



Jasper German Club
Deutscher Verein

Die Zeitung

September 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.

It was a fun, hot, rainy, and busy 2022 Strassenfest!!!!!!!!!!!!

Winners of Strassenfest Events Sponsored by the Deutscher Verein

Log Sawing Contest

Men's Division

First: Abe's Tree Service (Abe Schwartz and Ryan Harpenau)

Second: Team Snag (Kyle Mullins and Chris Mullins)

Women's Division

First: Don't Judge Us (Julia Jones and Tessa vol Velde)

Second: The Royal Redheads (Lauren Verkamp and Celeste Eby)

Sheephead Tourney

In order to make it more inviting and comfortable for novice players to participate in the Sheephead Tourney, tables were split into two groups, Veteran and Novice Players. There were a total of 40 players, (32 veteran and 8 novice) on ten tables. (Due to the reconfiguration of the beer garden, players under 21 were unable to be accommodated this year.)

Thank you to Dave and Nancy Prechtel and Phyllis Ackerman for running the 2022 Sheephead Tourney.

2022 Strassenfest Deutscher Verein Sheephead Tournament Winners – Veteran Group

Diane Gress, \$50 gift card donated by Green Thumb Nursery, Jim Reuber, \$35 gift card donated by German Club, Dave Henke, \$25 gift card donated by Southern Indiana Propane, Ruth Margarida, \$25 gift card donated by Ackerman Oil, Keith Herzog, \$15 gift card donated by Headquarters, Jim Hildenbrand, \$15 gift card donated by Headquarters, Mark Kunkel, \$10 cash donated by German Club, and Jerry Wilz, \$5 cash donated by German Club.

2022 Strassenfest Deutscher Verein Sheephead Tournament Winners – Novice Group

Dave Messmer, \$25 gift card donated by QYCCO, Corie Eckerle, \$10 cash donated by German Club, and Brian Persohn, \$5 cash donated by German Club.

Friday German Club Mug Holding Contest

8 years old: Zella Haywood

11 years old: Quinn Weidenbenner

12 years old: Jude Kuczynski

Saturday German Club Mug Holding Contest

8 years old: Mariella Schnell

11 years old: Andrea Angeles

14 years old: John DeWitte



Special Guests at the 44th Annual Jasper Strassenfest

Jasper was honored to have special guests for the Strassenfest on Saturday, August 6. Attending were Consul General Wolfgang Moessinger, Honorary Consul Sven Schumacher, and Drs. Giles and Dolores Hoyt.

The day began with a luncheon at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. Attending were the special guests and Mayor Dean Vonderheide and his wife, Ellen, Max Verkamp-President of the Jasper Partnership Commission, Mary Leah Siegel-President of Jasper Sister Cities, Inc., Paul Siegel-President of the Jasper DeutscherVerein, Bob Bleemel-Chairman of the Jasper Strassenfest Committee, Maureen Braun, wife of US Senator Mike Braun, Dominik Klein and Elise Duchemin of Pfaffenweiler, Germany, Matthias Hilger, his wife, Kathy, Randy Fini, and Patti Goepfrich.

Later the special guests attended events at the Strassenfest and attended the viewing of the film, "Banished into Paradise" at the Alexander Schoolhouse.

Consul General Moessinger addressed the crowd at the Jasper Strassenfest on Saturday evening and presented Stan Jochum of Jasper with the Federal Republic of Germany Friendship Award and then all participated in the festivities at the Strassenfest.

On Sunday, Consul General Moessinger toured St. Meinrad Archabbey.

Consul General Moessinger has led the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Chicago since July, 2019 and oversees German interests in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

Honorary Consul Schumacher is based in Indianapolis.





Stan Jochum Awarded the Federal Republic of Germany Friendship Award

Stan Jochum of Jasper was presented with the Federal Republic of Germany Friendship Award during the 2022 Jasper Strassenfest on Saturday, August 6th. The presentation was made by Consul General Wolfgang Moessinger of the Federal Republic of Germany based in Chicago.

This award is given by the German Ambassador to recognize outstanding Americans who in their respective fields of academia, politics, media, culture and other areas, have had an impact in fostering positive German-American relations.

The award has been in existence since 1981 and is given every year by the German Ambassador to thank extraordinary citizens for their outstanding commitment in promoting excellent relations between the two countries. This is the highest award that the Ambassador can award to an individual.

Mr. Jochum was employed by the Greater Jasper Consolidated School System from 1974 to June, 2004.

In 1986, Mary Jo Meuser had planned to take the first group of JHS students to Pfaffenweiler/Staufen, Germany. Mrs. Meuser became sick and Stan stepped in to take the group over and since then has led multiple groups of students for a month at a time, hosted many of the teachers during the counter visits from the Faust Gymnasium Staufen and the Am Weissen Turm Gymnasium in Poesneck. He has helped manager the bi-annual exchange program since then in the background during the planning process, arranging travel details with airlines and more. And he is still engaged in

it many years later and he and others chaperoned the students in June of this year.

He serves on the Jasper Partnership Commission, the Board of Directors of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. and is a member of the Jasper DeutscherVerein.

Mr. Jochum led the Stone Carver project and Arts and Craft Program Exchange between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler through Sister Cities.

Stan and his wife, Gayle Ann, have a son, Sean, and two grandchildren and reside in Jasper.

A message from our president

I wish to thank all DeutscherVerein members for their volunteerism, participation, and attendance this year during the Strassenfest. I really appreciate the members wearing their club outfits and German attire for Thursday's Night Opening Ceremonies and continuing to wear them the entire weekend. It seems ironic how Strassenfest began with rain delay and ended with a shower during Sunday's parade. We were fortunate that between those two events the weather was mostly agreeable for a typical August in Jasper.

While on the topic of Strassenfest, I wish to thank Bridgette and Mike Bartley and Ann and Mike Ackerman for co-chairing the food booth. At the Glockenspiel, special thanks to Jim and Rita Corn, Laura and Paul Grammar, and Valerie and Kurt Heim for their continuous entertainment and performances. There are many additional individuals I should recognize, but I would fill up this newsletter! Please understand I appreciate everyone's involvement and I hope all had fun and enjoyed volunteering during the Strassenfest.

Looking forward to upcoming events, we will have the club picnic which is scheduled for Sunday, September 18 beginning at 12:00 at the Dave Buehler Plaza at the Riverwalk. We have reserved 3 shelters and the gazebo near the horseshoe pits. This year we will have lunch at 1:00 with Schnitzelbank Catering with fried chicken and brats, German potatoes, green beans, and coleslaw. Along with the traditional German Music played through the club's sound system, we will have several German Heritage performances from the opening night ceremonies. This will be an excellent opportunity see these wonderful acts a second time, or for some, a first time! Although picnic tables are available, members may wish to bring lawn chairs and games.

On Thursday October 6, German American Day dinner will be held at Klubhaus 61. The county high school winners of the essay contest will be present, and the winner of the German Heritage Award will be announced. Reservations can be made at the picnic, or until September 29.

Again, Dankeshoen to everyone involved with this year's Strassenfest and I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic on Sunday, September 18th!

Mit freundlichen grüßen,

Paul Siegel
President

A message from our vice president

I cannot thank our club members and friends of the DeutscherVerein enough for their hard work and dedication to the club's booth at the Strassenfest. While this year posed some changes and a few challenges, we all worked together to make it a great event. I look forward to celebrating our successes in September at the picnic with each of you.

As a reminder, if you have not done so already, please go out and "Like" our Facebook and Instagram pages. Like the newsletter and email communications, these sites are updated routinely with the latest and greatest information.

One last item, we are always looking for new members. Please bring your friends, family members, and co-workers. New members do not have to be of German descent or have German ancestry. We are looking for members who are interested in learning more and preserving our heritage, all while having fun.

Thank you all again - I am looking forward to a great rest of the year!

Regards,

Landen Weidenbenner
Vice President

A message from our treasurer

Booth co-Chairs Mike & Bridgette Bartley and Mike & Ann Ackerman extend our sincere thanks to all who worked the Strassenfest Booth. It takes the efforts of all able bodied club members for us to generate successful results. We had great fellowship and lots of fun serving Strassenfest guests our great German food offerings.

A special thanks to our 2022 day chairs: Kevin Bartley, Kevin Mullen, and Mike Jahn for your extra efforts to keep our booths running well.

With the Strassenfest moved off of the square for a couple of years, this created both challenges and opportunities for booths. With a smaller foot print available for the Strassenfest, and the Thursday evening rain and hot conditions on Saturday, most booths were not able to mirror 2021 banner year sales, and the German Club was

no different. Yet, we were able to earn significant money for our club's functions and charitable causes.

A special shout out to Jim & Rita Corn and Laura & Paul Grammer for their efforts to make the Glockenspiel become a realization. Thanks also to Valerie Heim for efforts in organizing the German Heritage events both during the opening ceremonies and each evening at the Glockenspiel. Kurt Heim's quick assembly of German music to be played at the Glockenspiel stage kept the mood festive and in theme. The Umbrellas on the picnic tables and the phenomenal Landscaping from Buschkoetter gave the Deutscher Platz a shady beautiful place for Strassenfest guests to grab a bite and enjoy a performance. The German Consul who was in Jasper on Saturday to present an award to Stan Jochum also had a keen interest in the Glockenspiel.

Historically, in addition to our support through the November Auction meeting, our club provided a donation to students to assist with their requirement to earn funds to make the trip to Germany. Beginning a few years ago, we began encouraging these students to assist us in the staffing of our booths at Strassenfest. A heartfelt thanks to our Jasper student workers who helped us to keep our booth staffed.

Booth setup: Thanks to the good sized group who came out on Monday to help with the booth setup and decorating and to all those who assisted with tear down on Sunday morning and loading on Sunday afternoon.

Log Sawing contest is one of the oldest continually operated events at the Strassenfest, and is part of our German Heritage efforts. This is the first year that we transitioned the running of the Log Sawing to be chaired by the Host and Hostess. Thanks to all who helped with the Log Sawing Event on the stage on Thursday evening, and to Paul and Laura Grammer, and Landen Weidenbenner, and Fred Roeder for efforts on Monday evening to prep the saws and pre-notched the logs for the contest. A shout out to Werner Sawmill and Fred Roeder for assisting with lumber, saw buck, saws, and manpower.

The 2022 Sheephead tournament sponsored by our club was run by Dave and Nancy Prechtel and Phyllis Ackerman. This year, we had 40 players, 8 tables of experienced players, and 2 tables of novice players. Thank you Laura for using the training materials that you developed to teach Sheephead in the High School to extend its use to teaching adults.

Thanks again to all who helped. Income from operating the Booths at Strassenfest is over 80% of our club's income for the year. For our club to remain financially viable, it is important that members are available the week of Strassenfest to help. Strassenfest 2023 will begin with stand setup on Monday July 31 through Sunday August 6 for stand tear down. Please mark your calendars to keep

this week open in your schedules to help your club. Encourage your children and grandchildren to become involved. Even if they do not have immediate interest in other club events, their help in setting up and tearing down the booths and working the booths can help to make them feel welcome to join the club when the time is right for them.

Mike Ackerman
Treasurer



Sister Cities of Jasper September 2022 Update for Jasper German Club

A NOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS! STAN JOCHUM, FRIENDSHIP AWARD & RECOGNITION!

First, I would like to start this month's update by congratulating long-time board member, Stan Jochum on receiving the Federal Republic of Germany Friendship Award! Consul General Wolfgang Moessinger of the Federal Republic of Germany presented Stan with the award during the 2022 Jasper Strassenfest on Saturday, August 6, 2022. Stan became involved with the exchange program in 1986 when Mary Jo Meuser had planned to take the first group of JHS students to Pfaffenweiler/Staufen, Germany. Mrs. Meuser became sick, and Stan stepped in to take the group over. Since then, he has led multiple groups of students for a month at a time and also hosted many of the teachers during the partner visits from the Faust Gymnasium Staufen and the Am Weissen Turm Gymnasium in Poesneck. In addition, he has helped manage the bi-annual exchange program since then in the background during the planning process, arranging travel details with airlines, and more. And he is still engaged in it many years later, he even chaperoned the group of students in this year!

Stan serves on the Jasper Partnership Commission, the Board of Directors of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., and is a member of the Jasper Deutscher Verein. Stan also leads the Stone Carver project and Arts and Craft Program Exchange between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler through Sister Cities.

CONGRATULATIONS STAN! WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF YOUR RECOGNITION AND AWARD!

Partnership Anniversary Trip 2022 – A Wonderful Trip and Celebration!

A wonderful partnership anniversary trip was had by all from June 27th to July 5th! The group traveled into Frankfurt and then throughout Germany and visited Mainz, Rudesheim, Rotthenburg, Stuttgart, Hohenzollern

Castle, and Titisee all before meeting their host families in Pfaffenweiler. After spending 5 days with their hosts in Pfaffenweiler, being welcomed with so many events by the people of Pfaffenweiler, and attending the 35th Anniversary Partnership Celebration, everyone was sad to come home!

The official partnership celebration evening was amazing! The City of Pfaffenweiler and the Pfaffenweiler partnership committee did an outstanding job of hosting all of us and made the celebration very special! We cannot wait to reciprocate and host here in Jasper for the 40th Anniversary in just three short years!

A list of the those who traveled to Pfaffenweiler and their host partners is below:

Trip Participant	Host in Pfaffenweiler
Alan and Connie Brenner	Ludwig und Gesa Muser
Emma Messmer and Megan Gross	Diana und Heiko Treyer
Janet Rydberg and Connie Deck	Gertrud und Hinrich Prüß
Phyllis Schitter, Olivia Schitter, Dana Schnarr, Addison Schnarr	Sonja und Harry Clauß
Max and Jen Verkamp, Erin Verkamp, Lauren Verkamp	Mario Woerner
Paul and Mary Leah Siegel	Doris und Jochen Sori
Met the Group in Pfaffenweiler	
Darren Patterson	Dominik Klein
Dean and Ellen Vonderheide	Local Friends/Lodging
Landon Weidenbenner and Brandon Ferguson	Mayer Family
Matthias Hilger	Family

STUDENT EXCHANGE UPDATES

German Students to Arrive September 27th!

The Jasper students of 'Gruppe 19' had an amazing trip to Germany from June 12th to July 6th where they made memories to last a lifetime! Now, it's our turn to host! The final touches and details of travel are being arranged and our students are getting very excited to welcome their partners to Jasper! The students from Staufen Gymnasium will arrive on September 27th and stay until October 12th with their host students and families.

NEW! The 2024 Student German Exchange Group!

Already with the new year starting, the next NEW Student German Exchange Group for 2024 is forming and starting fundraising for their trip in summer of 2024!

The group will be hosting their first fundraiser, Sonntag Mittagessen (Sunday Lunch) Drive Through Dinners, on Sunday on September 25th!

SONNTAG MITTAGESSEN (SUNDAY LUNCH)
All Proceeds Benefit the 2024 JHS German Exchange Program
Sunday, September 25, 2022

10:30 am – 1:00 pm

Schnitzelbank Restaurant

393 Third Avenue – Jasper, IN

(Drive through only)

MENU:

Fried Chicken Dinner-

¼ chicken (white or dark), German fries, green beans, slaw, dessert

Bratwürste Dinner-

2 Brats, sauerkraut, German fries, slaw, dessert

\$15 per meal – checks made payable to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

To pre-purchase tickets contact: Sandy Wehr (812) 482-2055, or any member of the JHS 2024 German exchange program.

Meals available while supplies last!

On Behalf of the Sister Cities of Jasper, a huge "DANKE" to the members of the Jasper DeutscherVerein for all of your support of the many activities of the Sister Cities of Jasper and for your generous support of the student exchange fundraisers!

Mary Leah Siegel

President, Sister Cities of Jasper

Vine to Wine 2022 - We'll have a barrel of fun!

Join us for this FREE event, open to current German Club members and non-members (must be 21+ years of age to register). This is a 4-part event, all dates listed below. Participants must be able to attend all events. Reservations ARE required, and currently limited to the first 50 people.

Fruit From the Vine

Sunday, August 28, 2022 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Location to be sent upon registration. **NOTE:** This event was cancelled due to grapes not being fully ripe. Grapes will be harvested when ready!!!

Fill the Barrel

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Location to be sent upon registration.

Empty the Barrel

Saturday, January 14, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Location to be sent upon registration.

German Club Meeting - Vine to Wine Presentation

Wednesday, January 18, 2023
from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Jasper Moose Lodge

*Please note: participants will want to wear old clothes that can get dirty/stained.

To RSVP or for questions regarding the event, please email jasperdeutscherverein@gmail.com. Please send your Name, Email Address, Phone Number, and if you are a German Club Member or Non-German Club Member.

Detailed information to be sent to all who register.

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.

German-American Day Dinner

The Jasper DeutscherVerein, Jasper Partnership Commission, and Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. will celebrate German-American Day on Thursday, October 6th, at KlubHaus 61.

Doors will open at 6:00pm with the program and dinner beginning at 6:30pm. Cost is \$20 per person with a cash bar available. Checks made payable to Jasper DeutscherVerein. Meal will include the German Buffet along with desserts. RSVPs are due no later than Wednesday, September 28, 2022 and can be made to jasperdeutscherverein@gmail.com or by calling Lacey Apple at 831-201-8748.

To celebrate the arrival of the first German immigrant group to the United States and the establishment of Germantown, PA were celebrated on October 6, 1983. Public Law 100-104 designated October 6th as "German-American Day" and a proclamation was issued by President Ronald Reagan on October 2, 1987. A day in October shall be proclaimed to be "German-American Day" in honor of the Contributions made by German immigrants to the life and culture of the United States.

The program and dinner will honor the contributions made by German immigrants to the life and culture of the United States.

The annual German Heritage Award will be presented to an individual or group who has contributed generously his/her or their time, talents or resources to maintaining, improving or building upon the German roots in Dubois County.

Sister Cities of Jasper and the Jasper Partnership Commission created the award in 1999.

The Jasper DeutscherVerein is sponsoring the award.

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, Patti Goepfrich, Larry and Betty Hanselman, Ron and Delli Keusch, Jim and Rita Corn, Lois Kuntz, Stan Jochum, Mike and Ann Ackerman, Father John Boeglin, Rosie Stewart, Al and Judy Bennett, and Paul and Laura Grammer.

Lifetime Achievement Award Winner is Matthias Hilger.

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.

There will not be a newsletter in October. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Patti

Sun Glasses that were found in booth at Strassenfest. Contact Ann Ackerman if they are yours!!!!!!!!!!



Meet the New German Language Teacher



Daniel Otto

My name is Daniel Otto. My friends, siblings, and close cousins call me Dan; colleagues call me Dan or Daniel; older family members call me Daniel; Mom calls me DANIEL TODD when I am in trouble. ;)

The students call me Herr Otto, or some have begun calling me “Master/Magister Otto” because of my M.A.

I graduated from USI in 2011 with two Bachelor of Arts degrees in German Studies and Business Administration. I graduated from Bowling Green State University (in Bowling Green, OH) in 2015 with my Master of Arts degree in German Studies. My time at BGSU included one academic year abroad at the University of Salzburg (Paris-Lodron-Universität Salzburg), which was one of the best times in my entire life so far. Austria is beautiful and critically underrated - I would absolutely recommend an extended visit there for anyone who likes mountains, cleanliness, and great food and drinks.

I was the German teacher for all levels of German at Signature School in Evansville, IN, for three school years. I also taught two semesters of Elementary German Language & Culture at BGSU as a graduate teaching assistant. I was a probation officer for the Dubois County Probation Office for two years and a treatment program facilitator for Dubois County Community Corrections for 1.5 years. It was a vastly different form of teaching, but I do feel as though one of the primary “hats” I was wearing

in those roles was that of an educator. I'm very glad to be returning to Jasper and Dubois County.

My most-loved hobby is playing traditional Irish music with my friends, which I do about 3 times per month. I love to sing, whether that be in our Irish jam sessions or as a baritone in the Evansville Philharmonic Choir. This upcoming year will be my second season in the EPC. I like to read, go on walks/hikes, and play euchre. I have an orange tabby cat named Dennis. He is almost 9 years old. I found him outside, and he has been my buddy for about 7 years now.

I think that German heritage is a good reason to learn German, but I consider it the fourth-best out of four reasons I tell kids why I think German is a great language to learn. In my view, the greater reasons are traveling in Europe, getting a well-paying job, and experiencing culture.

Most Europeans can speak English or German. More than 1 in 7 Europeans speak German! A lot of European countries have German-speaking communities that live there, and German is a very popular second language in central and eastern Europe.

There are hundreds of American companies that do business in German-speaking countries and vice versa. Knowing German could put you at an advantage for a job that pays well in the fields of engineering, architecture, manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, publishing, communications, etc.

German culture is so rich and varied. Everyone knows the classics. Lists of German poets, philosophers, authors, composers, musicians, architects and so on, go into the thousands. However, German culture has, over the past 75 years or so, absorbed so much music, art, food, and many other contributions from long-established immigrant groups such as the Turkish Germans and Afro-Germans and also from more recent arrivals like Syrians and other Arabic-speaking people from the Middle East and North Africa. I think it is very fun to explore those new aspects of German culture alongside what we already know.

I currently have 20 kids in German 1 at Jasper Middle School. They are very fun and they seem enthusiastic about learning German. I want to get them to use a lot of vocabulary, develop their literacy skills, teach them lots of songs, and get them excited about the exchange program.

I currently have 45 kids in German at Jasper High School between all levels of German. The vast majority of the kids are in German 2 and German 3. I've enjoyed getting to know the students who have been in German for some time and seeing what they know. I want to challenge these students while having a lot of fun, and my great

hope is that we will vastly increase the number of students taking German at JHS.

Anyone named Bochart, Gutzweiler, Roelle, or Krodel probably has a connection with me. My mom is Beth Ballenger (yes, Mike and Todd are my uncles and Kathy and Karen are my aunts!); my grandparents were Hugh and Shirley (Bochart) Ballenger; my great-uncle was Terry Krodel (TK the DJ); my great-grandparents were Urban Bochart and Dolores (Gutzweiler) Bochart Krodel; my great-great-uncles were Charlie and Butch Gutzweiler who founded the Fiesta which is now the Mill House; my great-great-grandparents were Carl and Cyrilla (Roelle) Gutzweiler. People named Otto, I might know who you are, but my Ottos are Amish and Mennonites from Daviess County, originally from Illinois.

I'm so grateful to the Deutscher Verein, the Sister Cities of Jasper, and the wider community for the support and words of encouragement that have already been given to me. I'm very excited to work with you all and see what we can accomplish together for our students' education in German language & culture.

Daniel Otto

JHS/JMS German Teacher

Ein Prosit"

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



Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

September

September 18, 2022-Sunday – Dave Buehler Plaza-Riverwalk-Family Picnic – 12:00pm with lunch to be served at 1:00PM Menu to include fried chicken, brats, German potatoes, green beans, and cole slaw. Bring lawn chairs.

Oktober

Oktober 6, 2022-Thursday-Klub Haus 61-2031 Newton Street-Doors open at 6:00pm-Festivities begin at 6:30pm German American Day Dinner – Awarding of German Heritage Award. Cost is \$20 per person with a cash bar available. Checks made payable to Jasper DeutscherVerein. Meal will include the German Buffet along with desserts. RSVPs are due no later than Wednesday, September 28, 2022 and can be made to jasperdeutschervein@gmail.com or by calling Lacey Apple at 831-201-8748.

November

November 16, 2022-Wednesday- Jasper Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street-Doors open at 6:00pm – festivities begin at 6:30pm. Annual auction benefitting JHS student exchange program. Members asked to bring items to be auctioned!!

Requesting members with last names A – H bring a salad, I – Q bring a dessert, and R – Z a veggie.

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.

2023

August 3rd to August 6th - Strassenfest

German Heritage Nights at Strassenfest

For Strassenfest 2022, the location was moved to 4th Street because of the construction project on Jasper's City Square. Thursday night started with rain that reduced the attendance at the Strassenfest for that night. The rain also delayed Opening Ceremonies by 30 minutes.

These was great excitement with the return of German Heritage performances back into Opening Ceremonies.

The performers waited in the Cultural Center in the Black Box theater an extra 30 minutes.

The Kinderchor, under the direction of Mary Burke, shown the spotlight on 21 children who sang a song in German and used Hand bells and Ribbons to present another musical number.



The Willkommen Dancers performed the welcoming song for the Opening Ceremonies.



Then Kinderchor and Willkommen Dancers combined to fill the stage with German pageantry and ushered in the beginning of Opening Ceremonies.



The 22 Mai Pole Dancers created a beautiful Mai Pole while the skies shared a few sprinkles.



And as always, the Schuhplattler Dancers provide the energy that closes out Opening Ceremonies.



And Paul & Mary Leah Siegel led the parade to the Bier Garten and the Glockenspiel. Followed by other members of the German Club carrying the keg and brats and pretzels.



The parade to the Bier Garten stopped for the inaugural Glockenspiel performance at the Jasper Strassenfest. A small ceremony on the Glockenspiel stage highlighted the Grand Marshalls, Jim and Rita Corn, and the children that performed. Following the performance, the German Club led an Ein Prosit to celebrate the children.



The Glockenspiel performances were done at 7pm, 8pm and 9pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Children from the crowd were selected to be part of Ein Prosit song by holding up signs for the chants. Of course, the chants were changed to be G-Rated and to talk about the food sold in the German Club Booth.



The German Heritage games and activities on the Glockenspiel stage were such a huge hit on Thursday night that we repeated them again on Friday and Saturday.

Which means starting in 2022 and going forward, there will be German Heritage events on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 7pm to 9pm for children of all ages.

Kent Reyling from the German Club performed the Schnitzelbank Sing-along on Thursday. Then agreed to do it again on Friday and Saturday to fill the Glockenspiel Stage with events for people to participate from the crowd. Kent agreed to filling all three nights again in 2023.



Mentors for Youth presented the Dad's Rootbeer Mug Holding Contest on Thursday night. A few parents shared that their child was not able to participate because of the limitation on participants. Ellen Corn with Mentors for Youth and Joe Hedinger with Hedinger Beverage scraped together mugs and Dad's Root Beer cans and bottles for the German Club to host the event again on Friday and Saturday night. The Court ran the events this year and did a great job. Ellen Corn agreed to host it all three nights next year.



Christian Blome from VUJ taught the children how to dance the Schuhplattler on Friday evening. And Ann Knies from Chocolate Bliss provided the Chocolate Game on Thursday night.

As always, Thursday night concludes with the German Club Log Sawing event.



Thanks to everyone in the German Club who worked the booth the past 5 years to make German Heritage and the Glockenspiel a reality.

Thanks to Buschkoetter Nursery who donated the bushes that turned made the Glockenspiel look like it was a permanent house in a little German Village.

Thanks to Mike Ackerman for his ingenuity in getting the Glockenspiel stage set and able to roll away for the only year that the Glockenspiel will be in the Parade. This was to commemorate Jim & Rita Corn as Grand Marshals.

Many thanks to Valerie Heim who was instrumental in making Opening Ceremonies, German Heritage games and Glockenspiel performances come to life this year. And to Kurt Heim who volunteered at the last minute to be the Glockenspiel Stage Music coordinator. The skills and dedication of Kurt and Valerie Heim are amazing.

Valerie will do a great job next year as Chair of German Heritage for Strassenfest.

The JHS students on the Gruppe 19 German Exchange kept a blog of their adventures. The following are entries on their blog!!!

June 12, 2022



Today we started our journey. The fellas took a picture and then played cards waiting to board. (Ryan)



Leaving for Dallas to start the journey. (Kylene)



Never seen a USB cord vending machine before!
(Autumn)

June 13th, 2022 (Abby)



Today we ate at a German cafe and the food was AMAZING. it was something new and had something that most of us have yet to have. we also explored the city of Rothenburg. it was beautiful. we went to both city walls and played frisbee. the weather was good and it was fun to hang out. We took so many pictures and had eaten some really good ice cream. food here is a lot cheaper than I imaged it would. I think that was something I didn't expect. the group I was with had decided that we were going to walk along the wall and see across the city. We planned on seeing the tower but there is a plan for tomorrow. --

Abby 🍷💜

On June 14th, we went on a tour of Rothenburg. We went on into a lot of museums and we went into a lot of shops. One tower we went up had a very very tall view. We could see all of the old-style houses and their orange roofs. The roofs had shingles in the shape of a beaver tail which was something special to that region. At the end of the day, we went on a tour guided by the night watchmen which was very cool. The church on the left of the picture below had the patron saint of St. James. It needed an extra wing built so they built a portion over a road which was very interesting. Over all, the people didn't have a lot of emotion or reaction to us. We could get away with knowing only basic German. Very touristy city and I think the rest of Germany will be different in the atmosphere, architecture, and civilian encounters. (Hayden)



June 15th

Yesterday we celebrated Stan's 77th birthday and arrived in Munich. When we got to Munich we played in the park of the youth hostel and played chess on a massive chess board. Then, we took a walk to the U-Bahn and had some time. After the free time we went to dinner and ate Gnocchi and this Potato stuff. After dinner we went down to the game room and played billiard and ping pong until 9:40. Then we went to bed. (Levin)



June 16 Kylene

Today we used the subway for the first time in Germany. We went to the Marienplatz and saw a giant mass going on. Then we climbed the city hall tower. You could see over the entire city. Then we went to go grab lunch which was okay. The pasta Abby and I had earlier this week was better. Then we saw a cathedral call Frau Kirchen. It was beautiful. Then we went to BMW Welt and saw some really cool cars and a bike made out of legos. Next we went back to the Hostel to eat dinner. It was pretty good. It was some sort of pasta. Then we went to the river and tried to skip rocks. We also had a ping pong tournament. It's still not finished but I lost to Ava in the first round. (Kylene)

June 17 Madison



On June 17, we went to the Marienplatz in Munich to hear the music and watch the glockenspiel. Then after lunch, we took a trip to Dachau which is a concentration camp near where we are staying. It felt unreal to be there and to actually experience where all the horrible things happened to the people who were there. You could feel there was a somber feeling in the air. After we went to Dachau we went back to the Marienplatz to shop and roam around in the city center. It is a very busy place with people, pets, and street performers. Today me and the girls went into shops and got clothes and snacks. Cassie and me both got traditional dresses as a souvenir. After shopping we went back to our hostels ate dinner then all the kids played ping pong in the game room! (Madison)
June 18 Ava



Today we all woke up early because we had to get on the subway to get to a train at the central train station. After that we got to where we needed to be, but then we had to wait for a bus so a bunch of us got some fries from a this small shop nearby. Then the bus finally came and we had to ride another before we could get to the place where will get on a tram to take us up. After all of this everyone ate at the restaurant at the top for lunch and there was also a gift shop. Then we had to do everything again but backwards. Then we ended our day with dinner at the hostel. (Ava)

June 19 Noah



Today we met with our host families in person finally after a long 6 hour bus ride. I've met my family on a zoom call before but this was the first time seeing them in person so it was cool and a new experience.

June 20 Cassie



Today was our first full day with our exchange students. We went to school with them and had to sit through all of their classes. It was hard to follow along because they were speaking really fast and I didn't understand anything in the Italian class. Around 11:30, we had a meeting with the principal and gifted him a blanket with a J for Jasper on it. We had asparagus for dinner and we played cards afterwards. It was so funny to try to teach them all of the card games. My exchange partner wanted to learn how to play poker but she didn't understand it at all. They're very excited to learn all of the cool games.

June 21 Ryan



Die Mädchen auf der Staufener Burg



Today, we started out the day like normal by heading to school, where we had our first period of the day. After that, we were given a list of questions, things to find around Staufen in a scavenger hunt sort of game. We spent around 2 hours running around the city and after all points were totaled, the girls took the win over the boys. After that, we went back to school to meet up with our partners for lunch and then have our last class of the day. After school, the fellas (ryan, noah, hayden, levin) all hung out with our partners at noah's place. We played soccer and frisbee and had dinner before heading back home for bed.

June 22 Autumn

Today, we went to visit Freiburg in Germany. This involved us leaving Staufen on a train, and catching another train to get to Freiburg. We got a tour of the city, which included stopping by a church, given to us by a former teacher at Staufen, and we had free time after the tour for a visit to the bakery and for ice cream before we headed back to Staufen. When we got back, I had a computer class with my exchange partner, and we went to her literature class after that. We also decided to go to shops in Staufen and go shopping for clothes and books. We wrapped up the day by eating family dinner and watching a movie together.

June 23 Logan



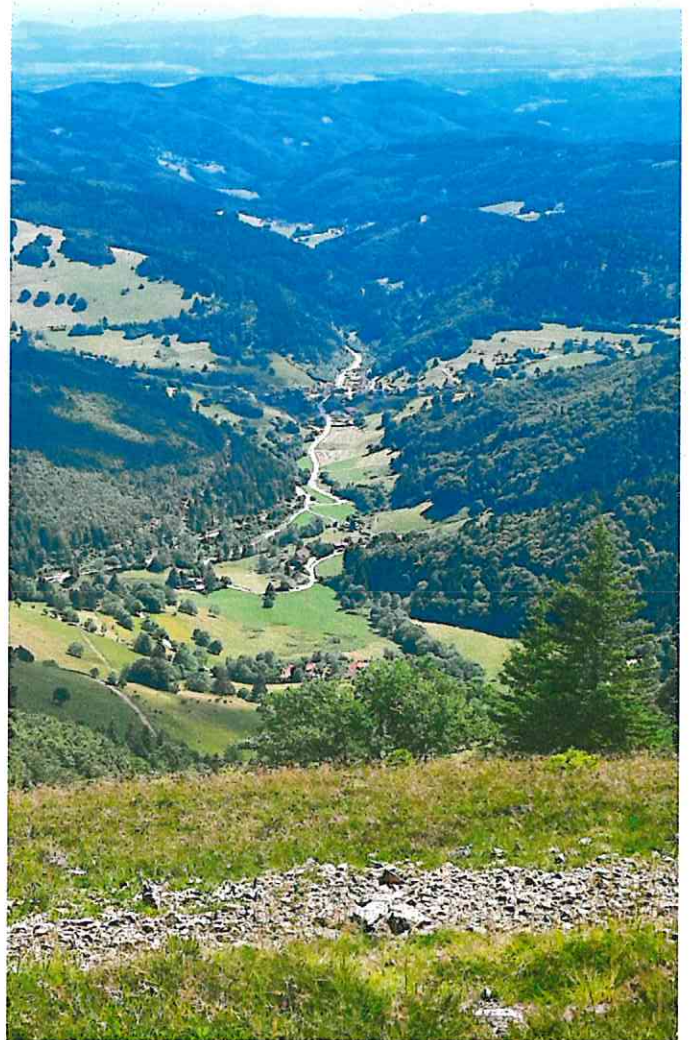


Today was a nice day, I started the day by being interviewed by 7th graders, all of which had funny questions, such as "do you like Minecraft", "do you like Ronaldo or Messi", and "what's your favorite state". After that I went to school, had an English class that I could follow along with, and met up with Mr Halverson and the rest of Gruppe 19. After that we went on a bus towards Pfaffenweiler, and went to the Rathaus to meet the current Burgermeister and the one before him. On our walk to the vineyard we saw 2 grandchildren of the former Burgermeister, and he briefly introduced us. After a small hike up a hill we had lunch atop said hill. It was bratwurst and they were very delicious. Then after eating we had a brief history lesson about Pfaffenweiler. Shortly after the history lesson we went to a cemetery, and after another game of 'follow the leader' of whomever was in front we realigned ourselves and got ice cream. Then we walked to the soccer field to have a barbecue and celebrate with students and host families, which was moved inside due to heavy winds picking up. After moving inside I helped people get their things inside so they weren't blown away. After closing the blinds, they dented outward. I went to take a look to help when I see Paul and 2 German men whom I didn't know. After helping them fix it we all go back inside and finish eating and enjoy the rest of the time. (Logan)

June 24 Abby

Today was an easy day compared to some of the ones that are in the upcoming days. School was different today as the students went through job presentations kind of like the job fairs. it was interesting to listen to what different professions had to say. me and a few other students also spoke to a 5th grade class and let them interview us in english. they asked us all sorts of things and it was hilarious to listen to them freak out over fortnite. All in all today was a good day. i'll get to see Simon, Lenny, Mattis, and Elias today as well. Although the next few days will be chaotic i enjoy being able just to hang out with naina. (Abby)

June 25 Hayden



Today was a very busy day. The quad squad (Hayden, Levin, Ryan, and Noah) and hosts decided to walk up the nearby mountain and have a picnic. The Belchen is the fourth highest peak in the Black Forest and was about a 30 min walk up the windy path. When we go up there, we could see the 4 countries of Germany, France, Austria, and the Swiss Alps peaking above the clouds. It was surreal to see that far and have the prettiest view in all directions. Our picnic consisted of fruits and vegetables along with sandwiches that we brought. After eating, we took the Belchenbahn down which was similar to a closed ski lift. Later, we went to one of our class mate's birthday parties in the evening. (Hayden)

June 26 Levin

We went to the track to play soccer/ultimate frisbee and played for a few hours. I ended up getting hit in the head with a soccer ball traveling at like 60kmph and my sunglasses are now broken but it was fun. When we took a break from playing we went to an ice cream shop in

Staufen and it was very good. I then rode a bus back home and it took over an hour because the buses don't drive as much on Sunday. At 9:00 Tobi and I went for a walk and compared Europa Park to Holiday world and talked about the differences between the gymnasium's school system and Jasper's.

June 27 Kylene



We went to Zurich Switzerland today. After a lot of train rides where me and Ava listened to a lot of music. At about 2:00 we made it to Zurich. First we went to get food as a whole group. Me and Cassie got this steak to split. The food there was so good. After we ate our lunch the girls went in one group and we started walking. Our goal was to find Swiss chocolate. We found some at one of the grocery stores. Then we went into a toy store and some people got legos and other games. Next we had to find some ice cream Sandy's recommended 3:00 ice cream. We did and it was some of the best ice cream I have had. When we were done with our ice cream it was time to head back to the train station and had to go back. All in all Zurich was absolutely beautiful. (Kylene)

June 28 Madison

On June 28, We went to Europa park. Europa park is a theme park with all the different counties in Europe. I would compare it to Disney in the US because of all the details in the shops, roads, and attractions. Also because the lines we a bit long but that's to be expected in theme parks like this one. When we first got there me and my group went to get a locker to put the things we don't need for the day away. no one could figure them out though so we had to ask a employee for help. After that we went on our first ride of the day which was a 4D ride and it took you through Europe. I thought it was a very cute ride. Then we went on a few of the more bigger attractions. For me those were the best because I like rollercoasters. Then it was time for lunch and a couple of us got went to a burger place but i wanted to get asian food so i got noodles with vegetables at a different restaurant. Afterwards it was time for the biggest ride because we got a virtual space in the line for blue fire. We went on the app to get the virtual spot and it worked

so we didn't have to wait in the big line for that one. The last thing we did at the park was get a dessert and we got dutch pancakes. Which were really good, I got the cinnamon and sugar toppings on mine. It was time to catch the bus back to the train station after that so we ran to the main exit because we didn't think we would make it on time. In the end we made it and then went back home. (Madison)

June 29 Ava



June 30 Noah

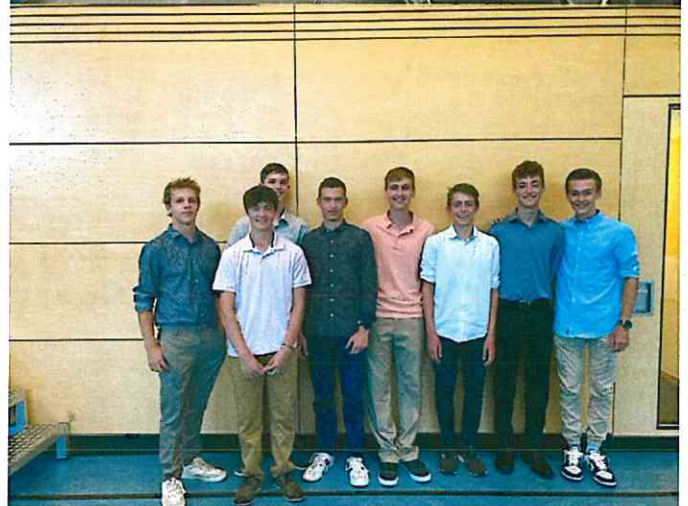


Today Ryan, Levin, Hayden, and I went to Pfaffenweiler in the morning to introduce the elementary students there to band instruments and were to convince them to join band. I played the tuba, Levin clarinet, and Ryan and Hayden trumpet. The clarinets have completely different notes in Germany as well as the tuba. I had one with 5 rotors to press and I usually only have 3 or 4. It was also in a different key which means the rotors made different notes like the clarinet and I wasn't able to play it very well. The band director was very funny and definitely convinced a lot of kids to join band since he was a fun guy and made them laugh a lot. It was a cool opportunity for us and we all enjoyed it. When we got back to school we only had sport class left at the end and we played soccer and threw some javelins. None of my friends or I had ever thrown any so it was unique and fun to do. (Noah)

July 1 Cassie

Today we went to school like normal. We had a homeroom today at 9:40 to read the script for the play we watched tonight. We also practiced "Back Home Again in Indiana" so we were prepared to sing it at the celebration tomorrow. We went to the stone quarry, and then while we were there we ate some hot dogs and drank some coke. They play started and it was about immigrants coming to America. Just like some of the citizens of Pfaffenweiler did. It was two actors putting it on. One was playing different instruments to set the scene and the other was performing. Then when it was over they had music that we knew playing. We stayed and talked for a while then we went back home.

July 2 Ryan



The highlight of today was the partnership celebration. It was the 37th year of the sister city partnership between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler. Noah, Hayden, Levin, and I all played with the Pfaffenweiler band at the celebration. After the dinner at the beginning, there were lots of speeches by the mayors and the consul generals - the US one living in Frankfort and the German one living in Indianapolis. My dad (Max Verkamp) also had a speech and my sister Lauren translated for him. Near the end of the night, Jasper and Pfaffenweiler exchanged gifts with each other, and the evening came to an end. (Ryan)

July 3 Autumn

For today, we started out by walking from the Catholic Church in Pfaffenweiler, and made it to an outdoor area where we celebrated mass together with the people of Pfaffenweiler. After this, there was a festival by the Stone Quarry in Pfaffenweiler where there was music, food, and a demonstration by a local stonemason on how stone is used. When I got back to my host family's house, I worked on gathering my things so I could start packing. After dinner, we then played Uno outside on their patio, and jumped on the trampoline with my host partner's younger brother. We wrapped up the night by watching

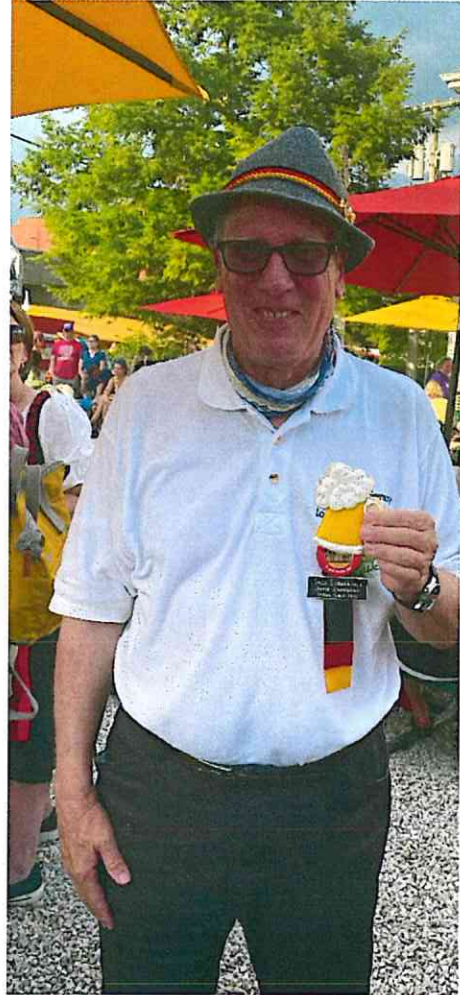
Ghostbusters, a movie I had never seen before. (This of course shocked them.) Autumn

July 4 Logan

Yesterday was pretty interesting because me, Kylene, Ava, and Abby were asked questions from some sixth graders, but all of them were really shy. Afterwards we began our journey to Gutach. We started with the charter bus, and then we picked up some adults who were also in Germany. We then went to the open end museum, which meant there was no roof, took a tour, and then went and got lunch. A lot of people ordered schnitzel for lunch, and lunch went till around 3-4. Following that we had a kind of long bus ride which took us to the building from my first blog in which there was a celebration/mini barbecue. That concludes the whole day.



The time has really flown by. It seems like just yesterday that I got on the bus at JHS bound for the airport. I will not be coming home empty handed though. I have memories and friendships that I made that will forever stay with me. (Ryan)



Pictures from the 37th Anniversary Celebration in Pfaffenweiler in July, 2022





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(Sunday Lunch)

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