



Jasper German Club  
**Deutscher Verein**

# Die Zeitung

May 2021

*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 message from our president

I am pleased to announce that we have decided to hold our first club meeting of 2021 on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> outdoors at Riverwalk Plaza!

Please bring your lawn chairs, your smiles, a dessert, and your willingness to celebrate our German heritage.

The meal will be a German picnic style catered by The Schnitzelbank and a bar will be available. We ask that members bring a dessert or baked goods (cookies, brownies, etc.) to share.

I look forward to greeting you all and to "PROST" to being together again. We will open the festivities starting at 5:30pm with arrivals and greetings, dinner will be served at 6:30pm. We anticipate the evening concluding by 9:00pm.

We will need volunteers to help set-up and tear down for the evening, conduct sign-ups for the Strassenfest booth, and to distribute various items throughout the evening. If you are willing to help, please contact me! Paul Siegel 812-499-9690

### REMINDERS:

Just a quick reminder: Volunteering to work the DeutscherVerein booth during the Strassenfest is the biggest show of support for our club that you can do!

Bring your calendars and be prepared to sign-up for a slot to volunteer during the meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Additional reminders: we are adding an additional club meeting this year on June 16<sup>th</sup> and will be hosting the StrassenVORfest on July 11th from 12-3 at the Moose.

I am excited and looking forward to seeing all of you in person on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>! Prost!

Mit freundlichen grüßen,

*Paul Siegel*  
President

## A message from our treasurer

Thanks to all members who have forwarded voluntary dues to the club for 2021. This shows the pride and commitment that our members have in our club's mission and their desire to help the club remain financially strong. Thanks also to those who have stepped forward with extra help by making a free will donation in excess of their 2021 dues payment.

With an increasing number of vaccinations putting Covid on the run, Jasper will be celebrating Strassenfest 2021 from Thursday August 5 through Sunday August 8. The committee is planning to host this outdoor event in as normal of a manner as possible, and will be providing increased sanitation of surfaces and expanded hand washing and antibacterial hand sanitizing stations for our guests. With the pent up demand for entertainment and socializing, the committee is expecting strong attendance. Our club will be serving festival guests from both of our sales booths.

Strassenfest also means that StrassenVORfest will be occurring on Sunday July 11. The first StrassenVORfest in 2019 was very successful to help residents get prepared with decorations and German attire. Please save the date and plan to volunteer and bring friends and family to this prep for the fest event.

Our Strassenfest booths are primary income generators for our club. Bridgette & Mike Bartley and Ann & Mike Ackerman will be chairing again for 2021. We need member help for Strassenfest booth setup, booth staffing and booth dismantling. We will begin signing up workers at our May 19 meeting at the Riverwalk. If you will be unable to attend the May 19 meeting, but would like to sign up to help, you can call Ann at 812-482-5758 and leave a message for us to call you.

As a reminder, booth setup will occur on Tuesday evening August 3 beginning at 5:30 PM, and dismantling will occur immediately following the parade on Sunday August 8.

Help to pass on your love of giving back to your community by involving your children and grandchildren. Even if they are not currently active club members, ask them to work with you at our booths, and during setup and dismantling. It is important to our future to continue to involve the next generation.

*Mike Ackerman*

Treasurer

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### **Information for the 2021 Strassenfest!!!**

#### **Die Kulturelle Kinderaufführungen**

(The children's cultural performances)

In 2017, the Strassenfest Committee allowed the German Club to interject German Performances before, during and after the speeches of Opening Ceremonies: The Nightwatchman, Willkommen Dancers, Sister City Lantern Lighting and the Schuhplattler dancers. The following years the Kinderchor and the Celebration Singers performing a German song performed before Opening Ceremonies.

At the last Strassenfest we created German Heritage night on the Main Stage. It started with the Box Parade, Opening Ceremonies with German Performances, teaching the Schuhplattler, Chocolate Game, Ländler & Waltz performances and ended with Log Sawing.

This year's Strassenfest Chairman and a new Opening Ceremonies Chair are trying something new. Just as we were given the opportunity to try something new in 2017, we are supporting the decision to try something new this year. Please share your feedback *after* experiencing the event this year.

All German Heritage performances and events will take place **AFTER** the Official Strassenfest Opening Ceremonies are over. To make it special for the children and parents who put in all the work, each performer will be introduced on Main Stage.

The Parade to the Beer Garden will still take place immediately after Opening Ceremonies.

The German Heritage Committee that coordinates Thursday German Heritage Night are Paul & Mary Leah Siegel, Ginger & Kurt Hedinger, Landen Weidenbenner, Branden Ferguson, Yvonne Mullen, Lacey Apple, Ross Halvorsen, Paul & Laura Grammer.

#### **The Official Strassenfest Opening Ceremonies**

Thursday at 6:00pm, Main Stage

- Nightwatchman & his wife ring the Strassenfest Bell
- Strassenfest Chairman Welcome
- Presentation of Colors

- Blessing of the Strassenfest
- Burgermeister Proclamation
- Lighting of the Sister City Lantern by the Mayor and German Club President
- Queen, Junior Miss, Little Miss & Little Miss speeches
- Grand Marshall 2020 speech
- Grand Marshalls 2021 speech
- Strassenfest Host & Hostess speech
- German Club Parade to the Beer Garden

#### **Die Kulturelle Kinderaufführungen**

Thursday, 6:45pm, Main Stage

- Nightwatchman & wife ring the Strassenfest Bell
- Willkommen Dance
- Kinderchor – Children's Choir
- Mai Pole Ribbon Dance
- Schuhplattler Dance
- Nightwatchman storytime – tells German Folktale Story

#### **The FREE German Heritage Events**

Thursday, 7:10pm, Main Stage

- Rotary Club of Jasper presents Learn to Dance the Schuhplattler and Chicken Dance.
  - Children from the crowd will be selected to perform the Schuhplattler on Stage.
  - Different group of Children will be selected to perform the Chicken Dance on Stage.
- Mentors for Youth present the Dad's Rootbeer Mug Holding Contest
  - Flights in 4 age brackets compete for who can hold the mug the longest.
  - Run 2 age brackets at one time
- Chocolate Bliss presents Das Schokospiel - the Chocolate Game
  - More balls and smaller circles give children more opportunities to find the nickels inside.
  - Chocolate Bliss opens after the event to let the children cash in the nickels for free chocolate.
- Ländler Dance Performance
  - Opens the stage for the setup of the Log Sawing event
- Schnitzelbank Sing-along
  - While participants are signing up for Log Sawing, participants from the crowd will be selected to hold up signs that have the pictures and words for the Schnitzelbank Song.
  - Kent Reyling will lead the crowd to sing the Schnitzelbank song as participants raise the poster during their time.
- Log Sawing

## Learn to dance the Ländler

Starting in June, the German Heritage Committee of the German Club will be teaching couples how to dance the Ländler.

This group will also perform at Strassenfest as part of German Heritage Night. Dancing at the Strassenfest is optional.

This is a couples dance. Spend some quality time with your spouse. Or ask a friend to learn something new together.

To sign up for free lessons, call Laura Grammer at 812-630-7244.



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## 2021 Sister Cities of Jasper Golf Scramble Results

Sister Cities of Jasper annual golf scramble was a HUGE success! We had 25 teams playing this year, the best field ever!! And the weather cooperated as well! Here are the results:

### Men's division:

- 1st place-Bob Kelley  
Jim Miles  
Ben Krapf  
2nd place- Todd Hurst  
Dave Hurst  
Ken Hurst  
Don Hurst  
3rd place-Bill Schmitt  
Gerald Schaeffer  
Bob Waddell  
Wayne Schuetter

### Ladies division:

- 1st place- Debbie Schuetter  
Jane Bonifer  
Carrie Ellis  
Kim Herzog  
2nd place-Sandy Wehr  
Phyllis Schuler  
Tina Luebbehusen  
Karen Weyer



## Let's Meet our ACES/Sister Cities Students

### Elias Schmelzer

Elias arrived in Jasper on February 5, 2021. He attends Jasper High School as a Junior and attends Faust Gymnasium Staufen im Breisgau when in Germany!! He is 16 years old.

He participates in travel soccer.

On the weekends, Elias likes to meet with friends and his host family plans fun things for the weekend with friends.

He notes that there are lots of differences between school in Jasper and school in Staufen. In Germany, there are more breaks during the day and less classes during the day. And at his home school, he can't pick individual classes. He has to take the classes that are offered as everyone else does.

Elias states there are very few similarities between the two schools.



Elias will be leaving Jasper on June 8, 2021.

He chose Jasper because it is a Sister City to Pfaffenweiler and he wanted a nice experience in the United States and wants to learn something about another country.

Elias said his host family is very nice and he feels welcome in Jasper and it is nice here!!!

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### **Simon Grathwol**

Simon arrived in Jasper on February 5, 2021. He attends Jasper High School as a Junior. He is from the very south-west corner of Germany next to the borders of France and Switzerland. And he lives in a small village called Wettelbrunn, which is part of Staufen.

In Germany, Simon attends Faust Gymnasium in Staufen.

While in Jasper, he participates in the travel soccer team.

On the weekends, Simon likes to hang out with friends, just enjoying the days off of school, or especially here in Jasper he likes to experience something on the weekends like make something special, visit something, do some activities, or meet someone.

Simon states: "In Germany not every day of school is the same like here, every week is the same, so some weekday we could only have school till 1, and in another day we could have till 5. We can't choose out of that many subjects like you can, most of the years in school, everybody has the same subjects. We have classrooms in which we stay most of the time if we don't have lessons in which we need something special like for example chemistry, so the teachers often come to us and we don't go to the teachers' rooms.

During the school day we have many breaks, we have two 20 minutes breaks, which most people spend outside, and a one hour lunch break, in which we can leave the school and go eat, eat at home or do whatever we want. Also our school buildings have most of the time more than one floor, and are built that every room has at least one side with windows, that's why I miss the sunlight at the High School.

Besides that the Jasper high school is just a bigger school so we don't have things like a pool, a basketball stadium, tennis courts or an theater. The way of teaching is also a bit different, for example, we get all our tests returned so we can see what we did wrong, and often we have to correct our mistakes.

Also we don't have that many tests, in the main subjects we have two tests a semester and in the others one.

Only sometimes we have to hand in our homework and a big part of our grade, mostly like 40 or 50 percent, is how we participate in the lessons so the quality and quantity of our oral participation.

Our school is also not that digitalized, we don't have laptops and screens in every room and almost every teacher uses blackboard and chalk.

Nothing is really the same between the schools, everything is slightly different, but I mean it is also a school, and we go through the same things just in a bit different way sometimes. So the general concept is the same it's just realized a little differently."

Simon added: "I wanted to come here, because our life in Germany, especially mine is strongly influenced by the American culture, because of the movies, music, and the internet.

And I just liked the idea to live here and experience it myself. Of course it's also a good opportunity to improve my English. I came to Jasper because Jasper is the partner city of Pfaffenweiler, which is a city next to mine. And at my school you can come here way cheaper than most of the other exchange programs, and many people from my school, like the siblings of my best friend, went before me, so that's how I came on the idea.

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### **Host families and Ross, Lacey, and Eliot welcoming Elias and Simon at the Louisville Airport**



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

#### **Mai**

**Mai 19, 2021-Wednesday-Jasper Riverwalk Plaza** . . .

Gathering begins at 5:30pm

German picnic style catered dinner at 6:30pm

Bar will be available

Members are asked to bring a dessert or baked goods to share for dessert

Bring your lawn chairs

Sign ups for Strassenfest Food Booth and Pastry Booth will be taken.

### **Juni**

**Juni 16, 2021-Wednesday-Moose Lodge** – The Club will furnish Chicken breasts and mashed potatoes, requesting members A-H bring a salad, I-Q a dessert, and R-Z a veggie. Doors open at 6:00pm and festivities begin at 6:30pm.

### **Juli**

**Juli 11, 2021-Sunday-Moose Lodge** – StrassenVORfest – 12pm to 3pm

### **August**

**August 3, 2021** – Booth set up for Strassenfest

**August 5, 2021 – August 8, 2021** – Strassenfest

**August 29, 2021-Sunday-Jasper Outdoor Recreation-**

**Family Picnic** – Club will provide Pork Chops, Chicken Breasts and hot dogs. Requesting members A-H bring a dessert, I-Q a veggie, and R-Z a salad.

### **Oktober**

**Oktober 7, 2021-Thursday-Schnitzelbank-German American Dinner**

### **November**

**November 17, 2021-Wednesday-Moose Lodge-**

**Auction** to benefit students in Exchange Program-Club will provide Chili Dogs and Tater Tots. Requesting members A-H bring a salad, I-Q a dessert, and R-Z a veggie.

### **Dezember**

**Dezember 15, 2021-Wednesday-Moose Lodge-**

**Christmas Dinner/Dance**-Club will provide Chicken, Roast Beef, Dressing and Gravy, Green Beans, Corn, Bread and Butter, and Creamy Slaw.

Wow...Isn't it great to have "Upcoming Events"!!  
Details of each event will be forthcoming!!!!

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

Dues for the DeutscherVerin are \$10 a person. Out of this \$10, a \$1 will go to the Jasper DeutscherVerein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment, \$.50 per member for dues to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., and \$8.50 to Jasper DeutscherVerein for postage and meetings.

As a paid member of the Jasper DeutscherVerein, \$.50 of your dues goes to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. making each Jasper DeutscherVerein member a member of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

## **Die Jugend**

There were 30 high school German club students that participated in the field trip to Evansville on April 9th. As planned, we went ice skating, visited the planetarium for a film in German, perused the museum, and had lunch along the Ohio River.

With the 8th Graders, we successfully completed our Entdeckungstour (discovery tour) to the Dubois County Museum and the Dunkin Donuts that I picked up at 5:30 were waiting for students when we arrived back at the Middle School. Most of the students had not been to the Dubois County Museum since fourth grade and all of them were very pleased to visit the museum again with a focus on all things German in the County; I showed students the original plan for the town of Ferdinand that was drawn up entirely in German.

Mr. Fred Jones (Sergeant First Class Retired) came to talk to my German students on April 23rd about the Inner German Border. He spent 20 years in the US Army, was stationed in Germany for two years, and completed two patrols of the Inner German Border north of the Fulda Gap. In addition to all the details he shared with us about the Iron Curtain, he had engaging personal anecdotes, among others, about a mobile guard tower on the border (It was there when they left the border to set up camp at night and was gone the next morning.) and the promotion ceremony of a sergeant next to the border that turned into detailed photographs taken by the East Germans making the loop through East Berlin, Moscow, NATO, European Command, and back down to Mr. Jones' own company. Something I did not know is that civilian bridges crossing the Rhein River were rigged with explosives throughout the Cold War in case West Germany was invaded by the Soviets.

As I write this, we have 21 days of school left. We've started talking about Schneckeheisli's (the high school German club's) plans for next year, I need to start thinking about funding for our next round of German fountain pens, and I already have one student from Pfaffenweiler interested in spending the next academic year at Jasper High School. If you have any interest in the rewarding experience of hosting an exchange student (and in particular an exchange student from our very own sister city), please let me know, so that we can welcome this student in Jasper before the first day of school in August!

*Ross Halvorsen*  
JHS/JMS German Teacher

## A message from Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

### **Plans Move Forward for Artisan and Craftsman Exchange**

We are happy to report that we will be moving forward with planning for an Artisan and Craftsman exchange! The details of the exchange and an application for interested artisans and crafts persons are included in the newsletter.

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.

We will be looking for potential host families for this exchange for one or two individuals from Pfaffenweiler. They will be traveling to Jasper in November 2021 to do demonstrations at the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center in Jasper. They will produce and sell their items at the special Christmas events to be held during that time.

We are so very excited for this new exchange opportunity and thankful to the Eckerle Family Foundation for their generosity and support. **Please contact Mary Leah Siegel at 812-309-3468 if you are interested in being a host family!**

### **Sister Cities Moving Forward with Planning for Additional Programs**

We are excited to announce we have secured funding for two more new programs and projects targeted to strengthen the partnership with our sister city, Pfaffenweiler, and to promote and support college/university students as well as teaching professionals with:

- College/University Study Abroad or Semester (or More) Scholarship Assistance
- Teacher Exchange (2-3 Weeks)

Our goal for these potential new programs and projects is to develop municipal partnerships between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler by providing opportunities for city officials and citizens to experience and explore each other's cultures and exchange of ideas and skills.

Our goal is to reach more citizens of Jasper and Pfaffenweiler through a series of exchanges in addition to the current high school exchange program. The funding for these new projects is made possible by a donation from the Eckerle Family Foundation to the Sister Cities of Jasper.

The Sister Cities of Jasper Board of Directors is currently working on the application process and criteria for both the College/University Scholarship as well as the

Teacher Exchange. The Board of Directors has a meeting scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> to work on the details and will share more in upcoming newsletters.

*Mary Leah Siegel*  
President

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### **StrassenVORfest – A “Prep for the Fest” Event**

The Jasper Deutscher Verein (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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### **“Ein Prosit”**

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

**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.

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

to the \_\_\_\_\_

(Please specify appropriate Endowment)

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**30-Minute Pizza Pasta Skillet**

**Ingredients**

- 1/2 lb. lean ground beef
- 2 oz. (1/2 cup) sliced pepperoni, chopped
- 1 (14-oz.) jar spaghetti sauce (2 cups)
- 3/4 cup water
- 7 oz. (2 cups) uncooked ready-cut spaghetti
- 1/4 cup sliced ripe olives
- 1/2 green bell pepper, cut into bite-sized strip
- 4 oz. (1 cup) shredded mozzarella cheese

**Steps**

Brown ground beef in large skillet over medium-high heat until thoroughly cooked. Add pepperoni; cook 1 minute. Drain.

Stir in spaghetti sauce, water and uncooked spaghetti. Bring to a boil; stir. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover and cook 10 to 15 minutes or until spaghetti is of desired doneness, stirring occasionally.

Add olives; stir gently to mix. Arrange pepper strips over top. Sprinkle with cheese. Remove from heat. Cover; let stand 3 to 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.

(Taken from <https://www.pillsbury.com/recipes/30-minute-pizza-pasta-skillet>)

**Memories from the Past**



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