



Jasper German Club
Deutscher Verein

Die Zeitung

November 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.

Kim Lottes
2024 German Heritage Award Winner



The Jasper Deutscher Verein, Sister Cities of Jasper, and the Jasper Partnership Commission celebrated German American Day on Sunday, October 6, at KlubHaus61.

The 26th annual German Heritage Award was presented. This award is presented to an individual or group who has contributed generously his/her or their time, talents or resources to maintaining, improving or building upon our German roots in Dubois County. Sister Cities of Jasper and the Jasper Partnership Commission created the award in 1999. The Jasper Deutscher Verein sponsors the award.

The 2024 German Heritage Award was presented to Kim Lottes of Jasper. Ms. Lottes is a long-time member of the Jasper Deutscher Verein, Sister Cities of Jasper, the Jasper Partnership Commission, the board of directors of Heart of Jasper, an original member of the board of directors of ROJAC, and many other organizations. She

has served as Chairman of the Strassenfest twice and was on the committee to establish the ½ pot contest. She was very active with the JHS Student Exchange program when her son was involved.

From a nominator, "Kim's levelheaded thinking process has been a great resource for me on projects I have worked on, or we have worked on together over the years. Whether these projects were related to the Dubois County Museum, architecture, fundraising, or the Sister City partnership with Pfaffenweiler, Kim was always willing to lend a common-sense approach and to help with the many projects over the past 30+ years that I have known her." Additionally, the nomination went on to state, "Aside from all her public work in the community and in person, countless hours have been spent by Kim behind the scenes in planning, arranging, managing, and fundraising... really, just plain hard work for German Heritage in our community."

Ms. Lottes resides in Jasper with her husband, Pat, and they two sons, Luke and Matthew.

2024 German Heritage Essay Winners and Representatives of German American



L to R Sarah Smith and Martha Mitchell-GA, Bella Beckman-Northeast Dubois Jr./Sr. High School, Jillian Troutman-Jasper High School, Maggie Rasche-Southridge High School, Emma LaGrange-Forest Park Jr./Sr. High School, and Rachel Levin-GA

Area students were asked to participate in an essay contest stating what their ideal German expedition would be. Winners of the essay contest were Emma LaGrange of Forest Park Jr./Sr. High School, Jillian Troutman of Jasper High School, Bella Beckman of Northeast Dubois Jr./Sr. High School, and Maggie Rasche of Southridge High School.

German American presented each student with a \$250 scholarship and certificate. German American has been the financial sponsor of this Essay Contest since 2003.

**My Ideal German Expedition: Insights from
Berlin, Munich, and Frankfurt**
By: Bella E. Beckman

**Daughter of
Luke and Leah Beckman
Northeast Dubois Jr./Sr. High School**

Germany offers something for every traveler. My ideal trip would consist of visiting iconic landmarks, indulging in German cuisine, tracing my family heritage, and immersing myself in local traditions and customs. I plan to stop at three German cities: Berlin, Munich, and Frankfurt. Through my expedition, I wish to learn German history and discover more about the roots of my hometown, Jasper.

My trip to Germany begins with visiting the capital of Germany, Berlin. Modernism meets tradition in Berlin making it a perfect location for travelers. The Berlin Cathedral marks my first stop. This site provides tourists with a view into the culture of Germany. The architecture and distinctive shape of the Berlin Cathedral awe me. Intricate details such as paintings, statues, and fountains make the cathedral picturesque. In Berlin, I would also visit the Brandenburg Gate. A symbol of Germany's significance in the Cold War, the Gate represents the division and unification of the country. I want to visit this site because of its beauty and importance to the history of Germany.

Next, I would stop at the urban gem of Munich. Marienplatz sits at the heart of the popular city, bringing in tourists and locals. The endearing atmosphere draws me into the plaza. Here I want to experience a taste of German cuisine while socializing and shopping. I would visit Munich in late September allowing me to attend Oktoberfest. Oktoberfest reportedly has the best food in Germany. Attending a festival or market held at Marienplatz, such as Oktoberfest, would show me insights into German culture and allow me to taste culinary pieces of the country. The culinary aspect of Germany fascinates me as even simple dishes are decadent. I would love to taste Schnitzel as it reminds me of the American meal, Country Fried Steak.

The end of my expedition will be to Frankfurt. Southeast of Frankfurt sits a bakery my family has owned and operated since 1879. Meeting my German relatives would make my trip to Germany special. While at the bakery, I would like to learn more about my family roots and soothe my sweet tooth with one of their specialty breads or desserts. After visiting Frankfurt, I would branch off to a nearby city. Here I could explore the Black Forest. The canopy of coniferous trees over this forest creates a beautiful travel destination for someone like me who loves the outdoors. This nature reserve offers views into the untamed wilderness of Germany. Waterfalls, wildlife, and old castles are objects I am searching for in my endeavor.

My trip blends culture, scenic beauty, and history in a way that makes traveling to Germany an unforgettable experience. The cities I chose to visit offer a wide tapestry of experiences, each of which helped shape my trip. From historic sites and abstract architecture in Berlin to the modernism and cultural festivities in Munich, and my family heritage in Frankfurt, each city provides me with a unique look into Germany's true character.

My Ideal Trip to Germany
By: Emma LaGrange

**Daughter of
Josh and Tara LaGrange
Forest Park Jr./Sr. High School**

My ideal trip to Germany would first and foremost have to take place in the fall, preferably in October. When the leaves are changing and brisk air is blowing, that is the ideal time for me to go. Germany in October is vibrant in color from the greenery that is now changing. Also, October is in the off-season for tourism; therefore, making it cheaper for me to go.

One of the first things I would do in Germany would be to visit the Holocaust Memorial. I would go and walk through the rows and rows of stones looking at names. I believe everybody should do this in their life at least once. To feel the weight and gravity of it fully.

Next, I would like to go to the Reichstag Building and walk in the dome. To be able to look out at the scenery from up high through a clear glass would be delightful. Being able to go into their library would be amazing. I love books, I read almost everything I am slightly interested in. Going into old bookstores for the smell alone is a pastime of mine. Going into this library would be a true dream.

I would also like to visit the Cologne Cathedral. From the pictures alone it looks gorgeous. I can't imagine seeing it in person. I love old architecture, so visiting Germany would include a lot of walking the streets to see the wonderful buildings, but this one is a definite must. I am

a Christian and not a Catholic, so I am not going for religious purposes. I only want to look at the architecture.

I am a nature, outdoorsy person. I would love to walk the streets of Germany, see the sights I have mentioned above, and eat at cute cafes. But the thing I would be most excited about is the hiking. The top three places I would love to hike are the Eibsee Loop, Schloss Neuschwanstein, and Bastei Bridge. I have researched hiking spots in Germany and these seem like the perfect places for me. With the wonderful hiking, beautiful color change, and gorgeous architecture around these would be wonderful to visit. I would love to hike the Bastei Bridge and watch the sunset from the top. Hiking to the castle Schloss Neuschwanstein in October would be breathtaking. Hiking the Eibsee Loop, picnicking by the lake, and taking pictures would be beyond words.

Being able to visit the Holocaust Memorial, the Reichstag Building, and Cologne Cathedral would be a perfect few days in the cities of Germany. Then I would hike the Eibsee Loop, the Schloss Neuschwanstein, and the Bastei Bridge to enjoy Germany's nature. All these things would be in my ideal trip to Germany.

"My ideal trip to Germany would include..."

By: Maggie Rasche

**Daughter of
Jayme and Ginger Rasche
Southridge High School**

My ideal trip to Germany would include lots of scenic locations loaded with German architecture and ingenuity. What better place to start than at the Neuschwanstein Castle, located in the Bavarian Alps? Not only is it located in the beauty of the mountains, but the detailed architecture and the fact that Disney based Cinderella's Castle off of it makes this castle a true tourist attraction and the perfect first stop for my trip. From there, I would like to travel to the Black Forest, which holds breathtaking views. In this forest I would like to ride on the railway and see the Triberg Waterfalls along with some of the stunning lakes. In the nearby towns, I would like to purchase a clock, because this was where cuckoo clocks first appeared. After those two outskirts but not forgettable locations, I would like to travel to my first big city, Nuremberg. This city is rich with German history, historic buildings and homes, and depending on the time of the year, the biggest Christmas Market in Germany. In the future I would like to pursue a career in the structural engineering field, so I would be extremely fascinated by the intricate details and designs of these historic structures. In the city of Nuremberg there is no shortage of these eye-catching buildings. Not only is Nuremberg a pretty place on the daily, but especially during the winter season. The Christkindlmarkt would be a festival only imaginable to me from movies. Around here, we have the enjoyable Huntingburg Christmas Stroll, but from my

research, I believe this fest would blow the stroll out of the water with its approximately 180 vendor booths. These vendors range from the locals' traditional foods all the way to one of a kind Christmas presents. After I have explored Nuremberg and all of its magnificent activities I would head up to Berlin. Of course I would be traveling on the infamous Autobahn. Berlin is not only the capital of Germany but it holds arguably the most history out of any other city in the world. In Berlin, I would like to visit the remains of the Berlin Wall, the Charlottenburg Palace, and the Brandenburg Gate. Berlin has so much to offer, but before my journey comes to an end I would like to venture upwards once more and visit some of the coastal towns. Due to it being relatively close and being known for its gothic architecture, I would like to start in Rostock. To conclude my trip I would like to travel by train and end in Hamburg. Hamburg is home to the world's largest model train system, not to mention fun-filled port areas. My ideal trip to Germany would be filled with much culture, history, and stunning architecture.

Jillian Goes to Germany, Part 2

By: Jillian Troutman

**Daughter of Abby Troutman
and the late Bill Troutman
Jasper High School**

In June of 2024, I was fortunate enough to be one of four students who participated in the German Exchange program. This experience helped me understand the German culture and see differences in daily life. I also formed friendships that would not have otherwise happened. Although the experience was tremendous and one I will never forget, it gave me a better understanding of additional places I would like to visit or places I would like to go back to again.

One of my favorite parts of the trip was being able to attend school at Faust Gymnasium. It was interesting to see how their school was structured and how different it was from our school system. Although it was challenging that everything was taught in German, I was still able to learn. As I am now taking my 5th year of German this year, I would love to go back to class and see if I can better understand the teachers and interact with more students.

I was really looking forward to touring the Neuschwanstein Castle. The day we were scheduled to visit it, we were only able to see it from a distance, on a really rainy day, through fog, and we weren't able to explore the inside. This is something that I would definitely do during my ideal trip to Germany.

Riding Voltron at Europa Park was one of my favorite experiences. Voltron is a roller coaster that includes a portion of the ride where you are upside down. It's inspired by Nicoli Tesla and parts of the ride focus on his

scientific discoveries. If I were to go back to Germany, this would be a must-do-again ride.

I would also like to spend more time within the concentration camps. We toured Dachau, and although it was somber and heartbreaking, it was something that I think everyone should experience. I would like to go back and spend more time reading the information that was provided at the camp and truly comprehending what happened there.

On my next trip to Germany, I would spend time visiting the families I stayed with while in Pfaffenweiler. I hope to go over during Schneckenfest and see how it compares to our Strassenfest. I'm interested to see how authentic our celebration is, how they are different, and how they are truly alike.

Again, learning from my German Exchange trip, there are a few items that I don't want to repeat. On the way there, my luggage was lost for 4 days. So, my ideal trip would NOT include any lost luggage. On my next trip, I will definitely eat more flammkuchen (my favorite is the original style with onion and bacon), take more pictures of amazing sunsets, and drive on the Autobahn.

*****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
July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024

In Memory of Mary Gertz
Paul and Laura Grammer

In Memory of Bruce Jarboe
Paul and Laura Grammer

In Memory of Judy McCarty
Paul and Laura Grammer

We will have a newsletter for December. We will NOT have a newsletter in January and will get back to a normal newsletter schedule in February!!!!



L to R Luke Lottes, Kim Lottes, and Pat Lottes. Unable to attend Matthew Lottes



L to R Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Sandy Wehr, Mary Leah Siegel, Kim Lottes, Matthias Hilger, and Stan Jochum

"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, Vroom
Der Deutscher Verein is Wunderbar!!**

During this Thanksgiving season, let's remember those who are not as fortunate and have been impacted by the hurricanes!!!!!!



Isabella Schaal and Leopold Schaffner

Back in February, 2024, several members of the Deutscher Verein and others were interviewed by Mr. Leopold Schaffner as he was writing a thesis titled "The Cultural Influence of 19th Century German Immigration to the USA on their Descendants in the 21st Century Using the Example of Dubois County, Indiana" in order to receive a degree of "Bachelor of Arts" degree in International Cultural and Business Studies from the School of Humanities and Cultural Studies at the University of Passau. In March of 2024, many individuals completed a survey provided by Leopold to further help in his research in writing his thesis. Pictures from Jasper were forwarded to Leopold to be included in the thesis. Leopold submitted his thesis for review at his university on July 2, 2024 and was notified in September, 2024 that his thesis had been reviewed and accepted by his professors towards his degree.

Leopold and his family have a strong relationship with Al and Kathy Baldwin, formerly of Vincennes, IN, now residing in Jasper and the Schaffner family has visited the area many times. Leopold was fascinated with the German influence in our area and decided to model his thesis around this influence. Leopold and his girlfriend, Isabella Schaal visited Jasper in September and were special guests at the September meeting. Leopold's thesis has been added to the Jasper Deutscher Verein website. www.jaspergermanclub.org You will find this thesis very interesting.

Postal 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 Mike Ackerman at 812-630-8756 or mike@ackoil.com with your new address so we can update our records.

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' website at www.sistercitiesofjasperin.org and keep up on their latest activities.

Phyllis Ackerman – 1937 – 2024
May She Rest in Peace



Phyllis and her husband, Rafe, were early members of the Jasper Deutscher Verein and spent countless hours working for the betterment of the Club and our community.

Phyllis served as Secretary 1999-2000. She was always willing to help where she could and you could always count on Phyllis for great direction. She knew "her stuff"!! Her time and talents always came from her heart.

Phyllis and Rafe were German Heritage award winners in 2008.

We extend our sympathy to Mike and Ann, Laura and Paul, Jill and Paul, the grandchildren and great grandchildren, and her sisters and in-laws. We thank her family for naming the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment at the Dubois County Community Foundation as a recipient of her memorial gifts.

**New Members to the Jasper Deutscher Verein
and Sister Cities of Jasper**

April 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024

Dan and Sara Fritch
Jim and Nancy Huebner
Gary and Tanna Kreigh
Brian and Lori Persohn
Jerry and Elaine Schitter
Madelyn Schmalenberger
Andy and Brenda Welsh

**Jasper Deutscher Verein September Meeting in
Review**

The Jasper Deutscher Verein held its post Strassenfest meeting on Wednesday, September 18th at the Jasper Moose Lodge. President Landen Weidenbenner welcomed the members and guests, and then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Next Bernie Jeffries volunteered to lead the club in prayer.

Landen then released the tables for dinner of hamburgers, brats, potatoe wedges and mixed veggie prepared by the Moose, as well as salad and desserts brought by club members.

After dinner, Landen introduced Patti Goepfrich to recognize her as co-recipient of the 2024 Hoosier German-American of the Year. Patti and the Jasper Deutscher Verein will be presented their awards at the GermanFest at the Athenaeum in Indy on October 5. Congratulations to Patti on her well-deserved award!

Patti then introduced Leopold Schaffner from southern Germany. Patti had begun corresponding with Mr. Schaffner in February 2024. He was in the midst of writing his bachelor thesis to obtain the degree of "Bachelor of Arts" in International Cultural and Business Studies at the School of Humanities and Cultural Studies at the University of Passau.

Ms. Goepfrich noted that many from the area were interviewed and a survey was provided to Deutscher Verein members and others to further help provide comments from a variety of people. Mr. Schaffner received a nice response on the survey.

He was notified that his thesis has been graded. A copy of the thesis will be added to the Deutscher Verein website and paper copies of the thesis will be put in the genealogy room at the Jasper Public Library, the Ferdinand Public Library, and the Dubois County Genealogy Society's home at the Dubois County Museum.

Mr. Schaffner then introduced his guests, Isabella Schaal of Germany and Al and Kathy Baldwin of Jasper. He stated that he has visited the area many times and found it interesting how we preserve our heritage and decided

that he would make that the theme of his thesis. Mr. Schaffner thanked all for the help and support of the thesis

The September program was a recap of the 2024 Strassenfest. Mike Ackerman gave his treasure report noting that with the return to the square, that sales had been good for both of our German Club booths. He thanks Laura Grammer, Strassenfest Chairperson, for all her hard work and dedication to get the Strassenfest back up to the square. Mike also thanked everyone who worked in the booth. Secretary Valerie Heim reported that there were over 65 German Heritage Performers for this year's Strassenfest. In addition to the performances, the Glockenspiel Stage held more events and performances than it did last year. Some of the successful events were the new pretzel & chocolate eating contest, the fan favorite mug holding contest, learn the Chicken Dance and the Schnitzelbank Sing-along. She also showed pictures of the performers and spoke about their hard work in learning all the dances and songs. She thanked everyone involved.

Landen then called Dave Buehler up, who spoke about the German Club history and continuation of building up the club. He was proud of all the club's involvement with the Strassenfest and the growth the club has seen this year. He urged more members to be involved and expressed his pride in how the club has evolved since its start.

Special prize winners were Dan Wehr and Eve Drew.

Landen called the meeting to a close. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20 at the Jasper Moose Lodge. Doors open at 6:00pm, and dinner is at 6:30pm.

Submitted by
Valerie Heim
Secretary



Aidan Flynn of Jasper and Julius Keller of Pfaffenweiler. Members of the JHS-Faust Gymnasium Student Exchange Program

A message from our president

Wishing you all a very Happy November! October was filled with a lot of exciting activities and events. First and foremost, I am so proud of our Club and Patti Goepfrich as being the co-recipients of the 2024 Indiana German Heritage Society award. Both Patti and I attended this prestigious event, along with our families, friends, and other German Club members on October 6th in Indianapolis to accept the award. It was a beautiful celebration, and both Patti and I represented our Club well. Congratulations to all - our Club thrives because of each members' dedication in promoting and preserving our German Heritage in Jasper and the surrounding area.

Finally, on October 7th, we had our German-American Day celebration in partnership with the Sister Cities of Jasper. Thank you to all who attended and to those who made the day great. I want to congratulate Kim Lottes on being the 2024 award recipient! Kim has worked for many years in many capacities to truly exemplify her passion to preserve our heritage.

I want to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and look forward to celebrating the start of the holiday season at our December meeting.

Landen Weidenbenner
President

Memories from 2024 Strassenfest

Bench Dancers



L to R front row Penelope Van Slyke, Nora Goins, Mariell Schnell, and Felicity Van Slyke
L to R back row Anistyn Emmons, Parker Barth, Gavin Uebelhor, and T. J. Block

Willkommen Dancers



L to R front row Mya Uebelhor, Anistyn Emmons, Hannah Bartley, and Hallie Kasten
L to R back row Jocelyn Hall, Evelyn Hall Avery Adams, Kierstin Heim, and Maddie Hulse

Mai Pole Performers



L to R front row Maya Woolston, Tayah Beard, Harper Bartley, Violet Wilkerson, Willow Wilkerson, Shae Merkel, Sadie Gore, Emily Goins, and Alexis McLemore

L to R back row Brenna Kasten, Anna Block, Josephine Davis, Mariell Schnell, Charlie Schnarr, Liliana Davis, Olivia Goins, Gwendolyn Hall, and Keira Stenftenagel
Not pictured – Remington Kinman and Maxwell Van Slyke





Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

November

**November 20, 2024-Wednesday-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

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

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

Chicken Fried Chicken Breast with Country Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, 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 or jasperdeutscherverein@gmail.com.**

2025

**Januar and Februar Meeting Information
will be in December newsletter**

Februar

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

August

**Strassenfest will be held July 31st – August
3rd!!! And we will celebrate 40 years of the
Sister Cities Partnership between Jasper
and Pfaffenweiler!!!!**

**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. Envelopes are available at the greeting table at each club meeting.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

to the _____
(Please specify appropriate Endowment)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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



The Indiana German Heritage Society named the Jasper DeutscherVerein (organization) and Patti Goepfrich (individual) as co-recipients of the 2024 Hoosier German-American of the Year Award.

The Jasper DeutscherVerein was recognized for their contributions, dedication, and leadership in cultivating, promoting, and preserving Hoosier German-American heritage in Jasper and its surrounding area and in celebration of its upcoming 45th anniversary. Established in January, 1980, the Jasper DeutscherVerein continues to be committed to the Jasper-Pfaffenweiler Sister Cities program; to mentoring and supporting of local German high school programs and the German student exchange program; and to promoting and partnering with the highly successful annual Jasper Strassenfest.

Ms. Goepfrich was recognized for her lifelong dedication to preserving and promoting German heritage in Dubois County. She has been a key figure in the collection and preservation of German-American artifacts and has served as editor of the Jasper DeutscherVerein newsletter for over 20 years. Additionally, Goepfrich organized a county wide high school essay contest, which began in 2003, and received the 2011 German-American Award from the Jasper DeutscherVerein, Sister Cities of Jasper, and the Jasper Partnership Commission.

Mr. Landen Weidenbenner, president of the Jasper DeutscherVerein, and Ms. Goepfrich were presented with plaques at the opening ceremony of the 16th Annual GermanFest on Saturday, October 5th in Indianapolis at the Athenaeum. Also attending the presentation of the plaques were Mary Leah and Paul Siegel, Brandon Ferguson, Ron Flick, Irene Eckerle, Tom Goepfrich, and Matthias and Kathy Hilger.



The Jasper Deutscher Verein



Patti Goepfrich and
Landen Weidenbenner



Landen Weidenbenner
and Patti Goepfrich



L to R Paul Siegel, Mary Leah Siegel, Brandon Ferguson, Landen Weidenbenner, Brian Griesemer, Patti Goeprich, Ron Flick, Irene Eckerle, Tom Goeprich, and Honorary Consul Sven Schumacher

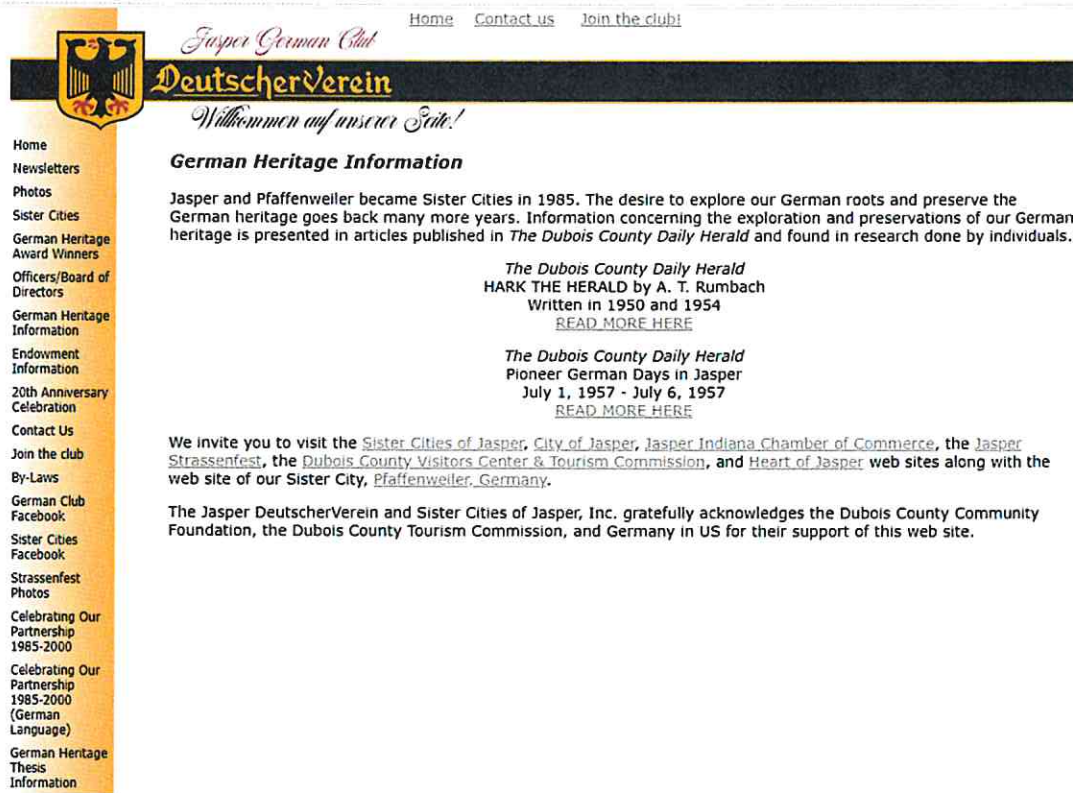


L to R Dr. Travis Jerde, Honorary Consul Sven Schumacher, State Senator Andrea Hunley, Landen Weidenbenner, Brian Griesemer, Patti Goeprich, and Craig Mince

Jasper Deutscher Verein Website

www.jaspergermanclub.org

Included on the website is a tab with information on the early days of experiencing our German heritage.



The screenshot shows the website for the Jasper German Club. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Contact us, and Join the club! Below this is a header with the club's logo (a black eagle on a shield) and the text "Jasper German Club" and "Deutscher Verein". A welcome message reads "Willkommen auf unserer Seite!". The main content area is titled "German Heritage Information" and contains several paragraphs of text, including references to "The Dubois County Daily Herald" and "Pioneer German Days in Jasper". A sidebar on the left lists various website sections like Home, Newsletters, Photos, Sister Cities, German Heritage Award Winners, Officers/Board of Directors, German Heritage Information, Endowment Information, 20th Anniversary Celebration, Contact Us, Join the club, By-Laws, German Club Facebook, Sister Cities Facebook, Strassenfest Photos, Celebrating Our Partnership 1985-2000, Celebrating Our Partnership 1985-2000 (German Language), and German Heritage Thesis Information.

In celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the Partnership between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler, a bi-lingual booklet was put together documenting information and activities that had been taking place during those 15 years. That booklet is now on the website. Both in English and German!!!!!!!

Celebrating Our Partnership

1985 - 2000



Wir Feiern Unsere Partnerschaft



Matthias Hilger, Bella Schaal, Leopold Schaffner, and Kathy and Al Baldwin
September, 2024

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