



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

May 2012

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.

JHS Students Participating in the JHS German Student Exchange Program Going to Germany in June, 2013



Pictured are:

Back row L-R: Ronnie Schepers, Griffin Park, Jared Collier, Austin Armstrong, Andrew Bush, Jaron Herbig, Josh Fleck, Maxwell Bradley

Middle L-R: Luke Lottes, Kari Keeley, Rachel Louviere, Shannon Sonderman, Sarah Reckelhoff, Holly Moser, Christian May

Front L-R: Emily Fleming, Kelsey Siewers, Madison Cornetet

Golf Scramble to Benefit Student Exchange Program

Sister Cities of Jasper is asking your help in keeping the German Heritage alive in Jasper. In June 2013, eighteen Jasper High School students and two chaperones will travel to Germany, including the city of Pfaffenweiler, to experience first-hand the language and culture of many of our ancestors. This exchange, which began in 1987, is funded through donations and the fund raising efforts of the students and parents.

Sister Cities of Jasper, a tax-exempt organization, is sponsoring a golf scramble on May 12 at Jasper Municipal Golf Course. All proceeds from this event will benefit the JHS German Exchange Program. We invite you to be a hole sponsor for \$100, or in lieu of a hole sponsorship, consider making a monetary donation, providing promotional products, or making a prize donation. Your contribution will be recognized in the program, which will be given to all participants. We also plan to use signs to recognize the hole sponsors.

There will be teams of four with a cost of \$50 per person (includes cart). There is a 1:00pm shotgun start. There will be prizes, food and fun!!!

Entry forms are available at area golf courses. Please contact Sandy Wehr at 482-2055 if you would like to sign up your foursome or would like to make a contribution.

Strassenfest Update

Thanks to all of you who took the time to sign up to work at Strassenfest at the April meeting. We really appreciate your help and could not run the food booths without your support. We will be available at the May meeting as well so please check with us and get on the schedule.

We are also looking for some definitive responses for workers to help with set up on Tuesday, [July 31st](#) at approximately 5 p.m. and tear down on Sunday, [August 5th](#) after the parade is over. You may sign up by calling Phyllis Schuler at 482-2373 or see Pat or Phyllis at the next meeting.

Again, THANK YOU for your support.

Pat & Phyllis
Strassenfest Food Booth Chairmen

2012 Strassenfest Theme

**Celebrating German Heritage
with American Pride**

How appropriate!!!!

From your German Club President

It has been awhile since I have written an article for our newsletter.

I want you to know that this newsletter is just not for your officers but for anyone of you as well. If you have something you want to share with all the members, this is the way to do it.

You see, our attendance at the monthly meetings equal about 25% of our total membership - so 75% has to get the information about what is going on through the Herald newspaper or via this newsletter. So, let us know how we can serve you better.

My first priority as your President is to make and keep you happy!

You, all 480 member strong, are the Deutcheverein!

Without you there is no club.

I first became a member in 2007 and in 2009 I was a Vice President. I learned that the Presidents job is not easy - it all seems to rest on your shoulders.

I sure hope that I have brought to this club excitement, fun and good enough reasons for you to keep your membership going.

Let's all remember one thing - life is too short to not have fun and to be happy as often as you can!

So, with that being said, we are classified as a 'social club' so lets get fired up at our meetings - just like they do in Germany!

Singing, dancing, getting around to meet new members at our gatherings is what we must do.

Our May meeting is the last one until the September picnic (which by the way, we have a great picnic planned this year!).

Please come to the May meeting because there are things I would like to share that I cannot talk about in this newsletter.

We have plans!!!!

See you **May 17th!**

Birnie Jeffries
President

April Deutscher Verein Meeting

The Jasper Deutscher Verein met Thursday April 19 at the VFW in Jasper.

President Birnie Jeffries opened the meeting by welcoming the 75 members and 3 guests present.

Rita Egler, Patti Goepfrich, and Barb Schmitt were at the welcome table. Phyllis and Pat Schuler were signing up members to work the Strassenfest booths. If you have not signed up yet, please do. We will need all the help we can get!

Sandy Wehr and Erin White were selling BR Bucks for the German Student Exchange Program for 2013. Margie Jeffries, Bridgette Jarboe, Lou Schaeffer, and Pat Dunkel assisted at the food table.

Birnie Jeffries led the club in singing Happy Birthday to the members and guests with April birthdays.

Bridgette had everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of God Bless America. She then led the prayer before the meal which consisted of Cream of Broccoli Soup prepared by the VFW and salads and desserts supplied by the members.

The officers led the members in the toast "Ein Prosit." After the meal, Birnie continued the meeting. He presented information on a trip to Cincinnati in September. Details will be at the May meeting and also in The Herald.

He let the members know that the German Club Float is now the property of the Strassenfest Committee.

He encouraged members to sign up to work the food booths at the Strassenfest and also stressed the importance of the setting up on Tuesday evening before and especially the Sunday morning after.

He gave information on the September Picnic. It will be on Saturday, September 15th at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation . We are looking at a group called Hungry Man Band.

Birnie then asked Patti Goepfrich who represented Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. and Sandy Wehr and Erin White who represented the German Exchange Program.

Patti introduced the Sister Cities new Officers and Board of Directors for 2012—2013. for approval by the members.

Officers are:
President Jim Gutgsell
Vice President Nancy Eckerle
Secretary Patti Goepfrich
Treasurer Dave Kieffner

Board of Directors are:
Alan Hanselman, Matthias Hilger, Stan Jochum,
Tom Kieffer, Carolyn Mowat, Marlene Seger, and
Sandy Wehr.

Jeff Lechner made the motion to approve and Pat Dunkel made second motion. The members approved.

Patti announced the Oktoberfest at the Schnitzelbank sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper to benefit the Student Exchange Program. It will be on October 7.

More details will be in the newsletter and in The Herald.

She also announced the 14th annual German Heritage Dinner at the Schnitzelbank on October 9th. More information will also be in the newsletter and also in The Herald.

Sandy Wehr talked about the 2nd annual Golf Scramble sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper for the German Exchange Program. It will be on Saturday, May 12th. Erin White, language teacher at JHS, talked about how well the enrollment is for the German classes at the school. She and Sandy thanked everyone for buying the BR Bucks. The drawing for the \$10.00 free BR Bucks was won by Ed Kreilein.

Barb held the drawing for the door prizes which were won by Rosemary Heim and Cliff Howard. The special prize drawing was won by John Luebbehusen and Fred Hollinden.

Birnie then led in the singing of "Edelweiss", then announced the program for the evening which were classical guitarists Kent and Mark Sparrow.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 17th, at the Jasper VFW. Entertainment will be the Recycled Teenagers. We will also have an open mike for questions pertaining to gardening and landscaping the members may have.

Members spent the rest of the evening socializing.

Submitted by

Barb Schmitt
Secretary

Upcoming Event – Mark Your Calendars

Mai Deutscher Vereinsabend

At the Jasper VFW

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Recycled Teenagers

6:00pm Doors Open

6:30pm Welcome and Call to Order

6:40pm Meal begins – Hot Dogs

A - P Bring Salads

Q - Z Bring Desserts

7:30pm Business Meeting

8:00pm Program will be Recycled Teenagers. You may pass the evening dancing to the songs of the Teenagers or playing your favorite card game.

You may also sign up for a work shift, or two, for the Strassenfest Food Booth or Pastry Stand.

Any Program or Entertainment we may have will begin no later than 8:00 and last no longer than 9:30 for bigger performances. We are going to begin having prize drawings before the program so those who have to leave early or want to leave early, can do so. Not everyone likes the same thing; so they can stay or go as they wish.

May 12, 2012

Golf Scramble - Sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. – Call Sandy Wehr at 482-2055

Strassenfest – August 2, 2012 – August 5, 2012

September 15, 2012

Family Picnic at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation Center

October 7, 2012

Oktoberfest - Sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant

October 9, 2012

German American Day will be celebrated with German Heritage Dinner at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. The 14th Annual German Heritage Award will be presented that evening.

Deutscher Verein Vests

Thank you for the response for German Outfits.

Vera and Don Renner have a Lady's Small Vest and a Man's Medium Vest for sale for \$25 each. They can be reached at 482-4592.

Patti Goepfrich has two Men's Large-Extra Large Vests for sale for \$25 each. She can be reached at 482-4821.

Patti has also has a hat for sale.

Thanks!!!!!!

Sister Cities of Jasper 2011 Annual Activity Report

- Abby Flick, daughter of Ron Flick of Jasper, visited her friend and former Sister Cities International Homestay Program school mate Sara Guenter in Staufen, Germany from December 27th, till January 5th. While there she also returned to the village of Pfaffenweiler, four miles from Staufen, where her great-great-great grandfather, August Litschgi, was born!
- On January 14th, The Jasper Partnership Commission Meeting took place at the Jasper City Hall. Mayor Bill Schmitt reappointed Vic Knies for the next three years as well as Stephanie Schmuecker, replacing Bob Steffe, who passed away in November 2010. The current Commission consists of Mayor Bill Schmitt, Secretary Lois Kuntz, Bob Dilger, Vice President Raymie Eckerle, President Matthias Hilger, Stan Jochum, Vic Knies, Kim Lottes and Stephanie Schmuecker.

- On January 20th, Martina Eckert, co-founder of Sister Cities of Jasper Inc. passed away at 5:43pm at the age of 93 and burial took place the following Monday, January 24th.
- On January 24th, Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. Annual Board Meeting took place at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. Present at meeting were Nancy Eckerle, Patti Goepfrich, Dan Gutgsell, Jim Gutgsell, Matthias Hilger, Dave Kieffner, Carolyn Mowatt, and Sandy Wehr. Jim Gutgsell was re-nominated as President and Nancy Eckerle as Vice President. Patti Goepfrich remains as Secretary and Dave Kieffner as Treasurer.
- On February 4th, the Jasper High School German Exchange program had their annual Chili Supper at 5:30pm prior to the homecoming basketball game of the JHS team in the Jasper High School Cafeteria.
- On February 8th, Laura Lang, Homestay Student, Dr. Terry Brown, Former Homestay Student Host Father, and Patti Goepfrich interviewed on WITZ (local radio station) with Gary Lee to talk about the Sister Cities Homestay program, Laura's experiences, the challenges of finding host families and our eight applicants for this coming fall.
- On February 18th, the City of Jasper's evaluation to turn the existing Coal Power Plant into using Miscanthus Grass for the production of electricity prompted communications with Pfaffenweiler's Energy and Environmental provider Badenova, into which the community of Pfaffenweiler recently invested 1.3 Million Euros. Badenova has an Innovation- and Ecology-Management team and through contacts with the "Agency for Improved Sustainable Utilization of Agricultural Grounds" (in short ANNA), helps guide the plantation of Miscanthus grass in the Rhine River Valley.

The leaders of the Jasper Power Plant team took the opportunity to educate themselves about the potential positive and negatives of a conversion like that.
- On February 21st, Christoph Wolf, Owner of Weiss Surface Cleaning, from Niederrimsingen (about 10 miles northeast from Pfaffenweiler), came for a one week trip to Jasper, Kentucky and Ohio, to promote his Surface Cleaning

equipment to the wood industry for improved quality output. The contact came about through contacts in Pfaffenweiler and Jasper.

- On February 22nd, per the 25th anniversary meeting in Pfaffenweiler in 2010, the community of Pfaffenweiler held Partnership Commission Meeting development meeting. Discussions included the formal establishment of the committee, size, potential committee members, responsibilities etc.

One of the first order of business was finding Amanda Hilger from Jasper a summer job in Pfaffenweiler, discussions about the invitation from the Fairgrounds in Indianapolis for an exhibit about Indiana, USA and Germany relations, the upcoming Mayoral elections in Jasper in November and the current discussion about the Coal Power Plant in Jasper and Pfaffenweiler's energy provider Badenova.

- February-March - Regine Harderer from Pfaffenweiler spent some weeks in Indianapolis with a local law firm to gain some more on the job experience in connection with her studies in Freiburg. She also visited family and friends in Jasper during her stay.
- On March 1st, Patti Goepfrich, Laura Lang and her host brothers Nick and Luke Ackerman joined the local TV channel 18 WJTS for an interview about the homestay program.
- April 6th through April 21st, Teachers Anke Wenger and Andrea Friedel chaperoned 20 students from the Gymnasium of Poesneck, Germany, Thuringen, to Chicago and arrived at the Jasper High School on 4/8. Their Principal Steffen Heerwagen and his wife joined them as well and stayed with Stan and Gayle Jochum. A full program with school and local tours filled the three week schedule. All were hosted by their exchange partners in Jasper.
- On April 19th, the 25th anniversary gift from Pfaffenweiler to Jasper from last year's celebrations in Pfaffenweiler, arrived in Jasper and was opened at the Jasper Street Department and transferred to the City Hall for display.
- On April 20th to April 22nd, Professor Dr. Peter Gürth, retired forest officer in the Pfaffenweiler area and formerly in charge of the forest management of Pfaffenweiler, learned a lot about Jasper as Pfaffenweiler's sister city while

on the job. Now he is writing a book about German immigration to the USA for a German publishing company. His wife took necessary photos. They visited April 20th to take tours of Jasper, interview various people and take pictures for their book.

- On April 25th, Sister Cities of Jasper met at 6:30pm at the Schnitzelbank to discuss the second Oktoberfest.
- On May 8th, Tom Kiefer from Jasper stayed 10 days in Pfaffenweiler with relatives. He went to a first communion, two birthday parties, did some gambling in Baden Baden and some hiking in the mountains with Klaus.
- On May 15 to May 17, Anna Vonderheide, former exchange student from JHS visited her friends in Pfaffenweiler Marina Gimbel; she traveled with her parents Ellen and Dean, her grandmother, Ellen's sister and her family of five; Their complete trip was filled with fascinating family history research, exciting and surprising finds. Anna's mother Ellen wrote a huge report about the trip and all the family history findings and coincidences. While in Pfaffenweiler, Anna went to school with Marina and they received a great tour of Pfaffenweiler by Historian Eddy Weeger.
- On May 19th – August 2nd, Amanda Hilger arrived in Pfaffenweiler for her summer job with Tax Accounting Firm Albert Keller in Pfaffenweiler. In a very moving farewell party on 7/22, members of the accounting firm said farewell to their new co-worker and friend. Albert Keller thanked Amanda for her engagement and enthusiasm, which gained the hearts of all colleagues in a hurry. Buergermeister Dieter Hahn praised in his statement the active relationship between the two towns, and was encouraged, that with Amanda they had a great "Prototype", which hopefully will gain us many more exchanges like this. Amanda stayed the two and a half months with her grandparents Baerbel and Franz Hilger.
- May 27th – The first Pfaffenweiler Partnership Commission Meeting in Pfaffenweiler took place at 2:30pm at the Rathaus Pfaffenweiler. It was the first meeting for the newly established commission in Pfaffenweiler, falling in line with the visit of Pfaffenweiler's "ambassador" to Jasper, Matthias Hilger. Board Members are Buergermeister Dieter Hahn, Michael Eckert, Bernhard Gehler, retired Buergermeister Fritz

Gutgsell, Franz Hilger, Karin Horst, Dominik Klein, Annika Marschall, Diana Treyer and Edmund Weeger.

- Also on May 27th - On rather short notice, Sagan Rudolph (daughter of Dave and Angie Rudolph from Ireland, IN), along with her sorority sisters from Indiana University Bloomington, IN, Jessica Grabowski, Rachel Naar and Kaity Weiland visited Pfaffenweiler 5/27 thru 5/29. The four young ladies received a personal tour of Pfaffenweiler by Archivist Eddy Weeger and visited the Rathaus and the Museum. Due to the short notice, Werner Kiefer stepped up and provided a place for them to stay at his Jaspis Hotel. Dominik Klein and Aileen Erhardt, both former one year full time students at the Jasper High School entertained the four during the remainder of their visit.

Note from Sagan after her visit in Pfaffenweiler: "I just wanted to write a short email to tell you our appreciation for everything in Pfaffenweiler. It was absolutely wonderful and even my friends not being from Jasper had a wonderful time. Dominik was a great guide for the festival and Aileen Ehrhardt took us all around and let us see more than we could have ever done ourselves. Werner Kiefer was amazing and our stay at the Jaspis was our best yet. Eddy Weeger did a great job showing us around. Thank you again for organizing everything. My friends want me to get married in Pfaffenweiler someday so we can all have a good reason to go back. Haha. Thanks, Sagan, Jess, Rachel, Kaity"

- May 29 – June 24 - The Jasper High School German Exchange Program went to Germany for the counter visit. First Staufeu followed by a visit in Poessneck, ending up in Germany's Capitol Berlin. There were 16 students with chaperones Erin White and Sandy Wehr. Two of the students actually stayed in Pfaffenweiler while in the Staufeu area. On May 31st, they had their Pfaffenweiler Day. After school they came to the Snail Valley for lunch. Unfortunately the tour of the town was canceled due to very heavy rains. However, Archivist Eddy Weeger took them on a long tour of the town's museum. In the evening their partner students and parents came all to Pfaffenweiler for an evening of grilling above the town of Pfaffenweiler at the Schützenhaus (Club House and Range of the Shooting Club).

May, 2011 – The thesis, "Envisioning a Twin: An Exploration of How Hannibal, Missouri, Could Benefit from Forming a Sister City Relationship"

written by Mary Leah Christmas was published and copies distributed to the Community of Pfaffenweiler, Jasper Public Library, Dubois County Museum, Mas Kade Center-Indy, and the IUPUI Library in Indy.

- Laura Lang departed Jasper on June 3rd, after a year at the Jasper High School through the Sister Cities International Homestay program. She stayed with Brian and Andrea Ackerman. A three page essay about her stay with multiple pictures was published 6/18/2011 in the Dubois County Herald by Kristen Schinagel, who followed her throughout the year in Jasper.
- June 1st to June 3rd - Chad Eckerle, son of Eugene and Kathleen Eckerle visited Pfaffenweiler. He stayed with the Alexander and Karin Horst family. Bernie and Ingeborg Gehler organized various tours and events for Chad along with the Horst family. He is taking a graduate class about Sustainability in Industry and Technology with the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology in Indianapolis. Bernd Gehler took him to the TREA-Anlage in Eschbach a huge Recycling Center close to Pfaffenweiler. On Thursday the 2nd of June, Marco Eckerle hosted Chad and showed him the area. After Pfaffenweiler, Chad took the train to Munich for a couple of days, before visiting a seminar in Mannheim which included a plant tour of the latest VW Factory near Dresden, which features some of the most innovative energy usage in the world. He flew back again to the US on June 12th.
- June 8th - Dave and Brenda Buehler and two grandsons visited friends in Pfaffenweiler for a night, staying at the Jaspis.
- June 4th – June 26th - Olivia and Louis Gutgsell visited Olivia's former exchange partners in Pfaffenweiler and attended the Abitur Dance (School-Ball) for Annicka Marschall at the St.Ursula Gymnasium in Freiburg i. Brsg. Annicka spent a year in Jasper thru the Sister Cities International Homestay Program and was hosted by Jim and Louise Gutgsell. On June 6th, they visited the Rathaus and met up with Buergermeister Dieter Hahn.
- June 24th – July 2nd - 6/24 – 7/2 While the majority of the Jasper High School German Exchange Program departed Berlin, Germany on the 24th to fly back to Jasper, Josh Temple, Wade Sermersheim, Miranda Buffington, Tom Reinsch, Alison Rominger and Alexander Hilger took the train back from Berlin to the

Pfaffenweiler/Staufen area where they spent more than an additional week. Josh Temple, Wade Sermersheim and Alexander stayed with Alexander's grandparents Baerbel and Franz Hilger, Miranda Buffington and Tom Reinsch with Angelika and Julia Schenkel (Julia spent the first semester of the 2010/11 school year at the Jasper High School and lived with Reinsch Family). Alison Rominger stayed with family Doro and Gerhard Gutenkunst whose daughter Maja came to Jasper a few weeks later for the school year in August of 2011.

- July 9th - In March of 2011, Justin Lassiter, son of Dale und Veronica Lassiter from Jasper, decided to pursue musical studies and contacted Pfaffenweiler, especially family friends Karin and Alexander Horst about a place to study at the University of Freiburg. He applied and was asked to come for an audition in July. The Rathaus in Pfaffenweiler and the Horst Family took the initiative and contacted friends and acquaintances to research the requirements for Justin to attend the University legally and provide him a path to the audition and his studies. While in Pfaffenweiler in July, he was hosted by Horst Family and various other families took care of him during his visit. Due to his lack of the German language, Pfaffenweiler's Historian, Eddy Weeger, was able to help him with the entry exam. His hosts and new found friends taught him how to use the public transportation system of Germany, he played with the Batzenberger Winzerkapelle at various practices and events, toured various working places and the area.

On 7/27/2011, Karin Horst announced that Justin Lassiter from Jasper had passed all tests at the University of Freiburg to attend the Jazz and Rock-School in the fall.

Six weeks later on 9/12/2011 he started his first semester at the University of Freiburg to study Jazz, Rock and Guitar. This is very exciting for our partnership, because Justin is the first one ever to attempt such an order. Also, after 26 years of Sister City Partnership between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler it is the first time, that a Jasper resident, Justin Lassiter, resides in Pfaffenweiler for an extended time and to assure his status is legal, he was officially registered at the Rathaus on 9/14.

He had not learned the German language at the Jasper High School but took intense German lessons the first few months after his arrival, which his host mother Karin Horst line up for

him. She also arranged private guitar lessons for him besides his studies in Freiburg. In November he moved to family Michael and Andrea Loeffler in Ehrenkirchen. Their daughter spent the first semester of the 2011/12 High School here in Jasper and Justin's parents hosted her. Justin participated with the Batzenberger Winzerkapelle Pfaffenweiler and the Trachtenkapelle Hartheim, playing his horn.

On 12/23, Justin Lassiter came home from Pfaffenweiler for the holidays along with Silas Battisti from Pfaffenweiler. Silas Battisti is a friend of Marlena Loeffler, who stayed with Dale and Veronica Lassiter for the first semester of the 2011/12 Jasper High School year.

- July 15th - Werner Kiefer and his sister Monika, her daughter Marika and her daughter Katharina from Pfaffenweiler arrived in Jasper for Tom and Glenda Kiefer's daughter's wedding on July 16. Tom Kiefer picked them up at the airport on July 15 at midnight and they departed on July the 25th. Werner and Monika went to Canada and Marika and Katharina went to Hawaii for another week.
- July 23rd - Markus Schmitt, former JHS exchange student through the Faust Gymnasium Staufen and Dominik Klein, former Homestay exchange student from Pfaffenweiler, came to Jasper after a long trip along the complete East Coast of the US all the way down to Key West. They visited friends in Jasper and stayed with Kathy and Matthias Hilger.
- August 2nd - Former Homestay Student Jana Ortlieb came back to Jasper to visit her host family Dr. Terry Brown for the wedding of their son Jeb (Jonathan Brown) in Indianapolis. She vacationed with the Browns until September 7th.
- An Official Invitation was sent from Pfaffenweiler to Jasper's Mayor Bill Schmitt and Fire Chief Kenny Hochgesang to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Pfaffenweiler Volunteer Fire Department in June of 2012.
- Former Homestay Student Sonja Hueppe came for 2 weeks to visit friends with her family. She arrived with her husband Harry on August 2nd in Chicago and spent a night with Jasper natives Maryellen and Jerry Steffe in St. John. Then they came to Jasper and spent time with her former host family from 1988 Eileen and Mike Helfter. She hadn't seen them since a short visit of hers in 1993. From August 18th till the 22nd she spent with her former exchange partner from 1986, Janet (Blessinger) Gleason, in

Ballwin by St. Louis, MO. On August 22nd, they went back to Maryellen und Jerry Steffe in St. John, IN and flew back home to Germany on the 30th of August.

- August 4th - former Homestay student Sina Ehrhardt from Ehrenkirchen arrived to visit Jasper and all her friends until September 7th. She stayed with the Hilger family;
- August 6th - Arrival of new group of Homestay students for the JHS School year; all host families went to the Louisville airport to pick them up, after they missed their flight from Detroit to Evansville and were re-routed to Louisville for a midnight arrival.
Maja Gutenkunst: Host Family: Christie and PJ Wessel; Welcoming Family: Tom and Patti Goepfrich
Laura Knoebel: Host Family: Jerry and Michelle Buffington
Vanessa DeLeo: Host Family: Todd and Laurie Mehringer
Tim Ehrhardt: Host Family: Family Donald Vonneketter; Welcoming Family: Mike and Stacy Hanselman
Marlena Loeffler: Host Family: Dale and Veronica Lassiter
- On August 13th, an auction was held at the Hilgeman Auction House in Ferdinand, IN, 8 miles south of Jasper. Among the items was an 8ft tall clock which was made in Pfaffenweiler, Germany. The clock was given to Francis Eckert and Rosalia Elmlinger Eckert on their wedding day in 1821. They brought the clock with them in 1847 when they came to Jasper, Indiana. It was auctioned off along with a framed photo of the old Eckert home in Pfaffenweiler. The historic clock was purchased by their great, great granddaughter Linda Lubbers and her husband David of Jasper. They are keeping it in their family and preserving this incredible piece of history of Jasper.

Thank you so much Dave and Linda for assuring it will be preserved right here in Dubois County.

- August 15th - Sister Cities of Jasper Meeting to plan Oktoberfest 10/2;
- August 29th - Father John Boeglin and a friend visited Pfaffenweiler for a very quick two hour stop. They continued their journey to Einsiedeln, Switzerland, Innsbruck, Munich, Stuttgart etc. On Saturday 8/6, he celebrated the wedding of Werner Stüber's daughter in Wagshurst.

- A 23 head group from Jasper including Schnitzelbank Restaurant owner family Larry and Betty Hanselmann arrived for the Schneckenfest 9/2 for the Opening ceremony at 6pm; they were part of the opening festivities and were included in some more around the fest. They had left the USA on 8/25, visited Munich, the Herbstfest in Rosenheim, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Garmisch Partenkirchen and traveled through Switzerland to Pfaffenweiler.
- Kent Seger (formerly from Jasper) and Allan Miller along with two more friends visited the Pfaffenweiler Schneckenfest as well.
- September 13th - Pam and Sam Schatz from Santa Claus visited Pfaffenweiler and stayed with Willi and Marita Liesenfeld. The newly founded Partnership Commission of Pfaffenweiler lined the host family up for them.

E-Mail dated 9/28/2011 from Sam Schatz: "Pam and I had an outstanding vacation in Europe and especially our time in Pfaffenweiler, Germany. Marita and Willi were wonderful hosts and we greatly enjoyed the 2 nights we spent at their house (Sept 12th and 13th). Pfaffenweiler was beautiful and without your help and the German Club we may not have visited this area. We met the Mayor and Eddie at City Hall, viewed the museum with treasures from Jasper and received a bottle of 25th anniversary wine. Marita and Willi treated us to great German food (just like my Grandma cooked). We loved the tour of the Pfaffenweiler winery, vineyards and gardens, the Freiburg area and a former Monastery named St.Trudpert in Muenstertal built in the year 815. We also enjoyed the time spent relaxing and talking with Marita and Willi on their back porch."

- September 29th - Patti Goepfrich and Erin White promoted the Oktoberfest on 10/2 at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant with a radio interview with Gary Lee at WITZ. Oktoberfest is sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper Inc.
- October 2nd - Sister Cities of Jasper Inc. has their second Oktoberfest at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant; a special German buffet dinner is served, entertainment by the Jasper High School students, a silent auction and much more as are part of the afternoon. It is a fund raiser for Sister Cities of Jasper Inc. to support the many Sister Cities activities, including the Jasper High School exchange program.
- October 6th - German American Day was celebrated at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. The

13th annual celebration is sponsored by the Jasper German Club, Jasper Partnership Commission and Sister Cities of Jasper. The essay winners from each county high school presented their essays and the 13th annual German Heritage Award was presented by Jim Gutsell to Patti Goepfrich. (See November, 2012 DeutscherVerein newsletter for more details.)

- October 11th - Juanita and John Glezen with daughter Angela Glezen and Toni and Terese Volz came to Pfaffenweiler to visit Bürgermeister Dieter Hahn.

Former Bürgermeister Fritz Gutsell picked them up at the train station in Freiburg and took them on a tour through the City of Freiburg on the foothills of the Black Forest and continued in Pfaffenweiler. They stayed at the Jaspis with Werner Kiefer and continued their travels on Wednesday to Cinque Terre in Italy. The Glezens are close friends of Stan and Gayle Jochum from Jasper.

- November 29th - Sister Cities of Jasper Inc. Board Meeting took place at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. Main topics review of past Oktoberfest, budget for 2012 and discussions on the Officers and Board Members for 2012.
- December 27th - Vanesa DeLeo departed from Jasper after only one semester at the Jasper High School. Personal reasons are the unfortunate reason for her decision to return home earlier instead of staying the full school year; her host parents Laurie and Todd Mehringer would have loved for her to stay for the remainder of the school year.
- Also on December 27th - Arrival of Tobias Fidler and Alisa Pfefferle for the second semester at the Jasper High School. Alisa will stay with Harry and Gabi Guensche and Tobias with Tim and Robin Collon.
- December 29th - An Open House took place for retiring Mayor of Jasper Bill Schmitt from 1-3pm at the Jasper City Hall. He created the Jasper Partnership Commission in 1997 to link the 2 City Halls better together. Prior to the Open House, Buergermeister Dieter Hahn, retired Buergermeister Fritz Gutsell with wife Brigitte and several more individuals from Pfaffenweiler community made a surprise visit to Bill Schmitt and his wife, Carolyn, during the SKYPE session. Heinz Hueppe of Pfaffeneweiler played several songs on his trumpet for the occasion.

News from The Dubois County Suds Club

The following is a slate of some of the activities of the Dubois County Suds Club for 2012. There are still some dates to be determined.

Even if you have no interest in learning how to homebrew, members of the Deutscher Verein are ALWAYS invited to stop by a meeting or event to simply enjoy some good beer! Thanks!

June 2 - Bloomington beer festival trip
 July 3 - 7pm - Snaps
 August 4 - Strassenfest Contest
 September 4 - 7pm - Snaps
 October 7 - Learn to Homebrew Day (location TBD)
 November 6 - 7pm - The Schnitzelbank
 December 1 - Holiday Party (location TBD)

Anyone wanting more information about the club is invited to call 630-8433 or attend a meeting.

Justin Rumbach

Address Changes for Newsletters

If a member has an address change, please notify Rita Egler at P. O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015 or call her at 634-9068.

Any help you can give in maintaining postage costs is greatly appreciated!!!!

German Heritage Day Program and German Heritage Award

The 14th annual German American Day Program will be held on Tuesday, October 9th, at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm with the Program beginning at 6:30 pm. The fourteenth annual German Heritage Award will be presented.

Past recipients of the German Heritage Award are Mary Jo Meuser, Claude and Martina Eckert, Dave Buehler, Linus and Sally Lechner, Joe and Irene C. Eckerle, Danny and Linda Wehr, Leo and Lora Lou Eckerle, the late Lowell and Joan Glendening, Dave and Janet Kluemper, Rafe and Phyllis Ackerman, Vic and Monica Knies, Gary and Rita Egler, and Patti Goepfrich.

Our program will be Kevin Manley, Jessica Beck and Whitney Hall of the Dubois County Visitors Center giving us an update on tourism information in Dubois County.

Additional details of the German American Day Dinner and Program will be available after the Strassenfest.

Sister Cities of Jasper
Jasper Partnership Commission
Jasper Deutscher Verein
GERMAN HERITAGE AWARD

"Honoring those who promote our German Heritage"

The annual German Heritage Award is presented to an individual or group who has contributed generously his/her or their time, talents or resources to maintaining, improving or building upon our German roots in Dubois County. Sister Cities of Jasper and the Jasper Partnership Commission created the award in 1999. The Jasper Deutscher Verein is sponsoring the award.

This recognition is open to all individuals, not just residents of the City of Jasper, who give what they can in order to make a difference.

Because the efforts of these individuals are sometimes known only to a few, a nomination will recognize the work of those who generously support our German Heritage.

A committee, consisting of the Presidents of the Jasper Deutscher Verein, Sister Cities of Jasper, and the Jasper Partnership Commission, will judge all nominations. The Presidents will present the German Heritage Award during the German American Day Dinner celebration on October 9th at the Schnitzelbank.



The nominee must be an individual or group, nominated by any individual or group. Please submit the official form (copy is accepted), along with the following:

1. A letter of up to one page listing your reasons for the nomination.
2. A biography, up to two pages, listing the service or efforts of the nominee.
3. Mail or deliver your nomination to: Jasper Deutscher Verein

German Heritage Award
P.O. Box 15
Jasper, IN 47547-0015

Nomination for the 2012

German Heritage Award

Nominee's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

ZIP: _____

Relationship to nominee:

Nominee's service is: voluntary / paid
(circle one)

**(Remember, nominations need to be
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**German Heritage Award, P. O. Box 15, Jasper,
IN 47547-0015,**

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Endowments at the

How you can nominate:

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 Deutscher Verein (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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**Sister Cities
“Peace Through People”**

Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. was founded in 1985 to exchange cultural and civic ideas, and student exchanges with foreign countries thereby creating good will and broadening educational opportunities. Sister Cities of Jasper also raises funds to help support JHS students participating in the German foreign student exchange program

The next class of students will travel to Pfaffenweiler, Germany and to Poesneck, Germany again for one month in June, 2013.

If any Deutscher Verein member would like to personally contribute to this very worthy cause, your contribution would be very much appreciated.

Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. is exempt from the Federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Thus, donees may deduct their charitable contributions to this organization as proved in the section 170 of the IRS Code.

Checks should be made payable to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. and sent to Jim Gutsell, President, Sister Cities of Jasper, C/O Furniture Components, Inc., P. O. Box 593, Jasper, IN 47547-0593.

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