



Jasper German Club
Deutscher Verein

Die Zeitung

February 2024

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.



The late Drs. Eberhard and Ruth Reichmann

Dr. Ruth Reichmann passed away at her home in Nashville, IN on January 6, 2024. She was 95 years old.

Ruth and Eberhard were instrumental in establishing the Pfaffenweiler-Jasper Sister City Partnership. See information later in this newsletter.

Ruth and Eberhard were "forces of nature" when it came to spreading information of German Heritage. They were the "go to" for many of us when we needed information on the when, where, and how when it came to researching or learning of any German Heritage in connection to Jasper and the surrounding areas. They were extremely proud of the German Heritage work that had been done here in southern Indiana.

They enjoyed attending Jasper Deutscher Verein meetings, picnics, and German Heritage dinners. They enjoyed being the house guests of Martina Eckert!!!

They spent time at the Monastery Immaculate Conception with the Sisters of St. Benedict translating and organizing their archives. They also spent time at the Dubois County Museum translating information brought in by individuals,

especially during the Strassenfest. And then enjoyed coming to the Strassenfest.

Ruth and Eberhard were both immigrants from Germany.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Eberhard Reichmann (1926-2009). She is survived by a son and a daughter, two grandsons, and five great grandchildren.

Rest in Peace

Dear friends in Jasper,

the day after tomorrow, Christmas Eve is just around the corner - a day on which plans are the same as hardly any other day in the year. Of course the nuances differ: Here you go to church, there you go out to party in the evening, here you have meat with potato salad and there you have raclette or fondue. But the bottom line is that most people spend Christmas Eve with family and friends. It will be the same for me too.

However, not all of us have this privilege, which is often taken for granted. In some areas it doesn't matter whether it's a holiday - because these areas have to function every day and every night. Fire brigade, emergency services, police, hospitals, nursing homes, energy supply: a conclusive list of all areas in which a free Christmas Eve is not a given would certainly go beyond the scope. What they all have in common is that work is being done there to give us a safe and cozy Christmas Eve.

At Christmas, let us not only be grateful for the time with family and friends, but also for the commitment of our fellow human beings who spend Christmas Eve at the fire or rescue station, at the police station, in the emergency room, with those in need of care, in the network control room or wherever. Thank you that you exist!

With these thoughts, on behalf of the community, the city council and also personally, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2024.

Love

Lukas Mahler
Mayor of Pfaffenweiler

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, 2024. If there are 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.

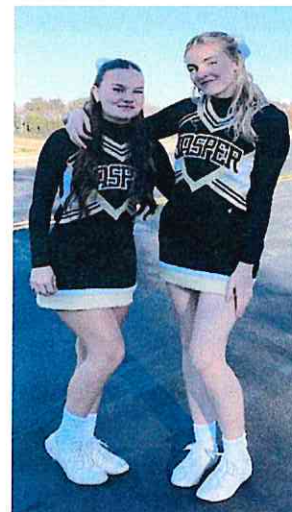
1. Completion of the common scholarship application available from the School's Guidance Office.
2. Successful completion of two years of high school German.
3. Two years of active participation in German Club or German Civic affairs in other schools.
4. Verification of enrollment in a German course 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, 2024 to: Jasper DeutscherVerein, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, Indiana 47547-0015

Host Families for 2024-2025 School Year

If you have hosted in the past, or are looking to learn more about being a host family for a German Exchange Student, please contact Brandon Ferguson at 812-604-3893. Students in Germany are starting to inquire about coming to Jasper. Hosting an Exchange Student is a rewarding and fun experience!

Exchange Student Spotlight - Sarah Grathwol

- **Who are your host parents?** Matt & Sarah Hulse
- **Where are you from?** Staufen, Germany
- **What is your favorite class in American high school?** Strength & Conditioning
- **What is your favorite American food?** Chicken Tenders with Ranch
- **What is your least favorite American food?** Doesn't have one.
- **What is your favorite place you have visited in America so far?** Going to see a professional baseball game in Cincinnati.
- **What activities with friends have you enjoyed the most?** Going to the Friday night sport events.
- **Other than German and English, do you speak any other languages?** I can speak French.
- **What is one major cultural difference in America?** The way Americans have school sports and everyone is cheering together for their friends and their school.
- **What activities are you involved with at school?** Cheerleading
- **What do you miss in Germany the most?** My family and friends, and some foods from Germany I cannot find in America.



L to R Sarah Grathwol and Linda Mayer



Membership!!

Dues for the DeutscherVerein are \$15 a person. Out of this \$15, a \$1 will go to the Jasper DeutscherVerein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment, \$1 per member for dues to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., and \$13.00 will be retained for club operating expenses.

As a paid member of the Jasper DeutscherVerein, \$1.00 of your dues goes to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. making each Jasper DeutscherVerein member a member of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

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

In addition to this newsletter, additional information on the Jasper DeutscherVerein can be gotten on the website – 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.

Also, remember to check out Sister Cities’ new website at www.sistercitiesofjasperin.org and keep up on their latest activities.

Address Changes for Newsletters – Also for “Snowbirds” With Temporary Address Change

Would all members who are going to be gone for any period of time, please notify Patti Goepfrich at 812-482-4821 or pmggoepfrich@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.

”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!!

DeutscherVerein December Meeting in Review

The Jasper German Club celebrated its annual Christmas meeting on December 14, 2023. President Landen Weidenbenner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Following that Father Ackerman blessed the meal. Gift bags with treats were on the table for the members to enjoy after dinner.

Vice President Laura Grammer then announced that the club would be voting for the German Club board members. She introduced all the candidates and the votes were cast.

The German Club Choir members then entertained the club by singing Christmas carols and then we had a special visit from Santa who handed out candy canes and told a few jokes.

Mary Leah Siegel from Sister Cities announced the wine queens from Germany would be returning and tickets for the Valentines dinner would be going on sales soon.

The special prized winners for December were Mike Hochgesang and Joe Rohleder. President Landen closed the meeting announced the next meeting was January 17 with Dinner at the Schnitzelbank and a tour at Patoka Lake Brewery.

Submitted by
Valerie Heim
Secretary

DeutscherVerein January Meeting in Review

The German Club met at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant on January 17, 2024. A German buffet was enjoyed while members socialized.

At 6pm, 40 of the members left the Schnitzelbank and drove to the Patoka Lake Brewery. Owners, DJ Hanselman and Greg Stoner greeted the members. The meeting was called to order by President Landen Weidenbenner. After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Weidenbenner turned the meeting over to Vice President Laura Grammer.

Half of the members followed DJ Hanselman and toured the Beer Making processing. The equipment was purchased from the Schnitz Pub in Jasper and moved to the newly constructed building made just for the Patoka Lake Brewery. DJ explained the process that starts with crushing grain and ends with finished beer. DJ has tried many different brews and currently has 15 options available.

While half of the members were touring, the other half were tasting up to 3 different beers. Greg Stoner spoke to members who were tasting the beer. Members

purchased glasses of beer, watched cans and growlers filled with specialty beer.

The next German Club meeting will be held February 21 at the German Cafe and tour the French Lick Winery. Email Laura Grammer to make a reservation.

Submitted by
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Secretary

A message from our president

Happy New Year to all! I hope that you all had a healthy, safe, and enjoyable holiday season with your families and friends. I am looking forward to a great 2024 both personally and for our club. I first want to thank our past Board of Directors which included Al Bennett, Bridgette Bartley, Dave Buehler, Brandon Ferguson, Mike Hochgesang, Pat Schuler, Paul Siegel, Danny Wehr, Sandy Wehr, and Van Ziegler. These individuals have been serving on the club's board the past years and have done a phenomenal job with keeping the club vibrant, on-track, and keeping us moving into the future. Again, I cannot thank each of you enough for your hard work, dedication, and loyalty to our club.

I am happy to announce our newest Board of Directors that were elected at our December 14th meeting. One change to the Board of Directors is that there are now assigned positions. Having assigned positions will allow our Board Members to focus on certain areas, while also coming together as a board to make decisions and keep our club moving in the right direction. Again, I am thrilled to announce and congratulate the following:

Sandy Wehr & Van Ziegler - Legacy Board Members
Bridgette Bartley - Booth/Fundraising Coordinator
Pat Schuler - Special Projects Coordinator
Sherri Uebelhor - German Heritage Activities Youth Coordinator
Paul Siegel - German Heritage Activities Adult Coordinator
Jane Balsmeyer - Marketing Coordinator
Mary Leah Siegel - Sister Cities President

German Club Dues - 2024 & Beyond

The German Club Board of Directors voted on Thursday, November 9th to increase the dues of the Jasper German Club Members. Dues were formerly \$10 per person, or \$20 per couple. The board voted to increase dues to \$15 per person, or \$30 per couple. Of the \$15.00, \$1.00 will be paid to the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment; \$1.00 to Sister Cities of Jasper; and \$13.00 will be retained for club operating expenses.

Landen Weidenbenner
President

A message from our vice president **Member Comments about the January Meeting at the Patoka Lake Brewery**

We really enjoyed the buffet and would enjoy this being an annual meeting location.

Wasn't interested in trying different beer. But want to go to the wine tasting next month.

The tour was great and the entire night was really fun.

Was great to break the normal meetings at the Moose.

DJ and Greg did a great job of working with our group. The Tour was very interesting.

Liked that we got to sit with different people at dinner and again at the Brewery.

Really like talking to different people during the tasting and tour.

This was so much fun. But next time can you plan it when the temperature is above freezing?

Several people shared that they liked having one or two meetings a year that are a field trips.

February Meeting

February 21, 2024 at 6:00pm

Arrive at the German Café at 6:00pm.

French Lick Winery following dinner.

\$20 CASH per person

**** Dinner reservations require payment even if you don't attend.**

Reservations are due by February 14.

Call Laura at 812-630-7244 or email at laura@ackoil.com.

The German Club is supplementing the cost of the pre-defined meal.

Members are responsible for paying their server for any Add-On like alcohol or dessert or additional food items.

The \$20 CASH meal change includes the following:

1. TIP for server
2. Sales Tax
3. Non-alcoholic beverage
 - a. Coke Products
 - b. Lemonade
 - c. Tea (Sweet or Unsweet)
 - d. Coffee
 - e. Water
4. Schnitzel with your choice of one topping
 - a. White Wine Gravy
 - b. Bell Pepper Gravy
 - c. Mushroom Gravy
 - d. Caramelized Onions
 - e. Plain
5. One Side

- a. Spätzle
- b. Fried Potatoes
- c. French Fries
- d. Potato Salad
- e. Sauerkraut
- f. Red Cabbage
- g. Coleslaw
- h. Applesauce

To make the ordering process fast and efficient, each member will receive a Preprint Order Guide when paying the \$20 CASH per member for the meal to Mike Ackerman or Laura Grammer.

You will be seated after you pay. Most tables hold 3 to 6 people. Once you are seated, you will turn in your Order Guide to your server and immediately order any Add-Ons like an alcoholic beverage, extra side or dessert.

Once your order has been placed you may not change tables. Try sitting with someone new, meet new members. Or work it out that the people you want to sit with arrive at the same time.

When your Table is done eating and everyone at your table has paid your server for your add-ons (alcohol, dessert, or extra food), head to the French Lick Winery. Since not everyone can get served at the same time, people will arrive at the Winery in waves as tables complete their meal.

Planning to have 2 or 3 presentations about the history of French Lick Winery and their wine making process. So if there is no space for tasting, learn about French Lick Winery and do wine tasting when it is over. Others that come in after the presentation started might wait to get into the tasting portion first.

Address for German Café for your GPS
452 S Maple Street
French Lick IN 47432

From North side of Jasper stay on IN56 about 22 miles
Turn Right on W College Avenue
Turn Left on Maple Street
Can turn from IN 56 into Public Parking lot is immediately following W College Avenue.
Address for French Lick Winery for your GPS
8145 W Sinclair Street
West Baden IN 47469

From parking lot by German Café, turn Right into IN 56 for about a mile.
Turn right onto Sinclair Street
Take 2nd right onto Veterans Way
Turn Right into the Parking Lot

Laura Grammer
Vice President

A message from our treasurer or treasurer's tales

With meetings at alternate sites in January and February, continued in person dues payment will not be able to occur until the March meeting.

2024 Dues may be paid via mail to PO Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547. As a reminder, it was announced at the November meeting that the Board of Directors recommended that dues for 2024 be increased to \$15.00 per person / \$30.00 per couple. \$1.00 of your dues is provided to Sister Cities for your membership in Sister Cities, and \$1.00 of your dues goes into to the endowment.

Continue to encourage friends and family to join our club. Involved members help to keep our club thriving and growing as we continue our mission to promote, preserve and celebrate our proud German Heritage.

Mike Ackerman
Treasurer

Meet Our New Board Members!!!!



Jane Balsmeyer

I look forward to working with the German Club board, along with the members of the marketing committee, to acquire, retain and engage our club's membership. My husband, Mark, and I enjoy the being members of the club, taking care of the Maypole landscaping, and, of course, working a shift in the Strassenfest booth! We reside in Jasper and have 5 children living in various parts of the U.S. I am SVP, Director of Marketing, at German American Bank, and currently serve on the boards of Crisis Connection and Anderson Woods.



Mary Leah Siegel

Hello, I am Mary Leah Siegel and although I am not a native of Dubois County, I have lived in Dubois County since 1995 (when I relocated to work for Kimball). Currently, I am the Sr. Director of Brand Marketing for Kimball Electronics where I recently started my 28th year. I am married to Paul Siegel, former President of the Jasper DeutscherVerein. We have two children, Bryce, age 24 and Drake, age 22. Both of whom attended Jasper schools and Jasper High School where both were students in the Sister Cities of Jasper student exchanges of 2015 and 2017. I am a first generation American on my father's side of the family. My father, Gregor Gertz, was from Stadtlohn, Germany, where many of my cousins and extended family still live today. I am passionate about all things German! I feel it is so important to maintain connections and lasting relationships in order to learn about and to preserve our German history and heritage in Jasper. I have been a board member of the Sister Cities of Jasper since 2017. As the representative from Sister Cities on the DeutscherVerein Board of Directors my goal is to serve as a conduit between the two groups, to help to further our common goals, and to share our passion for our sister city of Pfaffenweiler, Germany!



Sherri Uebelhor

I'm Sherri Uebelhor, a homeschooling parent of two who is deeply involved in our community. This year marks my sixth year on the Dance Central Academy Parent Club Board and my second year serving on the Strassenfest committee and German Club Board. I'm thrilled to be working alongside Valerie Heim once again, especially on our German Heritage events and opening ceremonies. It's incredibly rewarding to contribute to our community's cultural heritage while also being actively involved in my children's education.

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

October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

In Memory of Gary Egler

Kirby Boner
Jim and Rita Corn
Steve and Kim Jamell
Ed and Gina Snyder

In Memory of Ray Lechner

Paul and Laura Grammer

In Memory of Gib Verkamp

Paul and Laura Grammer

In Memory of Joan Jarboe

Paul and Laura Grammer

In Honor of Phyllis Ackerman

Garrett Jones

Sister Cities of Jasper February 2024 Update for Jasper German Club

The Board of Directors of the Sister Cities of Jasper met on Saturday, January 6th, 2024 to discuss upcoming events and projects for 2024. The group discussed the planning for the upcoming "Wine & Dine Your Valentine" event and upcoming visit from the Wine Queens of Germany. More details about this upcoming event is included in this newsletter.

During the meeting, the Executive Officers were nominated and approved.

The officers for 2024 are as follows:

Mary Leah Siegel, President
Sandy Wehr, Vice President
Matt Hilger, Treasurer
Sheri Keller, Secretary

Additional Board Members for 2024:

Stan Jochum
Alan Hanselman
Olivia Otto
Kent Seger
John Eckerle
Jen Verkamp
Daniel Otto

We are excited for a busy February of visitors and planning for the next student and culinary exchange programs in Summer of 2024!

Wine Queens Visit 2024

We are thrilled to be hosting the German Wine Queens again this year!

The 2023-24 Wine Queen of Baden, Julia Noll, and the 2023-24 Wine Princess of Germany (former Wine Queen of Baden), Jessica Himmelsbach, will be traveling to the United States from February 3rd to February 14th. The Sister Cities of Jasper will be sponsoring and arranging their trip! Events have been coordinated and planned in Chicago, in West Lafayette, at Purdue, in Indianapolis, in Jasper, and in Louisville. Of course, the highlight of the trip will be having them headline and host our Wine and Dine Your Valentine Event on February 10th at Klubhaus61. The list of itineraries of events for the queens is shaping-up and there will be a couple opportunities to meet them while they are here!

February 3 – Travel to Chicago – Wine Tasting hosted by DANKHaus Chicago German Cultural Center from 6pm to 9pm

February 4 – Travel to West Lafayette – Wine Tasting hosted by Krug Corner Pub from 5pm to 7pm

February 5– West Lafayette - Purdue Day – Guest Speakers at the Hospitality and Enology Courses

February 6 – Indianapolis – Guests on LifeStyle Live at WISH TV – Meetings with the Carmel Christkindlmarkt

Team – Public Wine Tasting Event at The Anthenaeum, Weingiest from 6-9pm

February 7 – Indianapolis - The queens will meet with a delegation from Germany and dignitaries in Indianapolis and headline an evening event at Tastings in Indianapolis hosted by the International Center.

February 8 – Travel to Jasper – Visit and Tour Oliver Winery in Bloomington on the way.

February 9 – Jasper - Jasper High School Day - Spending the day with the German language and agriculture classes.

February 10 – Jasper - 6pm– 'Wine and Dine Your Valentine' Event hosted by Sister Cities of Jasper at Klubhaus61

February 11 – Jasper - 12pm to 2pm – SuperBowl Sunday Wine Tasting hosted by Holiday Liquors at the Holiday Liquors North

Louisville - Wine Tasting German American Club Louisville from 4:30-6:00pm and SuperBowl Watch party. – Let us know if you are interested in caravanning or carpooling to this event!

Wonderful Wines of Baden.

Sunday, February 11, 4:30PM

Join us for a tasting of wines from the German wine growing region Baden. Two young ladies representing the wine region, Julia Noll, Wine Queen of Baden, and Jessica Himmelsbach, Wine Princess of Germany, are traveling in the United States, and will lead the tasting. We will sample 3 to 5 wines from Baden and other wine regions in Germany. Bring a dish to share for a potluck meal afterwards. Stick around to watch the Super Bowl if you'd like. The cost of the event is \$20 and includes a glass of your favorite wine. Reservations are required. Please email Nancy Woods at njwoods57@gmail.com.

February 12 –Jasper - Free Day – Dinner with the Sister Cities Board of Directors

February 13 – Jasper – City Hall visit and tour of Jasper and Meet with the Mayor

February 14 – Jessica and Julia return to Germany!

Student Exchange 2024 Update

The students are preparing for their trip in June of 2024! It's starting to seem so real because trip will be here before we know it! Currently the trip is being planned for the first three weeks of June.

Culinary Exchange 2024

We are excited to begin our first Culinary Exchange!

To deepen the connection and share a tangible part of Pfaffenweiler with the people of Jasper, we are hosting our first Culinary Exchange in the summer of 2024. Visits with chefs in local restaurants, markets, wineries, and in Pfaffenweiler kitchens will give our participants a chance to taste, see, and master the culinary scene of our

German Heritage. We are certain they will gather ideas and skills to share with the people in Jasper.

After screening a number of qualified applicants, we chose three people for our first exchange. One is the head chef at the Klubhaus61 by the Schnitzelbank, Jamie Boaz. The Chef is very motivated to make his current menu more authentic and plans to expand it with new recipes and stories from his travels to Germany.

Our second chef, Kim Mitchell, runs a small pub and restaurant in Jasper called Snaps Cafe. The original Saloon and Boarding House opened in 1872, and the current owners want to incorporate German Food that is common in our sister city.

Our third participant is the Jasper Middle School Consumer and Family Science Teacher, Haley Ondiek. In this role, she has an opportunity to introduce many younger students to German Food and Culture. We hope her approach interests them to continue to study the German Language at the Middle School and High School levels. **Congratulations to Jamie, Kim, and Haley!**

Kent Seger, Sister Cities of Jasper Board member and Culinary Exchange Chairperson, along with the help of a culinary exchange committee, is planning and arranging their visit for approximately two weeks at the end of June and beginning of July.

NEW Sister Cities of Jasper WEBSITE

After many, many, months of planning and work, the Sister Cities of Jasper new website is now live! Check it out at <https://www.sistercitiesofjasperin.org/home>

Mary Leah Siegel

President, Sister Cities of Jasper



Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

Februar

Februar 21, 2024-Wednesday: Field Trip to German Café and French Lick Winery

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Additional information on this activity can be found in this newsletter under "a message from our vice president"!!!!

März

März 20, 2024-Wednesday-Jasper Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm-festivities begin at 6:30pm.

Meal will be served: Members bring either a Salad or Dessert

Program will be given by Kent Yeager – President of the Indiana Barn Foundation. Their mission is "Supporting the Preservation of Historic Indiana Barns".

April

April 17, 2024-Wednesday-Jasper Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm-festivities begin at 6:30pm German Club Game Night or Card Party

Meal will be served. Members bring either a Salad or Dessert.

What started as a Sheephead tournament to honor our German Heritage, has grown into an all-out game night. We are looking to have tables for Sheephead, Cinch, Euchre or ????. But maybe you prefer to play Operation, Mousetrap, Pictionary or Trivial Pursuit.

What a great way to get to know other members by mixing members together and let them play a game with other members. The winner at each table will receive a small prize. We will have a sign-up sheet for this meeting at the November & December & March meetings.

What was that sound? Yes, I hear the warning bells. Members will be able to sit together with the same people and play games or just chat. It is not required to move and get to know other members.

Mai

Mai 22, 2024-Wednesday-Jasper Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm-festivities begin at 6:30pm. Strassenfest Preview

Meal will be served: Members bring either a Salad or Dessert.

What will be happening at the Glockenspiel and at Opening Ceremonies?

What are the plans for the booth?

How will things look when we are moving back to the square?

Signup Sheets for the Strassenfest will be available.

Juni

Juni 5, 2024-Wednesday: Paint Ornaments to Hang on Dubois County Museum Christmas Tree

No Meal will be served-just snacks BYO Beverage or cooler

Put on some old clothes, bring a drink, a chair, a favorite paint brush and your creativity. Members will have the opportunity to paint an ornament for the German Club Christmas Tree at the Dubois County Museum for November, 2024.

August

**August 1 – August 4
Jasper Strassenfest**

Theme – German Flair on the Square!!!

Longtime Jasper downtown business owners and advocates, Jim Siebert and Maureen Braun, will represent the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association as Co-Hoffmarschalls!!!

September

September 18, 2024-Wednesday-Jasper Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm-festivities begin at 6:30pm. Strassenfest Wrap-Up Meeting.

Meal will be served. Members bring either a Salad or Dessert

**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 \$ _____

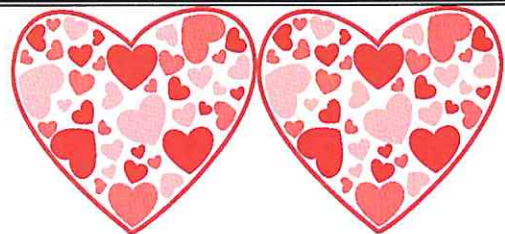
to the _____
(Please specify appropriate Endowment)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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





Greetings!

By Ruth and Eberhard Reichmann

It was in early 1984, when we traveled through the Black Forest toward Pfaffenweiler. Heavy snow had fallen. The big beautiful trees were all clad in white. We were to talk to the mayor about the possibility of a sister city arrangement with Jasper. Sabine Jordan, Humanist-in-Residence in Jasper a few years earlier, had suggested that Pfaffenweiler could become an ideal partner, since many settlers in Dubois County were immigrants from that town and neighboring villages.

name and others. "Unglaublich" [unbelievable], he said. We talked about the Pfaffenweiler crosses on many of the street corners and that there was also one such cross at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, sculpted by Georg Baumann. The mayor took us to the village museum, which exhibited the story of emigration through photographs, letters, maps, tools and utensils. We could tell that Fritz Gutsell became excited, when he offered his help: "Wie kann ich helfen [How can I help]?"



*Entrance sign to Pfaffenweiler
Ortsschild Pfaffenweiler*



Rathaus (City Hall) Pfaffenweiler

In Mayor Fritz Gutsell's office we chatted over a glass of Batzenberger Wine about the emigrants and the interest in Jasper to reconnect with Pfaffenweiler. We had taken a Dubois County telephone book along. "You want to see if we find any Gutsells in there?" we asked the mayor. He was amazed: "You have more Gutsells in Jasper than here in Pfaffenweiler!" And then we checked the Eckert

Since a group from Jasper was planning to visit Austria and Germany that September, we suggested that he invite them to Pfaffenweiler, and he did. We had a very good feeling when we left -- carrying two bottles of Batzenberger Wine and greetings from Pfaffenweiler to Jasper. The rest is history and we are glad that over the years we have been a part of this great relationship, based on close historical ties. On the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the Jasper-Pfaffenweiler friendship, our congratulations go to both communities for having made a real go of it.

Keep it up! Macht's gut!



Schneckentäler Alphornbläser
The Snail Valley Alpine Horn Blowers
 Pictured are Josef Waibel (3rd from the left), Walter Bösch, Romano Venturini,
 and H. P. Kaltschmidt

Josef Waibel of Pfaffenweiler passed away on January 22, 2024 at the age of 86. Josef was a member of the Alpine Hornblowers group. The Hornblowers brought their Alpine horns to Jasper in 2005 and played at St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Archabbey Church at St. Meinrad, and at the Strassenfest. He and his wife, Imgard, visited Jasper several times.

The following is taken from "Jasper-Pfaffenweiler-The First Fifteen Years".

The first sounds of an alpine horn, blown by Josef Waibel, were heard in the Snail Valley in 1991. Waibel is now part of a quartet that performs above the village of Pfaffenweiler on Monday evenings from spring to fall. The alpine horn is native to Switzerland and traditionally was used by mountaineers for signaling and calling cattle. Made from wood covered with fiber or bark, the horns range in size from 3 to 12 feet long and vary in appearance depending on the territory in Switzerland where they were used.

Rest in Peace Josef

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