



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

# Die Zeitung

May 2016

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.

## April Jasper Deutscher Verein in Review

The Deutscher Verein met on Wednesday April 20th at the Moose Lodge.

President Mike Ackerman welcomed the members and guests. He announced that Next Act invited the German Club to visit the Astra to learn about the history of the facility and proposed future uses of the facility. Tours will also be provided. The evening will start at 6:00 pm.

He announced that the club has a group of new Sheephead players that is growing. He said there are a couple of people who will help you learn to play. They have been meeting on Sunday evenings at the Ackerman residence. If you are interested in learning contact Mike at 812-630-8756 to get the next scheduled dates.

He informed the club of upcoming events.

Wine trip to Corydon at Turtle Run in June.

Vonderheide's. Hops Farm in July.

Strassenfest. August 4-5-6-7.

Summer Picnic Sept 10 at Outdoor Rec.

He announced that Steve Schmitt volunteered to become Vice President.

The prize drawings were then held. Gary Meyer and Carol King were the winners of Libby's gift certificates. Rita Corn and Kevin Mullen were winners of the special prize drawing.

Mike then introduced the program for the evening which was a presentation from Jasper native Don Flick on L. Frank Baum/ Wizard of Oz, the real meaning behind the Yellow Brick Road.

The next meeting will be Thursday May 19th at the Moose Lodge. Doors open at 6:00 pm, meeting called to order at 6:30.

The program will include a short presentation to provide an overview of the Rosenvolk Medieval Festival to be held in Ferdinand this fall. It will be followed by music from Lucille Blume and her troupe of musicians including Sister Carolyn Bouchard and Martha Rasche. Requests and dancers welcome.

Members with last names A-H bring a dessert, I-Q vegetable and R-Z a salad.

Submitted by  
Barb Schmitt  
Secretary

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**Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. Golf Scramble –  
Saturday, May 21st at Buffalo Trace Golf Course  
Shotgun start at 1:00pm – Lunch at 12:00pm  
Prizes, Food, and Fun  
\$50 per person - \$200 for a team  
Register by May 16th – Sandy Wehr at 812-482-  
2055 or email to [senora@twc.com](mailto:senora@twc.com)**

**Proceeds to benefit the JHS German Exchange  
Program.**

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## News from Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

Our first group of German students will be here Oct 15-  
Nov 1.

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## Message from Mike.....

What an interesting presentation from Jasper native, Don Flick, on the hidden meaning behind the yellow brick road in the children's story, the Wizard of Oz. It was very amazing how a children's book can tell the story of the policies and politics of early 20<sup>th</sup> century America.

Our May meeting will return to a Thursday evening at the Moose on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Our program will include a short presentation from Catherine LeBlanc to provide a short overview of the Rosenvolk Medieval Festival, topped off with music from Harmonics and More, a band comprised of club member, Lucille Blume, accompanied by Sister Carolyn Bouchard and Martha Rasche. Dancers welcome.

For our first winery trip for spring/summer 2016, we are making the trip to Turtle Run (Southeast of Corydon). Louisville Crashers will be playing on Sunday June 5th from 2:00 to 5:00. This band is rumored to have great music of various genres, played really loud.

We will have a work session to modify the food prep stand on Sunday June 12 at 1:00 PM. This will be held at Southern Indiana Propane facility off of South Newton Street (just South of the State Road 162 Bypass).

An outing to Vonderheide's Hops Farm, Haysville, occurs Sunday July 10, at 1:00 PM. Come learn about some of the special efforts that are necessary to train hops. In case of rain, our fall back date will be the following Sunday. Be sure that you have liked Jasper Deutscherverein on Facebook to see our posts about this outing.

Strassenfest stand setup will be on Tuesday 08-02-2016 beginning at 5:30 PM. Bring along friends and family to join in the fellowship of the evening as we construct, decorate, and work toward a common goal for a successful Strassenfest fundraiser.

Have you signed up to work one or more shifts at Strassenfest? If you didn't get a chance to sign up for a shift at a meeting, please contact Pat or Phyllis Schuler to volunteer. Consider asking your children and grandchildren to help us in the stand. This opportunity to let other family members and friends enjoy working with our club, can help to pass along your German pride to the next generation.

Our Strassenfest results picnic will be held on Saturday 09-10-2016 at German Outdoor Rec.

Finally, don't forget to mark your calendars for German American Day Dinner, October 6, 2016.

Mike Ackerman  
President

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### MEMBERSHIP

Dues for the DeutscherVerin are \$10 a person. Out of this \$10, a \$1 will go to the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment, \$.50 per member for dues to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., and \$8.50 to German Club for postage and meetings. 2016 dues are now due and can be mailed to German Club, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015 or paid at meeting.

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### Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

#### Mai

Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
At Moose Lodge  
Doors open at 6:00pm – Festivities at 6:30pm

Sign Ups for Work Shifts at Strassenfest  
Update on the Rosenvolk Medieval Festival from Catherine LeBlanc.

Entertainment by Lucille Blume, Sister Carolyn Bouchard, and Martha Rasche – Harmonicas and More

What to bring - members with last names A – H – a dessert, I – Q – a vegetable, and R – Z – a salad.

#### June

Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – Work session to modify food prep stand – 1:00pm – Southern Indiana Propane facility off of South Newton Street – just south of the State Road 162 Bypass

Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – Trip to Turtle Run Winery – southeast of Corydon. Entertainment by Louisville Crashers – 2:00 -5:00

#### Juli

Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm – visit to Vonderheide's Hops Farm in Haysville – rain date, July 17<sup>th</sup>

#### August

Strassenfest Set Up – August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5:30pm

Strassenfest – August 4, 2016 – August 7, 2016

#### September

Summer Picnic - September 10, 2016

#### Oktober

German American Day Dinner with German Heritage Award Presentation  
October 6, 2016  
KlubHaus 61

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### Maypole being built for Jasper

By Gabriella Jacobs – Herald Staff Writer  
(The Herald - April 17, 1985)

When finished, it will stand proudly and silently, reminding everyone of Jasper's connection with its German sister city, Pfaffenweiler.

But for now, it's still emerging from drawings and pieces of poplar and Jim Corn's hands.

Corn is making a Maypole that Jasper's German Club, or Deutscherverein, plans to erect somewhere downtown. He's been working on it for about two months, and wants to have it finished by the end of summer = "by Strassenfest time," he says.

A Maypole in Jasper is something German Club members have wanted for several years. The idea began snowballing recently when the sister city project got under way. Last fall, a group of local people visited Pfaffenweiler to learn more about the place most of their ancestors came from. Next month a delegation will come here. Officials from both cities have been enthusiastic about exchanging information about one another.

So it was a natural idea to have a *maibaum*, a towering symbol of springtime celebration, erected in a community that vigorously celebrates its German heritage.

Corn says for Jasper's Maypole, he's getting help from Judy Bennett, who does the drawing from which he makes his carvings, and Harold Burton, who's helping construct the pole. The German Club has given them \$1,000 for supplies; the trio is donating their services for the project.

Hanging from different levels of the 32-foot structure will be plaque-like depictions of people with several different occupations common to Jasper and Pfaffenweiler. It will show such things as a farmer, miller, stone mason, carpenter, baker and timber cutter. At the bottom, on one side, will be the black, red and yellow eagle that's the symbol of the German Club; on the other side will be three yellow wine glasses on a red background, the symbol of Pfaffenweiler. At the top will be ring of greenery. Bavarian blue and white stripes will be painted on most of the pole.

For each piece that shows an occupation, and for the ones that show the two cities' symbols, Corn takes Ms. Bennett's drawings and traces them onto slabs of poplar. Then using a band saw, he cuts out the rough outline of the front and back.

"That's about the only time a piece of machinery will be used for this," he says. Next Corn makes the traced-on drawings become three dimensional. He carefully carves out the pictures, spending an estimated 40-60 hours for each piece. Then his bas-relief product is taken to a foundry in Rockport, where it's cast in aluminum. The aluminum pieces will be painted and put on the Maypole; the wood originals also painted, probably will be used as decorations at German Club functions, according to Corn.

Woodworking is Corn's hobby, so he's happy to be chipping away and carving out the Maypole pieces on his days off from the Southern Railway in Huntingburg.

As the Maypole project has progressed, he's learned a few things he has to be careful of, though.

For instance, when he's carving out the design, he has to allow a little "clearance" space of wood on the sides so the foundry workers can pull the piece out of the sand when they're casting it. And he has to determine how deeply to carve into the wood so there's enough perspective to the image.

"We don't want these to look flat," he says. "We want people to be able to see them."

German Club members have been looking for a place to put the Maypole once it's done. Possibilities that have

been discussed include the courthouse square and the spot at Sixth and Newton behind the Kuebler building, an area that's now being used for parking.

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### **Chamber will choose design for mural**

By Gabriella Jacobs – Herald Staff Writer  
(The Herald – September 4, 1985)

Members of the Jasper Community Arts Commission have cast their votes for the mural design they think should be painted on the side of the Kuebler Building.

During their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, the JCAC members examined three designs by an out-of-town couple, the same artists who created the mural on the Gamble's building several years ago. The design voted for unanimously by the JCAC is done mostly in shades of yellow and orange. It depicts a farmer, some old-fashioned Jasper storefronts – including the Kuebler Building's – and the saying "Jasper, born from rich soil."

Some of the arts commissioners had some minor suggestions for refining the design, one for instance, thought the farmer's face was too Hispanic-looking and should be made to look German. Another thought some imagery of basketball ought to be included.

One of the other two designs rejected by the JCAC was similar to the one chosen, but more modern and included pictures of windsurfing, a girl on a horse, and people in German clothes dancing. The other design rejected featured butterflies.

The final decision on which to use, though, will be made by a chamber of commerce committee. It was that the chamber that in 1984 received an Indiana Arts Commission grant being used to finance most of the mural project. Although some matching funds already have been found for the grant, the chamber and JCAC still need \$2,000 in donations to pay for the project. Scaffolding for the painters is needed, too.

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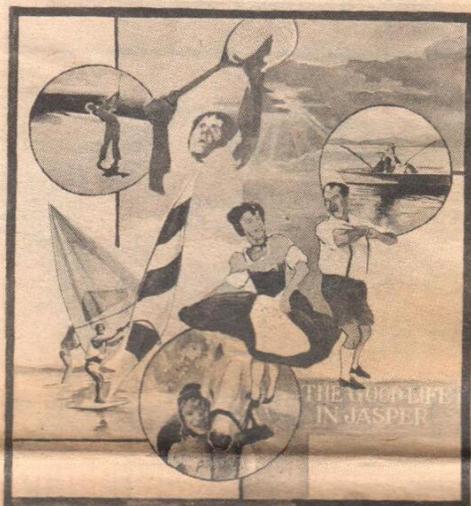
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Jim Corn's free time is spent in the woodworking shop in his garage, where he chisels out pieces of the Maypole that someday will stand in Jasper. Some parts already have been carved out and duplicated in aluminum, such as the eagle symbol of the Jasper German Club, left, and the wine glasses symbol of sister city, Pfaffenweiler. It was largely because of several bad years for the winemaking business that people of Pfaffenweiler emigrated to America in the 1800s.

# Herald

Dubois County, Ind., Wednesday, September 4, 1985

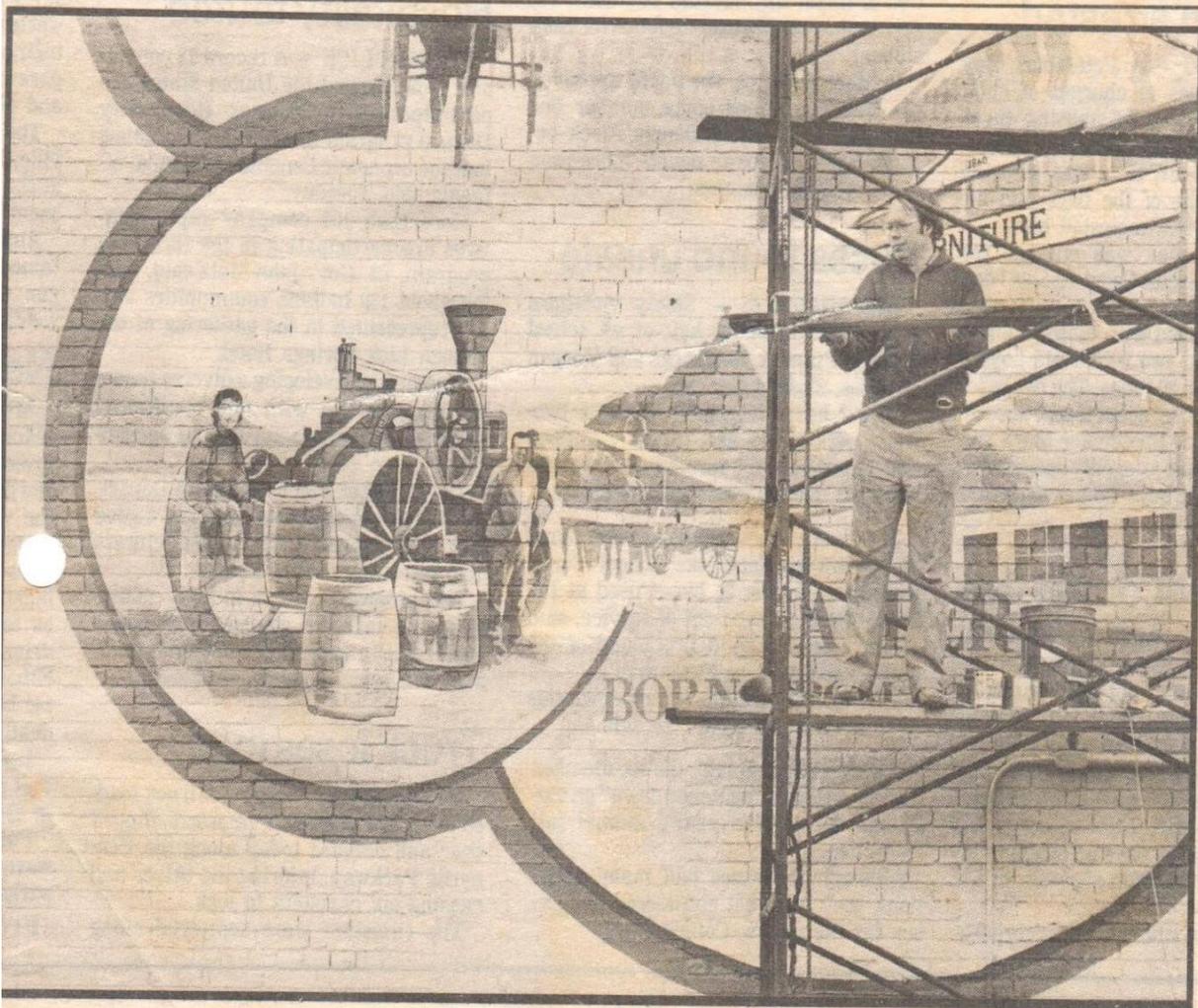


## Mural motifs

One of these designs soon will grace the side of the Kuebler Building in Jasper. The one at left is preferred by the arts commission. Details are on page 3.

# Herald

Dubois County, Ind., Wednesday, October 2, 1985



## *Adding finishing touches*

David Blodgett of South Bend adjusts his scaffolding before putting some finishing touches on the mural he's been painting on one side of Jasper's Kuebler Building. Blodgett is half of the team that designed the building's new mural, which was completed Tuesday. (Staff photo by Steve Mellon)



## FUND SUMMARY

Imagine what we can do together.

### Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment #2101

1/1/2015-12/31/2015

#### LEGACY

*Your commitment through this endowment makes a lasting difference in Dubois County. The Community Foundation is proud to administer this endowed gift.*

#### IMPACT

*This endowment was established for the perpetual benefit of our community.*

**As of 3/14/2016, amount for granting (may include funds held from previous years) is: \$1,935.00**

#### GIVING

**Contributions to the Endowment to Date: \$24,220.00**

*The total of all gifts received since the inception of the endowment. This amount will increase when gifts are added and/or when spendable income is reinvested into the endowment.*

#### ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT SUMMARY

**Beginning Value of the Endowment as of 1/1/2015: \$34,619.09**

*The market value of your endowed gifts.*

**Additional Gifts Made In 2015 \$742.00**

*Contributions to the endowment recorded during the reporting period.*

**Investment- Gain & Loss (\$993.49)**

*The gain or loss, net of fees, on investment is the actual change in the value of the endowment based on the underlying investments in the endowment pool within the reporting period.*

**Grants Distributions (\$1,000.00)**

*The portion of the endowment expended for the endowed purpose.*

**Ending Value of the Endowment as of 12/31/2015: \$33,367.60**

*The market value of your endowed gifts.*

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