



Jasper German Club  
**Deutscher Verein**

# Die Zeitung

April 2021

*The Jasper Deutscher Verein was founded in January, 1980 to promote, preserve and celebrate our proud German Heritage in Jasper and surrounding area. The Club is intended to be primarily Social and Not-For-Profit.*

## **A message from our president**

I hope you are staying safe and this Spring is finding you happy and healthy. As I stated in our last newsletter, I am encouraged to see us return to a new "normal" in the coming months with the increase of vaccinations and the decline in Covid cases locally. With that in mind, I am pleased to announce that we have decided to hold our first club meeting of 2021 on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> outdoors at Riverwalk Plaza! No need to bring anything but yourselves, your smiles, and your willingness to celebrate our German heritage. The meal will be catered and a bar will be available. I look forward to greeting you all and to "PROST" to being together again. More details regarding the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting are outlined further in this newsletter.

As a reminder, we are adding an additional club meeting this year on June 16<sup>th</sup>, and will be hosting the StrassenVORfest on July 11<sup>th</sup> from 12-3 at the Moose. More details for the future meetings will be included in upcoming newsletters and will be shared at our meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Another quick reminder, Strassenfest 2021 is still scheduled for August 5-8. We are in need of a large amount of volunteers to handle this most important event for our club. Volunteering to help with the DeutscherVerein booth is probably the biggest show of support for our club that you can do!

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

Mit freundlichen grüßen,

*Paul Siegel*  
President

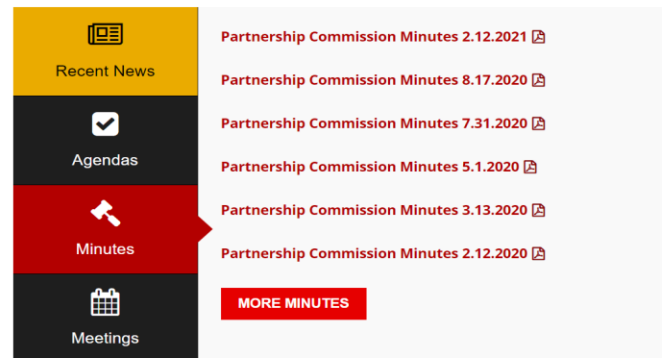
## **News from the Jasper Partnership Commission**

Looking to make a trip to Pfaffenweiler, Germany. 2022 could be the perfect time for you. The Partnership Commission is reinitiating discussions for a trip to Pfaffenweiler to celebrate the 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the partnership between our two communities. After our

attempts to conduct a trip in 2020 and 2021 were derailed by COVID, we are now looking to make the trip in June of 2022. Hopefully, the 3<sup>rd</sup> time is a charm. We will be able to share more details with everyone this summer as we finalize the details. So save the date for what will be a fun and memorable trip.

I also wanted to share that the City of Jasper website is a good place to keep up with the Partnership Commission. The link to the Partnership Commission page is,

<https://www.jasperindiana.gov/department/board.php?structureid=41>. At the bottom of the website page, you are able to find the minutes from our meetings as shown below.



*Max Verkamp*

President, Jasper Partnership Commission

## **News from Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.**

### **Plans to Move Forward with Artisan and Craftsman Exchange**

We are happy to report that we will be moving forward with planning for an Artisan and Craftsman exchange hopefully before the end of 2021. The details of the exchange are being worked on with both mayors, the Partnership Commission, and the Sister Cities of Jasper. Timing and travel details are dependent upon COVID travel conditions and/or restrictions for travel between Germany and the United States. The plan is to host two

Artisans/Crafts Persons from Pffaffenweiler in Jasper in the November/December timeframe of 2021 and then for Pffaffenweiler to host two Artisans/Crafts Persons from Jasper during their Christmas Market in late November. Each exchange of the artisans would last approximately three to four weeks and will be tailored to work with the schedules for the Artisan/ Crafts Person.

We are excited for this new exchange targeted to strengthen the partnership with our sister city, Pffaffenweiler, and to promote and support artisans and the exchanging of cultures and skills. We will be looking for potential host families for this exchange as well as local Jasper area Artisans/Craft Persons interested in traveling to Germany in the future. The funding for this new exchange project is being made possible by a donation from the Eckerle Family Foundation to the Sister Cities of Jasper.

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

*Mary Leah Siegel*  
President, Sister Cities of Jasper

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**Introducing!!!!**



**Landen Weidenbenner – Vice President  
(pending approval by membership)**

I am honored to be serving as the new Vice President for Jasper DeutscherVerein! I am looking forward to not only

servicing our current club members, but also recruiting new members for our club. Exciting times are ahead as we look forward to re-uniting our club after the COVID-19 crisis. I am looking forward to growing our club, while preserving the club's rich history in the community. Even though 2020 may have hindered plans a bit, it has not slowed us down. I look forward to working with Paul and our Board of Directors to keep our German Heritage alive.

Some information about me – I work for Kimball International in the Marketing Department where I serve all of our customers when they visit Jasper and our showrooms throughout the U.S. In my free time, I enjoy traveling, spending time with family, and being involved in the community. I want to thank the Board of Directors and our new President, Paul Siegel, for this opportunity to serve our club over the next few years. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, comments, or concerns. Stay safe, and stay well.

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**Lacey Apple – Secretary**

First off, I want to thank the club for entrusting me with the secretary position. I know that Barb has held the position for many years and has done a phenomenal job. I have big shoes to fill! I don't think I realized before how much Barb has done for the DeutscherVerein as secretary, and my only hope is that I can continue to provide the club with the exceptional service you have become accustomed to from my predecessors.

A little about me: I was born and raised in California,

never having lived outside the Bay Area until our move to Jasper for my husband's job as the German teacher. I have a degree in Sociology from UCSC (go slugs!) and I worked in banking for 15+ years before staying home with our daughter. I like reading (non-fiction,) cooking, collecting old yearbooks, playing cards, walking, singing in choirs, old houses that have been untouched by time, and spending time with friends and family. Turns out I don't like humidity, but I'm learning to deal with it. I've really enjoyed getting to know Jasper, and was delighted to find out that there were three (3!) choirs I could join here. Even better, I didn't have to audition!

I realize that since we have not had a club meeting in over a year, we weren't given the opportunity to hear the potential candidates describe why we wanted the positions in the first place. When we moved from California to Jasper in 2018, the club was almost our first introduction to the town. Club members reached out to us even before we had arrived, helped us move heavy items into our house, had us over for dinner, and in general made us certain we had made the right decision to move across the country to a town we had never even visited before. Our first meeting was the August picnic, and as I nervously walked into the building with my hearts of palm salad I wasn't sure anyone would like, we received such a warm welcome by everyone. I immediately felt like I was "home." Serving the DeutscherVerein as its secretary is just one way I can give back to the club, its members, and to our community as a whole. I also remember what it's like to be new and look forward to using that knowledge to help make future members feel just as welcome as I did on that day.

Once again, thank you all for your vote of confidence, and I very much look forward to seeing everyone again at our next meeting. I hope you all are doing well, and until then: Macht's gut!

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### Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

#### **Mai**

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

Gathering begins at 5:30pm

Festivities begin at 6:00pm

Bring your lawn chairs

Meal will be catered and bar available.

We will need reservations for this event. Reservation information will be included in the May newsletter.

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

#### **Juni**

**Juni 16, 2021-Wednesday-Moose Lodge** – The Club will furnish Chicken breasts and mashed potatoes, requesting members A-H bring a salad, I-Q a dessert,

and R-Z a veggie. Doors open at 6:00pm and festivities begin at 6:30pm.

#### **Juli**

#### **Juli 11, 2021-Sunday-Moose Lodge** –

StrassenVORfest – 12pm to 3pm

#### **August**

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

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

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

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

#### **Oktober**

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

#### **November**

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

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

#### **Dezember**

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

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

Wow....Isn't it great to have "Upcoming Events" !!

Details of each event will be forthcoming!!!!

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### **Sister Cities of Jasper Golf Scramble**

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Buffalo Trace Golf Course

12:00pm Shotgun Start

11:00am Lunch and check-in

Entry Fee:\$220 per team of 4 includes cart and green fees

Prizes, Food, and Fun

Register by: April 20 Sandy @ 812-482-2055 or [skwehr69@gmail.com](mailto:skwehr69@gmail.com)

Checks payable to Sister Cities of Jasper  
Proceeds to benefit JHS German Exchange Program

### Die Jugend

Many have heard of the Berlin Wall, but few in the United States know much about the 866-mile inner German border between East and West Germany; Berlin was not the only community split up as a result of postwar political boundaries. In Jasper we have a US Army veteran who spent an extended period of time patrolling the border between East and West Germany. I am in the process of organizing a day between now and the end of May on which he can deliver a presentation to classes about the inner German border, a topic rarely discussed in German classes.

In most world language textbooks there is a certain amount of specialized vocabulary included that not even the teacher has used in conversation. One of those words that appears in the third chapter of German One is die Entdeckungstour which means "discovery tour." One of my students in 8th Grade has dutifully learned the word and its gender and regularly suggests that we go on an Entdeckungstour. In April we are scheduled to take a school bus over to the Dubois County Museum to learn about everything German on display there. Students have advocated for a stop at Dunkin Donuts, I do not intend on bringing the bus through the drive-thru, but we do plan on incorporating donuts into some part of the morning.

Ross Halvorsen  
JHS/JMS German Teacher

**If you wish to pay your 2021 "Voluntary Dues", they are \$10 a person (\$20 couple) and can be mailed to DeutscherVerein, P. O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015**

### StrassenVORfest – A "Prep for the Fest" Event

The Jasper DeutscherVerein (Jasper German Club) will have a community, family friendly event, StrassenVORfest on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 3pm at the Moose Lodge in Jasper. This will be a "Prep for the Fest" event.

StrassenVORfest will help usher in the 2021 Strassenfest which will be held on August 5 to August 8.

There will be German dancing, singing, and German themed coloring for kids.

The Strassenfest wood cut-out will be available for those who wish to take pictures.

There will be 2021 Strassenfest buttons and mugs for sale as well as various sizes of Strassenfest bunting, slightly used and new traditional German clothing items.

Also available will be a variety of vintage Strassenfest souvenirs and German themed bows for sale.

Come for lunch. The Jasper Moose Lodge will have items from their menu available for sale. And enjoy the afternoon with us!!!!

Now is the time to look at your German clothing and maybe purge some or possibly add to your wardrobe!!!

More details will be available in the coming months!!!!

In times like these, we have to just "roll with it"!!!!

**In this time of need for many people, now would be a great time to donate to a local charitable organization. Your generosity will be appreciated!!!!**

### A Hidden Jewel of the Jasper DeutscherVerein

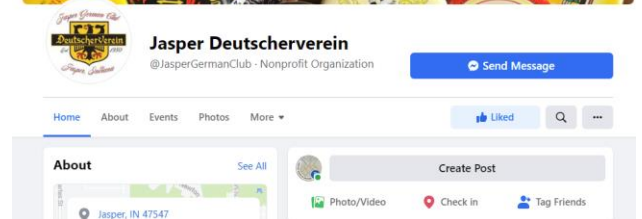
Jasper DeutscherVerein Facebook Page

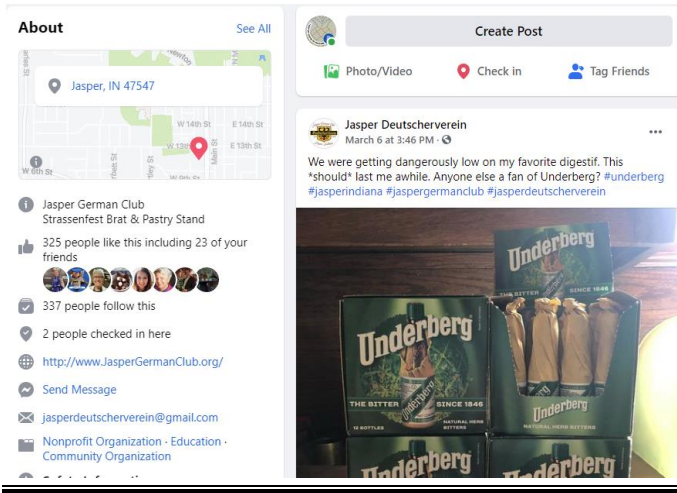
Keep up with pictures from the past, current happenings (when we begin having them again), and items of interest concerning local German heritage.

As of April 6, we have 325 "likes" on the page and 337 "followers" of the page!!!

Let's increase those numbers!!!

Our thanks to Lacey Apple for being the Facebook Administrator!!!





**Gifts to the Jasper DeutscherVerein  
(German Club) German Heritage  
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January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021

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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 ter 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. The Dubois County Community Foundation will send a letter of acknowledgment to the individual being honored or to the family of someone being remembered. Send your gift along with the appropriate information to the Dubois County Community Foundation, P. O. Box 269, Jasper, IN 47547-0269. Envelopes are also available at the greeting table at each club meeting.

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**In Memory of Jon Flickinger**  
 Paul and Laura Grammer

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**Loaded Creamed Corn with Tomato and Bacon**

**Prep: 25 mins**  
**Cook: 3 hrs to 4 hrs (low) or 1-1/2 to 2 hours (high)**  
**Stand: 5 mins**

**Ingredients**

4 - 12 ounces packages frozen whole kernel corn, thawed  
 1 ½ cups half-and-half or light cream  
 1 cup chopped onion (1 large)  
 ½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese  
 ¼ cup butter, cut up  
 1 teaspoon sugar  
 ½ teaspoon salt  
 ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper  
 5 thick slices bacon  
 ¾ cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese with jalapeño peppers or Monterey Jack cheese (3 ounces)  
 ½ cup chopped tomato (1 medium)  
 2 tablespoons snipped fresh Italian parsley  
 1 teaspoon red wine vinegar  
 ⅛ teaspoon sugar

**Directions**

In a blender combine the corn from one package and the half-and-half. Cover and blend until smooth. In a 3-1/2- or 4-quart slow cooker combine blended corn mixture, the remaining corn, the onion, Parmesan cheese, butter, the 1 teaspoon sugar, the salt, and pepper.

Cover and cook on low-heat setting for 3 to 4 hours or on high-heat setting for 1-1/2 to 2 hours.

In a skillet cook bacon over medium heat until crisp, turning once. Drain bacon on paper towels; cool. Cut bacon into 1-inch pieces.

Sprinkle Monterey Jack cheese and bacon over corn in slow cooker. Cover; let stand for about 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.

In a small bowl stir together tomato, parsley, vinegar, and the 1/8 teaspoon sugar. Before serving, spoon tomato mixture over corn in cooker.

(Taken from <https://www.bhg.com/recipe/loaded-creamed-corn-with-tomato-and-bacon/?printview>)

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