



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

Die Zeitung

May 2011

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.

Mayor William Schmitt Hofmarschall of the 2011 Strassenfest

Mayor William Schmitt has been named the Hofmarschall of the 2011 Strassenfest.

Mayor Schmitt formulated the Jasper Partnership Commission to have a central group who could work directly with Jasper's Sister City, Pfaffenweiler, Germany, to strengthen and preserve Jasper's German Heritage. He hosts a luncheon with the German Exchange Students who come to Jasper and has twice traveled to Pfaffenweiler for partnership anniversaries. He has worked closely with former Mayor Fritz Gutsell and present Mayor Dieter Hahn from Pfaffenweiler to continue the bond between the two communities.

Mayor Bill Schmitt was born and raised in Jasper and has served the citizens of Jasper for almost 44 years. He started as a Jasper policeman in 1967 and became Police Chief in 1985. He was elected as the 12th Mayor of Jasper in 1992 and is presently serving his 20th year in office. He has decided not to seek reelection for another term.

Mayor Schmitt and his wife Carolyn have 4 sons and 8 grandchildren.

Congratulations to Mayor Schmitt and Thank You for everything you have done to maintain and grow our Partnership with Pfaffenweiler.

Strassenfest 2011

August will be here before we know it and we need your help for a successful Strassenfest fundraiser.

As you know, this is our only source of income for the year and supports all of our activities including meeting expenses, JHS German Club, scholarships, and our Endowment.

If you will be unable to attend the May meeting on Wednesday, May 18th, please call Phyllis Schuler, 482-2373 to secure your work assignment. We need everyone's help to make this a successful event.

Thanks so much for your support.

Pat and Phyllis Schuler

The Gift to Jasper Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Sister City Partnership with Pfaffenweiler Arrives!!!



The gift from Pfaffenweiler arrived on April 20th and has been placed in the Jasper City Hall.

Welcoming the gift were Vic Knies, Mayor William Schmitt, Matthias Hilger, Raymie Eckerle, Nathan Schmitt, and Jim Gutsell.

April Deutscher Verein Meeting In Review

The Jasper Deutscher Verein met Thursday April 7th at the Jasper VFW. There were 57 members present. President Birnie Jeffries opened the meeting by welcoming new members, Virginia and Jim Kapp.

Vice President Bridgette Jarboe asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

God Bless America was sung, and then Bridgette Jarboe led the prayer before the meal which consisted of

appetizers and desserts supplied by the members. After the prayer, Birnie led the members in Ein Prossit.

After the meal, Birnie continued the meeting by thanking the welcoming table which included Patti Goeprich, Steve Schmitt, and Barb Schmitt. Linda Wehr signed up members to work the Strassenfest booths. He also thanked Margie Jeffries at the food table.

Barb Schmitt read the minutes from the March meeting. Cliff Howard made a motion to approve the minutes and Dan Wehr made second motion. Membership approved the minutes.

Patti Goeprich promoted the Golf Scramble which will be held on May 14th, at the Jasper Municipal Golf Course. All the proceeds from this event will benefit the JHS German Exchange Program. She stated that entry forms are available at area golf courses, and to contact Sandy Wehr at 482-2055 if you would like to sign up your foursome or to make a contribution.

President Jeffries then asked if anyone was celebrating birthdays for the month of April, to stand and Happy Birthday was sang in their honor. He also asked for a moment of silence for Norb Kreilein who passed away on April 2nd. Norb was a long time member and a past president of the Deutescherverein. He will be greatly missed.

Members then sang IN Heaven There is No Beer. Birnie then led the members in singing some German songs.

The drawing for the door prizes was held. Winners of the wind chimes were Ted Bartley and Rich Wurster.

Winners of the special prizes were Barb Schmitt and John Wibbels. Edelweiss and Happy Trails ended the meeting.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 18, at the Jasper VFW at 6:00 p.m. Members with last names A-L brings desserts and M-Z bring appetizers. Brats and Sauerkraut will be provided for a charge of \$5.00 per person. The Jasper Singing Seniors will be the entertainment.

The May meeting will be the last one until September.

The rest of the evening was spent socializing.

Submitted by
Barb Schmitt,
Secretary

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

May

The May meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18th, at the VFW Post #673 in Jasper at 6:00pm.

Bratwursts and sauerkraut will be served at a charge of \$5.00 per person. Members are asked to bring appetizers and desserts. Members whose last names begin with A to L are to bring desserts and those whose names begin with M to Z are to bring appetizers.

The Jasper Singing Seniors (all over 55) will lead us in an old fashion sing along. This group numbers 21 and is quite entertaining. They will be followed by Gary and Marcia Schnell who will present a program on the activities and entertainment of the 2011 Strassenfest.

If there are any questions on the May meeting, please call Birnie Jeffries at 326-2414.

August

Strassenfest – August 4th to August 7th

September

Family Picnic – September 17th at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation Club

Oktober

Oktoberfest – Date to be determined – Sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. at the Schnitzelbank

German American Day Celebration – Oktober 6th at the Schnitzelbank



Partnership Commission Established in Pfaffenweiler

Mayor Dieter Hahn has organized a Pfaffenweiler Partnership Commission, similar to Jasper's Partnership Commission. Their first official meeting will be on Friday, May 27th.

Members of the Pfaffenweiler's Partnership Commission are: Fritz Gutgsell, Karin Horst, Diana Treyer, Michael Eckert, Eddy Weeger, Franz Hilger, Bernd Gehler, Annika Marschall, Dominik Klein, and Mayor Dieter Hahn.

Special guest at the meeting will be Matthias Hilger.

OKTOBERFEST 2011 COMING!!!!

Sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

Details on the way.....

Sister Cities of Jasper 2010 Annual Activity Report

- January 2010 started out with Clayton Boyles (son of Bob & Deb Boyles) and Rafael Santos from Jasper traveling to Germany to tour parts of Europe and to visit former exchange students to the Jasper High School. The tour included a visit 1/1/ thru 1/7/2010 with Dominik Klein in Pfaffenweiler who spent the 2008/09 school year in Jasper.
- On January 15th, the Jasper Partnership Commission's Annual Business Meeting took place at the Jasper City Hall at 7:30am; planning process for Anniversary has begun in Pfaffenweiler as well. Mayor Schmitt reappointed Stan Jochum, Bob Dilger and Raymie Eckerle to the Partnership Commission for another 3 year term. They were sworn in by the city's Clerk-Treasurer. The current Commission consists of Mayor Bill Schmitt, Bob Dilger, Raymie Eckerle, Matthias Hilger, Stan Jochum Vic Knies, Kim Lottes, Bob Steffe and Lois Kuntz, Secretary. After the Annual Review the main subject were the plans for the 25th anniversary trip to Pfaffenweiler in June 2010.
- On January 29th, the Jasper High School German Exchange program had their annual Chili Supper at 5pm prior to the homecoming basketball game of the JHS team.
- On February 12th, Matthias Hilger has an official meeting at the Rathaus of Pfaffenweiler with Buergermeister Dieter Hahn, former Buergermeister Fritz Gutgsell, Eddy Weeger, Michael Eckert, Diana Treyer, and Karin Horst in preparation for the 25th anniversary celebration scheduled for June.
- On February 22nd, the Annual Sister Cities of Jasper Inc. Board Meeting took place at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant; Present at meeting were Bob Dilger, Dan Gutgsell, Alan Hanselman, Matthias Hilger, Jim Gutgsell, Nancy Eckerle, Dave Kieffner, Treasurer, and Secretary Patti Goepfrich. Excused was Stan Jochum. There are two new nominees for the Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. Board of Directors – Sandy Wehr and Carolyn Mowat (Carolyn attended the meeting) Jim Gutgsell agreed to, again, become the President of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., Nancy Eckerle became Vice President and Dave Kieffner agreed to remain as Treasurer and Patti Goepfrich agreed to remain as Secretary. The membership voted for the nominations as presented during the German Club Meeting March meeting. (for more details see Meeting minutes)
- On February 23rd, at 5:30pm the JHS German Exchange students and parents meet at the JHS for the upcoming visit in October of the Staufen students and fundraisers.
- The Jasper Partnership Commission Meeting took place on February 26th at the City Hall. Plans for 25th anniversary trip are well on the way.
- Three students are expected to attend JHS this fall: Judith Osterloh for six weeks, Julia Schenkel, first semester, and Laura Lang, for the full school year; applications are being completed.
- On March 22nd, the Jasper Partnership Commission organized an Anniversary Trip Meeting at City Hall 6:30pm for the group joining on the trip to Pfaffenweiler.
- The Jasper High School weekly newsletter, edited by Principal Robert Hacker, helped promote our Sister Cities Homestay exchange program by helping to find host families.
- Plans have begun to take shape for a Germany trip to Germany in August of 2011 by the Hanselman family. Plans are to fly to Munich around August 25, 2011, visit the Herbstfest in

Rosenheim, travel to Salzburg, Innsbruck, Garmisch Partenkirchen, Neuschwanstein Castle and into Zurich, Switzerland ending up in Pfaffenweiler for the annual Schneckenfest. More details to come.

- In April, Mary Leah Christmas, a graduate student at Wilmington University, Dover, Delaware, pursuing a Master of Science in Management with a Concentration in Public Administration contacted various individuals in the community and county to conduct a Master's thesis research into what makes an international sister city program successful on the business, economic, and cultural levels, and of how those strengths could be of similar benefit to any other U.S. municipality that might consider initiating a sister city program. The brief title of my project is "Envisioning a Twin."

Jasper is one of the Case Study cities whose programs will be examined in the course of her research. She made a brief visit to Jasper in April during which time she conducted interviews with some of the key individuals involved in the Jasper-Pfaffenweiler partnership (Mayor Schmitt, Matthias Hilger, Jim Gutsell, Al Bennett, and others).

Some additional interviews were conducted in May and June. While there will be no direct benefits to individuals, the research will reflect and recognize the efforts made by Jasper in cultivating its international Sister City relationship. In the process of the research, Mary Leah Christmas hopes to gain more and better knowledge of what goes into making a sister city relationship successful, and of the activities, programs, and other benefits that can result from the implementation of a Sister City agreement.

- On April 21st, a Board Meeting by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. took place at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. Sherri Reeves, LCSW Professor of Social Science at Vincennes University Jasper Campus attended explaining a research study she is conducting in reference to our Sister City Anniversary; she will also travel with the group to Pfaffenweiler in June for the anniversary celebrations.
- On April 8th, at 9:00am, WBDC conducted interviews with VUJC students Lindsey Day, Tiffany Neal, Joy Cassitty and William Sadler, Jr. They went to TV station WJTS afterwards for a 7 minute taping in ref. to joining the Anniversary Trip.

- On April 12th, WBDC conducted interviews with Raymie Eckerle and Stan Jochum in reference to the Anniversary Trip.
- The JHS German Exchange students and parents met on May 4th at 5:30pm at JHS for the upcoming visit in October of the Staufen students and fundraisers.
- On May 8th, the JHS German Exchange students participate at the annual Jasper Downtown Chalk Walk to raise funds for their trip in 2011.
- May 21 to June 13 - Sara Guenter, from Staufen, Germany, who attended the Jasper High School spring semester 2009, visited her friends again here in Jasper to attend their graduation with them. She stayed with Ron Flick and his daughter, Abby, and son, Alexander.
- Caroline Horst and Angelika and Claus Marschall with children, Yannick and Annika, visited the US from May 22nd until June 4th. They visited Jasper for several days. The Marschalls stayed with Jim and Louise Gutsell to attend the Jasper High school Graduation of Olivia and Matthew Gutsell. Caroline Horst stayed with the Max and Jen Verkamp family.
- On Tuesday May 25th, Roger & Jan Hurlbut with their two children, Greta & Rex, visited Pfaffenweiler on a EuroRail Pass trip through Europe; they also visited former students they hosted from Poesneck in Thuringen. While in Pfaffenweiler they stayed at the Jaspis, toured the Museum, the Africa (Emigration) Monument and had a tour of the town by Eddie Weeger.

Report in Pfaffenweiler Newsletter May 27th:

Forerunners from Jasper:

This past Tuesday family Roger Hurlbut from Jasper visited Pfaffenweiler. They spent a full day in Pfaffenweiler, leaving quite impressed by the town and the history presented to them by Archivist Eddy Weeger in the museum. The picture shows Roger, Greta, Jan und Rex Hurlbut with Bürgermeister Hahn in the Jasper-Corner of the Rathaus (City Hall).

- Mayor Bill Schmitt and Stan Jochum joined Gary Lee on WITZ on May 28th for the final interview prior to the departure of the group June 16th to celebrate the 25th Anniversary in Pfaffenweiler in June.
- Anna-Lisa Weber (host family Mark and Michelle Bramlett) and Jana Ortlieb (host family Dr. Terry and Betty Brown) departed June 6th, from

Jasper after spending a year at the Jasper High School.

- On June 6th, Sister Cities of Jasper Inc. held a Board Meeting to plan the October 3rd Oktoberfest at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant as a new fundraiser for the organization.
- Louis Steinle departed Jasper on June 9th after spending a semester at the JHS (host family was Nick and Christine Ring).

25th Anniversary Trip Host Families
Visitor Name - Host Family

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| Bill Sadler | Thomas Zimber |
| Chad Flannery | Thomas Zimber |
| Leo Striegel | Renate Waldkircher |
| Sherri Reeves | Horst Steible |
| Bob Reeves | Horst Steible |
| Robert Taylor | Thomas Lutz |
| Susan Taylor | Thomas Lutz |
| Melvin Neukam | Ludwig Muser |
| Donald Eck | Ludwig Muser |
| Mayor Bill Schmitt | Jaspis |
| Nathan Schmitt | Jaspis |
| Mark Eckerle | Jaspis |
| Chris Eckerle | Jaspis |
| Greg Eckerle | Jaspis |
| Brenda Eckerle | Jaspis |
| Todd Drake | Angelika and Claus Marschall |
| Jerome Steffe | Sonja Claus |
| Maryellen Steffe | Sonja Claus |
| Stan Jochum | Fritz and Brigitte Gutgsell |
| Don Scherle | Monika Halfmann (Jaspis) |
| Eileen Scherle | Monika Halfmann (Jaspis) |
| Bill Seger | Doris and Jochen Sori |
| Marlene Seger | Doris and Jochen Sori |
| Ed Mehringer | Alexander Sautermeister |
| Karen Mehringer | Alexander Sautermeister |
| Ed Knebel | Albert and Sonja Keller |
| Anna Knebel | Albert and Sonja Keller |
| Dale Lassiter | Alexander and Karin Horst |
| Veronica Lassiter | Alexander and Karin Horst |
| Norm Weber | Klaus Ober |
| Jackie Braunecker | Heidi Batt |
| Joe Wanninger | Gisela and Heinz Hüpp |
| Kathy Wanninger | Gisela and Heinz Hüppe |
| Joan Knies | Gebhard Ehrath and Conny |
| Gene Eckerle | Gebhard Ehrath and Conny |
| Raymie Eckerle | Gebhard Ehrath and Conny |
| Lyndsey Anne Day | Markus Boesch |
| Jessica DeLorenzo | Markus Boesch |
| Joy A. Cassitty | Michael Eckert |
| Tiffani Neal | Michael Eckert |
| Janel Seng | Eugen Klein |
| Amanda Hilger | Eugen Klein |
| Zachary Johnson | Franz and Baerbel Hilger |

Kathy Hilger
Alexander Hilger
Matthias Hilger

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Program June 17th to June 27th 2010 in Pfaffenweiler

Thursday, 06.17.2010

8:25 a.m. Arrival at Zurich airport. Bus from Pfaffenweiler picks group up.

1.30 p.m. Arrival of guests at Winzergenossenschaft (winery) Pfaffenweiler
Afternoon/evening: day with host families

Friday, 06.18.2010

10.00 a.m. Meeting at mayor's office for Pfaffenweiler tour with Eddy Weeger, Fritz Gutgsell and Dieter Hahn.
12.30 p.m. Lunch at Grünwasenhütte (shelter house)

Afternoon free

18.00 p.m. Reception with champagne/sparkling wine for guests and hosts at Batzenberghalle (lobby)
19.30 p.m. Celebration of 25th anniversary at Batzenberghalle; Exhibition of quilts. The evening was attended by over 20 former exchange students.

Saturday, 06.19.2010

Day with host families

18.30 p.m. „Vesperhock“ (eat and drink) at the quarry with musical entertainment by „Kabinett-Spättauslese“ orchestra and the men-singing-club.

Sunday, 06.20.2010

„Steibicktag“ (Stone Quarry Festival)

10.00 a.m. Mass at St. Columba Church; 7 guests from Jasper joined the St. Columba Church Choir. Marlene Seger, Kathy Wanninger, Jerome Steffe, Brenda Eckerle, Eileen Scherle, Karen Mehringer, and Anna Knebel.

11.30 a.m. Fruehschoppen (Pre-lunch drinks) at the quarries

Guided tours and entertainment by the Stone Carver Group, brass band, alpine horn blowers and the accordion („Örgele“) players Klaus and Siegfried

Dr. Helmut Bock, geologist, will do a tour through the quarries in English.

Monday, 06.21.2010

7.00 a.m. Meeting of all Europe-travellers at the winery for departure by bus. (departure at 7.30 a.m.)

10.00 a.m. Partnership meeting at the Rathaus (conference room) with the members of committee: Matthias Hilger, Bill Schmitt, Nathan Schmitt, and Raymie Eckerle. All interested guests were invited.

Stand-up reception afterwards at Jasper-room in Museum building.

Afternoon open to own disposal.

18.00 p.m. „Firobehock“ (after work party) at Winery.

Tuesday, 06.22.2010

Morning free

12.30 p.m. Visit of the offices for the District of Freiburg, meeting with Mrs. Störr-Ritter, district administrator. (Dieter Hahn, Bill Schmitt, Matthias Hilger, Eddy Weeger, Fritz Gutgsell)

3.00 p.m. meeting at main entrance of Freiburg Münster, tour for everybody through old part of town and Münster with Eddy Weeger; Shopping afterwards;

Evening free

Meeting with Brigitte Burkardt, Student exchange coordinator at the Faust Gymnasium Staufen and members of the visiting group, Stan Jochum and Matthias Hilger at the home of Alexander and Karin Horst.

Wednesday, 06.23.2010

10.00 a.m. Departure at winery for Black Forest day tour (Gutach etc.)

Thursday, 06.24.2010 Day with host family

Friday, 06.25.2010

10.00 a.m. Departure at winery for Alsace Loraine sightseeing tour. (Kaysersberg, Ribeauvillé, Colmar, and Ferme (mountain restaurant) in the Vogesen Mountain Range.

Saturday, 06.26.2010

Day with host family

8.30 p.m. Farewell evening at “Rebhisli” (vineyard shelter) with the hosts.

Sunday, 06.27.2010

11.30 a.m. Departure to Zürich from Pfaffenweiler winery.

During the 25th Anniversary Celebration on June 18th, Matthias Hilger was honored by some 20 teenagers and adults for his efforts in the Home Stay Program and the student Exchange Program. For over 20 years, Matthias has taken the responsibility of organizing their visit to

Jasper, securing host families, and being the contact person during their stay. His only comment to those in attendance was “This Partnership is my life. It immediately felt like home when I arrived in Jasper and that warm feeling should be possible for all the students.”



July was another busy month.

- Caroline Wilmes and Derek Budd, former classmates of homestay student Sara Guenter at Jasper High School, visited Sara Guenter's family in Staufen, Germany.
- On July 13th the Board of Directors of Sister Cities of Jasper Inc. met at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant to re-fine plans for their first Oktoberfest scheduled to take place Sunday, October 3rd, at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant.
- The Jasper Partnership Commission met on July 19th to re-cap the 25th anniversary trip to Pfaffenweiler one month ago.
- On July 22nd, Judith Osterloh, from Wittnau near Pfaffenweiler arrived; Mike and Staci Hanselman are her host family for about seven weeks; she will attend Jasper High School and practice with the High School soccer team.
- Angelika Schenkel (hosted by Stan and Gayle Jochum) and daughter, Julia, arrived on July 22nd. Julia will be attending Jasper High School for the first semester this fall and will initially stay with her Welcoming Family, Larry and Kristine Harris and beginning September 17th, with Tom and Stephanie Reinsch.

We are busy again in August:

- On August 2nd, Kent Seger formerly from Jasper, visited friends in Pfaffenweiler for a week.
- On August 3rd, Max Verkamp, Amanda Hilger, and Patti Goepfrich were interviewed by Mick Birge at WJTS-TV concerning the benefits of the Student Exchange Program, the Host Family Program and Oktoberfest to be held in October. Max was one of the first JHS students to visit Pfaffenweiler as part of the JHS German Student Exchange Program.
- Stan Jochum, Sandy Wehr, Erin White and Matthias Hilger attended the monthly Greater Jasper Consolidated School Board Meeting to present JHS Principal Robert Hacker and Counselor Sean Jochum with a Certificate of Recognition from American Cultural Exchange Services (ACES) and Sister Cities International for their continued support of the Homestay program.
- On August 9th, Laura Lang arrived for the 2010/11 JHS school year and will be hosted by Lori and John Verkamp as Welcoming Family and then by Brian and Andrea Ackerman; Laura joined the JHS soccer girls' team and played on the Junior Varsity Team.
- The Board of Directors of Sister Cities of Jasper Inc. met on August 11th at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant to re-fine plans for their first Oktoberfest scheduled to take place Sunday 10/3 at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant.
- On August 18th, Steffi Mehringer Schmuecker and Patti Goepfrich taped a program with Karen Dorrell of WITZ concerning the German Heritage Essay contest held in conjunction with German American Day in October. Steffi had been a winner of the Essay Contest in 2005. (See September, 2010 German Club newsletter on Jasper German Club website.)
- On August 24th, Steffi Mehringer Schmuecker and Patti Goepfrich appeared on WJTS-TV concerning the German American Dinner.
- On August 31st, the JHS German Exchange students and parents met at 5:30pm at JHS for the upcoming visit in October of the Staufen students and future fundraisers.

September:

- On September 3rd, Judith Osterloh departs from Jasper to go back to school in Freiburg, Germany. Note by Judith before departure:

There are only 4 days left and I had a 'super' time. I have seen a lot of new things and I'm really not ready to depart yet, but that's how it goes. I must go back to school. I wanted to thank everyone, especially my host family Mike and Staci Hanselman. I believe I couldn't have had a better host family. I felt as a part of them and enjoyed it very much. I hope to be back one of these days or maybe someone from Jasper will visit me back home in Germany... Judith

- On September 8th, the Board of Directors of Sister Cities of Jasper Inc. met at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant to re-fine plans for their first Oktoberfest scheduled to take place on Sunday, October 3rd, at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant.

October:

- On Sunday, October 3rd, Sister Cities of Jasper Inc. has their first Oktober Fest at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant; a special German buffet dinner is being served, the Dubois County Suds Club join for a Home Brew tasting, entertainment by the Jasper High School students, a silent auction and much more are part of the afternoon and evening. Plans for the second one next year are being considered.
- On October 6th, we celebrated our twelfth annual German American Day at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. This 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 essay and the German Heritage Award was presented to Gary and Rita Egler. (See November, 2010 German Club newsletter on Jasper German Club website.)
- On October 14th – November 2nd, 20 students from the Gymnasium of Staufen visited the JHS with chaperones Brigitta Burkart and Stefan Schroeter. A full program with school and local tours filled the three week schedule. The students followed Mayor Bill Schmitt's invitation to join him for lunch at the Jasper City Hall on October 18th. After departing Jasper on Tuesday 11/2, the group visited New York for 3 days before flying back to Germany. The counter visit is expected to take place the summer of 2011.

- Eight Initial Information Cards were turned in these past four weeks by Vanessa De Leo, Maja Gutenkunst, Marlena Loeffler, Laura Knoebel and Tim Ehrhardt from Ehrenstetten as well as from Hans Guenter from Staufen and Tobias Fidler from Ballrechten-Dottingen, and Alisia Pfefferle from Hartheim. This is a record of possible full time students visiting the JHS for a full school year 2011-12. The previous high was 3 students from the Pfaffenweiler/Staufen area. Visa and JHS attendance reservations have been made for all 8.
- Beginning in October, Pfaffenweiler will have access to *The Herald* via the Internet instead of the paper copies that had been sent to Pfaffenweiler by Postal Service beginning in 1997 by *The Herald* and for the past 5 years by the City Hall.
- On November 17th, 2010, longtime friend of our Sister City and Jasper Partnership Commissioner Robert Steffe passed away.
- On November 18th, the German Club has their annual Auction to raise funds for the Jasper High School Exchange program

December

On December 12th, for the first time, a certificate of Attendance from Jasper High School was sent to all former Sister Cities International Homestay Students who attended the JHS. This initiative came by the request of Petra Ehrhardt in Ehrenstetten, neighbor town of Pfaffenweiler, whose two daughter's Aileen and Sina have attended the Jasper High School through the Sister Cities Homestay program. Her son, Tim, will be visiting JHS for the next school year 2011/12. Certificates were issued by the Jasper High School Principal Bob Hacker and Student Counselor Sean Jochum for all former students.

Dominik Klein 8/10/2007 – 5/23/2008
 Aileen Ehrhardt 8/10/2007 – 5/23/2008
 Annika Marschall 8/14/2008 – 5/22/2009
 Sebastian Loeffler 8/14/2008 – 5/22/2009
 Sara Guenter 1/5/2009 – 5/22/2009
 Anna-Lisa Weber 8/14/2009 – 5/21/2010
 Jana Ortlieb 8/14/2009 – 5/21/2010
 Louis Steinle 1/4/2010 – 5/21/2010
 Julia Schenkel 8/20/2010 – 12/22/2010

Also included Sina Ehrhardt who attended school 8/14/2009 to 9/24/2009 and Judith Osterloh 8/20/2010 to 9/2/2010.

- On December 22nd, Julia Schenkel departed Jasper after one semester at JHS. Julia was part

of the 2010 JHS Marching Band who marched all the way to the State Finals on October 30th. She also was part of the Drama Club at the JHS and the German and Spanish Club and stayed with Stephanie and Tom Reinsch.

- Also on December 22nd, the Exchange Student Subcommittee of Sister Cities of Jasper Inc., Patti Goepfrich, Carolyn Mowat, Sandy Wehr and Matthias Hilger met to discuss the challenge of having eight students from the Pfaffenweiler area wanting to come to Jasper through the Sister Cities International Homestay program for the next school year 2011/12.
- Abby Flick, daughter of Ron Flick of Jasper, visited her friend and former school mate Sara Guenter in Staufen, Germany from December 27th until January 5th.

German Heritage Day Program and German Heritage Award

The 13th annual German American Day Program will be held on Thursday, October 6th, at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm with the Program beginning at 6:30 pm. The thirteenth 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, and Gary and Rita Egler.

More 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 6th at the Schnitzelbank.

How you can nominate:

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 2011
German Heritage Award**

Nominee's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Please remember that the Strassenfest booths are our only fundraiser of the year. They provide the funds whereby we can enjoy our meetings, postage, upkeep of the May Pole area, annual student Scholarship, and meeting entertainment. Please donate your time to help to make these booths successful. Please call Phyllis Schuler, 482-2373 to secure your work assignment.

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Dubois County Suds Club Meeting Information

The following is a slate of some of the activities of the Dubois County Suds Club for 2011. 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 7 - meeting at Schnitzelbank - 7pm

July 5 - meeting at Snaps - 7pm

August 6 - Strassenfest contest

September 6 - meeting at Schnitzelbank - 7pm

September 17 - German Club Picnic

October - Learn to Homebrew Day (exact date TBD)

November 1 - meeting at Schnitzelbank - 7pm

December - Holiday party (exact date TBD)

Any questions on the DC Suds Club, call 630-8433 or email jrumbach@hotmail.com.

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