

Die Zeitung

September 2024

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.

Co-Winners of the 2024 Hoosier German-American of the Year from the Indiana German Heritage Society

Each fall, the Indiana German Heritage Society recognizes an individual or group who has made a significant contribution to the cultural and historical heritage of the Hoosier German-American community. This individual and/or organization must have been active in the German-American Community of their area for a minimum of 10 years.

The co-winners of the 2024 Hoosier German-American of the Year have been announced and the recipients are Patti Goepfrich (individual) and the Jasper DeutscherVerein (organization). The award will be presented at the opening ceremony of the 16th Annual GermanFest on Saturday, October 5th in Indianapolis at the Athenaeum. The event lasts from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Join for food, live music, beer, and more!

German Club members are encouraged to attend to celebrate with Patti Goepfrich on her dedication to the club as she receives this award, along with Landen Weidenbenner (President) as he receives the award on behalf of the entire Jasper DeutscherVerein.

Some of the past recipients of the award include Dr. Eberhard Reichmann, Hon. Senator Richard Lugar, Dr. Ruth Reichmann, Dr. Giles Hoyt, Matthias Hilger, Sven Schumacher, and the Indianapolis Liederkranz.

GermanFest information and ticket information for this event are included later in this newsletter.

Glockenspiel - 2024

A new feature of the Glockenspiel stage, that was originally introduced in 2022, is Jim Corn's rendition of a carver at work on the right-hand side of the Glockenspiel.

Jim, a Master Carver, has spent countless hours on projects for the Jasper DeutscherVerein. In early 1985, he began working on the Mai Pole at 6th and Newton Streets and in 1998, he carved a snail out of wood and the wooden snail was presented to the Community of Pfaffenweiler. Jim coordinates the Dubois County Stone Carver Group at their "home" in the Dubois County Museum.



Jim Corn

Jim's newest creation on the Glockenspiel!!!!





A note of thanks from the JHS German Exchange Group

Having the Strassenfest back on the square this year proved to be a great change for our souvenir and t-shirt sales! The profits from the Information Booth souvenirs help fund the German Exchange program and this year's sales exceeded last year's! Our new corner location was a great spot for traffic.

The German Exchange students and their families were asked to work one shift and interact with Strassenfest guests by selling souvenirs and answering a wide variety of questions. The students were also asked to volunteer to be Fritz or Fraulein throughout the Strassenfest. Thanks to the students who worked booth shifts and brought those characters to life. Also, thank you to the Strassenfest Committee for giving us the opportunity to run the booth and promote the Exchange Program.

A special thanks to Sandy Wehr and Mr. Dan Otto for all of your extra help and a big thanks to Andrea Gehlhausen and Sarah Hulse for being co-chairs of the Information Booth with me.

Abby Troutman
2024 Strassenfest Booth Chairman



L to R Jillian Troutman, Ruby Wanninger, and Ava Gehlhausen

There will not be a newsletter in October. We will have newsletters for September, November, and December. We will not have a newsletter in January.

Carrying the German State Flag Banners

Saint Joseph Church has a yearly German Heritage Mass on Sunday of Strassenfest. This year, our German Club agreed to share their banners showing the states of Germany for the opening procession into church.

The mass is currently featured on YouTube. We have received many positive comments about the flags, and have been urged to do it again in future years.

Thanks to the volunteers that agreed to carry these tall banners into church:

Bridgette and Mike Bartley, Joe Fierst, Sara and Dan Fritch, Patti Goepfrich, Nancy and Ed Kreilein, Ruth Kuebler, Renee and Jason Nord, Paul Siegel, Dan Wehr, Dave Wehr, and Nancy and Van Ziegler.



Annual Strassenfest Sheephead Tourney

Congratulations and thanks to Nancy Prechtel for overseeing the 2024 Sheephead Tourney. We had a total of 40 players (36 veteran and 4 novice) on 10 tables. Nancy also solicited and collected the prize donations.

Place	Name	Prize	Donated by:
1	Leon Reckelhoff	\$35 Cash	German Club
2	Vernie Tretter	\$25 Gas Card	QYCCO
3	Ed Werner	\$20 Gift Cert	Green Thumb
4	Jim Hochgesang	\$25 Gas Card	Ackerman Oi
5	Melissa Osterman	\$25 Gas Card	Ackerman Oi
6	Diane Gress	\$10 Gift Cert	Headquarters
7	Leroy Bleemel	\$10 Gift Cert	Headquarters
8	Dave Messmer	\$10 Gift Cert	Headquarters
9	Bret Johnson	\$5 Cash	German Club
10	Shirley Brinkman	\$5 Cash	German Club
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1	Lonnie Nicholson	\$25 Gas Card	QYCCO
2	Collin Werner	\$5 Cash	German Club

Information from the JHS Student Exchange Group (Printed in the Ferdinand News, Thursday, June 27, 2024)

The Fearless Vier, as they call themselves, left Jasper on May 30 to spend the next three weeks with their exchange partners at Staufen Gymnasium in Staufen, Germany.

Jillian Troutman, Ruby Wanninger, Madi Case Hulse, and Owen Gehlhausen, along with chaperones Dan Otto and Sandy Wehr, started their adventure in Munich, where they visited Dachau concentration camp and took a side trip to Salzburg, Austria.

They then headed to Staufen to meet their partners. The students immersed themselves in German language and culture by living with host families in Staufen and Pfaffenweiler, Jasper's Sister City. Besides going to school every day, the group traveled to nearby cities in France and Switzerland, and the neighboring towns of Gutach and Heitersheim.

American and German partners also enjoyed a day at Europapark, riding all the roller coasters. The Fearless Vier spend one day with Fritz Gutgsell, getting to know the history of our Sister City and meeting residents of the town. The group will welcome their exchange partners to Jasper in September.



L to R – Jillian Troutman, Ruby Wanninger, Madi Hulse, and Owen Gehlhausen

<u>Fun Fact</u> – The Jasper DeutscherVerein/Sister Cities of Jasper have several families who are two or three generation members. Grandparents, Children, and Grandchildren!!!! This is something we can be very proud of!!! Why not make your family multigenerational members!!!!!!!!!

Membership

Dues for the DeutscherVerein are \$15 a person. Out of this \$15, a \$1 will go to the Jasper DeutscherVerein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment, \$1 per member for dues to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., and \$13.00 will be retained for club operating expenses. As a paid member of the Jasper DeutscherVerein, \$1.00 of your dues goes to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. making each Jasper DeutscherVerein member a member of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

Gifts to the Jasper DeutscherVerein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment

April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024

In Memory of Pat Hollinden
Paul and Laura Grammer

In Memory of David Laake
Jim and Rita Corn

In Memory of Gwynavere Morton
Paul and Laura Grammer

"Ein Prosit"
Ein Prosit Ein Prosit
der Gemütlichkeit
Ein Prosit Ein Prosit
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
Der Deutscher Verein is Wunderbar!!

Just a Reminder!!!!!!!!!

In addition to this newsletter, additional information on the Jasper DeutscherVerein can be gotten on the website – www.jaspergermanclub.org. The website features information on German Heritage info of the DeutscherVerein and Sister Cities, pictures of areas in Dubois County, past German Heritage winners, and past newsletters and be sure to "like us" on Facebook at Jasper DeutscherVerein and Sister Cities of Jasper.

Also, remember to check out Sister Cities' new website at www.sistercitiesofjasperin.org and keep up on their latest activities.



A message from our president

I want to first start out by thanking all of our members for all of their hard work at the 2024 Jasper Strassenfest. What a great year we had - the weather was in our favor and we were blessed with a great crowd. It sure does take a village to ensure our booth runs like a well-oiled machine. Again, it takes a lot of hard work (and beer) to pull this off each year, and I cannot thank each of you enough.

I would like to specifically thank Mike & Ann Ackerman. Mike and Ann work tirelessly to ensure all worker shifts are covered, all of the logistics are taken care of, and that all items are in order each and every day. I would also like to thank Mike and Bridget Bartley for being in the booth each day and helping keep the booth running in tip-top shape, and for guiding our booth chairs each day. A big thank you to Valerie Heim and Sherri Uebelhor for providing our community with great German Heritage performances and bringing the Glockenspiel to life again this year. Finally, a big thank you to our Vice President, and Strassenfest Chairman, Laura Grammer for getting us all back on the Square. Everything was perfect, and the response from the community has been nothing but positive. For anyone else I may have missed, thank you! Without all of you, none of this would be possible. Thank you to you all for living out our club's mission by helping promote and preserve our German heritage. Prost!

Landen Weidenbenner President

A message from our vice president

WDRB Crossroads segment on Jasper Strassenfest

Dalton Godbey from WDRB, came to the Strassenfest to get the feel of the German Festival in Jasper Indiana. The teaser is on Facebook. The 22-minute-long program, will need to download the WDRB App. Working to have this available for the September German Club Meeting.

Some familiar faces include Birnie & Margie Jeffries, Dave Buehler, Danny & Linda Wehr, Dave & Nancy Prechtel, Leo Eckerle & Henrietta Harder, Paul Siegel, Paul & Laura Grammer, and so many other German Club Members who are participating in the Parade to the Beer Garden.

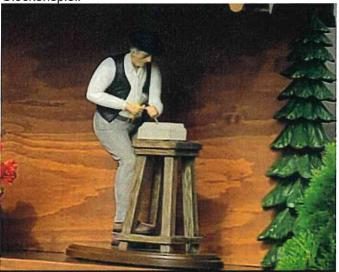
Der Deutscher Platz

As Strassenfest Chairman, it was my great pleasure to work with the Strassenfest Committee to get the Strassenfest moved back to the square. One of the wonderful things was being able to get der Deutscher Platz back to its original location.

Mehringer Plumbing and Heating hung the streamers. Luke Musselwhite, Corie Eckerle and Paul Grammer installed hardware to put up umbrellas. Buschkoetter's Nursery provided the flora and fauna that transformed the Glockenspiel into what appeared to be a permanent structure. Had a few questions about where to find the Glockenspiel the week after Strassenfest. The one person said they know it was built close to Main Street



For those of you who did not make it to the Strassenfest, here is a picture of the carving that Jim Corn did for the Glockenspiel.



The other thing that most people aren't aware of is that the Glockenspiel was set on a road that had some really weird angles and curves. Mike Ackerman took up the task of creating a process to keep the Glockenspiel safe for the kids who perform. Unfortunately, the road will change next year and all this work will need to be redone again.

The trailer arrived with a jigsaw of pieces.











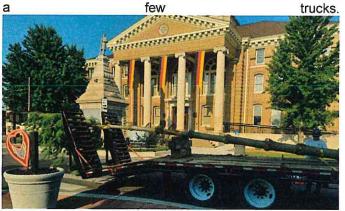
Look how far off the ground the Glockenspiel is. That was scary to have children on the stage and nothing to keep them from backing up and falling off.



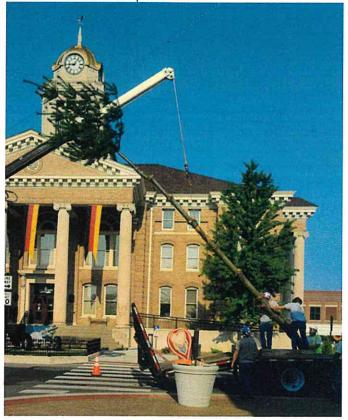
Jim Corn and Paul Grammer stepped up and made the tree outlines for the stage. We found a picture of trees and printed off a 4' x 4'. Then Jim and Paul used a jigsaw and cut out all of those little edges.



The other major addition to the square this year was the first Live Maypole (Mai Baum). Dave & Sawyer Ruhe cut down and delivered the tree. Mike Ackerman engineered the ring that holds the flowers and the ribbons. Brandon Ferguson and Landen Weidenbenner put on the flowers. Laura and Paul Grammer put on the Ribbons. The City of Jasper Electric Department brought a few trucks and Sawyer Ruhe from Tree Pros Inc., delivered the tree with



The City of Jasper Electric Department used a line truck to set the tree into the ground. Then secured it with staves of wood to keep it secure.



After the tree was in the ground, in the hole in the road that the City of Jasper allowed us to do for the May Pole, then the Ring had to be attached and the Strings released. Thanks to Mike Ackerman and Paul Grammer and the City Electric Department employees, especially Flip, who made it happen.

Flip, who made it happen.

Here is how it looked before the May Pole Dance began. And then 55 MPH winds came with a storm. Concerned that the first May Pole might be the last if the winds took it and slammed it into a shop window, went up to watch it happen. Imagine the joy when the city had already arrived to put a line trick on the tree to keep it safe!! We live in a great city!!!



The kids finishing up the May Pole dance.





Kids performing Kinderchor



Parade to the Beer Garden



Glockenspiel Performances



Log Sawing



Laura Grammer Vice President

A message from our treasurer

Strassenfest German Club Booths have successful year.

The opportunity to move the Jasper Strassenfest back to the remodeled courthouse square did create a variety of challenges and opportunities for changes. The efforts of the Strassenfest committee led by Chairman Laura Grammer to consider the opportunities created to reconfigure the placement of the main stage, Mai Pole in the street, Glockenspiel and booths, gave the Strassenfest guests a wonderful experience. With the overwhelming majority of all comments that I heard very positive, let us all provide congratulations to the committee on a job well done.

Our club's support of German Heritage events fit well with the theme of this year's Strassenfest, German Flair on the Square. Thank you to each of the club members who helped to organize and run the German events at opening ceremonies, and on the Glockenspiel performance stage. These events tailored to appeal to both children and adults, helped our club to meet its purpose to promote, preserve and celebrate our proud German Heritage.

This positive guest experience translated into strong sales for nonprofit booths, with several booths selling out of various food items. The same record sales held true for Jasper DeutscherVerein booths.

This would not have been possible without the cooperation of our membership to give back to the club by working one or more shifts at our booths. A special thank you to our booth chairs, Bridgette and Mike Bartley and Ann Ackerman and to our day chairs, Kevin Bartley, Kevin Mullen, and Mike Jahn for stepping forward to support our Strassenfest booth operation. The booth sales could not have happened without the efforts of the club members and volunteers that assisted with putting up the booths and decorations on Monday evening and taking the booths down and loading out on Sunday

morning and afternoon. With the Strassenfest booth net income providing about 75% of the income for our club's operations and support of its projects, membership support to work together to raise money through booth sales is critical to our existence.

We are always interested to include new talent that wants to be more involved in all aspects of our club operations including leadership positions for booths and German heritage events during Strassenfest. Please take the effort to step forward and make contact with a club board member to let us know how you want to become more involved.

Finally, congratulations to our club and to Patti Goepfrich on being recognized by the Indiana German Heritage Society for efforts to promote our German Heritage in Indiana.

Continue to encourage friends and family to join our club. Involved members help to keep our club thriving and growing as we continue our mission to promote, preserve and celebrate our proud German Heritage.

Mike Ackerman mike@ackoil.com 812-630-8756 Treasurer



<u> Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars</u>

September

September 18, 2024-Wednesday-Jasper Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm-festivities begin at 6:30pm.

Strassenfest Wrap-Up Meeting.

Meal will be served. Members bring either a Salad or Dessert.

September 29, 2024-Sunday-Sontag Mittagessen – Drive Thru dinners at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant-393 3rd Avenue. 10:30am – 1:00pm

Tickets are \$18 each for your choice of either Fried Chicken (Light or Dark) or Two Bratwursts. Meals will be served with German Fries, Green Beans, Cole Slaw and Cookies. Contact Sandy Wehr for tickets:812-630-2621 or tickets will be available at the September meeting.

Oktober

Oktober 5, 2024-Saturday-GermanFest at the Athenaeum in Indianapolis-12:00pm Noon – Patti Goepfrich and Landen Weidenbenner, representing the Jasper DeutscherVerein, will be presented with plaques on being named Co-Winners of the 2024 Hoosier German-American of the Year award.

Oktober 6, 2024-Sunday-KlubHaus61-2031 Newton Street. Celebrating German-American Day. 12:00 Noon

Sunday buffet lunch celebration including the Proclamation by the Mayor, the German Heritage Award, culinary exchange participants, student exchange participants, music, and much more.

Doors will open at 12:00 Noon with the ceremony and festivities beginning at 12:30PM. Tickets are \$20 for the lunch: including appetizer, main course, dessert and tea & lemonade. The menu will consist of some German favorites with a new twist as prepared by our culinary exchange participants. (A cash bar will be available.)

Tickets are available from Mary Leah Siegel at 812-309-3468 or may be purchased at the September meeting.

<u>November</u>

November 20, 2024-Wednesdy-Jasper

Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors
open at 6:00pm-festivities begin at
6:30pm.

This will be the annual auction benefitting the JHS Student Exchange Program. Ed Boeglin will be our auctioneer.

Meal of Pork Steak, au gratin potatoes, green beans will be served. Members bring either a Salad or Dessert.

Members and Exchange Student families are asked to bring donated items (pies, furniture, gift baskets, wine, etc.) to be auctioned to raise money for the student exchange program.

December

<u>December 12, 2024-Thursday-Jasper</u> <u>Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors</u> <u>open at 6:00pm-festivities begin at</u> 6:30pm.

Annual Christmas Dinner. NOTE Day of Week Change – A Thursday night

Chicken Breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, creamy slaw, rolls and dessert. Cost for the meal is \$15.00. Reservations are required by December 1, 2024. Contact Valerie Heim at 812-639-6224

jasperdeutscherverein@gmail.com.

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Februar 15, 2025-Saturday-The KlubHaus61-2031 Newton Street-Wine and Dine Your Valentine Event sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper

Log Sawing Results and Thank You's

Thank you to all the German Club members for participating in the Parade to the Beer Garden on Thursday night. Each year we increase the participation and have fun going from the Opening Ceremonies stage to the Beir Garten for a drink! I hope to see everyone again next year.

2024 Log Sawing Results

Many thanks to Werner Sawmill for sponsoring this year's event and materials while also providing kitchen cutting boards as award trophies to the first and second place teams for both competitions.

Men's competition runner-up team was "Lumber Lords" with John Riley and Abe Schwartz. The First Place team was "Werners", Kaleb Werner and Mitchell Werner.

Women's runner-up team was "The Queens", with Aaliyah Peraza and Breanna Williams. The Champions were "Grandma Brescher's Favorites" with Brooke Williams and Haley Ondiek.

A special thanks to Van Ziegler for organizing the presentation of the German state banners at the beginning of the German Mass at St. Josephs Church. Comments from the community and members have been very positive and we plan to continue this next year with the support of the parish.

Paul Siegel
German Heritage Activities Adult Coordinator



Sister Cities of Jasper September 2024 Update for Jasper German Club

On behalf of the Board of Directors for Sister Cities of Jasper, we thank you for your support of the two exchanges we conducted during the summer of 2024, and we are excited to share some updates and upcoming happenings!

Student Exchange 2024 Group Update

As you may recall from previous newsletters, four students from Jasper traveled on the student exchange during June of 2024. Now the next step...from the other side of the student exchange, sixteen Staufen students will be coming from Germany in the Fall of 2024, currently they are currently scheduled to be in Jasper from September 27th to October 11th. We are looking for additional host families/students in Jasper while this group is here! Please let us know if you are willing to host a student during these dates!

Student Exchange 2026 Group Update

Our next group of students for the 2026 exchange is forming (Wow, 17 have expressed interest!). In fact, most of them have already begun fundraising by working at the Information Booth at the Strassenfest. Additionally, we have several fundraisers planned for this fall:

September 29th - Sontag Mittagessen - Drive Thru Dinners at The Schnitzelbank from 10:30 - 1:00pm - Tickets are \$18 each for your choice of either Fried Chicken (Light or Dark) or Two Bratwursts. Meals will be served with German Fries, Green Beans, Cole Slaw and Cookies. Contact Sandy Wehr for tickets: 812-630-2621 or tickets will be available at the September meeting.

November DeutscherVerein Meeting Auction of Items to Support the 2026 Student
Exchange - Exchange Student families and
DeutscherVerein members bring donated items
(pies, furniture, gift baskets, wine, etc.) to
auction during the meeting. It is always a great
opportunity to have some fun and raise money
for the student exchange that serves as the
cornerstone of our sister city relationship.

Culinary Exchange 2024 Update

We are excited to have just completed our first Culinary Exchange! The three individuals from Jasper on our first exchange Jamie Boaz, Kim Mitchell, and Haley Ondiek will be "giving back" and sharing some of their recipes and culinary skills at the October 6th German Heritage Lunch and Award ceremony. We cannot wait to hear about their exchange trip and get a "taste" of their experience at the event on October 6th!

Save the Date! Mark Your Calendars! Sunday, October 6th - German American Day – German Heritage Celebration

Klubhaus61 - 12:00 Noon

Sunday, October 6, 2024 – This year's German American Day and German Heritage Celebration will be at the KlubHaus in Jasper. This celebration of German American Day and of our German heritage is hosted each year by The Jasper DeutscherVerein, Sister Cities of Jasper, and the Jasper Partnership Commission.

New for this year, will be a **Sunday buffet lunch celebration** including the Proclamation by the Mayor, the German Heritage Award, culinary exchange participants, student exchange participants, music, and much more!

Doors will open at 12:00 Noon with the ceremony and festivities beginning at 12:30 PM

Tickets are \$20 for the lunch: including appetizer, main course, dessert and tea & lemonade. The menu will consist of some German favorites with a new twist as prepared by our culinary exchange participants. (A cash bar will be available.)

For German American Day Celebration tickets contact Mary Leah Siegel at 812-309-3468 or you may purchase them at the September DeutscherVerein meeting.

Feel free to contact me with any questions, and as always, a HUGE THANK YOU to the Jasper DeutscherVerein members for their support for Sister Cities of Jasper!

Mary Leah Siegel
President, Sister Cities of Jasper

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 DeutscherVerein (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.







Sonntag Mittagessen

(Sunday Lunch)

Sponsored by Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

Proceeds benefit the JHS German Exchange Program

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Schnitzelbank Restaurant 393 3rd AVE Jasper, IN

(Drive through only)

\$18.00 per meal

MENU:

Fried Chicken Dinner (1/4 White or 1/4 Dark)
German Fries, Green Beans, & Cole Slaw

or

Zwei (2) Bratwürste German Fries, Green Beans, & Sauerkraut

All meals include one cookie

To pre-purchase tickets: Contact: Sandy (812) - 482 - 2055 or any member of the JHS German Exchange Program



Meals will be available while supplies last!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024 AT 12 PM - 6 PM

GermanFest

401 E Michigan St, Indianapolis, IN, United States, Indiana 46204

It's Wunderbar!

Get ready to raise your steins and join us at the Athenaeum's 16th annual GermanFest, the best Haus party in Indy! This all-ages celebration on October 5 promises a day of fun for everyone, filled with bier, brats, and wiener dogs! Enjoy live music, beers on tap, delicious eats, and unique items to purchase—all with an authentic German flair. Whether you're savoring a pretzel, cheering on a dachshund race, or holding a stein, there's something for everyone at GermanFest. Don't miss out on this unforgettable celebration of German-American Day!

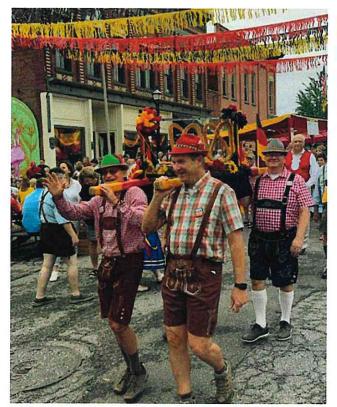
Tickets go on sale August 1, so grab your tickets early to save—advance general admission tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for youths (ages 4-12). Day-of prices increase to \$25 for adults and \$15 for youths. Kids ages 3 and under are free but require a ticket.

Be on the lookout for more info as we get closer to the festivities! The full event schedule and map will be released in early September.



Memories of the 2024 Strassenfest







Walking parade to the Bier Garten



Log Sawing Winners – Men's Division Werners – Kaleb Werner and Mitchell Werner



Log Sawing Runner Up Team – Men's Division Lumber Lords – John Riley and Abe Schwartz



Log Sawing Winners – Women's Division Grandma Brescher's Favorites Haley Ondiek and Brooke Williams



Log Sawing Runner Up - Women's Division The Queens - Breanna Williams and Aaliyah Peraza







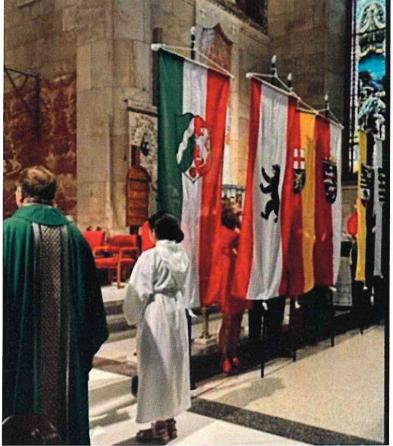












Until 2025 when we celebrate the Sister City Partnership with Pfaffenweiler, Germany!!!!!!!!!!!

July 31, 2025 - August 3, 2025







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