



**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 2013 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. Sleep is NOT part of their Strassenfest weekend!!!!

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, 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.

A big thanks also goes out to the grandchildren, friends, and all those who are **NOT** members of the DeutscherVerein but volunteer their time and talents on Tuesday night, Thursday night, Friday night, and Saturday during the day and evening.

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.

Please begin thinking about how you can contribute to the 2014 Strassenfest!!!

## **Winners of Strassenfest Events Sponsored by the Deutscher Verein**

### **Log Sawing Contest**

Women's Division:

First: D & D – Julie Dicus and Kristi Durcholz

Second: The Frauleins – Bridgett Bartley and Holly Mundy

Men's Division:

First: Termites – Joe Schwartz and Justin Hensley

Second: Red Birds – Ryan Harpenau and Abe Schwartz

Grand Champion – Termites

### **Sheephead Tourney**

First – Denis Sander, Second – Elaine Brames, Third – John Wilz, Fourth – Rose Werner, Fifth – Betty Kempf, Sixth – Ralph Werner, Seventh – Leroy Bleemel, and Eighth – Leroy Schnaus.

Attendance Prizes – Viola Wehr and Lester Sickbert

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## **A message from Mike.....**

Thanks to all who helped with our stand at this year's Strassenfest. The weather was beautiful and the fest was rewarded with a steady flow of happy patrons translating into above average sales for many booths and a large economic boost for Jasper.

Congratulations to this year's Hofmarschall, Patti Goepfrich. Patti's involvement with many area boards including her service to the Jasper Deutscher Verein and Sister Cities, helped to make her a unanimous choice for the Strassenfest Committee.

Our member picnic to learn about Strassenfest results and enjoy some of the fruits of our labors will be held on Saturday September 14 at Jasper Outdoor Rec. This year's picnic committee included: Bridgette and Mike

Bartley, Barb and Steve Schmidt, Cliff and Pam Howard, and Mike and Ann Ackerman.

To avoid publishing conflicting details, please look for information submitted by committee member Barb Schmidt for door opening times and food assignments.

We are planning a slightly different twist for timing this year. Our doors will open early afternoon with entertainment by Freddy Hopf before our meal. We will have corn hole set up for any youngsters (and those young of heart) as well as cards. A group of our members will be grilling our main course and enjoying a few beverages.

Our Strassenfest Stand Chairman, Pat Schuler will provide us with this year's financial results.

Our after meal program will be presented by Josh Dodd. With our club's purpose to "promote, preserve, and celebrate our proud German Heritage" , Jasper Deutscher Verein contributed financial support for Josh's efforts to preserve our German Heritage through learning and utilizing the art of stone carving, especially as it relates to reconstruction of tombstones in our local cemeteries. Josh gave up summer vacation time to make a trip to Pfaffenweiler, Germany to learn the art of stone carving from Master Stone Carver, Michael Eckert. This program promises to be an interesting sharing of Josh's visions and progress to date to learn how Josh has taken his ideas for preserving our heritage from concept toward craft.

The German American Day is scheduled for October 9, 2013 at the Schnitzelbank.

Our next regular meeting will be held November 21st at the VFW. This is our auction meeting to help provide support for our area students studying German. If you were thinking about a special project to create an item for the auction, you only have 90 days left....

Mike Ackerman,  
VP, Deutscher Verein

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### **Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars**

#### **Jasper Deutscher Verein Summer Picnic**

We will be having our annual summer picnic on September 14th at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation.

The doors will open at 1:30 pm. The meal will be served around 4:00 pm. Some of the members are getting together and doing the grilling. We will be supplying pork loin, bbq chicken breasts and hot dogs.

We are trying something different for this meal. Members with last names beginning A-F please bring dessert, G-K potato dish, L-P salads, and R-Z vegetable dish.

There will be several activities to participate in. We are going to offer cornhole, horseshoes (if anyone has them would you mind bringing some)? Cards for sheephead or any other cards you would like. If you would like to sit out and enjoy the nice weather and conversation bring your lawn chairs!

We will also have a few activities for the children. Beside the nice park, we will have chalk, bubbles, Frisbee, cards and also cornhole. So encourage your children and grandchildren to join us.

Freddie Hopf and the Boys will be our entertainment from 2:30 – 3:30.

The German Exchange Students that traveled to Germany this summer will have a display set up and Erin White will give a presentation on their experiences.

Pat Schuler will give us an update on the Strassenfest.

Josh Dodd will give a power point on his trip to Pfaffenweiler, Germany to learn the art of stone carving.

We will also have drawings for door prizes and special prizes.

Plan to come early and stay late!!!! Hope to see you there!!

Barb Schmitt  
Secretary

#### **Oktober**

**German American Day Dinner – Oktober 9<sup>th</sup> at the Schnitzelbank**

#### **November**

**November 21 at the VFW – Annual Auction benefitting the JHS German Exchange Program – please be generous in your donated items and more importantly, generous with your bids!!!**

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### Winners of the Strassenfest Quilts

Thank you to all who contributed to the Strassenfest Quilt project sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper to benefit the JHS German Exchange program.

The winners were Lori Braun and Mike Braun!!!!

Congratulations to Lori and Mike!!!!



Lee Knies

Lee Knies graduated from Jasper High School and will attend the University of Evansville to major in electrical engineering. Lee took three years of German and was a four year member of the JHS German Club. Lee is an Eagle Scout and received the Edward Rottet Jr Memorial Scout Award. He has held various leadership positions in \$H, was vice president of the JHS Robotics Club, President of the JHS Motorsports Club, Class Representative and Treasurer of the Key Club and member of the National Honor Society. Lee is a member of the Patoka Valley Bass Masters and the Knights of Columbus. His parents are Dan & Sue Knies.

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### A Great Way to Add to Your German Wardrobe

There have been several requests from members wanting to know where to find German clothing for celebrating our Heritage during the Strassenfest and other functions of the German Club. In our quest to find sources, Dorothy Hautsch, an area seamstress, has consented to custom make women and girls' dresses and lederhosen for boys and men. She can be reached at 309-9925 to answer any questions or schedule an appointment.

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### 2013 German Club Scholarship Winners



Bethany Boeglin

Bethany Boeglin is a 2013 graduate of Forest Park High School. Her interests include music, art, and theater related activities. This fall, she plans to attend the University of Evansville to major in visual communications and minor in communications. She is the daughter of Kurt and Kristi Boeglin.

### JHS Students Playing the JHS School Song in Pfaffenweiler



## JHS Students in Dresden, Germany



**April 23, 2013**

**Hi All!**

Getting ready for the long trip abroad and I'm opening the blog up so everyone can find it now! Don't forget to share with your friends and family: [jhsingermany13@blogspot.com](mailto:jhsingermany13@blogspot.com) so they can keep up!

**Frau**

**June 5, 2013**

Today we spent our morning with our host students in school. Manuel and I walked to school, but the walk was very nice and peaceful. When we got to school, we first had music class. Kari, Austin, and I, who have the same classes together, were able to sing a song in English with them, but only got to listen to them sing an accapella German song. After music, we had a twenty minute break period where we met with our fellow American students and talked about our previous night and our first class. Then, the American students had a German lesson with one of the teachers from the school. We learned a couple German tongue twisters and got to have a German speed dating session. After that, we had another break period. We then headed to their German class which was very boring because they had to read a book in German and we could not understand it. At 12:15, we loaded up and headed to Pfaffenweiler. When we arrived, we set our stuff down and started to lunch. We ate at the top of a hill that was very difficult to climb, but well worth the view at the top. For lunch we had potato salad, which I did not care for, bread, and ham. It was very good. After eating and taking a group picture, we started back down the hill. Austin, Christian, Andrew, and I ran down the hill. At the bottom they had a strawberry and Spargel (white asparagus) stand. We decided to get some strawberries while we waited for the rest of the group. They were the best strawberries I have ever had. They were very sweet and juicy. After we got them, everyone else had to get some too. After enjoying some strawberries, we started our tour. Our guide

showed us the church, which was very nice, and several different stone crosses through out the town that were made to certain people. We also saw the first Tesla house which was very old, and several other buildings in the town. Also, Max found a snail, but then Mrs. White killed it, so then he found another one, and I found one by saving from Madison's foot. They were very interesting to watch and play with. After the tour, we stopped at the supermarket and I bought a lot of Ritter Sport chocolate. After we had shopped, we headed up the hill to our bar-be-que for dinner. On the way up, there was a spring for people to walk in and relax, but the water was very cold. I could not stand in it for very long. Then, we hiked up to the top of the hill to the quarry for dinner. It was a very nice area in the woods. For dinner, I had a steak with a roll and a piece of pretzel bread. It was very good. After dinner we talked and walked in the woods some before leaving. Now that we are back home I will finish my journal for today and go to bed.

**Jared Collier**

**June 6, 2013**

Today was a good day because the tour of Staufen was excellent and my family also took me to see a Roman excavation sight full of many old relics and a very beautiful fountain. Every day puts the German I have learned to the test and I feel very confident in what I know. For supper we had spargel and kartoffeln, that was very tasty. All in all today was a great day for me and my family.

**Ronnie Schepers**

**June 7, 2013**

Today I started off with a typical German breakfast, it is very often simply bread with things you can put on it like butter, honey, and jelly's. Then Jakob's father drove us to school. Normally we take a train then a bus, and for me that is a really cool culture experience. Then we had only two classes to attend. It is always interesting to see what differences there are in the classroom. After that, we were off to Freiburg! Freiburg is a really cool city with a lot to do, but what is cool it is a city with a lot of history. We visited a really awesome church that was hundreds of years old, and it amazes me to think of how people in those times were capable of constructing such impressive buildings. My stay in Germany has been very good. The people are very friendly and helpful. It really is a beautiful place.

**Jaron Herbig**

**June 8, 2013**

Finally a day to sleep in! My host family took me to a fancy restaurant for brunch and helped me read the menu. Thank goodness! After meeting my exchange partner's friend in Freiburg we went shopping. They made me try this bubble tea...but once we got there I

realized they were bobas! If you go to orange leaf you can put them on your frozen yogurt! Once we got back to their village we got ready for a get together and then left. Instead of hoping in a car and driving there, we rode bikes. I haven't rode a bike since middle school!! And to top it all off it was about 2 miles away. It doesn't sound like very far but I promise you it feels like it! But once we got there it was hour and hours of just German. I felt like I understood what they were saying but I didn't want to embarrass myself by talking German! Anyways, overall it was a good forceful learning experience for me to have to translate all that German in my head!

**Emily Fleming**

**June 9, 2013**

Today was mainly a day of relaxation for me. My exchange partner and I slept in really late because we were tired from the night before (movie in Freiburg and then another late night movie). When I woke up, my host mother took me on a walk with her and her dog, Inka. The path was wooded and relaxing. We passed by the Rhein and I could see the French side. My host mother showed me a large pile of wood that would later be burned for charcoal (Colen auf Deutsch). After that we went home. When I am done typing this blog, my host family will take me to dinner. I hope its tasty!

**Luke Lottes**

**June 9, 2013**

So I am having a very difficult time figuring this blog out. Since it was Sunday today, I went to church with Lisa's family. They are Catholic and I am also so I was very excited to see if the mass is different. I found out it is. There was many things I could point out during mass that where different and I could also follow along. The prayers where the same but I didn't know the songs. Over all mass was a very good experience. After church I went to Holly Moser's partners house Alex and we just had a very relaxing day together. We all went to the movies together in Freiburg and the movie was very interesting. Seeing actors that speak English talk in German was very strange but new. Some parts of the movie was hard to understand but the German exchange students help me understand what was happening. We all we out to dinner at a Italian restaurant. In general today was a very relaxing day but I also learned a lot.

**Rachel Louviere**

**June 10, 2013**

Awaking at 7 to Dennis, my exchange student, I began my day. The day started with a nice shower, after the refreshing, and awakening, and awakening shower, I went to the floor above mine, the main floor, to eat breakfast. When I came up stairs, the family had sat at their seats around the bar in the kitchen. Today, we dined on toast, with Nutella.

Bread here is a bit different than The United States. In the U.S., bread is generally white, and soft, if its regular white bread. Here, everything appears to have been made as if homemade, or by a baker. It has a more fresh taste, more seasoning, and thick, chewy, bread.

The Nutella here is also different. In the U.S. it is chocolate, and hazelnut, more of a balanced taste. Here, it has more of a chocolate taste, and I think I like it here, more.

After breakfast, we got ready for school. I prepared some tea for the morning. The tea was Shogun tea. It had rhubarb, and a few other ingredients, rhubarb being the most prominent taste, which I do not mind. I bought the tea in Freiburg, on Saturday.

After getting my tea ready, and getting my backpack filled with lunch, we headed to school. At school, I talked to the many friends I had made here outside of the exchange progam. I talked to Jonathan, or "Homel", Hannah, and Steffen. Steffen and Hannah are two people coming to the U.S. to stay a month after I am home, so I will see them again.

Our first class was Math. The night before Dennis had shown me the subject they were studying. I had no idea what entirely it was. It was similar to a matrix, in math, but I'd just spent the past year studying Geometry, so I didn't know the concept he was studying. In the math class, I payed attention for about 20 minutes, still trying to grasp the concept even with my limited German, but it was impossible. They were reviewing last night's homework, and I had no students near me to look at to understand the topic. So, I wrote in my journal to catch up with the weekend's adventures.

After Math, we had our usual break, I talked with my friends, and went to German class with the English exchange students. In German, we learned how to ask our host parents to allow us to do something. Like, going shopping, driving, dancing, that sort of thing. Teenage things. This lesson allowed us to be reminded and retaught of things we had either forgotten, or not learned, so that we could better communicate with our German host parents.

After our wonderful German lesson, we headed to the village of Titisee. Titisee is a village in the Black Forest of Germany. It attracts many many tourists, and this causes it to be a hotspot of tzipcal German culture. Such as, cuckoo clocks, and the typical Titisee hats. Being it a center of cuckoo clock shops, and other souvenirs, I bought a cuckoo clock for my grandparents, a small one because of the weight issues of a plain, a stein magnet for my grandparents, a couple music boxes, a wallet so that Euros could fit nicely, and some bratwurst for lunch. In Titisee, I took many photos, and spent time hanging

out with my friend Carla, since I hadn't talked to her on the trip so much. I took a few photos with her with a man in the background with a nicely groomed moustache.

After Titisee, we couldn't go hiking like Frau Buchar wished to, and to show us. The weather was too bad for us to go, so we decided to spend the rest of the day shopping in Freiburg. In Freiburg, I bought one of my good friends, Donald, a t-shirt from H&M. Shirts in Germany are a bit different in texture, and the way that they are manufactured. In the U.S. they are more thick, and somewhat stiff. Here, they are very soft, thin, and light-feelings. So, he asked me to buy one, and since we were in the city, I figured I would.

Also in Freiburg, I purchased a wonderful matcha green tea frappuccino. Matcha is a rare green tea from Japan. It is from the main leaf Gyokuru. It lays in the shadow for many months, and after this time, it is dried, like all teas. The difference in matcha and other teas is its texture.

After the drying process, it goes through a second process of being made into a powder. Once it is in the powder form, it is wonderful, delicious, matcha.

I bought some on Saturday, given its rarity, and difficulty when finding. Matcha has a very organic, and green taste. The frappaccio I bought had a wonderful after taste of matcha, and a taste of icecream. It was so great.

After I bought the shirt at H&M, the exchange group all sort of walked around together, aimlessly, and then decided to go to Starbucks and wait for the next train to Pfaffenweiler, the sister city of Jasper, Indiana.

Once we had left for Pfaffenweiler on the train, it was near evening. Our plans in Pfaffenweiler was to have a sort of "Welcome, Jasper" party. It was very nice here, the band played for us, there was drinks, and sandwiches to eat, it was a nice time.

After our food arrived, Mrs. White handed us three papers that we were asked to fill out before we left. Each paper had a list of questions for the exchange, and it was for us to ask strangers questions in German, and to see their opinion of Jasper. I first interviewed a girl named Olivia. She was 23, and had stayed with Olivai Gutschell in the U.S. with an exchange. I had known Olivia Gutschell from band in Jasper.

The second wasn't as easy as the first. It was an elderly woman by the name of Irgnrid. She was 75 years old, and had been to Jasper 3 times in her life. I had difficulty understanding the German, given that I hadn't had much experience with an older speaker of German, so her husband helped me a bit with the German, and the questions, still in German, though.

After Irgnrid, I had my last interview with 14 year old Olivia. She had never been to the U.S., but had wished to go. After the interview, I noticed she was part of the band that was playing, and that she played the flute.

At the end of our wonderful, and adventuresous, day, we headed home with Dennis's brother Daniel. We drove Griffin home in Grunern, and then to home. When we got home, I showed my host mother the things I had bought in Titisee, and unloaded some of the things I no longer needed, and talked to them.

After a bit, Dennis and I went downstairs to our room, and I remembered that I needed to write my blog, so I did.

Here, in Staufen, it is 10 PM, and this was **Maxwell** with your inside look at June 10, 2013.

### **June 11, 2013**

Today everyone traveled to Europa Park. It was like a mix between Holiday World and Disney World. The park was divided into seperate countries and had specific rides and foods that were from that country. I rode all the water rides and the biggest roller coasters, it was a lot of fun. There was so much walking though because it was so big! I hung out with Ronnie, Luke, Kari, Lisa and Julius and we had a very interesting day! First Ronnie lost his wallet and then I almost broke my nose on the ride, Poseidon. It was so painful! Ronnie did not find his wallet and his flip flop broke. It was not his day. After we got home Kari, Zora, Rachel and Lisa came over to bake cupcakes. They were confetti cupcakes I brought from home, for Alex. And tonight Rachel is spending the night with me. Today was a very eventful day!

### **Holly Moser**

### **June 12, 2013**

I had toast for breakfast and made a roll with nutella and strawberry jelly. When we got to school all the Americans had a German lesson with Herr Schrueter. We could not speak English and if we did then we would get this bottle with a task in it that you would have to do at the end of the class. During this class we went over our homework assigned on Monday. It was over haben vs. sein, and past tense. After the first break we went to the bus stop and waited for our bus that was taking us to Strasbourg France.

We crossed over the Rhein River, this river divides Germany and France. Down the road was a castle on the top of a hill. It was built for the German ruler when that part of France was a part of Germany. We got to Strasbourg and walked along the river through the old town and past the old leather tanning areas. We continued to a square where there was a statue of

Johannes Gutenberg, the man who invented the printing press. Then we walked to the church square. This church looks every similar to the one in Freiburg, because the same red stone was used in both churches. The main reason that they were different was because this one only had one of the towers completed. The second was not finished because of money or time. We went into the church and it was very beautiful inside!

Frau White let us go walk around and find lunch, shop, or look around at other things in the town. We had to be back at the church at 3:30. Josh and I walked down many streets then we walked to an ice cream shop that made the ice cream like roses. The scoops were the peddles of the flower. Each peddle could be a different flavor of ice cream :) It was a good thing that the lady working at the ice cream shop spoke English because I don't know French!

We walked some more then went to a cafe where they had pizza I had cheese and it was good. We then walked down the street to a grocery/clothing store looking for tea or juice boxes. We saw Frau White. Josh found mango tea and I got dragon fruit chocolate and orange chocolate. I tried the dragon fruit and it had a good but had a weird flavor. We went and sat down. We were tired of walking. At 3 we started walking to the church. On the way we saw a beagle puppy trying to get a piece of bread but it couldn't reach. It was reaching out all most all the way and still couldn't get to the piece of bread. It finally completely stretched out and got the piece with its tongue. We got to the church and there was a guy playing the cello he was really good! Madison and I gave him some money. The teachers came and we went to the bus.

My host father picked me up from the bus station. On the way home we picked up a girl that was going to Muenstertal our village. We dropped her off, and my host father got out to get some bread at the store. Then we saw Noeamy on the way to the house. She was with two of her friends, they were waiting for the bus. We picked them up. After dropping off her friends we went home.

My host mom was about to make these really big pancakes you put cheese, spinach, and tomatoes in them or if you wanted a sweet one you could put nutella or applesauce in them. I had a nutella one and a half of a cheese and spinach one and a fourth of a applesauce. They were all good! I was very full! Now I'm going to relax then go to bed.

Loving it here in Germany:)

**Shannon**

### **June 12, 2013**

Today when we arrived at school we went straight to a German lesson with our instructor, Herr Schroeter. The first thing the class did was review a few short German tongue twisters. An example: Fischer's fritte fischt frische Fische. After stumbling through a few lines of those, we moved on to checking over our homework. We had a small portion of it leftover from the last lesson that needed to be finished. Next we tested our knowledge of a few key German phrases and grammar. After that the class sang a song in German: Millionaire by Die Prinzen. That was pretty entertaining, as a class we didn't try too hard, but it was still very funny. Finally we got out a map of Strasbourg and marked all over it in preparation for our trip to France. We went straight from our German lesson to the bus stop and boarded a charter bus in order to travel to France. The trip was a little under two hours long. By the time we crossed the river Rhine that forms the border between France and Germany the journey was nearly over. Then we finally arrived in Strasbourg! There were a lot of historical monuments/areas in the town, and it was very interesting to see. Johannes Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press, was born in Strasbourg, and they had a statue dedicated in his honor. We visited a massive cathedral, complete with dozens of stained glass windows and 3 organs. After our visit to the cathedral, we split off into small groups for lunch. It was extremely difficult to order, because many of the menus were in French and the waiters only spoke limited amounts of English. My group personally ended up flipping a coin onto the menu, and whatever it landed was what we ordered. I got something good though, so it wasn't bad. After lunch we met back at the Cathedral square and made our way back to Germany. After the long ride home, everyone went their separate ways. I later went to eat dinner with a few other German students at a nice restaurant. It was delicious. After that I went home and went to bed. I think today was a lot of fun, but I certainly know that I like Germany way more than I do France. Germany is, to me, a more pleasant country as far as the landscape goes, and I like our area's architecture more than that of France's. Actually, France had several homes that were similar to American style homes, which was refreshing, but I didn't like the ones that weren't styled like that. Overall though, I liked the country, and I had a good time.

### **Griffin Park**

### **June 13, 2013**

Today we did not do any touring of any cities or anything very special. We went to the first two classes with our host students and then we went to the swimming pool that is not very far from the school. The pool was really cold so I did not swim very long but I laid in the grass and it was nice not to have to walk around all day. After we went to the pool a lot of us went to Freiburg again. I went to eat at an Italian restaurant called Vapiano. It was

amazing! After that I went to walk around Freiburg. We went to a place that sells tea and I bought six little boxes of different flavored iced tea. The tea is so good I could drink it all day. After we got done in Freiburg we had a going away dinner with all of the students in the exchange and their family. I am sad to leave everyone here in Staufen and I will miss them all, but I am excited to go to the next group in Possneck. This trip is so much fun and I am loving every minute(:  
**Sarah Reckelhoff**

#### **June 14, 2013**

Today was a day that I have not been looking forward to for the past 13 days. It was very hard to say goodbye to Maike. I feel like I have gotten very close to her. The sadness got worse as I hugged all the Germans I had that I was close to. We were then torn away from the Germans and started to get on the bus. We started our 7 hour trip to Munich. I mostly spent most of my bus ride trying to sleep. At about two we arrived at Neuschwanstine. We ate at that time and I had spaetzle with cheese. it smelled really bad, but tasted good. In Neuschwanstine, we went to König Ludwig's castle. They say that Cinderella's castle was based off his castle. I could definitely see the resemblance. On the inside of his castle, each wall was covered with a beautiful painting. It did not seem like we got to see a lot of this gorgeous castle. Before our tour, a few of the exchange students and I went across a special bridge that King Ludwig built for his mother. We hiked on a trail and went pretty far back, not knowing where we were going. About 20 minutes before we had to meet for our tour, we decided to turn back. In order to make it in time, we had to run down the mountain, across the bridge, and to the castle. After our tour, we got back on the bus and in about two hours we were in Munich.  
**Kelsey**

#### **June 15, 2013**

Today was our full day in Munich. Although no one got a full night of sleep, we were on the go again. We left our hostel at ten to take a tour of Mrs. White's favorite area of Munich, the pedestrian zone. One of the first things we all saw was a spectacular fountain. Christian decided that he wanted to run through it fully clothed while we were all talking. Many of us thought that he would regret what he did as soon as he exited the fountain, but he came back to the group smiling like it was the best idea he had the entire trip. As we left the fountain we walked under one of the original entrances to the city. We then had a few minutes of free time until we listened to the glockenspiel play. I didn't expect the figures to move like they did! We all then split into groups until dinner, which was a very relaxing change to walking all of the time. We ate dinner in the nearby train station and had a few minutes to shop for gifts before Mrs. White gave us an option. We could either go to the Olympic Park with her, or go back to the hostel for the night. I chose to go to the

Olympic park, and I do not regret it. We climbed the Olympic Tower and had an amazing view of Munich. We were 186 meters in the air! It was also hard to believe that they also had a restaurant up in the tower. Although it was another long day, I am enjoying this trip. It is still so hard to believe that we get to have this experience at such a young age.  
**Kari**

#### **June 15, 2013 Munich**

I apologize for my late blog, however, these blogs took me a while to figure out... Anyway, on June 15th, we had our first full day in Munich. We had to wake up in the hostel and eat breakfast by 9:30. Breakfast in German hostels aren't drastically different from hotels in the USA. There was an array of cereal to choose from and lots of bread to choose from. After this, we toured Munich. The town was very pretty and pleasant. There was a large festival going on downtown, so it was extremely crowded. So crowded, in fact, that I was almost a little uncomfortable in the crowd. There was music and there were performances on a stage in the middle of town, while huge tables were set up with umbrellas above them to block the sun; which is interesting, because on this day, it began to rain. After a bit of touring, Mrs. White gave us the option to either walk around the town more, or to go see the Englischer Garden. I decided that I would stay in town longer with my friends. We ate at a cafe- I believe this is the day I tried weißwurst- and then had a look around. I visited a few little tourist stores, a tea store, and a toy store. All extremely overpriced, of course. I did not buy anything, but having a look was nice. While in the toy store, most of my friends disappeared, so Griffin and I were not sure what to do next. As we both were tired, we figured it would be logical to stop by one Starbucks and head back to the hostel. After a little bit of confusion with the map, we went back to the hostel to find a few other Americans. We all chilled out until it was time for dinner. We then went to the train station to pick out some dinner. Shamefully, I had Burger King. It was as good as Burger King gets... We then received the option to go see a castle (I think it was?) or stay at the hostel. I wasn't so interested in seeing another castle, and neither were my friends. We decided to stay at the hostel and joke around and simply hang out. It was a fun day.

#### **Madison Cornetet**

#### **June 16, 2013 : THE AMAZING DRIVE TO PÖSSNECK!**

The drive to Pößneck was filled with the sound of exhausted, sleeping teens. As expected, most slept! The sleep was much needed after the fun time in Munich. As we traveled onward to our destination, I could not help but notice the beauty of the ecosystem beyond the bus windows. The view was magnificent! The grass is so green, and the mountains in the distance, it seems as if



we are moving through the grid of a painting. We made a much needed rest stop a few hours into our journey. This was a fine rest stop! Mrs.White was loving the stop, I am not sure why, but she was enjoying it. The bathrooms were nice, I had to pay 80 euro cents for a toilet, but all is good! After a while, we shuffled our way to the bus, and continued our adventure. I drifted back to sleep. When i awoke from my slumber, we were arriving in Pößneck! I was excited to see Konrad again. After getting settled in at Konrad's house, we went to the welcome party. I like parties, it usually means free food! I enjoyed myself at the party because we were able to reunite with our partners and friends. So far so good in Pößneck!

Written with great thought, passion, and enthusiasm by:  
**Austin Armstrong**

**June 17, 2013**

Upon awaking I felt like I was in completely unknown surroundings, shortly after I had reminded myself that some German houses have these neat shades that block all light from entering a room. I opened the blinds only to find a harsh bright light from out side. I quickly got ready for the day dining on bread and Nutella as well as a cup of tea and in a quick rush I was out the door and off to school in my host mother's BMW. We arrived at school and I was told to go with all of the other Americans to go on a tour of the school and to learn some brief history on Pößneck and how it became what it is today. We learned that much of the damage from the war and GDR times have left some parts of the city damaged and crumbling, so there is a fair amount of construction going on throughout the city. Although most of the shops in the areas with heavy construction are still open and available for use. The school administration has also been through some hard times due to some the facilities are not safe to use, so they use all of the space they can to give an education. After some more talking the principle arrived to talk about the school and then we were off on our tour of a portion of the school. We were shown various class rooms as well as a small closet that they must use to store all of the chemicals that they have for the chemistry classes. We continued on with some small sitting areas for the students as well as a small courtyard, it was all fairly obvious that they didn't have much space for too much else but you have to make with what you have. The school is small but nice and it is not the only school that they have in Pößneck, they had to separate some of the grades into different buildings due to the lack of space.

We returned to the room where we had the presentation of the history to wait for our exchange partners to pick us up and go to their next classes. I was the. Met with Kristin and we went to a Mathematics class for two periods straight; Kari, Jaron, and Ronnie and their Germans were in the same class as well. I didn't understand much but I felt like could figure some of the problems out if I tried hard enough. After about an hour and a half the teacher left to go to the next period and Frau Weniger walked in about 25 minutes later due to the break period. She is one of the English teachers at the school and also works in the exchange program on the German side. For the next hour and a half we had English and understood all of it, well because it was all in English. They were talking about describing an ad and how they were constructed to gain the attention of the viewer and how it makes people want to buy the product. After school we had plans to go to a swimming pool with a large group of other Americans. Kristin's mom drove us to a bus stop that headed in the direction of the pool. Apparently we took the wrong bus and we landed about a 8 minute drive away from the pool, we flagged a fairly shady taxi and traveled in waves in the same taxi as there a bit more than twenty of us that rode the bus. The pool was pretty awesome: there were two spring diving boards as well as three platform high dives, four pools in total, a giant water slide, and a few courts for volleyball and basketball. I was pretty proud of myself just for jumping off the second highest platform in the diving pool but Josh and Shannon were brave enough to go off the highest. Shortly after a few dives almost everybody was done swimming and went to go sunbathe, and I followed suit because I didn't want to be by myself. After a few hours of lounging around we decided to change pack up and leave and go to McDonalds! The menu is very different except for the usual popular advertised items like they have in America. I got a burger with some weird smokey sauce and back on it, but I also noticed that they have a McNugget burger and I was really amazed and confused at the same time. We ate our meals, shared a few stories and went on our way, after McDonald's was the end of my day. I took a showering said good night to my family and closed the blinds once more to sleep until the next day.

**-Andrew**

Sorry this was a day late, I didn't find the time to sit down

and write a short novel on my phone without being exhausted.

### **June 18, 2013**

Today, I awoke at six, got ready for the day, and then ate some breakfast. For breakfast, I had toast with Nutella, and a bowl of Musli, which is like American cereal with granola. After that, we were off to the bus stop to go to school. Today, we spent the first two class periods, which is spent as one period, in class with our Germans. We had English, which cool because we could actually understand the teacher and talk to her. After that, we met our guide for the day and headed off on our tour of Pößneck! We saw many things, including very nice houses, the majority of the city, the shopping area, a monument in memory of those who died in the Black Plague, and several other sites. Also, we climbed a "mountain" which I thought really wasn't that bad. I just thought it was really hot. The view from the top was worth it, though. You could see almost the whole city! After our tour, we ate lunch with their mayor. They gave us information about the city and a map and a pen. They also gave us something to eat and drink. While in the mayor's building, the Rathaus, we saw a small museum. It was interesting to see the old things they had. Once that was done, we had to meet our students back at school. My German and some other students' Germans were still in class, though. So for the last 30 minutes of school, we got to have a small Russian lesson. Russian is a very weird language. And when the teacher tried writing it on the board, it looked even more confusing. After school, we went to the Saale. It is a river close by to Pößneck. There, we swam and went out on a boat and relaxed. It was very fun. When we were done swimming, we had a bar-be-que at one of the German's houses. That was even more fun. It was about 9 o' clock by the time we got home. We decided to sit out in their garden for a little bit and eat ice cream and enjoy the weather. After we were done eating and it started to get cold, we went back inside and got ready for bed. Now, I will finish this blog post and then get some sleep. Guten nacht!

**Jared Collier**

### **June 19, 2013**

Today was the first day that we American exchange students did not have early classes with out partners. Instead, we got a short tour of Pößneck. We saw some of the old school buildings being remodeled. After we saw the buildings being remodeled, we walked back to the school and the principal showed us some more pictures of remodeling. It was pretty interesting to see the old buildings. After the learning of the remodeled buildings, we walked to the gymnasium- which quite far away, uphill the entire time. We made this climb to go play sports. The gym was separated into soccer, volleyball, and basketball. I stayed in basketball. Instead of forming an actual team, we all just dribbled balls and

threw freethrows. Eventually, we all got a bit bored of the basketball playing, and piped down. After sports, we walked back to the downtown area to get Döner kebabs for lunch. A döner kebab is much like a flatbread pita pocket with meat and other toppings in it. In mine, i got the meat, lettuce, onion, and cheese. It was delicious! Afterwards, we got some ice cream. Once we finished out ice cream, we headed back to school. To our horrible surprise, the last lesson most of us had to attend was gym! We journeyed back up to the gymnasium- this time under the beating sun- and sat in the sweaty gym for nearly two hours. Once that was over, Theresa and I headed to the Pößneck pool with a few other friends. The water was cold, but it felt heavenly. We soaked for a while and layed in the sun for a while. I can't tell if I'm burnt or still just hot. We got home from swimming and Theresa had a party at her house. We stayed outside and ate pizza most of the time, but then things became somewhat rowdy. Kids were splashing other kids with water. After enough of this, I decided that I would have no part in being splashed with water, so I headed inside to chill out with some friends. Overall, it's been a pretty good day.

**Madison Cornetet**

### **June 21, 2013**

We got to go to the famous city of Dresden today. The bus ride there was not too long and most people slept so it went by pretty fast. When we got to Dresden we had a wonderful little tour by, the one and only, Frau White. I learned that the city of Dresden is separated into the newer city and the older city by the Elbe River. After our short tour of the many famous buildings and monuments we got free time. In this time we could do whatever we wanted and I chose shopping in the widely known porcelain section of the city. Frau White had talked it up so much that I needed to check it out for myself. Needless to say I spent half an hour in one store and got some great gifts for my grandparents. If you have money to spend I suggest you look into this store, it's called Meissen. However, I will warn you that you will want to buy everything in the store. Be aware of this and precede at your own risk! Today is my host parents anniversary and we will be going to eat at this nice restaurant to celebrate. Then of course since it is Friday night we will be getting together with some other exchange people and just hang out.

**Emily Fleming**

### **June 21, 2013**

My day started out with a simple breakfast with my host Family. I ate a crunchy, chocolate cereal that had a Nutella flavored filling. It tasted amazing! Then, all of the Americans met at the bus station for the 2 hour bus ride to Dresden. I, like most of the group, slept the whole way there. When we arrived in Dresden, Mrs. White led us on a tour of the beautiful city. I was amazed at the skill of past German architects! The buildings were so beautiful

that I couldn't stop taking pictures! Sadly, many of the buildings were damaged, either from World War 2 or from erosion/ weathering. After the tour, we were given almost 3 hours of free time. I went out to eat with Josh, Shannon, and Jaron. They took me to Vapiano's. Vapiano's is basically the best Italian restaurant ever made. You receive a card when you enter, pick your pasta and sauce, then swipe your card. You give the card to the Hostess up front when you are finished, who then swipes it and tells you what you owe. It was an enjoyable experience for me. After that, I walked around and shopped. When we returned home, I had a barbecue cookout with my host family. The cookout was the perfect example of "Good Food, good times." Another day in Germany is over...but I will return for more!

**Luke Lottes (Bruno)**

### **June 22, 2013**

Today has already been a very busy and tiring day! First we woke up early and had breakfast outside in the garden. After that, we got our stuff together and met Rachel, Betty, Shannon and her family and boarded the train to Leipzig. Once there we walked to the zoo. It was huge! We saw lots of animals but a lot were hiding. I think it was because it was so hot they were taking shade. Either way though, it was really cool. We had lunch next to the giraffe, zebra and gazelle pen. It was really neat. Then once we were done at the zoo we walked back to the train station and shopped for awhile. We have a few hours to rest before we are meeting the other exchange people at a big bonfire tonight. It is celebration of the longest day of the year. I am really looking forward to it, I love bonfires! Sincerely,

**Holly Moser**

### **June 22, 2013**

Today we woke up and had a typical breakfast for my family of German pancakes with Nutella along with fruit, quark, coffee and cake. After we had our breakfast it was off to Siegal to go shopping. We had to take a train to get there and it was so long and boring it was a 2 hour train ride, but almost everyone slept so it went by fast. Once we arrived in Siegal we had lunch at a restaurant called Vapiano which is exclusive to Europe and it isn't anywhere else. After we had lunch we started shopping in a huge three story mall! It was the biggest mall I had seen since I have been in Germany and the cool part was the train station was attached directly to the mall so we didn't have to do any walking! We spent about 4 hours looking around the store before I decided to buy anything. After we got done shopping we went to KFC for some food because they decided they wanted American food. When we got back home we were all exhausted but we still decided to have a nice fire and sit around the fire and talk about the day and make smores. I had such a good time today I wish I did not have to go

home so soon.  
**Josh Fleck**

### **June 24, 2013**

Today we went to school with our German exchange students, but instead of attending class with our individual Germans all of the Americans gathered in a separate classroom. Today we were having independent study. The first lesson of the day was German. We reviewed some general ideas before filling out worksheet. Our teacher ended up turning it into a competition and seeing who could list as many German words as they could think of on the sheet (with a maximum of 3 words per letter in the alphabet). Austin took first with 54 total words, and I took second with 53. Next we read a poem called "Der Erlkönig" by Goethe. Goethe is a very well renowned German poet. The poem is about a man and his son. The son is ill, and the man rides through the night to try to save him. It was a deep, tragic poem, but still very good. After the poem we sang a song. We gradually removed letters off of some of the words after we completed each verse. Sort of like the song Bingo, if you know how that works. After our German lesson we had a quick chemistry class. We learned how to make butter from scratch, and then we smeared it on some bread for a nice snack. We unfortunately managed to break two of the school's beakers by accident, but we apologized and they didn't seem too torn up about it. We then had a short break, talked to Mrs. White, and had a snack. Next we had our music lesson. We got out bongo drums for each of the students and learned some traditional beats. It was really fun! Then we switched rooms and sat at a huge rectangular table, with cups placed on the table in front of each chair. We learned how to play a game with the cups by beating them rhythmically on the table in unison. It was very interesting. I had some trouble with it though, but we had a good time. After music class we had a Russian lesson. We were able to learn a few Russian words and phrases, and we even found out how to spell our names in Russian! I'll post some here, however they will be the phonetic spellings because of the differences between the Russian and English alphabet. The Russian alphabet has an additional six letters compared to ours, and they don't have as direct translations. So I wrote them down how I thought they would sound in English. Anyway, here's numbers one through ten: Adin, Dwa, Thrie, Tschetoeirea, Pyat, Shest, Seyem, Woseyem, Devyat, and Desyat. Keep in mind that you have to say these with a thick Russian accent or else you sound like you're speaking gibberish! At one o'clock we left school with our exchange partners. My partner, Isabell, and I took Madison home with us because her partner had guitar lessons after school. So we had a nice lunch and chilled out at home for a while until her partner, Theresa, was finished. Then we went to the train station and met up with Christian and his partner Sophia, as well as a few other Germans. We hopped on the train to head to

Yana, a huge city not too far from here. Once we entered the city we stopped off at an ice cream parlor and grabbed some cones. Isabell said it was the best ice cream she'd ever had, and I'd certainly agree with her that it was really good! Afterwards we headed on over to the mall and browsed for a while. Once we got done shopping we decided to get back on the train and go home. We headed to Theresa's house, and we are some Döners. They are basically giant flatbreads cut in half and stuffed with lamb meat and vegetables. They were delicious! After that we hung out at Theresa's house for a while longer before heading home for the night. All in all, it was a pretty good day! I think everyone was pretty happy.

### **Griffin Park**

### **June 23rd 2013**

Today I started my day off with church. Señora, Holly, Kari, Shannon, and I all went to the little church in the village of Ranis. The church service was very welcoming and we could all tell everyone was talking about us. Sense the church was in a small village, I can imagine them wondering how Americans ended up in Ranis. Other than the obvious stares from everyone the church service, the mass was very nice. When I got home from church Betti, Shannon and I made brownies that I brought from America for my host family. We had to convert tablespoons to grams and cups to liters. When the brownies were done, we just had to eat them! They were amazing! Even señora approved of them! For lunch I went to a very nice Italian restaurant and ate the most amazing dish of pasta ever. After lunch with my host family we went home. Betti and I were both very tired, so we took a nap. When we woke up I found out I was going on a Motorcycle tour. The motorcycle tour was so much fun! And at the end of the tour we ended up at our final destination was Linkenmühle! Where I had the most delicious ice cream. Where Frau Weiß, Señora, and the principal of the school in Poßneck. It was a very nice evening getting to know them at dinner and just having a very good time with my host family and the company. Over all my time here in Poßneck has been very enjoyable!

### **Rachel Louviere**

### **June 24, 2013**

I got up today it looked gray out so I dressed warm. I got ready then went downstairs for breakfast. I had toast with nutella. We left for school and it was raining. When we got to school I waited in the Paussen Halle with all the other Americans, today we are going to Weimar and Buchenwald.

We arrive in Weimar and Frau Jung starts passing out papers that we had to fill out and turn in at the end of the day. Frau White tell us that if we don't do good on this paper then we will get behavior money taken away. Frau Jung is really nice and helps us with the sheet.

She really knows a lot about this city and the people who lived and worked here. There are many museums in Weimar because many of the famous people's homes were turned into museums. We see a white tower that was once a part of the town wall. It is now a club house where people can go and hang out.

Next we saw a statue of Goethe and Schiller. The sculptor wanted to make the two men appear to be equal. The sculptor changed Goethe from short and fat to taller and normal sized. On the other hand he made Schiller normal sized instead of tall and skinny. Then we went to the Goethe house and watched a movie about Goethe and the town of Weimar. After the movie we were able to get stuff from the gift shop. I got a post card.

Then we went across the street to Giancarlo a very good ice cream place. We all were able to get ice cream. Griffin was eating an ice cream cone with one hand and a sandwich with another it was an interesting sight. Josh got 2 ice creams because he bought Frau's off of her then she got a pastry instead. Then we walked to the town square and there was a stand for brots. Many people got brots even though we had just gotten ice cream. I was still full.

The town hall has bells made out of Meissen porcelain. You can tell because there are two blue swords crossed on one of the bells, this is the symbol for Meissen porcelain. Frau Jung bought strawberries and shared them with us. We then walked to the library.

We then walked along the Ilm river. We were walking to Goethe's garden house. As soon as we got there it began to rain. We walked through the other parts of the garden to the Bauhaus University. The windows on the first level are handmade glass. The university was for architects and craftsmen. We then left the university and walked to the bus to go to Buchenwald. Buchenwald is eight kilometers up the mountain. A 12 kilometers drive away from Weimar. That is why the people who lived in the town didn't know what was going on in Buchenwald.

When we got to Buchenwald we watched a movie about the loving conditions of the people imprisoned there. After the movie we walked to the gates of Buchenwald. There is a clock that will forever be set at 3:15 because that is the time the Americans liberated Buchenwald.

On the gate door there is an inscription saying "To Each His Own." Near the entrance to Buchenwald on the inside is a memorial. It is a metal plate that is always kept at the temperature of a healthy human being. We walked around where the building used to be. There are

not many building left. We got to the building where the people's personal items were kept, it has been turned into a museum now. We were able to walk around the inside for 15 minutes.

Next we walked to an area where people were punished for doing things wrong. There was a pole where people were hung from their arms. Also a wagon that was filled with stones that they would have to pull around. Then we walked into a room where the doctors would perform experiments. The next room was the crematorium where the bodies would be burned. Then we walked into a courtyard to wait to walk down into the gas chamber. There was only one way in and out, a stone staircase. I can't even imagine how many people lost their lives in this white room. We then left the gas chamber. We walked to a room where Russians would be taken to be killed. They would be told that they need to get a physical. When they went to see how tall they were they would be killed. On the other side of the wall was a man that would kill them with a gun. Then we left and went to the bus.

We went to another memorial. This was a three part memorial a bell tower, sculpture, and graves. The bell tower would chime every hour and we heard it while we were there. It makes the most ominous sound for a bell that I had ever heard. The tower could be seen from a great distance away. In the middle of a circular courtyard is a memorial statue sculpted by Fritz Cremer. He had a person for every mindset who lived in Buchenwald. Below the statue are three mass graves for the people who died in Buchenwald. The American soldiers buried them after they liberated Buchenwald. Along the path of the graves are 18 pillars representing the 18 nationalities killed in Buchenwald. Then we left to get back on the bus to go home.

Frau Jung collected our papers and graded them. Rachel and I got the most correct 31 questions. Then I took a nap. Nessi picked me up from the bus station and we went home. We had meatballs and potatoes for dinner I liked the meal. Then I watched a movie and went to bed.

Informational day learned a lot  
**Shannon**

### **June 26, 2013**

Today, I woke up like any other school day to the sound of my alarm after selecting the snooze button about four times on my phone. I opened my blinds and saw that it was cloudy outside. I could feel the cold air coming from window, so I decided to dress a little warmer and take a rain jacket along. For breakfast, I had "choco bobbles", which is basically the same thing as coco puffs in America. After breakfast, we left the house and started our walk to school. We were going to have periods 1-4

with our exchange partner and then leave to go to a chocolate factory at around 11:05. My exchange partner's first and second period was Biology. In Biology, they did presentations most of the time. Our next period was French. Then after that, we had Latin. After fourth period, all of the Americans met in the Pausenhalle to take our field trip to the chocolate factory. It was a short walk to the chocolate store. Walking out of the store, it felt like I had at least bought 5 pounds of chocolate. After the chocolate store, a group of us went to go get some Döner. It was delicious, but I couldn't eat all of it because it was so big. Döner will be an item that I will miss in America. We then went back to the school and waited for our exchange partners to get out of class. My exchange partner along with some others walked to the Sportshalle. After, we went home and I started packing my things hoping everything would fit. I was excited because it seemed like I had more room now than when I came over to Germany. After packing, we went to the goodbye party. It was nice to see everyone and eat some great food. It was also sad because it would be our last night in Pößneck. When the goodbye party was over some of us went to have a campfire. It was good to see all of the new people that I had met again. I was going to miss all of them. I really didn't want the night to end because I knew that we would be saying our goodbyes to Pößneck in the morning.  
**Kelsey Siewers**

### **June 28, 2013**

Today started with breakfast at the Generator hostel. This hostel is nicer in some ways than the Hostel4You in Munich. This one has a nicer lobby, and a larger eating area, with a more ascetically pleasing design.

Breakfast was the same as the previous hostel, for the most part. Bread, with a choice of meat slices, yogurt, cereal, and a drink. This hostel has more of an assortment of drinks, though. I got apple juice, some meat slices, and a bowl of cereal.

We ate breakfast at 9:00, and left at 9:30 for our adventurous day. The beginning of our adventure was the metro ride to Alexander Platz. Alexander Platz is one of three plazas that are in Berlin and still in use. None of these are the center of the city, because the city has no defined center. The city is more of a combination of villages that grew together, becoming one large city. In Alexander Platz, we hopped onto the on-and-off sightseeing tour. The tour is designed to show you things about each site you pass through a 2-3 hour drive through town. It's made so that you can also jump off at 20 different spots, and jump onto the next bus from this tour. It's highly convenient, and a great means of transportation to each site.

We went around the different areas, passed government buildings, and the other top spots to view. Our first place

we jumped off was for Checkpoint Charlie. Checkpoint Charlie is the museum for the Berlin Wall, it's oppression, effects, and the tearing down of it. It was a very informative museum, and very large. It seemed to last forever, but I spent the time to see as much as I possibly could, so I walked to the end of the exhibits before leaving, even if I didn't get a chance to read it all. After Checkpoint Charlie, we walked to the end of the street, and a few of us got our passports stamped 6 times for 5€. I personally didn't partake in it, it seemed cool, but expensive.

After this, we headed to the GDR museum, but first we ate near the museum. I ate at a wonderful Italian restaurant. I got a pizza with onions, mushrooms, salami, and I think that was all on it. It was extremely delicious, though. A nice last lunch in Germany.

The GDR museum was also amazing, it held many different things from the GDR time of Germany. It had a Trabant you could get in and take pictures in, and many many interactive things to view the time period. A few touch screen things, and many things to read. It was highly interesting, and informative. I enjoyed it more than Checkpoint Charlie. The downside was the amount of people in there, it was quite packed.

Our next stop was the Bradenburger Turm. We only had a few minutes to get some interesting photos, then we were off to a shopping area. In the shopping area, many people went to Hägen-Das, and got ice cream. On the way there, I noticed a TeeGeshvender, so I had to take a stop. In there, I bought a cast iron tea cup. It will go beautifully accompanied by my matcha tea I purchased in Freiburg. After this, we went to one of the other Platzs, and we were given the choice of shopping, or going to the Hostel. I chose the Hostel, so that I could finish this. Now it appears I'm finished with my recount of the day. This was Maxwell Bradley with your inside scoop at the JHS 2013 Germany Trip.

**Maxwell Bradley**

**June 29, 2013**

This was day we all came home from Germany. Almost all of the students decided to stay up all night so we wouldn't have to wake up at a two to get ready to leave. This worked for everyone but my roommates and myself. We fell asleep and woke up when we had to be in the lobby. When we got into the lobby, it was time to go into the bus. As we drove to the airport Mrs. White gave us more information about Berlin and the airport we were going to fly out of. When we arrived to the airport we had a little trouble finding the area we needed to get to. After we found where we should check our bags in, we had a few issues getting our tickets printed off. Then most of the other girls had problems checking in their luggage. Some bags were too heavy, but they also weighed a few

carry-ons. Which not a single one of us had experienced before. Some people even had trouble getting through security. But eventually we were all able to get to our gate. After we got on the plane almost everyone was asleep. I looked around and I did not see one head that wasn't leaning on another person in the exchange. When we arrived in Amsterdam we had to rush to our other gate. When we arrived there we noticed that everyone had to go through security again. We also got asked a few questions about our bags. Soon enough we got onto the plane and started our journey back to home to America. The international flight was eight hours long. On the flight you could watch movies and television shows, play games, or listen to music. For me, this flight went by very fast. I fell asleep listening to music and slept most of the flight. When I woke up, we were flying over Canada. I was so excited that I decided to stay awake to wait for the landing. I watched a few episodes of a show to pass the time and before I knew it we were landing in Detroit. The first thing everyone did was turn on their cellphones and text loved ones to say we were almost home. Then we went through customs, a third security check, and got on our last flight. During this flight I couldn't wait to get home! But I also had the realization that I left all my new friends in Germany. I had such a mix of emotions! Before I knew it we were in Louisville. We got off the plane and waited at the gate for one another. We went into the airport together, so we all had to leave the airport together. When we saw our parents, we all had huge smiles on our faces. After a month adventure of having fun with friends, learning, experiencing another country, and growing up so much we were finally home. I am so grateful for the chance I was given and I am sure everyone else would agree with me. This was the trip of a lifetime! Thank you everyone who has helped us along the way. We may not always show our appreciation for all that you do, but we are teenagers. With lots of love from all of us in the exchange, this concludes the 2013 German Exchange Program

**Kari Keeley**

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### **News from the Dubois County Suds Club**

The Dubois County Suds Club is a group of local home-brewers. Anyone who home-brews or wants to learn how to home-brew is invited to attend.

In addition to monthly meetings, the club also holds group brew sessions and live demonstrations throughout the year. Anyone wanting more information about the club is invited to call 630-8433 or attend a meeting.

The following is a slate of some of the activities of the Dubois County Suds Club for 2013. 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!

### 2013 Schedule

**October 6** - Learn To Homebrew Day 11am - Location TBD

**November 5** - Schnitzelbank 7pm - presentation idea needed - AHA competition TBD

**December 7** - Holiday Party @ Jaycee's clubhouse

Justin Rumbach - 630-8433



The Men's Choir from Pfaffenweiler was founded in 1863 and will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. During a time, when the majority of the village lived in poverty, a few men got together to sing together in a choir. With the singing, the people found encouragement and amusement. The first years of the club were quite difficult, because they had no money to buy sheet music or song books. They borrowed books from other choirs and hand copied many of them. Original copies of 150 years ago still exist in the archives of the Men's Choir.

Along with these documents are bills for candles to light up the room for practice. The first director of the young choir was Teacher Konrad Hirt. He also was the organist and director of the church choir St. Columba.

This past July, the choir organized a concert together with the Women's Choir in the historic stone quarry above the town of Pfaffenweiler. The official anniversary

celebration however will not take place till October of 2014 due to the renovation of the Batzenberghalle. And then in 2015, they are planning on coming to Jasper to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our partnership with Jasper, and entertain with their German songs.

Submitted by Franz Hilger

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### 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 Wednesday, 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.

Host and Hostesses of the evening will be Bridgette Bartley, president of the Deutscher Verein, Raymie Eckerle, president of the Partnership Commission, and Sandy Wehr, president of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. Mayor Terry Seitz proclaim October 6<sup>th</sup> as German-American Day.

The 15<sup>th</sup> 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. 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, Patti Goepfrich, and Larry and Betty Hanselman.

Our program will be presented by students who went to Germany in June and participated in the JHS German Exchange program.

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 also provides 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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### **Golf Scramble Sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.**

The third annual Golf Scramble sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. was held at the Jasper Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

12 teams participated. Winning teams were:

#### **First Place**

Jerry Buffington, Brett Smith, Ron Schitter, and Chuck June

#### **Second Place**

John Coller, Glenn Weil, Mike Park, and Evan Elrod

#### **Third Place**

Leon Reckelhoff, Chad Erny, Joe Erny, and Mark Erny

Closest to Pin – Bob Kelley

Longest Putt – Paul Kinker

#### **Thank You to our Hole Sponsors**

Jasper Garage Doors, LLC, Washington Chrysler, Wagner Family Dental, Wabash Valley Produce, Bob Luegers Motors, Kersteins Homes and Designs, Strassenfest Committee, American Legion Post #147, Jasper Seating Foundation (Jasper Group), German American Bancorp, Brosmer Chiropractic, Delores and George Woodham, In Memory of Rich Erny, Jasper DeutscherVerein, Hoosier Business Machines, Erny Sheet Metal, Dr. Ann Patterson, Furniture Components, Dubois County Tire and Supply, Indiana Furniture Industries, and ASP Promotions and Embroidery.

#### **Thank You to our Cash Contributors**

Dubois REC, Kunkel Insurance, Becher-Kluesner Funeral Homes, Green Thumb Nursery, Furniture Suppliers, Bernie Vogler, Jasper Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Ray Howard.

#### **Thank You to those who donated Prizes**

Olinger Diamond Center, Wilson Flowers, Mill House, Big Splash, Uebelhor's, Messmer Mechanical, VFW Post #673, Disinger's, Hedinger Beverage, Hoosier Business Machines, SVB & T, Old National Bank, Just Whimsy, Patti Goepfrich, Obermeyer Yamaha, Edward Jones-Craig Hanneman, Raymond James, MasterBrand Cabinets, Inc., Finishing Touches, Azura, Health Pointe, Illusions, The Herald, Sultan's Run, Jasper Mini Golf Course, Christmas Lake Golf Course, Huntingburg Country Club, Country Oaks Gold Club, and Linda Strosnider.



**Prize winners were –**

National Office Chair-Ryan Fleming  
SVB&T Stadium Blanket-John Glezen  
HBM Package-Rich Clark  
Yamaha Shirt, Food Certificate-Chuck June  
Yamaha Shirt, Food Certificate-Ron Schitter  
Yamaha Shirt, Food Certificate-Jen Hilgefert  
Gift Basket #1-Linda Strosnider  
Gift Basket #2-Glenn Weil  
Gift Basket #3-Jerry Buffington  
Cardinals Tickets-Teri Fleming  
Disinger's Gift Certificate-Myron Foster  
Big Splash Tickets-John Coller  
Masterbrand shirt, Health Pointe Certificate-Bobby Kelley  
Old National Package-Kory White  
2 Uebelhor's Service Certificates-Cameron Pfister  
1 Uebelhor's Service Certificate-Bobby Dodson  
Mother's Day Cake-Gene Thewes  
Uebelhor Toy car & service e certificate-Mike Park

Thanks to those businesses, organizations, and individuals who donated prizes and food and beverages.

Thanks to the parents of the students who prepared the food for the golf scramble.

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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.

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**There will not be a newsletter in October.**

**Please notify Patti Goepfrich of any email address changes. [pmgoepfrich@twc.com](mailto:pmgoepfrich@twc.com)**

**Gifts to the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment**

April 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013

In Memory of Marie Hoffman

Jim and Ann Arvin  
Jim and Rita Corn  
Fred and Mary Jane Roeder  
Danny and Linda Wehr

In Memory of Roman Schroeder

Jim and Rita Corn

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**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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