



# Die Zeitung

March 2021

*The Jasper DeutscherVerein 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.*

## Rafe Ackerman – 1934 – 2021 May He Rest in Peace



Rafe and Phyllis Ackerman were early members of the Jasper DeutscherVerein and spent countless hours working for the betterment of the Club.

Rafe was Vice President of the DeutscherVerein 1997-1998 and President 1999 – 2000. As Rafe was President, Phyllis served as Secretary during that time. Rafe remained on the Board of Directors until 2001.

He was always willing to help where he could. His time and talents to the Jasper DeutscherVerein always came from his heart. As Phyllis said, "he was a good guy".

Rafe and Phyllis were German Heritage winners in 2008.

We extend our sympathy to Phyllis, Mike and Ann, Laura and Paul, Jill and Paul, the grandchildren and great grandchildren, and his sisters including Vera Renner.

We thank his family for naming the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment at the Dubois County Community Foundation as a recipient of his memorial gifts.

## A message from our president

As the days grow longer and the sun begins to shine more, I am aware of the time change to Daylight Savings, and how close we are to Spring. The "Spring Forward" motto we are all familiar with opens the door to the first official day of Spring, March 20th. I believe Spring this year is a symbol for our transition from the restrictions placed to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, to the renewal of social interaction and the beginning of a return to "normal".

Since I am on the topic of the pandemic, I wish to thank all the health care workers and volunteers who have worked diligently to care for us and keep us safe over this unprecedented year. With the decrease in new infections, and the increase in vaccinations, I am very encouraged that we can return to semi-normal meetings this fall. In the meantime, we have cancelled the April meeting, however the meeting scheduled for May 19th is probable as long as we practice current restrictions and guidelines. Please "pencil in" May 19th on your calendars for our next DeutscherVerein meeting!

Since we have missed our meetings and club interactions over the past year, we will be adding a new meeting on the schedule for June 16<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, we are planning to have the StrassenVORfest on July 11th from 12pm to 3pm. More details will be included in upcoming newsletters regarding the future meetings.

Strassenfest 2021 is still scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. We will need many volunteers to handle this most important event for our club. Volunteering is probably the biggest show of support for our club that you can do. This can be as simple as being a "mentor" to new members, or as critical as volunteering at our most important fund-raiser and display of our heritage and German work ethic. I have been attending the Strassenfest committee meetings and plans are

progressing with current restrictions guidelines in place, and with the anticipated future lessening of restrictions. I want to commend our fellow German Club member, Bob Bleemel, for being the Chairperson for this year's Strassenfest, and doing an excellent job! Prost, Bob!

After Strassenfest, I anticipate the annual picnic will be held in a similar manner as in past years. More details to follow in upcoming newsletters.

Although it may seem to be far into the future, the Jasper Partnership Commission is planning for the Sister Cities trip to Pfaffenweiler, Germany. The group will have more details regarding the trip once travel restrictions are defined. This is currently scheduled to take place in the latter month of June, 2022 - a mere 15 months away! I highly encourage all members to consider planning for this adventure, and I look forward to toasting with all of you in Pfaffenweiler - "Ein Prosit!".

Happy Easter! Fröhliche Ostern! Auf Wiedersehen!

*Paul Siegel*  
President

### Giles and Dolores Hoyt Honored

On December 8, 2020, Indiana University, Indiana University Foundation, IUPUI, and the School of Liberal Arts honored Drs. Giles and Dolores Hoyt by presenting them with the Indiana University Bicentennial Medal. The Bicentennial Medal is a special initiative on recognition of Indiana University's 200th anniversary. It is awarded to organizations and individuals in recognition of people of vision, character, high achievement, and distinguished service to the university and the community, around the state, nation, and world. Dr. Giles Hoyt, together with his wife, Dr. Dolores Hoyt, were recognized for the work they have done for German and Philanthropic Studies, the IUPUI Max Kade GermanAmerican Research and Resource Center, University Library, the School of Liberal Arts, Indiana University, and the State of Indiana. Together with Drs. Eberhard and Ruth Reichmann, they were recognized for endowing the HoytReichmann Faculty Chair in German American Studies and German Language and Culture at IUPUI, established the Giles and Dolores Hoyt Student Opportunity Fund to benefit University Libraries student workers, with a preference given to those working with the German-Americana Collections, and for their shared, lifelong dedication to developing the study of German language and culture within the university and across Indiana. The virtual presentation was led by Interim dean of the School of Liberal Arts, Rob Rebein.

(Information taken from Spring 2021 Indiana German Heritage Society & IUPUI Max Kade German American Center Newsletter. Dr. Giles Hoyt has been a long time member of

the Jasper DeutscherVerein and has visited with us here in Jasper on several occasions. Drs. Eberhard and Ruth Reichmann were instrumental in bringing Jasper and Pfaffenweiler together to form the Sister Cities relationship.)

### News from Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

#### Continuing to Move Forward with Planning New Exchanges and Anniversary Trip Update

In February, I shared information regarding some additional ideas for various future programs and additional projects we are working on for the Sister Cities of Jasper with Pfaffenweiler. We are happy to report that we shared the outline for some of these potential new projects with Mayor Dean Vonderheide and the Partnership Commission during a meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>. In addition, there have been several discussions in recent months between the mayors of Jasper and Pfaffenweiler. The results of the meeting and discussions is the willingness of both mayors to move forward with planning for an Artisan and Craftsman exchange potentially before the end of 2021 during November and/or December. The details of the exchange are being worked on with both mayors, the Partnership Commission, and the Sister Cities of Jasper.

We are excited for this new exchange targeted to strengthen the partnership with our sister city, Pfaffenweiler, and to promote and support artisans and the exchanging of cultures and skills. Once we have more details on the timing and the exchange, we will share with you in future newsletters.

Trip Update: Although it may seem to be far into the future, the Jasper Partnership Commission is planning for the re-scheduled Sister Cities Anniversary trip to Pfaffenweiler, Germany. The group will have more details regarding the trip once travel restrictions and guidelines are defined. The trip is currently scheduled to take place in the latter days of the month of June, 2022 - a mere 15 months away! One goal of the anniversary trip is for the celebration to coincide with the Jasper student exchange trip during their visit in Pfaffenweiler. This will enable all of us to have one large celebration with a great presence from Jasper. More to come as details become available!

*Mary Leah Siegel*  
President, Sister Cities of Jasper



# HAPPY SPRING!

## Die Jugend

The High School German Club, 's Schnecke hiisli, has gotten permission to go in April on a field trip to Evansville! The current plan is to start the morning with some exercise at Swonder Ice Arena and avoid injury until we are allowed into the Evansville Museum of Arts, History, & Science. In their Koch Planetarium we'll watch *Zauber des Teleskops* (*Two Small Pieces of Glass*) in German and enjoy everything else the museum currently has on display.

On February 24th, the webinar "Investing in the Future: Sister Cities International Youth Programs" took place and it was announced by the American Cultural Exchange Service that the only four exchange students currently participating in the homestay program through Sister Cities International in all of the United States are in Jasper! As of February 6th, no tourists were being allowed into the United States and the exchange students were one of the few allowed to enter, designated with a National Interest Exemption by the State Department. All four students continue to enjoy their time in Jasper very much and THANK YOU to the four Jasper host families that have made this exchange possible, in spite of all the challenges.

Ross Halvorsen  
JHS/JMS German Teacher

If you wish to pay your 2021 "Voluntary Dues", they are \$10 a person (\$20 couple) and can be mailed to DeutscherVerein, P. O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015

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## Memories from the Past!!!!



## StrassenVORfest – A "Prep for the Fest" Event

The Jasper DeutscherVerein (Jasper German Club) will have a community, family friendly event, StrassenVORfest on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 3pm at the Moose Lodge in Jasper. This will be a "Prep for the Fest" event.

StrassenVORfest will help usher in the 2021 Strassenfest which will be held on August 5 to August 8.

There will be German dancing, singing, and German themed coloring for kids.

The Strassenfest wood cut-out will be available for those who wish to take pictures.

There will be 2021 Strassenfest buttons and mugs for sale as well as various sizes of Strassenfest bunting, slightly used and new traditional German clothing items. Also available will be a variety of vintage Strassenfest souvenirs and German themed bows for sale.

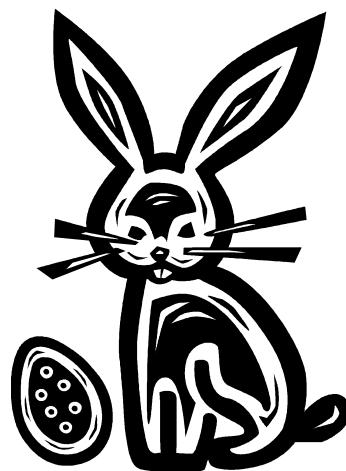
Come for lunch. The Jasper Moose Lodge will have items from their menu available for sale. And enjoy the afternoon with us!!!!

Now is the time to look at your German clothing and maybe purge some or possibly add to your wardrobe!!!

More details will be available in the coming months!!!!

In times like these, we have to just "roll with it"!!!!

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In this time of need for many people, now would be a great time to donate to a local charitable organization. Your generosity will be appreciated!!!!

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## Jasper DeutscherVerein Taking Scholarship Applications

The Jasper DeutscherVerein is offering a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a German student of Dubois County. If you have a child, grandchild or know of anyone who would like to submit an application, please inform them to contact their Guidance Counselor at their school. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2021. If any questions, please contact Shelley Whalen at 812-827-1027.

At their January Board of Directors' Meeting in 2008, the following adopted the following qualifications for the Dubois County Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00.

1. Completion of the common scholarship application available from the School's Guidance Office.
2. Successful completion of two years of high school German.
3. Two years of active participation in German Club or German Civic affairs in other schools.
4. Verification of enrollment in a German course at the college of their choice, or participation in an accredited German study abroad program such as the IU Honors Program.
5. Submission of a one page or less essay stating your personal qualifications and intentions.
6. GPA consideration.
7. Participation in an exchange program or hosting an exchange student.
8. Submission of two letters of recommendation from adults other than school personnel regarding personal character, etc.
9. The scholarship will be awarded upon verification of enrollment in German at college or acceptance into another German study abroad program such as the IU Honors Program. A \$500.00 scholarship will be given for the first semester and will be renewable for the second semester.
10. Parental membership in the Jasper Deutscher Verein will be considered.
11. Submission of all completed forms by April 1, 2021 to: Jasper DeutscherVerein, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, Indiana 47547-0015

## A Hidden Jewel of the Jasper DeutscherVerein

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*Jasper German Club*  
**DeutscherVerein**

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Welcome to the Official web site of the Jasper German Club! Jasper is a city of 15,000 people and located in southern Indiana. Please take a few minutes to explore the site. There are some very interesting links associated with this site which will provide some wonderful information about the German-American Heritage in our community. Also, the site provides valuable information about all the events which may interest you.



Al and Judy Bennett  
2020 German Heritage Award Winners

**Upcoming Events**  
**StrassenVORfest**  
July 11, 2021  
Jasper Moose Lodge  
  
**Strassenfest**  
August 5 – August 8, 2021  
[See Details in Current Newsletter](#)

### **German Heritage Information**

Jasper and Pfaffenweiler became Sister Cities in 1985. The desire to explore our German roots and preserve the German heritage goes back many more years. Information concerning the exploration and preservations of our German heritage is presented in articles published in *The Dubois County Daily Herald* and found in research done by individuals.

*The Dubois County Daily Herald*  
HARK THE HERALD by A. T. Rumbach  
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We invite you to visit the [City of Jasper](#), [Jasper Indiana Chamber of Commerce](#), the [Jasper Strassenfest](#) and the [Dubois County Visitors Center & Tourism Commission](#) web sites along with the web site of our Sister City, [Pfaffenweiler, Germany](#).

The Jasper DeutscherVerein and Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. gratefully acknowledges the Dubois County Community Foundation, the Dubois County Tourism Commission, and Germany in US for their support of this web site.

With the help of grants and members, the Jasper DeutscherVerein website was established several years ago.

The website contains past newsletters, Sister Cities information, German Heritage Award winners, Endowment information, our club By Laws, German Heritage information, and other information. Check it out!

### **Taken from The Herald – Saturday, July 8, 2000 Story and photographs by Martha Rasche**

travels to the Old country

You cannot come away from Pfaffenweiler, Germany, not knowing the importance of grapes and wine to this community of 2,600 people

The first thing you notice about Jasper's sister city is the patchwork of green vineyards-about 250 acres of them-

circling the village. The hills slope up from the town like the sides of a funnel.

Next, you discover that Pfaffenweiler's main street goes by the name *Weinstrasse*, and borders three sides of this village nestled in the far southwestern corner of Germany, in the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg.

On the east side of town, the village's cooperative winery celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Boasting 270 grape growers, the co-op employs a dozen people year-round and gets help from the entire community during the harvest in October and November.

And next to the town museum in the center of town stands an old wooden wine press. On the other side of the museum rests a large cart filled with stone, historically the village's second-most important commodity. This village knows its 1,284-year past, and has symbols of its economic mainstays standing like bookends in a prominent location.

Although grape-growing and wine-making here date back to 716, the last 50 years have held revolutionary changes for both.

Until 1950, each grower worked his own fields, harvested, made and sold his own wine and so forth—but nobody made a profit.

So growers united to form the cooperative.

Today, 270 co-op members grow 15 kinds of grapes. Different soil types, different sun exposure and other factors contribute to about 100 varieties of wine each year.

In a good year, the winery produces 350,000 gallons of wine, according to the winery's general manager, Heinrich Maennle.

Generally, the harvest yields about 200,000 gallons.

The hillside on the west side of Pfaffenweiler stretches out about three miles. Known as the Batzenberg, it comprises the largest uninterrupted vineyard in all of Germany.

After the harvest in the fall, the cooperative presses and filters the grapes and then puts them in barrels to ferment.

Red wines go in wooden barrels, which absorb the carbonation, which makes red wines smooth, Maennle explains. White wines go in metal barrels, which makes them more carbonated and bubbly.

The cooperative must report to a government control agency what kinds of grapes it processes, how many, when, who owns them and other details. Before the co-op may sell wine, three bottles of each kind must be sent

to the same control agency for testing, grading and certification.

Maennle says 1997 and 1999 were good years for wine here. A good year requires a balance of sunshine, to produce sugar in the grapes, and rain, to cause the grapes to grow large, he explains.

"This year looks very, very good already," Maennle said in German in mid-June, when the grapes were growing 16 days ahead of schedule.

Ten years after the formation of the co-op, the vineyards themselves were redistributed among their owners.

Historically throughout Germany, when a man died his property was divided evenly among his children. As generations went on, individuals had many small pieces of land far-flung around the villages.

In 1960, Pfaffenweiler joined a national movement to redistribute farmland. The vineyard owners consolidated their acreage, remeasured them and redistributed larger plots.

Starting with the Batzenberg, the community tore out all existing vineyards, including work huts and dividing walls of stone, and started over.

At that time, getting to the vineyards required walking through tiny paths with stone steps. To facilitate access, narrow asphalt roads replaced those paths.

(In recent months, the county has revealed plans to build a new road through the Snail Valley, known as the *Schneckental* in German. Local residents oppose the new road, fearing it will disrupt their peaceful lives. Some predict a new road would send thousands more vehicles through the valley each day, according to Pfaffenweiler Mayor Fritz Gutgesell, who leads the opposition.)

Growers began planting grapes at standard distances from one another, allowing room for mowers and tractors and other farm machinery to maneuver between the rows; the vineyards no longer required as much time-consuming work by hand.

Other than the vineyards, which provide second jobs for many in the village, Pfaffenweiler offers little work for its residents.

"I'm one of the very few people who come into the village to work here," comments town archivist and historian Eddy Weeger.

About 90 percent of Pfaffenweiler's work force works outside the village, most in the county seat of Freiburg but some as far away as Basel, Switzerland, about 45 miles from here.

A university town a 10-minute drive away, Freiburg is particularly accessible to Pfaffenweiler residents. A dozen or more buses travel between the two communities each day.

In addition to the public buses, bicycles and trains also are popular modes of transportation. A ticket good for cable, bus and train transportation in Freiburg and two neighboring counties costs about \$32 a month. On weekends, an entire family can ride on one ticket.

Heiko Treyer, a Pfaffenweiler resident who takes the bus to work at the regional unemployment office in Freiburg each day, estimates Pfaffenweiler unemployment at 5 to 7 percent. That slides in under the 10 percent average unemployment rate of western Germany and is a far cry from the 20 to 25 percent unemployment rate in some areas of the eastern part of the country.

Unlike the United States, Germany is not a mobile society, Weeger says. So when someone loses a job, he or she doesn't want to relocate. The country's coal-mining and iron industry are fading fast, according to Weeger, and it will take a while to build new industry to replace them.

"German people choose a place to live and don't want to move. We build our homes for eternity," Weeger says, pointing out the homes' stone and concrete construction.

Another striking difference between the German culture and that of the United States is the number of vacation days employees have.

Treyer, who belongs to a union, has 30 days of vacation each year. Not all employees get that many days off, he says, but federal law requires at least 18 days vacation a year for adults. Because of collective bargaining, though, 70 percent of all employees get at least six weeks paid vacation, according to the German Information Center in New York City.

The school calendar also differs from what Dubois County residents experience.

Summer vacation amounts to a six-week vacation from the end of July to mid-September. Other vacations throughout the year include a week in October, two weeks at Christmas, a week at *Karneval* (the days before Lent begins), two weeks at Easter and another two weeks in early summer at the feast of Pentecost.

The school day ends at 1p.m. Pfaffenweiler has a kindergarten for children ages 3 to 6, and an elementary school, which comprises grades one to four.

Eight teachers, including the local priest, instruct the 120 children at the elementary school, or *Grundschule*. The

federal government covers teachers' salaries, but the town provides the school building and materials.

And a top-notch setup it is. All grades use the solar-heated pool in the basement of the school, and even the youngest children have a turn using the stove, sink and shop tools in the home economics and industrial arts classroom.

After students complete primary school, they face a choice regarding their secondary education. They might choose a generalized education at a *Hauptschule*, a commercial-oriented education at a *Realschule* or a more academic education at a *Gymnasium*. Whatever they choose, they commute to nearby towns.

Starting in the fifth grade, all German students study at least one foreign language, usually English.

"We have the advantage that our young people learn English in school. Many of our young people speak pretty good English," according to Gutgsell.

Heiko Treyer and his wife, the former Diana Eckerle, recently built a home next to Heiko's parents, Christa and Josef Treyer. The two families see each other several times a day, and often join each other for afternoon coffee or an evening meal, in the summer eaten on the balcony under a retractable awning that shields the diners from the setting sun.

The two families help each other water the vegetables in their gardens and the red geraniums and purple petunias in the window boxes that adorn their homes. And frequently the families walk together to events at the civic auditorium or to services at the heavily Catholic town's only church, St. Columba.

Diana is the mayor's secretary. While she works, she regularly gets baby-sitting help for 1 ½ year-old Jannic from her in-laws, her parents and her grandmother.

Retired from his job at a train station, Josef keeps busy with his three grandchildren and tending his three plots of grapes, a large garden and several cherry trees and raspberry bushes in his yard.

Josef, Heiko, and his sister Silke all belong to the *Batzenberger Winzerkapelle*, the town's 200-year-old, 250-member brass band.

The *Winzerkapelle* is one of seven bands in town, along with two choirs and about a dozen other clubs. Everybody, it seems, belongs to something. Though many of the clubs have a long history in the community and have both young and old members, one of the bands does not.

The town's Snail Festival Brass Band started 11 years ago. It plays primarily during the *Karneval* festivities

before Lent. Those town wide celebrations used to bore young people, Weeger says, so the young people did something about it.

Snail Festival Brass Band members also belong to one of the other town bands, so they already had the talent; they just needed the outrageous uniforms: purple kickers, oversized pink and purple plastic clogs, white stockings and multi-colored frocks of bright pink, purple, and gold. They added Carnival masks and picked up their drums, trombones and other horns.

When they play – anything from Chubby Checker's "The Twist" to the evening-ending "*Aufwiedersehen*" – the piercing music bounces off the walls and all of the band members grin widely and tock to the beat. On the inside rim of the tuba is written *Schneck-Blaeaerer*, which translates as "snail blaster".

Not unlike what you would find in southern Indiana, older Pfaffenweiler residents hold their hands over their ears when the band begins playing, hoping the loud music will go away.

Josef and Christa also belong to the town's walking club, and Christa takes aerobics classes on Thursdays.

The club involvement, they say, allows them to know everybody in town. They acknowledge, though, that several people moving in during the last five years or so commute to Freiburg to work and seem less inclined to get involved in the Pfaffenweiler community.

Clubs so epitomize the way of life here that the mayor sends a birthday card each year to each club president.

The mayor shows support of the community in other ways too: He takes gifts to residents celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries and their 70<sup>th</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup>, 85<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup> and subsequent birthdays. He also attends every funeral.

One of the clubs the village particularly touts is its shooting club, which competes in the country's top division, "It's like Jasper in the NBA or something," Weeger says, noting that one club members reigns as archery champion of the world.

Not only do clubs bring interests together, but they also minimize conflicts, Weeger says; he thinks a society comes to that understanding as a community ages – and perhaps the United States isn't old enough to have learned that yet, he says.

And with conflicts minimized, a low crime rate follows. So low, Weeger says, that "you can't say it's real crime. ...All these people know each other, so it's not the climate for high crime."

Know each other, indeed.

Christa Treyer and her three sisters grew up in Pfaffenweiler. All four of the women married local men, and Christa and Josef boast that their children, too, have married people from Pfaffenweiler.

Not only family sticks together, Neighbors, too, frequently cooperate with each other for the town's benefit.

On June 21, groups of neighbors swept the streets in front of their homes and put up yellow and white flags, and the next day started at dawn to set up elaborate altars – complete with carpets of ferns – along the streets in celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi. For Catholics, the day solemnized Christ's presence in the Eucharist. An annual procession on the feast day includes stops at several outdoor altars for readings, prayers and hymns.

Neighbors come through again during the town's annual *Schneckenfest*, or Snail Festival, which attracts 25,000 to 30,000 visitors to the village. Five homeowners in the oldest section of town open their cellars to the public. A band sets up in each of the cellars, which date back to the early 1600's and the clubs sell beer and traditional food in each of them.

The town's other big celebration is the *Steibickfest*, or Stone Quarry Festival, which occurs in June each year. It commemorates the village's history of stone production and stone carving.

That day also begins with a processing, this time from town to the 500-year-old St. Servatius Chapel, near the quarry, for an outdoor Mass. Servers carrying banners, and stonemasons carrying a statue of their patron saint, Saint Barbara, take the lead, followed by the brass band and church choir.

After Mass, the procession continues to the stone quarry. There, stonemasons demonstrate thousand-year-old techniques and visitors learn that harvesting the area's stone today costs more than importing stone from Italy, Sweden, Spain, India or Brazil.

But the stonemasons that Pfaffenweiler is known for – Weeger says the 85 Pfaffenweiler residents who immigrated to Jasper in 1847 included at least 10 stonemasons, who had a hand in building St. Joseph's Catholic Church – carry on nonetheless. Not only do they build anew, but they restore the old.

Stonemason Michael Eckert's company carves only 20 new gravestones a year; the rest of the time, towns, churches and individuals throughout Europe hire the traditional craftsmen to restore old works of stone, Eckert says.

It usually isn't Pfaffenweiler stone that needs repairing, though. Thousands of headstones made of the hardy

chalk sandstone still stand in Freiburg cemeteries. The stone is so durable, Weeger says, that the grave markers show no damage after hundreds of years.

(Martha Rasche's trip to Pfaffenweiler in June was made possible through a grant from the Indiana Humanities Council through funding from Lilly Endowment, Inc.)

#### Captions of the pictures in the article

Pfaffenweiler and Jasper became Sister Cities in 1985. To celebrate the Partnership's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, area residents visited the German city in mid-June. Although Pfaffenweiler has all the amenities of home, it also has a pervasive and irresistible of old-world charm.

Space is at a premium in Germany, and the tall stone houses crowded along the streets of Pfaffenweiler abut the sidewalks. In many of the houses, second and third families live in second-floor or basement apartments.

Pfaffenweiler produces about 100 varieties of wines each year. In an excellent year, the vineyards yield 350,000 gallons of wine and in an average year, 200,000. The yield depends on the weather. Last year was a good year and this year promises to be as good.

Pfaffenweiler Mayor Fritz Gutgsell, left, and Jasper High School teacher Stan Jochum make a toast with Pfaffenweiler wine. Jochum and his wife, Gayle, are among the teachers who coordinate the student exchange program between Jasper and the German high school attended by Pfaffenweiler students.

Heinrich Maennle is the general manager of the Pfaffenweiler wine cooperative. The co-op, which celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, has 270 members who grow 15 kinds of grapes.

City gardener Hermann Seligmann uses a hoe to trim shrubs in the city cemetery. Seligmann spends about one day a week at the cemetery, which many families visit daily in the summer to water the flowers they have planted on the graves.

Alfons Eckert is one of the Pfaffenweiler stonemasons who has brought back the use of hand tools to stone carving. During the mason's annual Stone Quarry Festival in June, Eckert took a break from demonstrating his work to sit in the shade and eat sausage for lunch.

Waldemar Eckert was a stonemason master craftsman and brought back the traditional use of hand tools. When Eckert died, his son, Michael, took his place---and carved Eckert's tombstone.

A fourth-grader in the Pfaffenweiler elementary school tries to figure out a math problem. When the school year ends later this month, fourth-graders throughout Germany will face a choice of what to do next: pursue an

academic education (for nine years) that would allow them to go on to university study, pursue a general education (for five or six years, depending on the school) that would prepare them for vocational training, or pursue a commercial education (for six years) that would prepare them for business or technical college.

The brass band followed by the church choir walk from St. Columba Church to the 500-year-old St. Servatius Chapel. Several annual celebrations in the village include street processions.

After arranging a carpet of ferns, Pfaffenweiler resident Margrit Elmlinger places a potted plant in front of the altar she and neighbors erected along the street for Corpus Christi, a national holiday in Germany. An annual procession on the June holiday includes stops at several outdoor altars for readings and songs.

### Gluten-Free Impossibly Easy Taco Pie

#### Ingredients

1 lb lean (at least 80%) ground beef  
1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)  
1 package (1 oz) gluten-free taco seasoning mix  
1 can (4.5 oz) gluten-free chopped green chiles, drained  
2 eggs  
1 cup milk  
1/2 cup Bisquick™ Gluten Free mix  
3/4 cup shredded Monterey Jack or Cheddar cheese (3 oz)  
3/4 cup chopped tomato  
1 1/2 cups shredded lettuce, if desired  
Salsa, if desired  
Gluten-free sour cream, if desired

#### Steps

1 Heat oven to 400°F. Spray 9-inch glass pie plate with cooking spray. In 10-inch skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until beef is brown; drain. Stir in seasoning mix. Spoon into pie plate. Top with chiles.

2 In small bowl, stir eggs, milk and Bisquick mix until blended. Pour into pie plate.

3 Bake about 25 minutes. Top with cheese and tomato; bake 2 to 3 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Serve with lettuce, salsa and sour cream.

(Taken from: <https://www.bettycrocker.com/recipes/gluten-free-impossibly-easy-taco-pie/a5c05838-da08-4347-b167-87a8cc4e3803>)

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