## DEUTSCHERVERIN

June 19, 1980

The Board of Directors met before the regular monthly meeting. Attending were Dan Wehr, Gary Egler, Ron Kieffner, and Harvey Berger.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Pres., Dan Wehr. The meeting was held in the lower level of the Heritage Inn.

The minutes were read by LaVerne Kieffner and approved. The treasurer's report was given by Ron Kieffner.

Ron Kieffner announced that the Bed Race for the Strassenfest was under way and passed out entry forms for those interested. There will be a bed on display at The German American Bank for anyone who wants to check it out. The financial sponsor for the bed race is MacDonald's and the Club sponsor is The German Club.

Dan Wehr announced another festivity is under way and is being planned for November 1, at the Holiday Inn and The Eiderweis Band would be playing along with our German band.

There will be a work session for our float for the Strassenfest on July 7, 6:00 P.M. at Jasper Plant Foods, who is donating the trailor. If anyone has anything that could be used for the float, they are asked to contact Ken Heim.

Louis Lukemeyer reported that we will be having three tour groups from Germany. The first group of 15 people will be coming in on August 14 for two nights. The second group of 40 people from Wernsein will be coming in on August 16 which will include Mr. and Mrs. Wrightman who visited with us earlier. The third group of 80 people including a band, will be visiating us in October. Mr. Lukemeyer suggested we all be thinking of housing these people when they do arrive.

Gary Egler announced that vests will be made available to any members who are interested. He showed a sample of the German Club logo that will be used on them.

Mrs. Sebrina Jordan had our program for the evening. She was introduced by Mary Jo Meiser, has a Dr's. degree from Columbia University and one in Social Research in New York. She explained that her job is to study the German heritage of Dubois County and her office in Jasper is from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Mondays. Her phone number is 482-3070. She will be teaching German beginning Sept. 8 and 9. Monday nights - Conversational German and Tuesday nights - Beginner's German. Sebrina had several suggestions to introduce German language to the community. One was to hire a floating teacher beginning with the elementary levels.

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She also gave her thoughts for a project of some club to make available a cookbook with some of our old German recipes for the Strassenfest.

Dan Weyer then presented Sebrina and her husband honorary German Club cards.

Mary Jo Meiser told two jokes in German and it was enjoyed by all.

The remainder of the evening was spent listening and dancing to German music.

Respectfully submitted,

LaVerne Kieffner

## Beim Arzt

Arzt: Der Nächste, bitte!

Patient: Herr Doktor, eigentlich bin ich gar nicht krank.

Arzt: Ja, ja, machen Sie sich frei, bitte!

Patient: Wie bitte?

Arzt: Ziehen Die sich aus! Ich kann Die sonst nicht untersuchen.

Patient: Aber, Herr Doktor, ich will doch nur...

Arzt: Beeilen Sie sich. Ich habe nicht so viel Zeit.

Patient: Aber ausziehen, das ist doch wirklich nicht nötig.

Arzt: Nur keine Angst, es tut nicht weh.

Patient: Nun gut, wenn es sein muss...

Arzt: Sehen Sie, das war nicht so schlimm. Wo tut's weh?

Patient: Herr Doktor, es tut mir nirgends weh. Ich bin vom Telefonamt und will Ihr

Telefon reparieren!

## At the doctor's

Doctor: Next please!

Patient: Doctor, I am not really sick. Doctor: Yes, yes, get undressed, please.

Patient: Pardon?

Doctor: Get undressed. I can't check you otherwise.

Patient: But Moctor, I only wanted ...

Doctor: Hurry up, I don't have a lot of time.

Patient: But to get undressed, that's really not necessary.

Doctor: Never fear, it won't hurt. Patient: O.K., if it has to be...

Doctor: You see, that wasn't so bad. Where does it hurt?

Patient: Doctor, it doesn't hurt anywhere. I am from the telephone office and I want

to repair your phone!

# Fest folks

Fest enthusiasts filled downtown Jasper Thursday night as the four-day Strassenfest was officially opened. Clubs and organizations operating booths say first-night sales are up this year anywhere from 10 to 70 percent. Thursday's events included the queen's contest, the community choir, left, Historic Jasper's salute to the founding of Jasper and barbershop singing. And the Jasper JAWS swim team were selling buttons commemorating the event. Brian Drew, above, was one of the sellers.

(Staff photos by Alan Petersime)



Jasper Police Chief Steve Wagner, above, took a turn in the wet-sponge-toss booth and got pelted a few times. On the right, Jerry Messmer, Dave Buehler and Gary Egler dressed in the German theme of the fest.

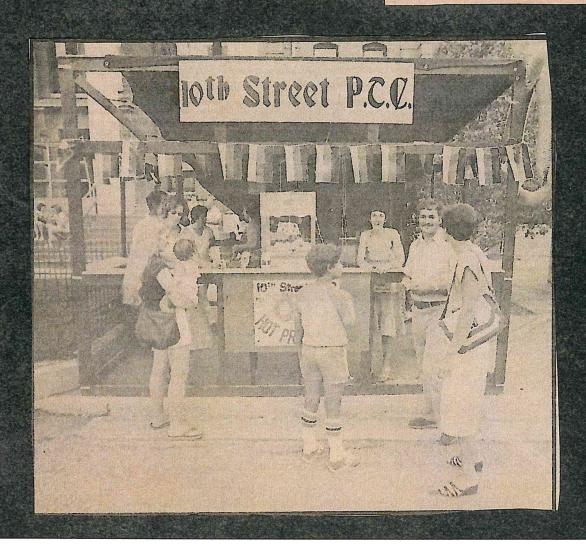




Jasper's Strassenfest featured a waterball fight and arm wrestling Friday evening. In the bottom picture, Jasper firefighters' coach Ronnie Pfau yells instructions to team members. Jasper came in second to St. Anthony. Below, arm wrestlers Ron Letterman and Roger Sermersheim square off. Booths fill the square, all done in the same colors and style. The Strassenfest continues today and Sunday.









## Saturday

and Main Streets). 8:30 a.m.— Wettlauf (foot race, Seventh

Street and Jasper High School courts). 9:00 a.m.— WITZ Tennis Tourney (10th 9:00 a.m.— Strassenfest Open (Jasper

activities on the courthouse square. Country Club). 9:30 a.m.— Carnival rides, booths, and

American Bank community room). 10:00 a.m.— 10:00 a.m.— Baby Contest (German VFW Bake Sale (on

square).

12:30 p.m.— Volleyball Tournament

Die Doppole Adler Musikanten). (Inner city and library parks).

1:00 p.m.— Beer Garden is open (German Music by The Edelweiss Dur and

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2:30 p.m.— Skating Contest (Skate

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8:00 p.m.— German Music by Hans Rieser's Internationals (Main Stage). Partner).

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Scramble (Jasper Municipal Golf Course) Breakfast (On the square). 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.— Strassenfest Golf 7:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.— Kiwanis Pancake 10:00 a.m.— WITZ Tennis Tourney.

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east of Patoka Bridge). Noon - Parade (Main Street).

Noon — Kana Wettrennen (canoe race. Finish at 3:30 at the Patoka Bridge). 1:30 p.m.— Bed Race (north side of

Streets). square). 2:00 p.m.— Car Show (Fourth and Main

Bridge pits). 2:00 p.m.—Horshoe Pitch (at the Patoka

Lutheran Church). 5:00 p.m.— Liederfest (Redeemer

At Alumini Stadium (6 p.m. till dark)

Entertainment: Ed Miller German Band & Authentic Swiss Yodeler, Lisa Ward. Anything Goes (fun night for all!). Admission \$1 or Strassenfest Button

Grand Fireworks Finale.

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Stories by Vanessa Zimmer Photo by Alan Petersime

says there's only one way to preserve the area's German identity — and that's by Dubois County's humanist-in-residence

preserving the German language.

"To preserve it meaningfully, not as a museum or a tourist attraction, is through language," says 47-year-old Dr. Sabine Jordan, who is conducting a one-year study of German-American heritage in the

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The German-born woman, educated in sociology and German literature, has seen the study of foreign languages in the United States dwindle. As economic problems deepen and government financial supports are cut off, fewer colleges and universities can afford to offer studies in foreign languages.

That, coupled with the general British and American attitude that everyone should learn to speak English, has dealt the study of German an "absolute crippling blow," says Mrs. Jordan.

So, at a time when foreign languages are being neglected, Mrs. Jordan suggests Dubois County schools re-introduce German in a bold, innovative way.

The only obstacle, she admits, is money.

She proposes German be introduced in kindergarten and carried through middle

school and high school.

But there would be only a smattering of traditional textbook instruction in grammar and usage. Instead, subjects already in the curriculum would be taught in German — for half a period a day on a rolating basis.

That method of teaching would promote expansion of vocabulary and a feeling for the language—and it would be a first in the United States that she claims would be widely imitated.

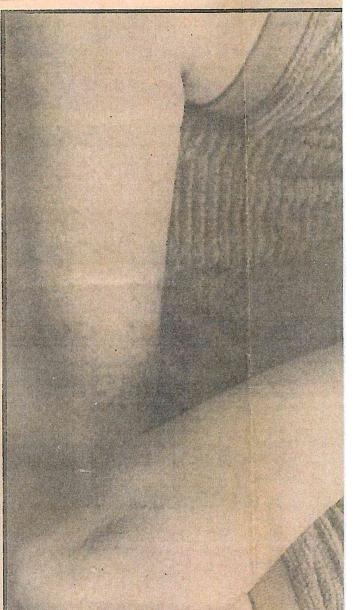
Mrs. Jordan realizes that costs of hiring teachers for the system would be high. But she is full of ideas for preserving the German in Dubois County — and equally determined to see at least some of them become more than ideas.

"I am concerned that this project not be like most projects. I don't want to leave and

not be remembered.

"This time something should be left behind—a group of knowledgeable citizens who can read German...I want to leave something behind that can continue without ma."

Mrs. Jordan's plans for the year-long study — the first project of such long duration in the state — range from teaching German to adults, to talking to local organizations, to translating German script, to gathering information for two books.



Her study, funded by grants from the Indiana Committee for the Humanities and the German American Bank Foundation, was pioneered by Stephen Harroff, a specialist in German Americans in Indiana who spent three weeks in 1978 studying the feasibility of the larger study of the county's heritage.

The Jasper Community Arts Commission and the Friends of the Arts are administering the study.

"I'm not surprised that German Americans settled here because the land-scape is like any number of places in Germany," says Mrs. Jordan.

The German dialect spoken by older residents has remained "remarkably pure," she says, and, surprisingly, fourth and fifth generations still speak with a German accent.

From speech patterns and surnames, she has determined many Jasper ancestors came from the Baden region, in the southwest corner of West Germany.

Some Jasper residents and those from Haysville and Dubois came from lower Bayaria, she says. Holland and Hun-

tingburg citizens came from northern Germany and those in Ferdinand from southern Germany.

Mrs. Jordan believes Huntingburg may have been named after Hunteburg, a town near Osnabruck in Germany, instead of after a group of hunters as is generally believed.

She plans to research the dates of the founding of the two communities to see if her idea is plausible. Several residents of Huntingburg and Holland are from the Osnabruck area, she says.

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The building, with its round doors, gables and proportions, was apparently reconstructed from memory of the buildings in Pfaffenweiler, Germany, where many Jasper residents' ancestors came from, she says.

"In Pfaffenweiler today are three buildings that could have been the brothers and sisters of this house," enthuses Mrs. Jordan

"It must be preserved. It is unique..."

The area tendency Mrs. Jordan terms the "tree-trimming mania" is also a German tendency, the "German neatness complex," as she jokingly calls it.

However, she claims the county's enphasis on beer gardens at various community "fests" are not rooted in German tradition. Beer gardens stem from Bavarian tradition, she says.

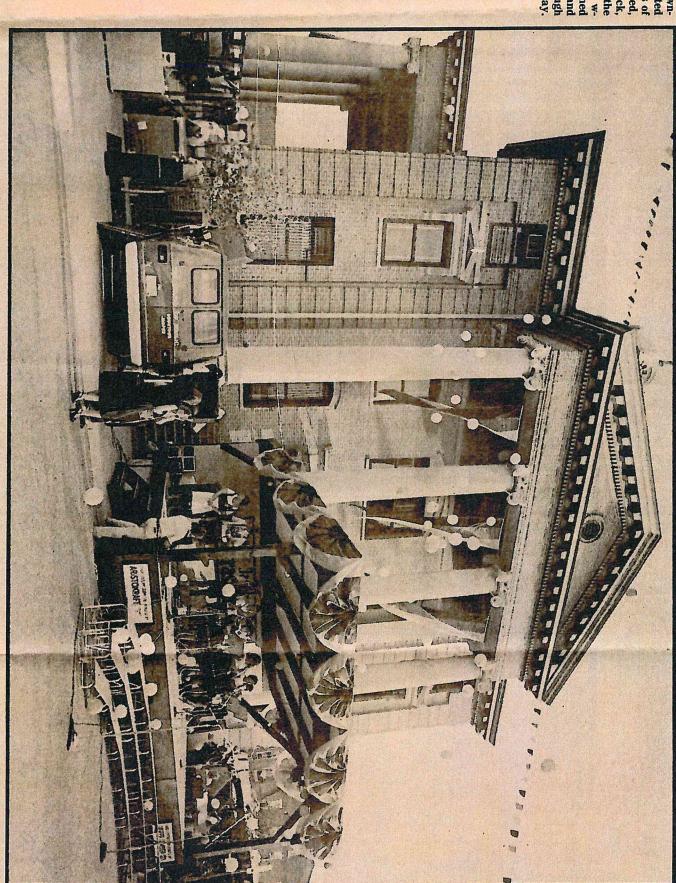
Mrs. Jordan has been asked to read and translate several historical writings, including German newspapers lining the wall of a Haysville home and chalk writings in German script dating back to 1862 on the attic wall of a county home.

She has not yet studied the chalk scribblings, but she translated from a photograph one line which begins "I'd rather stay unmarried than..." and then blurs. Another line says simply, "You know me well."

The lines could have been a conversation between two people who did not wish to be overheard, she says. She plans to send the photographs to an expert for translation of the chalk writings, which she describes as

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Jasper's downtown is decorated
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Germany, red,
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Danny and Linda Wehr will be saying Willkommen to lots of people this week.

As president of Jasper's German Club, Wehr and his wife have been named official hosts of the city's second StrassenFest which opens Thursday evening.

Already, 1,500 people have signed up to participate in one or more of the 15 sporting events, according to StrassenFest committee chairman Charles Stenttenagel.

And there'll be thousands more

watching.
"When I go downtown, I hear everybody talking about the StrassenFest," Stenftenagel commented.

Part of the enthusiasm has been



generated by the addition of eight events — the bed race, sponsored by McDonalds; the Tug of War, sponsored by Wendy's Paco's, Jerry's, Long John Silver's, Buehler's IGA, Buehler's Southgate; Arm Wrestling, sponsored by Dubois County

Bank; Bale Toss, sponsored by Jasper Plant Foods; Horseshoe Pitch, sponsored by Burger Queen; Roller Skating, sponsored by The Skate Palace; Canoe Race; sponsored by Patoka Bay; and the Fishing Contest, sponsored by Uebelhor's Bait Shop.

Those are in addition to the queen contest, sponsored by Picadilly Place, Pat's Ceramics, Reising's and Hoffman House; the Wettlauf, sponsored by The Herald; the baby contest, sponsored by Jack and Jill; volleyball tournament, sponsored by Heichelbech's Restaurant; the car show, sponsored by Ruxer Ford; Tennis Tourney sponsored by WITZ; Anything Goes, sponsored by the StrassenFest Committee and the Chamber of Commerce.

The fest gets into full swing with the mayor's proclamation and opening ceremony at 6:55 Thursday evening.

In addition to musical entertainment provided by local and

other groups, clubs, organizations and individuals will be operating booths around the downtown square and will be selling everything from food to face painting. Also, there will be informational booths.

The biergarten and carnival rides also open Thursday. (The StrassenFest committee has announced that identification proving a person is over 21 years of age will be required from those attending the biergarten.) There will also be live entertainment in the biergarten, but no dancing.

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The grand finale of the fest

Saturday and Sunday see

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Sixteen-year-old Jan Huther was selected queen of the 1980 Strassenfest Thursday night. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Huther of Jasper and a senior at Jasper High School. First runner up was Sarah Hochgesang, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wif Hochgesang, Jasper. Second runner-up was Lisa Hynes, 16, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fom Hynes. More pictures on the fest on page 10. (Staff photo by Alan Petersime)



## Strassenfest musicians

The Ed Miller Band of Indianapolis will provide musical entertainment at the Strassenfest's closing ceremonies at Alumni

## Strassenfest featured on TV

Dan and Linda Wehr, the host and hostess for this year's Strassenfest, will be appearing in an interview with Laura Gotchling on the "Good Morning Tri-State" program at 8:25 a.m. Wednesday, July 30, on Channel 7.

The Wehrs, dressed in German costumes, will be discussing some of the exciting events and activities of this year's Strassenfest.

Hallo:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 21st,
7:30 PM, at the V.F.W. Club.
We have another great program lined up!!!
There will be a short movie on a "Bavarian Hay Sled
Race". (Germany's answer to Jasper's bed race.)
Sabine Jordan will continue her "Deutsch Lessons".
Music, dancing and refreshments available after program.
Preliminary information will be given on our
November 1st party ("Allergeiligen Nacht") and next

year's trip to Germany.

Will be "Viell Spass"!!!!!!!!!

Auf Wiedersahen, Dan Wehr, President Jasper Deutscherverein

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August 21, 1980

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dan Wehr.

The minutes were read and approved. Ron Kieffner gave the Treasurer's Report. We have a cash balance on hand of \$971.00.

Dan Wehr presented the placque to the club which was won for having the outstanding float in the Strassenfest Parade. thanked all who helped work so hard on the float, with special thanks to Krempp Lumber Co. and Jasper Plant Foods.

Dan then brought up the subject of a 1981 trip to Germany. A preliminary count showed 22 people interested in going. the greatest number being interested in 10 days or 2 weeks. The choice of area to visit was the Bavarian district along with Austria and Switzerland, At the present time, the cost would run approx.\$1200 to \$1500 for 10 days. The preferred time was late June and early July. Second choice was mid-Sept. with third choice being the first week of October. Sabrina Jordan stated that weather conditions are not good in Sept. being rainy and cold. Also no heat in hotel rooms. Dan Wehr suggested the men wear long underwear with their Lederhoesen to avoid the cold.

It was announced that a big party was being planned for November 1st at the Holiday Inn. Details would be worked out and announced later.

Plans were being made for a group to attend the Octoberfest in Terre Haute, taking a bus load if possible. This would be Sept. 13.

Charles Stenftenagel was thanked publicly and praised for the great job as general chairman of our own Strassenfest.

The program was then turned over to Sabrina Jordan who gave us our monthly German lesson and showed slides on the old home land.

The meeting adjourned following a social time.

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DANCING TO VICTORY — Mr. and Mrs. Ken Helm of Jasper, members of the Deutscherverin Club, won the polka contest last weekend at the eighth annual Terre Haute Oktoberfest at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. Activities continue with two more days of the festival Friday and Saturday. (Staff Photo: Rick Cochran)

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- M: Guten Tag, Herr Schmitt!
- S: Guten Tag, Herr Müller!
- M: Wie geht es Ihnen?
- 3: Danke gut!--Und Ihnen?
- Danke, es geht! Kommen Sie aus Jasper? (Kommst du aus Jasper?) M:
- Ja, ich komme aus Jasper und fahre nach French Lick. S:
- M: Wohnen Sie in French Lick?
- Nein, ich wohne nicht in French Lick, ich wohne jetzt in Jasper. S: Und Sie?--Was machen Sie? (Und du? Was machst du?)
- Ich fliege heute nach Chicago und morgen zurück nach Evansville. Dann fahre ich M: nach Haus.
- Entschuldigen Sie, Herr Müller, ich muss gehen. Auf Wiedersehen! S:
- M: Auf Wiedersehen, Herr Schmitt!

- M: Hello, Mr. Schmitt.
- S: Hello, Mr. Müller.
- M: How are you ?
- S: Fine, thanks -- and you?
- M: Thanks, O.K. (Do you come from Jasper) Are you from Jasper?
- S: Yes, I am from Jasper and I'll go to French Lick.
- M: Do you live in French Lick now?
- S: No, I don't live in French Lick, I live in Jasper now. And you? What are you up to?
- M: I'll fly to Chicago today and back to Evansville tomorrow. Then I'll drive home.
- S: Excuse me, Mr. Muller, I have to leave. Good bye.
- M: Good bye, Mr. Schmitt.



## **DEUTSCHERVEREIN**

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September 11, 1980

LIEB DEUTSCHERVEREIN MITGLIEDER:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 18, 1980 at 7:30 P.M. at the HERITAGE INN. You won't want to miss this one, we have a great program lined up!

Our Historical Committee Chairperson, Lillian Doane is going to show slides of various towns in Germany, mainly of which Jasper family ancestors have come from. She has done extensive research and is going to show you how to trace your roots.

The Mannerchor will be performing and for a very special treat, Louise Neukam will be entertaining the remainder of the evening, playing old familiar German songs on her accordian.

November 1st is "ALLERHEILIGEN NACHT". Details will be announced and tickets will be available at the meeting and will be sold on a first come basis. You won't want to miss this great party with dancing, games, prizes, plenty of food and drinks and a great German Band.

Auf Wiedersehenm

Dan Wehr, President Jasper Deutscherverein

## JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN MEETING September 18, 1980

The regular meeting of the Jasper Deutscherverein was held at the Heritage Inn on Thursday, September 18.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President, Dan Wehr, discussed the forthcoming ALLERHEILIGEN NACHT which would be November 1, at the Holiday Inn. Tickets will be sold on a first-come first served basis. They will cost \$10.00 each. There will be a traditional German Buffet served and a cash bar. There will also be some "icebreaker" games and entertainment planned as well as prizes which will be offered by way of chances which will be sold. This will help defray any cost incurred for the party.

Wehr announced that plans were progressing for the big tour to Germany, Switzerland and Austria in summer 1981. will be announced as more details are learned.

He announced that there would be a 44 pc. Fireman's Band from Germany touring the country and they would be playing in Jasper, probably at our next meeting. This would be announced later.

There was no further business to come before the meeting which then adjourned for a most delightful program of slides presented by Lillian Doan of her recent tour of Germany. Mrs. Doane told of visiting in many of the homes and some of the experiences which she had on her trip. We most certainly enjoyed the very outstanding slides which she presented. It only served to "whet the appetite" for those who hope to visit in 1981.

The meeting adjorned following the program and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

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