

## Sunday

7-11:30 a.m. — Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast (on the square).  
 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. — Mixed Golf Scramble (Municipal Golf Course).  
 10 a.m. — WITZ Tennis Tournay (10th Street and Jasper High School courts).  
 10:30 a.m. — Tug of War (Riverside Park).  
 11 a.m. — Carnival rides, booths and activities on the courthouse square.  
 11 a.m. — Kanu Wettrennen (canoe race, finish at 3:30 at Patoka bridge).  
 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. — Carp Fishing Contest (Patoka bridge).  
 Noon — Parade (Main Street).  
 1:30 p.m. — Bed Race (north side of the square).  
 4:30 p.m. — Liederfest (main stage).  
 6:30 p.m. — Anything Goes (Alumni Stadium, admission is \$1 or a Strassenfest button).  
 At dark — Fireworks finale (Alumni Stadium).



## Thursday

6 p.m. — Carnival rides, booths, beer garden and activities on the courthouse square.  
 6:30 p.m. — Schmitzbank Band (main stage).  
 7 p.m. — Opening ceremony, mayor's proclamation (main stage).  
 7:10 p.m. — Community Choir (main stage).  
 7:30 p.m. — Queen's pageant (main stage).  
 8:30 p.m. — Women's barbershop singing (main stage).  
 8:50 p.m. — Men's barbershop quartet (main stage).  
 9:30-11:30 — Band, Louise and the Country Gentlemen.

## Friday

9 a.m. — WITZ Tennis Tournay (10th Street and Jasper High School courts).

1:30 p.m. — Horseshoe Pitch (Riverside Park, east of Patoka bridge).  
 2:30 p.m. — Celebrity auction (main stage).  
 3 p.m. - Tricycle race (on the square).  
 4 p.m. — Hasty Pudding Puppet Show (main stage).  
 6 p.m. — Country auction (main stage).  
 7 p.m. — Square dancing (southwest corner of the square).  
 7-midnight — Rheingold Band (beer garden stage).  
 7-midnight — Dynasty (main stage).

9 a.m. — WITZ Tennis Tournay (10th Street and Jasper High School courts).  
 9 a.m. — VFW Bake Sale (on the square).  
 9 a.m. — Farmers' market (on the square).  
 9:30 a.m. — Carnival rides, booths and activities on the courthouse square.  
 10 a.m. — Baby contest (Middle School gym).  
 11 a.m. — Volleyball tournament (Men's at Ninth Street Park; Women's at Library Park).  
 1 p.m. Beer garden opens.

6 p.m. — Carnival rides, booths, beer garden and activities on the courthouse square.  
 6 p.m. — Arm wrestling (on the square).  
 7 p.m. — Waterball contest (Sixth and Mill streets).  
 7:30-midnight — Hans Reiser Band (main stage).  
 7:30-midnight — Rheingold Band (beer garden stage).

## Saturday

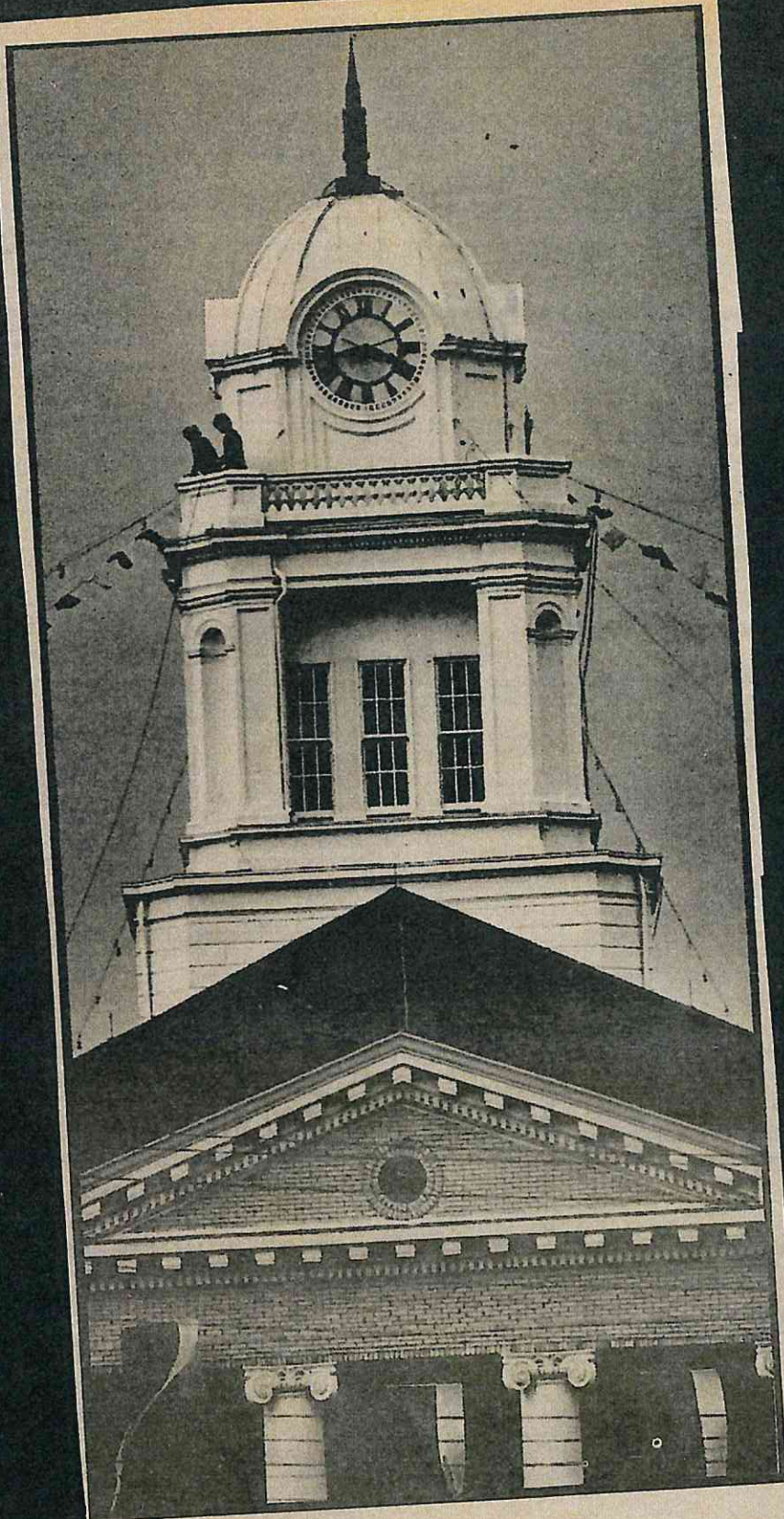
8 a.m. — Wettlauf (foot race, Seventh and Main streets).

## Bus scheduled

The Jasper Deutscherverein is taking a bus to the Octoberfest at Terre Haute on Saturday. The bus will leave Jasper at 2:30 p.m. and will leave Terre Haute at 11. Anyone interested in going on the bus may contact Rita Egler, 482-6568.



Brenda Stenftenagel, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Stenftenagel, R. 3, Huntingburg, was chosen Miss Strassenfest during the queen's pageant Thursday evening. First runner-up was Laura Ackerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Ackerman, Jasper. Second runner-up was Lisa Otto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Otto, also of Jasper. (Staff photo by Alan Petersime)



### *Dressed for the fest*

The county courthouse in Jasper now has red, yellow and black banners attached to its clock tower and booths at its feet. That's because the city is preparing for the Strassenfest which opens tonight and runs through Sunday. The complete schedule is below.

(Staff photo by Alan Petersime)

# ENJOY!



*Meet  
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Gasper's  
Strassenfest*

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# DEUTSCHERVEREIN

P. O. Box 15  
JASPER, INDIANA 47546

August 12, 1981

## "DIE DEUTSCHERVEREIN ZEITUNG"

Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 20th at 7:30 p.m. at the Jasper VFW.

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Our program will feature a full report, slide show and many pictures of our club's Bavaria Plus Adventure". I think you will find the meeting very interesting.

Words cannot describe the fun we had and the beautiful country we saw. We think the pictures and slides will help explain.

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The record albums many of you ordered of Mr. Paul Jordan's organ music have arrived and will be distributed at the meeting.

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Club Vests that you saw at the Strassenfest are still available on a custom made basis. We are very proud of the way the vests turned out and received many compliments on them.

A vest worn with white shirt and black pants makes a very handsome outfit and an inexpensive alternate to lederhosen, etc. (and the pants keep your legs warm in winter too). After Strassenfest the price is \$33.00 each.

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You might be interested to know our club membership for 1981 now stands at 388.

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Don't forget our next big party is scheduled for October 31st, 1981, "Halloween". Make your plans now. Committee members are:

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mr. & Mrs. Ron Kieffner    | Mr. & Mrs. John Wibbels   |
| Mr. & Mrs. Ron Keusch      | Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Campbell |
| Mr. & Mrs. Dave Blessinger |                           |

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At the meeting we will be making plans to make a trip to Terre Haute Oktoberfest - September 11-12, 18-19. We had a great time last year - why not join us?

Auf Wiedersehn,

Dan Wehr  
President

JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN MEETING

August 20, 1981

The meeting was called to order by President, Dan Wehr. He announced that Jeanne Holler had resigned as Secretary, and her unexpired term will be filled by Nancy Burton.

He presented the placque which was won by the club for their float in the Strassenfest Parade.

Dan reminded everyone that the Custom Made Club Vests are still available.

He stated that the record albums of Mr. Paul Jordan's organ music had arrived, and those who had ordered one could pick it up.

Ron Kieffner gave the Treasurer's report, stating that the balance on hand is \$579.00. He also reported the Bed Race was a great success, and without injury. He then thanked his committee for their help.

Joe Wagner introduced Franz Holtij from Badhomburg, a small village near Frankfurt. He and Viola had been his house guest while visiting there. Franz is spending three months with his daughter in Loogootee.

Gary Egler announced that Sept. 12th a bus would be chartered to the Terre Haute Octoberfest. Reservations for 20 couples would be available.

Judy Buehler suggested that we give Linda and Dan Wehr a well deserved hand for the great job that they did for the Strassenfest.

The remainder of the evening was spent enjoying pictures and slides taken by Group Holidays and participants of the Bavaria Plus Adventure.

Respectfully submitted  
*Nancy Burton*  
Nancy Burton, Secretary



DEUTSCHERVEREIN

P. O. Box 15  
JASPER, INDIANA 47546

September 3, 1981

Jeanne Holler  
R.R. 2, Box 497  
Jasper, IN 47456

Dear Jeanne,

The Jasper Deutscherverein and I would like to sincerely thank you for all your time and hard work you put into the job of "Secretary of the Jasper Deutscherverein".

Danke!

Dan Wehr  
President  
Jasper Deutscherverein



# DEUTSCHERVEREIN

September 9, 1981

P. O. Box 15  
JASPER, INDIANA 47546

## "DIE DEUTSCHERVEREIN ZEITUNG"

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jasper VFW. We have some very special entertainment lined up for the evening. We have contracted the services of "Jay, The Blonde Fox" from Indianapolis!

Jay Fox is a complete one-man band. He will be singing German and variety music and playing an organ accordion which is tied into an orchestral synthesizer, producing sounds such as trumpet, sax, clarinet, trombone, oboe, flute, guitar and many other combinations.

Invite your friends along and show them what the Deutscherverein is all about! Jay will be performing for four hours for your listening and dancing pleasure. Chicken, sandwiches and drinks will be available. To defray costs we will be charging \$2.00 per person at the door.

Some of the places Jay has or will be appearing at: The Heidelberg - Lafayette IN; The Winery - West Liberty, OH; Liederkrantz Club German Club- Indianapolis IN; Athenaeum Turners - Indianapolis; Oktoberfest - Clarksville, TN, etc.

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Congratulations to Nancy Burton who has agreed to serve the unexpired term of "Secretary". Jeanne Holler has recently resigned the position. We certainly want to thank Jeanne for all her time and hard work. Danke!

"Gut Gluck" Nancy!

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Oktoberfest Dine & Dance - October 31, 1981 - Holiday Inn Convention Center.

Enclosed please find four tickets for you to purchase or sell. Ask your friend and neighbors or get a gang together and enjoy an evening of fun, food and drinks, German style.

Dinner: German Menu

Dancing: Die Dopple Adler German Band (Polka Contest, Beer Drinking Contest, and Sing-a-Long)

If you need more tickets please call any committee member listed below:

- Ron & Laverne Kieffner. . . . . 482-1773
- Ron & Dellie Keusch . . . . . 482-7722
- Dave & Rita Blessinger. . . . . 482-4745
- John & Ruth Wibbels . . . . . 482-5403
- Aaron & Rosie Campbell. . . . . 326-2661

Auf Wiedersehn,

Dan Wehr  
President



JASPER DEUTSCHERVERIN MEETING

September 17, 1981

The meeting was called to order by the President Dan Wehr. The minutes were read and approved.

Ron Kieffner then gave the Treasurer's report with a balance on hand of \$162.00.

Fr. Ackerman introduced his guest Dorethea Winkler from Aalen West Germany who was here for a four week visit. He had met her family while studying there. She thought the rolling hills looked much like her home land, but didn't think our beer was nearly as good as theirs.

LaVerne Kieffner reminded us of the Oktoberfest Dine and Dance to be held Oct. 31, at the Hliday Inn Convention Center. There would be Bierktrinken and Polka Kontests, and also a sing-along. The music would again be provided by one of our favorites, The Die Doppel Adler Band, which has some special novelty songs for Jasper. Tickets can be purchased from any club member, or by calling LaVerne at 482-1773.

Gary Egler stated that 38 club members attended the Oktoberfest at Terre Haute. Upon arrival the Die Doppel Adler Band gave us a hearty welcome. A great time was had by all.

Dan then introduced our special entertainment, "Jay The Blonde Fox", from Indianapolis. The remainder of the evening was spent listening and dancing to the music of this great one man band.

Respectfully submitted

*Nancy Burton*

Nancy Burton, Secretary



P. O. Box 15  
JASPER, INDIANA 47546

September 23, 1981

Dear Fellow German Club:

The Jasper, Indiana Deutscherveren-German Club is having an old-fashioned "Octoberfest Dine & Dance" on October 31.

Just thought we would drop you a line about this special event. We would appreciate it very much if you would announce this at your next German Club meeting, or even better yet, put it in your next German Club Newsletter. Perhaps you may want to get a carload, van load, or maybe even a busload together and attend this fun-filled event. Why not make a weekend out of this?

If you care to spend Saturday night, there are two fine motel facilities in the area; the Holiday Inn (812) 482-5555 or the Best Western Dutchman Inn (812) 683-2334.

Enclosed please find 10 tickets for anyone interested to purchase. The sold tickets must be returned by Tuesday, October 27. All the special events are listed on the tickets, so read them carefully for all the details.

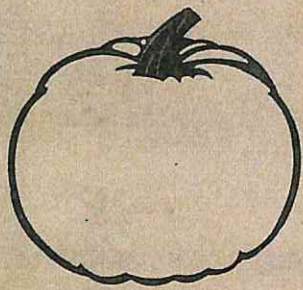
If you need further information or any more tickets, don't hesitate to call. (812) 482-1773.

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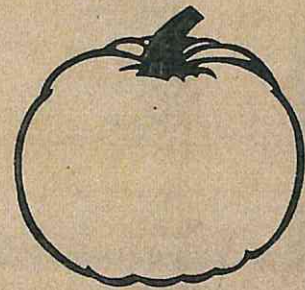
Ron Kieffner  
Party Chairman

# Festival

# Scenes

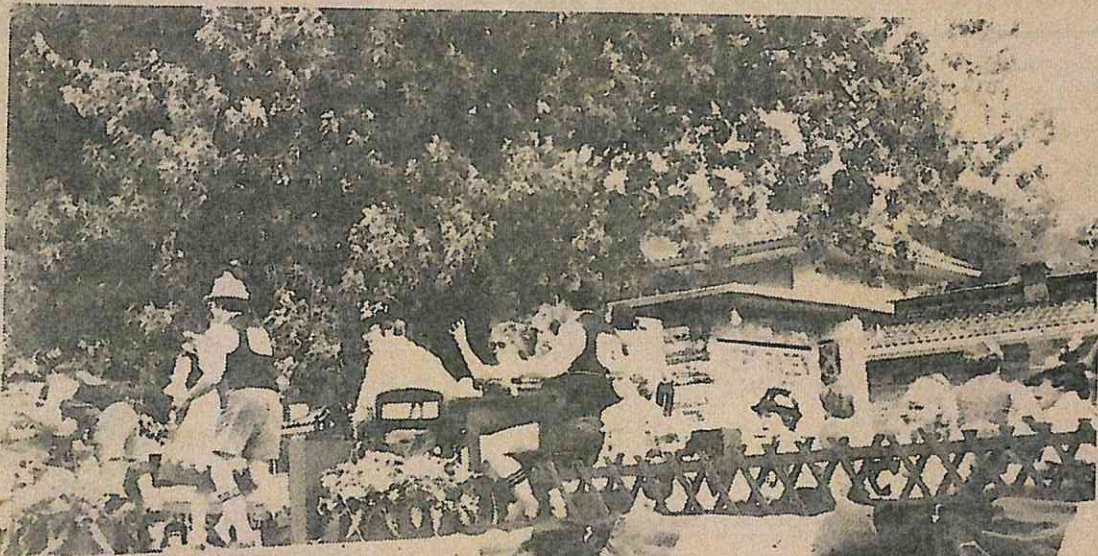


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THE SPRINGS VALLEY HERALD, FRENCH LICK, INDIANA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1981

## A German Beer Garden



 Deutscher Verein

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SECTION TWO

PAOLI, INDIANA, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1981





# DEUTSCHER VEREIN

P. O. Box 15  
JASPER, INDIANA 47546

October 7, 1981

## "DIE DEUTSCHER VEREIN ZEITUNG"

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jasper VFW.

This meeting you will enjoy! You will see a performance by the "Jasper Kinderlein". This group consists of children from the five schools in the Greater Jasper School Corporation, who will be singing and dancing in their native German costumes. These kids are great and have already performed or will be performing at the following places: Children's Heritage Fest at Bloomington, Herbstfest in Huntingburg, and German Day at Winslow School.

Invite your friends and neighbors to come along. Everyone is welcome!

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Oktoberfest Dine & Dance October 31, Holiday Inn Convention Center - Jasper is just around the corner. Enclosed is a self addressed envelope for you to return your sold ticket stubs by Tuesday, October 27.

It appears this party will be the best ever with a lot of special events and prizes, so make every effort to tell your friends and neighbors about this fun-filled event!

We have been told that the band has learned some new novelty songs (just for Jasper).

If you should need more tickets please call committee members listed below:

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Kieffner  
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Keusch  
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Blessinger

Mr. & Mrs. John Wibbels  
Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Cambell

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While sending in your ticket stubs we would appreciate if you were to send in your dues for your 1982 membership. (Still \$5.00 per couple, \$2.50 for single person). This way we can send you your card with the November newsletter. With approximately 400 members in the Deutscherverein, postage and envelopes are no longer a small matter.

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Auf Wiedersehn,

Dan Wehr  
President  
Jasper Deutscherverein

# HERBSFEST

Committee

presents to

Dubuois County German Club

this certificate

*In Appreciation*

for your participation  
in the

Proceeds

this 10th day of October, 1981

## HERBSFEST

the  
German Heritage Festival  
of the City of



*Edgardo*  
Chairman

*Dale W. Helmeich*  
Co-Chairman

JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN MEETING

October 15, 1981

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Wehr. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Ron Kieffner reported we have a balance of \$140.00.

LaVerne Kieffner then brought us up to date on the upcoming Oktoberfest Dine and Dance with a reading of the menu. One hundred tickets have been sold and she urged everyone to try to sell more tickets to make it a really big party.

Dan reminded everyone present that it would be appreciated if they would pay their 1982 membership dues at that time.

He then Proudly displayed the second place trophy in the Motor Division we had won at the Pumpkin Fest at French Lick. And also the first place plaque for the best float in the Herbst Fest parade. Dan thanked everyone who made this float a success, with a special thanks to Earl Eckert of Kimball Int. for use of the trailer, also to Jasper Plant Foods and Mike Hochgesang for the tractor, the great driver, and also for the use of his building for assembly and storage.

Dan then introduced the Jasper Kinderlein, who under the organization of Rosina Schuler, Linda Kaiser, and Sister Cecelia Ann, entertained us with some German Songs and Dances. They represent the five area schools, and Middle School. Rosina complimented the children on their hard work during the hot summer months to get this great group of Kinderlein together. After their performance Dan thanked Rosina and Linda and the Kinderlein for a super job.

Alan LeMond, publisher and editor of The Patoka Valley Citizen was present taking pictures and gathering information about our great club. Be watching for an article in the near future.

Respectfully submitted

*Nancy Burton*

Nancy Burton, Secretary

Jasper Deutscherverein will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Jasper VFW. Kim Hulsman and Clara Wagner will report on their trip to Germany. Entertainment by Germania Mannerchor of Evansville.

— PUBLIC INVITED —

## Oktoberfest Wine & Dance

Sponsored by Jasper Deutscherverein-German Club

Saturday, October 31, 1981

Jasper Holiday Inn  
Convention Center

6:30 P.M. Cocktails (cash bar)

Followed by:

Dinner-German Menu      Dance-Die Doppel Adler German Band  
Polka Contest - Biertrinken Kontest - Sing-a-long  
Plenty of good old fashion German food, drink, fun,  
fellowship & entertainment  
Contribution \$10.00 per person

Admission by Advance Reservation Only  
**FOR TICKETS — CALL 482-1773**



No 0102

## Oktoberfest Wine & Dance

(Jasper Deutscherverein)

Sat., Oct. 31, 1981

Please return this stub  
with remittance by  
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1981

Mail to:

Jasper German Club  
P.O. Box 15  
Jasper, IN 47546  
812-482-1773

No 0102

## Oktoberfest Wine & Dance

Sponsored by Jasper Deutscherverein-German Club

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Convention Center

6:30 P.M. Cocktails (cash bar)

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Contribution \$10.00 per person

Tickets courtesy of Keusch Bros. Body & Glass, Inc.







**DEUTSCHER VEREIN**

P. O. Box 15  
JASPER, INDIANA 47546

November 6, 1981

"DIE DEUTSCHER VEREIN ZEITUNG"

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 19th at 7:30 p.m. at the Jasper VFW. What a program we have lined up!

First off, we are going to hear a report from Kim Hulsman and Clara Wagner of their studies in Germany this summer.

Our entertainment for the evening will be (35) male singers from the Germania Mannerchor of Evansville, Indiana.

After their singing concert I am told, they are going to bring along a few instruments to further entertain us.

Put on your costumes and let's give them a big Jasper Willkommen!

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Oktoberfest Dine and Dance was a complete success! It was definitely a "spass" evening. The food was great, decorations super, and the band outdid themselves.

Hats off to our committee - it was a fantastic party. Thanks! Kieffners, Keusches, Blessingers, Wibbels, Cambells!

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Don't forget to send in your 1982 dues. Still \$5.00 per couple, \$2.50 single person.

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We will not have a meeting in December. Our next scheduled meeting will be January 21, 1982 at which time we will have election of officers.

Auf Wiedersehn,

Dan Wehr  
President  
Jasper Deutscherverein

Viele Danken für das  
Beld. Ich wird fleißig  
sein und wird Deutsch  
gut lernen. Dann  
redete ich den Deutschverein  
an.

A note of appreciation  
because you've been  
especially kind.  
Kim Hulsman

I would like to  
thank the whole  
German Club for  
their contribution  
to our trip to  
Germany. I hope  
people like the ones  
in this club keep  
up our heritage.  
Special thanks to  
Mrs. Meuser.

Clare  
Wagner

EDWARD EGGLESTON (1837-1902)  
Indiana novelist, *The Hoosier School-Master*  
Photo: Indiana Historical Society

Dear Son - German Club  
I would like to express my  
sincere thanks for your financial  
aid to Kim Hebsman and Clare  
Wagner. Your generosity is a  
boast to all who study German  
and an incentive to do well.

I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,  
Mary G. French  
Teacher of German



Mr. Don Wehr  
R R 2  
Jasper, In  
47546

This postcard is part of POSTSCRIPT: THE 1979 ANNUAL REPORT of the Indiana Committee for the Humanities

The Jasper Deutscherverein  
will meet at 7:30 p.m. at VFW.  
German music entertainment by  
Jay the Blonde Fox from In-  
dianapolis. \$2 cover charge for  
entertainment. Open to public.



DEUTSCHERVEREIN

P. O. Box 15  
JASPER, INDIANA 47546

November 10, 1981

Mike Hochgesang  
Jasper Plant Food  
209 West 2nd St.  
Jasper, IN 47546

Dear Mike,

Just a note of thanks from The Deutscherverein for all the help you gave us in making our "float season" a complete success.

I am sure I speak for the whole club when I say -  
Thanks! Eis Wa Spass!

Sincerely,

Dan Wehr  
Jasper Deutscherverein



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

P. O. Box 15  
JASPER, INDIANA 47546

November 10, 1981

Earl Eckert  
John Bender  
Traffic Division

Just a note of thanks from The Jasper Deutscherverein  
for all your help in making our "float" a success.

We won "Best of Parade" trophies in all three events we  
entered this year.

Thanks,

Dan Wehr



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

P. O. Box 15  
JASPER, INDIANA 47546

November 10, 1981

Denny Persohn  
Central Concrete  
R.F.D. 3  
Huntingburg, IN

Dear Denny:

Just a note of thanks for the use of your 40' trailer.

We received many compliments on our float we had in three parades this year.

We sincerely appreciate your help, especially since it was a last minute cry for help.

Thanks,

Dan Wehr  
President

cc: Mike Hochgesang  
Jasper Plant Food

DEUTSCHERVEREIN BOARD MEETING

November 19, 1981

Prior to the regular meeting the officers and board members met. Several important matters were to come before the Board;

1. Dan Wehr suggested that the Club pick up the bar tab for our entertainers of the evening, The Germania Mannerchor of Evansville. All agreed.

2. The next party was tentatively set for Feb. 20 at Holiday Inn.

3. Nominations of officers for the up coming year were discussed.

President	- Gary Egler	Directors -	Jim Corn
Vice-President	- Ron Kieffner		Don Rasche
Secretary	- Nancy Burton		Mary Jane Roeder
Treasurer	- Jan Hulsman		Dan Wehr

JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN MEETING  
November 19, 1981

President Dan Wehr called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Ron Kieffner reported that there was a great turn out at the Oktoberfest Party. He thanked every one who helped make this party a big success, with special thanks to his committee. The profit of \$336.00 makes our new balance \$1,033.00.

Dan then thanked Ron and LaVern and their committee for a super party. He then announced the next party would be sometime in Feb. or March.

He also told us to be checking future issues of The Patoka Valley Citizen for a feature story on the DEUTSCHERVEREIN.

Dan then introduced Kim Hulsman and Clara Wagner who gave a very interesting report on their studies and tour of Germany this summer.

The Germania Mannerchor of Evanisville entertained us with many familiar songs. After their singing concert several of the members struck up their band for lots more singing and dancing.

Respectfully Submitted

*Nancy Burton*  
Nancy Burton





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P. O. Box 15  
JASPER, INDIANA 47546

December 3, 1981

Germania Mannerchor  
Attn: Mr. Charles Haas  
      Mr. Fritz Bockstege  
916 N. Fulton Avenue  
Evansville, IN

Lieb Germania Mannerchor Mitelieder:

Just a note of thanks from all the club members and myself for coming to Jasper to entertain us at our last club meeting.

I have heard many favorable comments on your group since your performance and we sincerely appreciate you all taking time to come to Jasper!

We will definitely bring a group of our Deutscherverein members to one of your upcoming events (please include us on your mailing list).

It seems like our clubs have alot in common. Preserve the German heritage and drink alot of beer doing it!

Thanks Again!

Auf Wiedersehn,

Dan Wehr  
President  
Jasper Deutscherverein



## THE GERMAN-AMERICAN CLUB

**The club has two primary objectives: to have fun  
and to promote the German Heritage.**

**By David Tahlaquah**

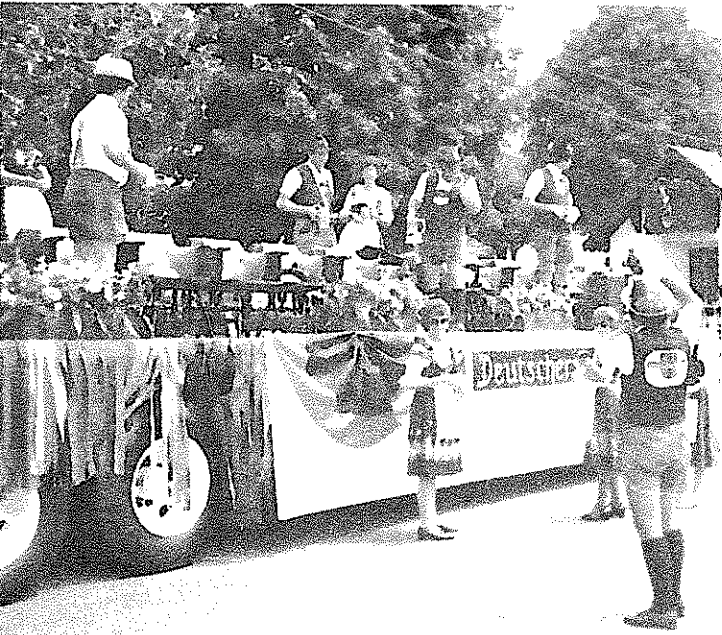
IT'S PRIMARILY a social club with the underlying purpose of promoting the German heritage of Jasper and surrounding areas. Originally, the idea for such a club came from Dave Buehler and ran through the Jasper Chamber of Commerce, the Jasper Action Team and into the hands of about 40 charter members who met at the Jasper Haus and went to work on the idea. It took off.

Danny Wehr, the first and only president of the club—his two year term will expire soon—and his wife Linda were two of the original charter members and have worked hard to see that the club succeeded. "The first dance we had," Danny says, "generated some cash for the Strassenfest. I think we made like \$1400 for the Strassenfest. And that's how it got started."

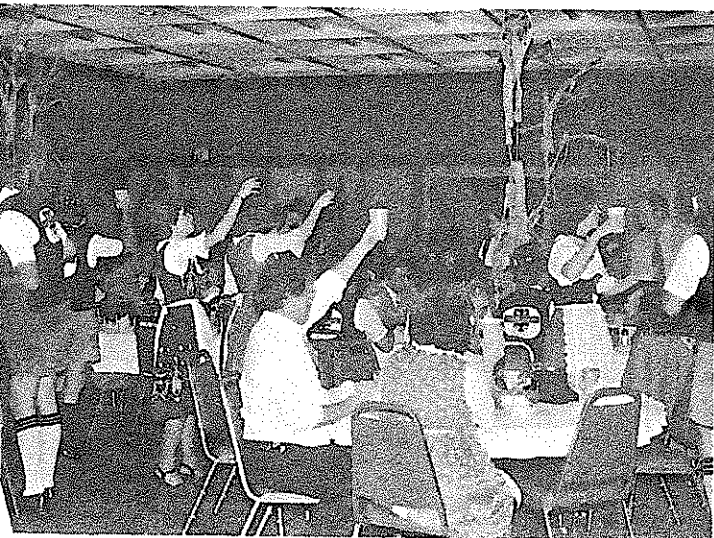
Although the German-American Club has nothing really to do with the annual Jasper Strassenfest, the club

*Below: Die Doppel Adler Musikanten, an excellent musical duo have performed at several of the Club's dances.*





*Above: A barmaid in Germany serves the group. Left, from top: The group that toured Germany, Austria and Switzerland. The float that the German Club built—a winning entry. At the November dance, members of the Club raise their drinks in toast.*



does promote it, and encourages members to wear their German costumes at the fest. Members also attended Huntingburg's Herbstfest, Terre Haute's Octoberfest, and the French Lick Pumpkin Parade.

There are approximately 500 members (membership fees are a surprisingly low \$5.00 per couple; \$2.50 for single.) Members come from all over—Evansville, Henderson, Terre Haute, Vincennes, Loogootee, Lafayette, Chicago and so on—and monthly meetings are held. A variety of programs are presented at the monthly meetings. Last November the Germania Maennerchor (a 35 member male singing group from Evansville) performed. In October, the Deutscherverein Kinder (children of members) sang songs in German. There have been dance instructors at the meetings, German teachers, humorists and airline executives.

And last summer, 37 members went on a tour of Germany, Austria and Switzerland. The trip was designed with enough structure to keep everyone together, but yet with enough free time that you could get off on your own if you cared to. There was a Mercedes touring bus at the group's disposal at all times.

Many of the group's members spoke some German, and in the southern areas of Germany, their dialect was easily understood. The trip was an outstanding success. Future tours are under considerations.



*Above: Mr. & Mrs. Ron Kieffner were in charge of the dance held in November. Right, from top: Danny and Linda Wehr. The Deutscherverein Kinder rode in the Strassenfest parade. And at the bottom the children entertain at one of the monthly meetings.*



Two dances are held a year. German menus are used and many of the members are in costume. The dances take a lot of work, but are usually money-making propositions to a degree. With the money from the dance, the club has purchased German-American reference books for the library and has helped sponsor two local girls—Clare Wagner and Kim Hulsman—on a trip to Germany. They have also donated some money to the moving and restoration of the Gutzweiler-Gramelspacher house.

"We'll never be an organization that will generate enough money to donate to the hospital or buy street lights," says Danny. "But we definitely would be interested in promoting anything that will focus on the German heritage."

As for the future of the club, Danny hopes it stays the same. I don't want it to change. There are clubs similar to this in Indianapolis and Terre Haute and other places, but most of them are on a profit making basis. They own a club house, have restaurant facilities, that sort of thing. And once you do that, you're tied into making money, generating cash.

"For instance, in Terre Haute, they have a fine club, but their dues are about \$250 a year. They have to work. They make a lot of money in the restaurant. And the club in Evansville is the same type of thing. They're a singing





*Ruth Wibbels is an active member of the Club. It is her talent that decorates the beer mugs which are given away to the lucky winners at the dances. Ruth also has some of her mugs on display at The Schnitzelbank Restaurant in Jasper. Ruth, her husband John and their children live in Jasper.*

group, but I'm sure it gets quite expensive. They have a club house. Those clubs have to put in a lot of work to make their money.

"We wouldn't have the membership we do have if we had to be a working club. For we have older couples who said before they joined, 'We'd love to join if we're not going to have to do a lot of work.' They enjoy coming to meetings and seeing what is going on."

Of course, some of the members do work hard. The dances take a lot of work, and the float . . . that takes a lot of work, too. Last year, the club's float took first place at the Strassenfest. This year it again took first place. At the Huntingburg Herbstfest, it took first and at the French Lick Pumpkin Parade it was second place, motor division. Three entries, three awards: two firsts and a second. Not bad. But, there is work involved.

"There's a lot of hours put in just to get the float ready to travel," Danny says. "Once we get there we put in an hour getting it ready to show. Then another hour getting it ready to travel back."

Members volunteer their time for other projects as well. For instance, Jim Corn, Tom Hulsman and their wives make the signs for the club. And Danny, Linda and the club secretary, Nancy Burton, put out a newsletter once a month. Danny writes it and Linda or Nancy takes care of the mailing of approximately 250 copies.

Although he has enjoyed his tenure, Danny looks forward to his retirement as president of the club. Of

course, Linda and Danny may still be host and hostess for the Strassenfest, as they were for the last two years, but he will gladly hand over his gavel to the new president.

(Danny Wehr works as plant manager for Kimball, Piano Division, at West Baden. He has been with the company 20 years and has traveled extensively for them. "It's been a pretty nice deal," Danny says.)

New members are always welcome and if you are interested in joining the club, write to Jasper Deutscherverien, P. O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47546. Spass!

