



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

# Die Zeitung

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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.

## A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to Pat and Phyllis Schuler, General Chair Persons for the 2012 DeutscherVerein Strassenfest Food and Pastry Booths. They spend much time in purchasing items for the booths, coordinating the delivery of the items, washing the items used in the booths, monitoring the cost of the items, being there at opening and again at closing.

They spend much time in planning and coordinating the activities for the Booths.

Thank you to Dave and Nancy Prechtel, Dave and Brenda Buehler, Mike Jahn, Don and Eileen Scherle, Joe and Kathy Wanninger, Art and Irene Kapp, Tony and Linda Schroering, Mehringer's, Rafe and Mike Ackerman, Leo Eckerle, Jim Corn, Dan Wehr, and Fred Roeder and Werner Saw Mill Crew and their committee members for the hard work prior to, during, and after the Strassenfest.

Thank you to those who set up on Tuesday night, spent much of Thursday downtown putting the finishing touches on the booths, and those unsung heroes who returned on Sunday after the parade to tear down.

Much preparation goes into the planning, setting up, and take down of the area occupies by the DeutscherVerein during the Strassenfest. Thanks to all who worked their work shift(s) in the main food booth and the pastry booth.

Thank you to Rita Egler for keeping the money so well organized at the Strassenfest.

Without the workers' dedication to the DeutscherVerein, any activities we have would not be possible because proceeds from the Food Booth and Pastry Booth are the only source of revenue for the DeutscherVerein.

## Winners of Strassenfest Events Sponsored by the Deutscher Verein

### Log Sawing Contest

Women's Division:

First: D & D – Julie Dicus and Kris Durcholz

Second: The Ladies of Grey – Debbie Mann and Janel Knies

Men's Division:

First: Angry Beavers – Nathan Block and Mark Hoffman

Second: Wild Cards – Ryan Harpenau and Abe Schwartz

Grand Champion – D & D – Julie Dicus and Kris Durcholz

### Sheephead Tourney

First – Elaine Brames, Second – John Wilz, Third – Tom Reuber, Fourth – Keith Herzog, Fifth – Charlene Kern, Sixth – Ruth Margarida, and Seventh – Leroy Schnaus.

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## Wunderbar Strassenfest!

We would like to thank all of our members, sons, daughters, grandchildren and friends who helped us in our stands this year. A very special "Thank You" to those who worked more than one shift filling in as needed. We had a great year despite the slow **Thursday** evening. The rain put a damper on the party as the thunder and lightning was frightful. **Friday** was a good night but **Saturday** was unbelievable. Our mini brazils were a big hit! We are still working on getting bills in for payment and should have some information to share at the annual picnic. A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped to set up and tear down the stands.

*Pat and Phyllis Schuler*



**Sven Schumacher Presenting Matthias Hilger  
with the Federal Republic of Germany  
Friendship Award**

Matthias Hilger was presented with the Federal Republic of Germany Friendship Award during the opening ceremonies of the 2012 Jasper Strassenfest. The presentation was made by Sven Schumacher, Honorary Counsel of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The award states “to Matthias Hilger, in recognition of your efforts on behalf of German-American relations, in recognition of your endeavors in fostering and sustaining friendship between the Federal of Germany and the United States of America”. It is signed by the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany. A letter from Gunnar Christiansen, Vice Consul to the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Chicago accompanies the award.

This is the highest award that the Ambassador can award to an individual.

Mayor Terry Seitz commented that the City of Jasper has worked with Matthias for many years to keep the German heritage alive in conjunction with Hilger’s hometown and Jasper’s Sister City, Pfaffenweiler, Germany.

Matthias arrived in Jasper for a work exchange in 1987. With a woodworking education, he began employment at Indiana Desk and stayed with Claude and Martina Eckert. In 1989, Matthias married Kathy Young from Jasper and thus started his life in America. They have two children, Amanda and Alex, and reside in Jasper.

Matthias is the son of Franz and Baerbel Hilger of Pfaffenweiler.

**Deutscher Verein Family Picnic 2012**

The Family Picnic is at Jasper Outdoor Recreation Club, [September 15th, 2012.](#)

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Supper at 6:00 p.m. Smoked pork loin w/cinnamon apple rings and roasted red potatoes will be catered. 7:00 to 9:00 Hungry Five will play German waltzs, polkas, and marches.

Members with last names - A-P salads or vegetable dishes Q-Z desserts.

**German Food to Support the German Exchange Program**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 7th, to attend a special event at the Schnitzelbank.

Drive-thru only – 10:30am to 1:00pm

Menu – Fried Chicken – Braetzel – Pulled Pork BBQ (choice of one meat), German Fries – Baked Beans – Slaw – Dessert Included

Pre-sale tickets available from students who are part of the Jasper High School German Exchange Program and meals can also be purchased on the day of the event. Due to postal regulations, cost cannot be published. See other media for additional info.

Proceeds from this event benefits the JHS German Student Exchange Program. Sister Cities of Jasper donated \$12,000 to the JHS German Student Exchange Program in February, 2011. This donation was made possible through fundraisers such as this.



**For Information on this Quilt – Call Sandy Wehr  
at 482-2055**

## **German American Day Program and Annual German Heritage Award**

The Jasper Deutscher Verein, Jasper Partnership Commission, and Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. will celebrate German-American Day on Tuesday, October 9th, at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. The dinner and program will honor the contributions made by German immigrants to the life and culture of the United States.

The program will begin with opening remarks by Birnie Jeffries, president of the Deutscher Verein. Mayor Terry Seitz proclaim October 6<sup>th</sup> as German-American Day.

Raymie Eckerle, vice-president of the Jasper Partnership Commission, will present the German Heritage Award. The 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. The recognition is open to all individuals.

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

The Jasper Deutscher Verein is sponsoring the award. Past recipients are Mary Jo Meuser, Claude and Martina Eckert, Dave Buehler, Linus and Sally Lechner, Joe and Irene C. Eckerle, Dan and Linda Wehr, Leo and Lora Lou Eckerle, the late Lowell and Joan Glendening, Dave and Janet Kluemper, Rafe and Phyllis Ackerman, Vic and Monica Knies, Gary and Rita Egler, and Patti Goepfrich.

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

Jim Gutsell, president of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. will have closing comments.

The public is invited to attend the dinner and program. The social hour begins at 6p.m. with the program and German-style buffet at 6:30p.m. The cost is \$15 a person for the buffet with a cash bar. Reservations are needed and can be made by calling Patti Goepfrich at 482-4821 by October 1.

Lois Kuntz and Matthias Hilger also provide support in planning the program.

An essay contest open all seniors in the four county school corporations is being held in conjunction with German-American Day. There are three essay topics. The students may pick one of the three topics. They are "What does German heritage mean to me?", "What can we, as the younger generation, do to help maintain and preserve our German heritage?", and "Note local or family German names as they relate to the towns or

villages that immigrants came from, the meaning of the family names, relationship to geographic location, occupation, etc."

A winner from Southridge High School, Forest Park Jr.-Sr. High School, Northeast Dubois High School, and Jasper High School will be named from the essays submitted, and the four winners will attend the German-American Day Dinner and read their winning essays at the German-American Day Dinner. Each winner will be awarded a \$250 scholarship.

German American is the financial sponsor of the contest.

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### **History of German-American Day**

German-American Day is a holiday in the United States, observed annually on October 6. The holiday, which celebrates German American heritage, commemorates the date in 1683 when 13 German families from Krefeld near the Rhine landed in Philadelphia. These families subsequently founded Germantown, Pennsylvania, the first German settlement in the original thirteen American colonies. Originally celebrated in the nineteenth century, German-American Day died out in World War I as a result of the anti-German sentiment that prevailed at the time. The holiday was revived in 1983.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October 6th as German-American Day to celebrate and honor the 300th anniversary of German American immigration and culture to the United States. On August 6, 1987, Congress approved S.J. Resolution 108, designating October 6, 1987, as German-American Day. It became Public Law 100-104 when President Reagan signed it on August 18. A proclamation (#5719) to this effect was issued October 2, 1987, by President Reagan in a formal ceremony in the White House Rose Garden, at which time the President called on Americans to observe the Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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### **Mary Jo Meuser**

Mary Jo Meuser passed away on August 8, 2012. Mrs. Meuser was the first full-time German teacher at Jasper High School and was instrumental in the establishment of the JHS Student Exchange Program with Staufen and Poessneck. She was also the first recipient of the German Heritage Award. She made an impact on her students. Thank you Mrs. Meuser. Our sympathy goes to her three children, Elodie, Jacob, and Clare.

## Address Changes for Newsletters

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

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

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## **Additional information concerning the October Deutscher Verein and Sister Cities Activities will be in the local newspapers.**

**There will not be an October Newsletter.**

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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 2012. There are still some dates to be determined.

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

October 7 - Learn to Homebrew Day (location TBD)  
November 6 - 7pm - The Schnitzelbank  
December 1 - Holiday Party (location TBD)

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

Justin Rumbach

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

Would all members who are going to be gone for any period of time, please notify Rita Egler at P. O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015 or call her at 634-9068 with your new address so we can forward your newsletter to you. This keeps us from having to pay double postage and assures you to receive all newsletters while you are away from home. Having your mail forwarded while you are gone will not work, simply because of the “Return Service Requested” stamped on our newsletter. This is stamped to let us know when someone has moved. The Post Office informs us of new addresses if you have permanently moved.

## Thanks For Hospitality in Pfaffenweiler

For the past several years, individuals from Dubois County have asked what Funds are available in Pfaffenweiler where someone could donate money to, in appreciation of an individual or the community.

There are three Funds that the community of Pfaffenweiler currently has in place.

“Sozialfond”: This Social Care Fund is a non bureaucratic support fund for families and individuals of Pfaffenweiler in need. Distribution is discretely decided when needed by a committee of the City Council.

„Kindergarten Spendenkonto“ (Kindergarten Gift Account) This savings account is in support of the Pfaffenweiler Kindergarten beyond the annual budget. Any use of money in the account is decided by Mrs. Schaefer, Head Teacher, and her pre-school teachers. It can be used for the purchase of various items which are not in the annual budget but might become necessary.

„Jugendraumkonto“: (Youth Room Account) it is similar than the Kindergarten Gift Account) The Youth Room of Pfaffenweiler does not have budgeted community money allocated to it and thus relies solely on this fund raised through private sponsors and fund raisers. It is kept in a savings account and the Guidance Counselor for the Youth Room Dominik Burghard makes the decisions together with the Youth Council how to use the money. He does report back to the Pfaffenweiler City Council.

Donations may be given to or sent to Buergermeister Dieter Hahn, Rathausgasse 4, 79292 Pfaffenweiler, Germany.



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## Thank You to the Dubois County Community Foundation

Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. has received a grant from the Claude and Martina Eckert Sister Cities Endowment Fund. We are grateful for Claude and Martina's forethought in establishing this Endowment.

**Endowments at the  
Dubois County Community Foundation**

**Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club)  
German Heritage Endowment**

A donor-advised endowment to benefit generations in ensuring that our German heritage is preserved and enriched in Jasper and Dubois County.

**Claude and Martina Eckert  
Sister Cities Endowment**

A designated endowment to provide support to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. to support the Jasper/Pfaffenweiler relationship.

A gift to the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment or to the Claude and Martina Eckert Sister Cities Endowment is a wonderful way to remember that special someone. A gift in honor of someone or in memory of someone may be given. The Dubois County Community Foundation will send a letter of acknowledgment to the individual being honored or to the family of someone being remembered. Send your gift along with the appropriate information to the Dubois County Community Foundation, P. O. Box 269, Jasper, IN 47547-0269. Envelopes are also available at the greeting table at each club meeting.

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Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

to the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please specify appropriate Endowment)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please acknowledge my gift to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tradition of Wine**

In old times, much of the European countryside was covered with vineyards. The carefully cultivated grapes were made into many varieties of special vintages. Often the perfectly aged bottle would be shared with friends at special occasions. Just as a fine wine improves through time, so does the quality of a valued friendship.

**Tradition of the Pretzel**

Pretzels had their beginning in the 6<sup>th</sup> century at an Italian monastery. A young monk was preparing unleavened bread for Lent and creatively twisted scraps of bread dough to resemble arms folded in prayer. He named his creation Pretiola, a Latin word meaning "little reward," and gave it as a treat for the children who recited their prayers. The pretzel is often served during Lent to remind Christians of their faith.

**Tradition of Beer**

Originating in ancient Egypt, beer is almost as old as civilization itself. In medieval times, monks brewed beer for a nourishing drink, which was permitted while fasting. Considered a valuable source of nutrition, beer played an important role in daily lives and workers were often paid with jugs of beer. The brewing of beer is considered by many to be the oldest manufacturing art practiced by man.

**"Ein Prosit"**

Ein Prosit Ein Prosit  
der Gemutlichkeit  
Ein Prosit Ein Prosit  
der Gemutlichkeit  
Eins, Zwei, Drei, G'suffa!  
Zicke, zacke, zicke, zacke  
Hoy, Hoy, Hoy,  
Kindermachen, Kindermachen  
Ya Ya Ya  
Motorcycle, Motorcycle  
Vroom, Vroom, Vroom  
Der Deutscher Verein is Voonderbar!!

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