



Jasper German Club  
**Deutscher Verein**

# Die Zeitung

December 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.*

## Address Changes for Newsletters – Also for

### “Snowbirds” With Temporary Address Change

Would all members who have moved or will be moving or are going to be gone for any period of time, please notify Patti Goepfrich at 812-482-4821 or [pmgoeprich@gmail.com](mailto:pmgoeprich@gmail.com) with your new address so we can forward your newsletter to you. This keeps us from having to pay double postage and assures you to receive all newsletters while you are away from home. Having your mail forwarded while you are gone will not work, simply because of the “Return Service Requested” stamped on our newsletter. This is stamped to let us know when someone has moved. The Post Office informs us of new addresses if you have permanently moved.  
*Thanks.....*

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## A Christmas Invitation.....

### German Christmas Decoration Display

Charlotte and Ron Kieffner will again have their popular outdoor Christmas display this year. The 25 outdoor colored trees with approximately 10,000 lights are homemade and home designed. The display will show an ambience effect of the Christmas Spirit in the foothills of small mountain villages in Germany, Austria, & Switzerland. An added feature in the display this year will be an O Tannenbaum Christmas Tree. The Location is 460 South Kluemper Rd in Jasper (Whispering Pines Subdivision). The display will be lit from December 9th to December 31st 5:30 to 10:30 each night.

## Jasper DeutscherVerein November Meeting in Review

The Jasper DeutscherVerein gathered on Wednesday, November 16th, at the Moose Lodge in Jasper for our annual auction meeting. We had around 90 members, guests, and students in attendance. Members signed in at the door and were able to RSVP and pre-pay for their spots at our Christmas meeting as well (coming up on Thursday, December 15th at the Moose). If you have not yet reserved your spot, please RSVP to Ann Ackerman at (812) 630-7241 or [ann@ackoil.com](mailto:ann@ackoil.com).

President Paul Siegel welcomed everybody to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance, God Bless America, and the Ein Prosit. He then acknowledged November birthdays, and the club sang Happy Birthday to all. We sounded pretty good!

Laura Grammer and Landen Weidenbenner gave an update on the Vine to Wine event and thanked Dave Buehler for helping the participants turn fruit into a delicious beverage (we hope! Haha). The group ended up making strawberry wine so be sure to attend our January meeting to see what the process was like and how it all turned out.

Laura also had another announcement to make: an opportunity for members to caravan up to Frankenmuth with the Schnitzelbank crew next June 8th-11th. A show of hands of interested parties was given and 4 couples were able to grab the last spots on the bus. Sounds like it will be a fun time!

Next the tables were released for dinner. The students and the man of the hour, Ed Boeglin, were up first. The rest of the tables were released East to West.

While members were finishing up their dinners, Sandy Wehr took the floor to announce that advent calendars were still available for purchase, \$5 a calendar.

JHS German teacher Dan Otto then brought up the student cohort for the 2024 exchange trip. The group of 11 kids helped run the auction and they did a great job! They all introduced themselves in German, so it looks like

they're off to a good start getting comfortable with speaking the language. There are a few band members in the group so Dan also gave a shout out to the JHS Marching Band who recently won a state championship! Gut gemacht!

And next up was the main event. Ed Boeglin did a fantastic job (as always) and the kids really helped sell the items. This year we had some terrific donations: furniture from Kimball, giant turnips, lots of homemade baked goods and crafts, and an amazing quilt composed of old Strassenfest t-shirts. All in all, the auction raised over \$3200 for the students! A big thank you to all who brought in items for auction and all who bid. The money the students raise really goes a long way to make their trip possible. And thank you to Ed Boeglin who always makes the auction fun.

After the auction, but before everyone paid for their items and headed home, we handed out the usual prizes: Wif Gress and Dave Prechtel won the special prizes, and Sandy Wehr and Al Bennett won the attendance prizes. We also had a fun new game to play this meeting: guess the weight of the turnip! At the check-in table there was a huge turnip and members and guests were able to submit their guesses on how much the turnip weighed. Dave Prechtel was a double winner this evening because he came closest with his guess. The turnip clocked in at 8lbs 12oz. Impressive!

And that concluded the November meeting. Please mark your calendars for our December meeting, it's always a fun way to spend time with friends and close out the year. See you all then, with bells on!

Submitted by

*Lacey Apple*  
Secretary

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

Thank you to all DeutscherVerein Members for your generous donations and participating in the annual auction benefitting the Jasper student exchange program. The November meeting always lifts our spirits in the form of some competitive bidding with our friends. A generous donation by Kimball with chairs, end tables, and a credenza helped the total money raised to be above \$3000. I also want to thank the members who created the beautiful quilt from past Strassenfest t-shirts! I believe the quilt was the top dollar item for the evening. Congratulations to Laura Grammar for her perseverance to take home this heirloom.

Although the Thanksgiving Holiday is giving us a reprieve from the cold, the winter weather has descended upon us

and the Christmas Lights are beginning to appear on houses. As we decorate our trees, remember the German Christmas songs that have become traditional favorites such as O' Tannenbaum and Silent Night (Stille Nacht).

Our December Christmas Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Jasper Moose. Dinner prices are \$15 this year, and the DeutscherVerein board members will be bringing the desserts. Just a reminder to please RSVP so that we know how many to count for dinner! Also, EV Mae will be performing and Santa is expected to "POP" in for some special Christmas Cheer!

I am looking forward to the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting when we have the Pie and Wine contest for members.

Prost!

Mit freundlichen grüßen.

*Paul Siegel*  
President

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

Fröhliche Weihnachten an alle! I want to wish all of our DeutscherVerein members, families, and friends a very happy, healthy, and safe holiday season. I want to thank all of our members for their hard work, participation, and dedication to our club over the last year. I know we have faced many challenges over the last few years such as a global pandemic, the Strassenfest being moved to 4th Street, and getting back into a "normal" routine; however, we as a club all came together to conquer these challenges, and I cannot thank each of you enough. As always, please encourage your friends, families, and others in the community to join our club, as we are always looking for new members. Again, wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The January 18, 2023 meeting is our annual Wine and Pie Judging. Wines and pies must be delivered to the Moose by 6:00pm to be considered for judging. Judges will be selected in advance and asked to arrive by 5:45pm. Pies will be judged before dinner and wine will be judged after dinner.

If you would like to be a judge, please contact me at 812-309-1745.

Regards,

*Landen Weidenbenner*  
Vice President

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## A message from our treasurer

Reservations for our Christmas meeting to be held on THURSDAY 12-15-2022 at the Moose may be made via email to [ann@ackoil.com](mailto:ann@ackoil.com) or via telephone to Ann Ackerman at 812-630-7241. Meal price of \$15.00 per person may be paid at the door.

Thanks to all of our generous donors and generous bidders for the auction meeting to help raise money for Sister Cities for use for our student exchange program. Our auctioneer Ed Boeglin created a fun environment which brought in total support at \$3200.00 for the Sister Cities Program.

Thanks to Mike Hochgesang for bringing in a super-sized turnip. Members were able to have fun playing a weight guessing game. From several close guesses, our best estimator (without going over) was Dave Prechtel, with a guess of 134 ounces versus an actual weight of 140 ounces.

Members may begin paying 2023 dues of \$10.00 per person (\$20.00 per couple) at the December meeting.

Regards,

*Mike Ackerman*  
Treasurer

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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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There will NOT be a newsletter for January, 2023. Please see information for January 18, 2023 meeting in this newsletter!!!  
Thanks...Patti



## 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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### Ein Prosit'

Ein Prosit Ein Prosit  
der Gemütlichkeit  
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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!!

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*At this time of Christmas, let us remember the less fortunate of our communities. This would be a great time to make a donation to any organization helping those in need in our communities!!!! Your generosity will be appreciated!*

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**The Jasper DeutscherVerein takes this opportunity to say a heartfelt good-bye and thank you to Bürgermeister Dieter Hahn for his visits to Jasper and for his hospitality when anyone visited Pfaffenweiler. Your support of the Partnership between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler was very evident and we wish you and your family well!!!**

**We welcome Lukas Mahler as Bürgermeister of Pfaffenweiler and look forward to getting to know you!!!!**

**Jasper DeutscherVerein Christmas Tree at  
Dubois County Museum**



Last year, when I was decorating the German Heritage tree at the museum, I saw a couple of trees next to ours that had pictures on them. One had old pictures of the town the tree was representing, and the other one had pictures of a hog being processed, but both gave me a great idea: to put pictures from the exchange and partnership trips on our 2022 tree. And that's what I did! Our tree this year is located near the German living room exhibit and will be on display throughout the holidays. It has over 70 pictures from the groups' time in Pfaffenweiler and surrounding areas. Come see what everyone was up to over the summer, and be sure to check out the rest of the trees while you're there!

Thanks to Lacey Apple for the great job she did on decorating the tree!!! Please go to the Museum and check it out!!! Thank you, Lacey!! Job well done!!!

**Information on our Entertainment at the  
December Meeting – EV Mae**

EV Mae is a singer, songwriter and guitarist from Southern Indiana. By the time EV Mae was 9 years old, she knew she wanted a career in music and singing. Drawing her musical inspiration from classics such as Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline and George Jones; and, current artists like Zach Bryan and Tyler Childers, EV Mae works to create her own unique sound that blends Americana and classic country. She loves to perform and has always felt at home on a stage and in front of a crowd. Her stage presence and natural ease set her apart from other artists, especially other teen artists. Her favorite performance to date was the first time she stepped on stage at the Lincoln Amphitheater. She was just 13 years old at the time and opening for a Beatles tribute band. There were 1,500 people in the audience, and she loved the energy of the crowd and the entire experience. Since then, she's been working with the goal of branching out to perform at different, larger venues.

EV Mae co-wrote her first song at the age of 12 and began writing songs both lyrically and instrumentally (guitar) at the age of 15. With music and a love for performing in her blood, she continues to work to grow as an artist and a young adult. In February 2021, EV Mae released her first single "Outta Line," which was quickly followed by the release of "Me" and "Country Kinda Girl." She has been working hard on releasing new music and will have a new single to release in November.

**Symbol of the Christmas Cross**

The Christmas tree celebrates the promise of Jesus. His Birth is symbolized by the Christmas tree and yet upon another tree, the cross, came His death with the promise of eternal life. The five stones are for wounds He bore. Hang this ornament on your tree to serve as a reminder of all Christ did for us.

**Legend of Santa's Key**

Dear Santa, we have no chimney as you can plainly see, and I was terribly worried that you'd pass over me. We hung this very special key outside, right by the door. Then Mom told me to jump in bed, not to worry anymore. Your magic will make this key fit, to open up our door, so you can come inside tonight and tip-toe 'cross the floor.

(taken from [www.brommers.com](http://www.brommers.com))





**Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars**

**Dezember**

**Dezember 15, 2022-Thursday- Jasper Moose Lodge- 2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm – festivities begin at 6:30pm.** Annual Christmas dinner/dance. Chicken, Roast Beef, Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans, Corn, Bread and Butter, and Creamy Slaw. Dessert brought by Board Members. Cost for the meal will be \$15.00 which is payable at the door.

Reservations can be made at the November meeting or by contacting Ann Ackerman at 812-630-7241 or [ann@ackoil.com](mailto:ann@ackoil.com).

A special treat this year in addition to Santa, will be entertainment by EV Mae!!!

**2023**

**Januar**

**Januar 18, 2023-Wednesday-Jasper Moose Lodge- 2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm – festivities begin at 6:30pm.**

If you wish to enter the Wine and Pie contest, wines and pies MUST be delivered to the Moose by 6:00PM to be considered for judging. Judges will be selected in advance and are asked to arrive by 5:45pm. Pies will be judged before dinner and wine will be judged after dinner. If you would like to be a judge, please contact Landen Weidenbenner at 812-309-1745.

Spaghetti and garlic bread will be provided by the Club.

Requesting members with last names A – H bring a salad, I – M – Veggies, and N – Z – Dessert.

The Vine to Wine group will present information to the Club about their experience and what they learned about making wine!!!!

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup> – Strassenfest – the time of the year when the Jasper DeutscherVerein shines!!!**



**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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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