friday

Explore Pfaffenweiler and the surrounding area

Day 7 (7/2) *Official Partnership Celebration*  
Saturday

Evening program celebrating the partnership with the Jasper guests and the Pfaffenweiler residents

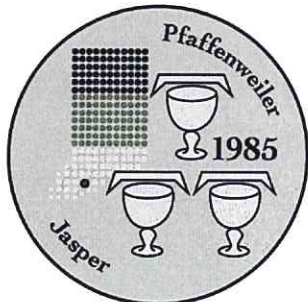
Day 8 (7/3) *Free day with host family*  
Sunday

Explore Pfaffenweiler and the surrounding area

Day 9 (7/4) *Free day with host family*  
Monday

Explore Pfaffenweiler and the surrounding area

Day 10 (7/5) *Leave Pfaffenweiler via motor coach for flight from Zurich. Transfer from US airport back to Jasper.*  
Tuesday



Sponsored by the Jasper Partnership Commission

**Cost:** \$2950\* per person based upon a minimum of 30 travel participants.

*\*Trip Insurance is optional*

**Complete the Reservation Application to book place on this trip. For questions, call Jackie's Travel at**

**812-482-7158**



## RESERVATION APPLICATION

Please return to: Jackie's Travel Service, 507 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Jasper, IN 47546 812-482-7158,  
jackiestravel@jackiests.com

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place for me on 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary trip to Pfaffenweiler Trip in 2022. A \$400.00 per person deposit is due with this completed in full reservation form along with a copy of your valid passport. Checks should be made payable to Jackie's Travel. Credit cards are accepted but will be an extra 5% to the cost of your trip.

Entire Name on your Passport \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Smoking Preference (circle one): nonsmoker smoker Frequent Flier Number \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate \_\_\_\_\_ Global Entry or TSA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Seating Preference on Flights \_\_\_\_\_ I accept/decline optional insurance (initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Health Problems such as heart trouble, diabetes, allergies, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Please make us aware of any medical restrictions or handicaps \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

X  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please sign above) I have read the Cancel/Reissue and Consumer Disclosure Notice Statement

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Cost of Tour is based upon 30 paying: \$2950 per person. If the total required minimum number of participants is not maintained, the cost will be adjusted. Trip Cancellation insurance can be added and is optional. Baggage is limited to 1 piece per person. If individuals want to take more bags, this is possible at an extra expense.

Tips for driver, guides, escorts, hotel and restaurants, airline baggage fees, preferred seat requests on flights and beverages with all provided meals are not included.

Deposit Information: \$400.00 per person due with reservation plus optional insurance if desired. Reservation deadline: March 30, 2022.

Balance due March 31, 2022.

Cancel information: Cancel after deposit until March 30, 2022 - \$100 fee. As of March 31, 2022, cancellation fee increases to \$400 per person. As of April 12, 2022, all funds are not refundable.

- Very Important: In the event of fluctuations in currency, we reserve the right to amend the tour price accordingly. Tour Pricing: this is a package tour in that land tour costs and special group air fares have been combined in the most advantageous way. Should you wish to take the land tour only or deviate from package tour by changing your departure and/or return dates of travel, this will eliminate the advantages of the package tour price and special group air fares. There will be a service charge of \$100.00 per person for any changes requested, plus the additional cost for any change in airfare. Total cost is based upon taxes, fuel surcharges, and fees in effect on August 16, 2021. If these costs change prior to trip departure, the difference must be added to the total tour cost.
- **Travel insurance is strongly recommended and price is determined by your age and trip cost.**
- **As of August 30, 2021, Germany requires a COVID vaccination to enter the country.**



Newsletter Mailing Labels with Expiration info will be updated in March, 2022

Membership expires 12-31-2022

JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN  
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JASPER, IN 47547-0015

**Membership Dues**

It's that time of year again! Please submit your dues for 2022 by completing and sending in the following form with payment as soon as possible. Thanks!

SEND TO: Jasper Deutscher Verein, P.O. Box 15,  
Jasper, IN 47547-0015  
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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Please note your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

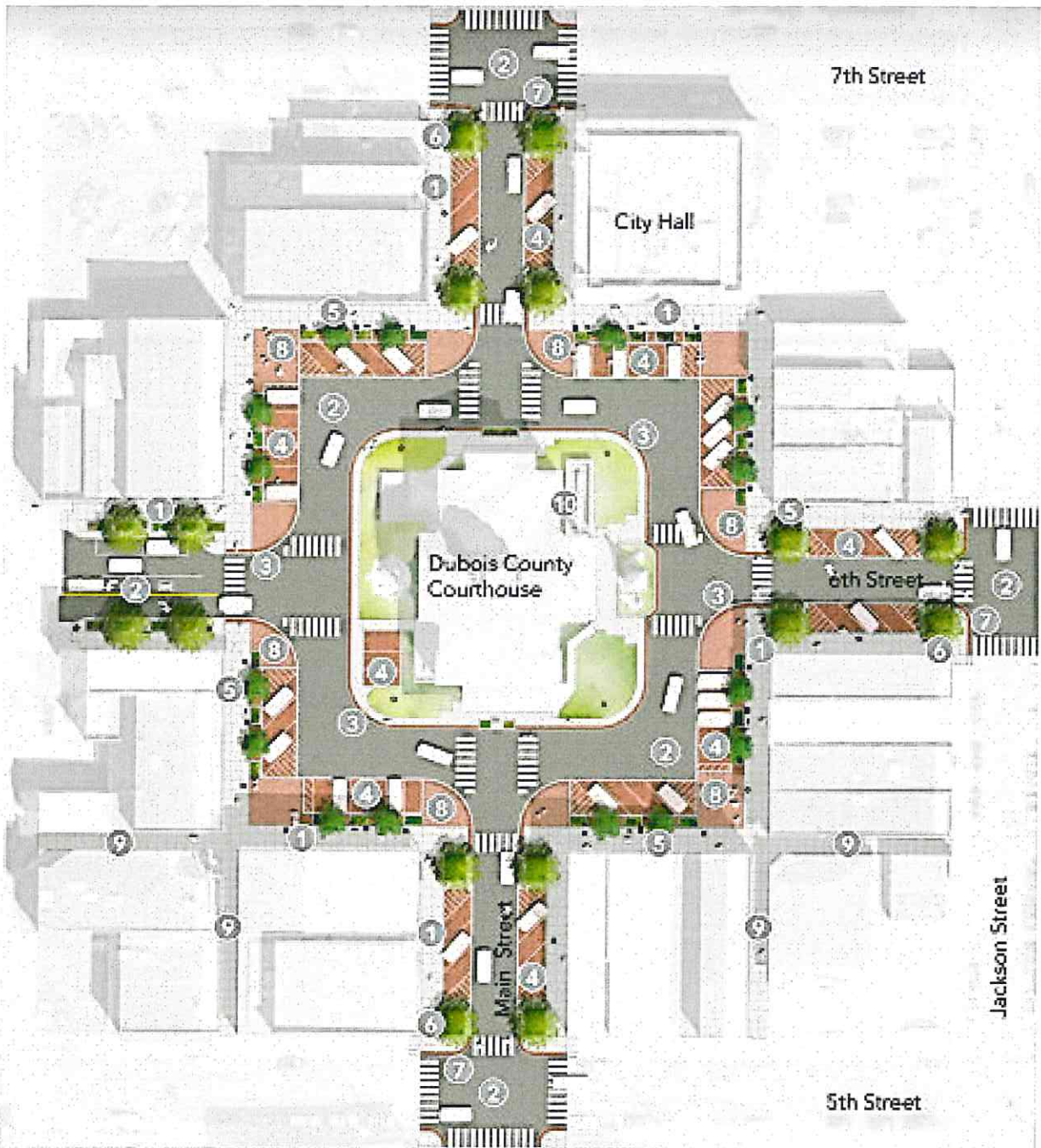
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New Membership or Membership Renewal

Please indicate the year which dues are to be applied: \_\_\_\_\_



**Courthouse Square Redevelopment taking place the next 15 months!!!!!!!!!!!!**



**Reason for the move of the Food Booths including the German Club Booth for this year's Strassenfest!!! Food Booths will be located along 4<sup>th</sup> Street!!**



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