

# Die Zeitung

#### November 2022

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.



#### Joe Rohleder with his wife, Judy

# Joe Rohleder 2022 German Heritage Award Winner

The Jasper DeutscherVerein, Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., and the Jasper Partnership Commission sponsored a German-American Day Dinner and Program on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at KlubHaus61 in Jasper.

Mrs. Sandy Wehr, vice president of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. presented the 24th annual German Heritage Award. This award is presented to an individual or group who has contributed generously of their time, talents, or resources in maintaining, improving, or building upon the German roots in Dubois County. Sister Cities of Jasper and the Jasper Partnership Commission created the award in 1999 and the Jasper DeutscherVerein sponsors the award.

The 2022 German Heritage Award was presented to Joe Rohleder. Mrs. Wehr noted that "Joe's influence is evident not only in historical work, but also in the academic field as well. From the classroom, to the football team to the wrestling teams to working with fellow teachers, everyone will tell you what a positive influence Joe has had in their lives."

And working beside him through the years is his wife, Judy. Together, they have completed many projects.

From a nomination, "I recall Joe making a passionate case at a school board meeting for saving the gym, saying it could still serve our school students and community for years to come. Joe also had the foresight to bring along to the meeting a representative of Indiana Landmarks."

Take a look at the Schaeffer barn, the Alexander School Building, and the herb garden near the River Walk. All have the Joe Rohleder touch added to them. Joe had the foresight to have modern technology added to the Alexander School Building for presentations.

Working with the Dubois County Stone Carvers, he and others were able to place a landmark in the Parklands for the disappeared Forest Grove Cemetery.

"Coach Rohleder was never satisfied with you doing something partially right, he wanted it done right every time. He demanded the best. He works hard and does all he can."

Past recipients of the German Heritage Award are Mary Jo Meuser, Claude and Martina Eckert, Dave Buehler, Linus and Sally Lechner, Joe and Irene C. Eckerle, Danny and Linda Wehr, Leo and Lora Lou Eckerle, the late Lowell and Joan Glendening, Dave and Janet Kluemper, Rafe and Phyllis Ackerman, Vic and Monica Knies, Gary and Rita Egler, Patti Goepfrich, Larry and Betty Hanselman, Ron and Delli Keusch, Jim and Rita Corn, Lois Kuntz, Stan Jochum, Mike and Ann Ackerman, Father John Boeglin, Rosie Stewart, Al and Judy Bennett, and Paul and Laura Grammer.

Lifetime Achievement Award Winner – Matthias Hilger.

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

In addition to this newsletter, additional information on the Jasper DeutscherVerein can be gotten on the website – <a href="www.jaspergermanclub.org">www.jaspergermanclub.org</a>. 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. The Jasper DeutscherVerein also has presence on Twitter and Instagram.

# <u>Address Changes for Newsletters – Also for "Snowbirds" With Temporary Address Change</u>

Would all members who are going to be gone for any period of time, please notify Patti Goepfrich at 812-482-4821 or pmgoepfrich@gmail.com with your new address so we can forward your newsletter to you. This keeps us from having to pay double postage and assures you to receive all newsletters while you are away from home. Having your mail forwarded while you are gone will not work, simply because of the "Return Service Requested" stamped on our newsletter. This is stamped to let us know when someone has moved. The Post Office informs us of new addresses if you have permanently moved.

## Jasper DeutscherVerein Family Picnic in Review

The Jasper DeutscherVerein gathered on Sunday, September 18th, at Buehler Plaza at the Riverwalk in Jasper. We had around 90 members and guests in attendance. Members signed in at the "door" and were able to RSVP and pre-pay for their spots at the German American Day dinner on October 6th.

President Paul Siegel welcomed everybody to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. He then called up Vice President Landen Weidenbenner so the club could regale him with their superb rendition of "Happy Birthday." (The club would also like to acknowledge all September birthdays. Herzlichen Glückwunsch zum Geburtstag!)

Next the tables were released for lunch. This year our picnic lunch was provided by Schnitzelbank Catering, with desserts provided by board members. Water, sodas, beer, and hard seltzers were also available. This way all members of the club could relax and have a nice time after all of their hard work at the Strassenfest!

Valerie Heim then took the floor to give a special thanks to the Strassenfest Heritage Night performers and to Laura Grammer, who spearheaded German Heritage night for many years. The club was then treated to encore performances by the Kinderchor (led by Mary Burke), the Willkommen Dancers, Schuhplattler Dancers, and the Mai Pole Dancers. Music was provided by Kurt Heim. Because of the rainy weather on opening night this year, a few of our club members missed out on the opening night festivities so a big thank you to Valerie, Mary, Kurt, and all the performers for their hard work and willingness to come back and do it all again! It was great!

The club also had a chance to participate in the fun when our new JHS/JMS German teacher, Dan Otto, led us in the Schnitzelbank song with help from the dancers who held the poster prompts with the German lyrics. Since this is an old Jasper favorite, the club had no trouble keeping up, even when Herr Otto sped up the tempo (haha).

No club meeting would be complete without an Ein Prosit, which was led by President Siegel. Nancy Ziegler and Phyllis Schuler won the attendance prizes, and Sharon Dilger and Bridgette Bartley won the special prizes. Paul thanked everyone for coming and closed out the meeting. Another great picnic in the books!

Submitted by

Lacey Apple Secretary

#### A message from our president

Welcome back to the German Club Season! We will be kicking off the Winter-Spring meetings with the annual auction to benefit the Sister Cities student exchange program. The November meeting is one of my favorites, with the opportunity to bid on the wonderful items that have been donated by the families of the exchange students and the generous items that our DeutscherVerein Members donate. Some of the bidding has become quite competitive amongst our members which creates good-natured rivalries!

Since our last newsletter some important gatherings have occurred. We held the Club picnic at Dave Buehler Plaza and enjoyed the delicious food catered by the Schnitzelbank. Board member Valerie Heim coordinated the entertainment by having a "replay" of a portion of the Strassenfest Opening ceremonies. A great big THANK YOU to Valerie and to all the performers that were at the picnic. You are awesome!

Congratulations to Joe Rohleder for being presented the German Heritage Award. Joe had quite a few letters of recommendation from our members and has been a terrific representative of Jasper and the passion in our community to maintain our German traditions and history. Unfortunately, Mary Leah and I were unable to attend the banquet due to a family wedding and Oktoberfest in Germany. Prost to Joe!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Jasper Moose Lodge on Wednesday, November 16 at 6:00.

Mit freundlichen grüßen,

Paul Siegel
President



#### A message from our treasurer

I want to personally thank Lacey Apple for her hard work as club Secretary, and Ross Halvorsen for his leadership of our German program in our schools and support of our club.

As it is likely that Ross & Lacey will be preparing to move shortly, in respect for Lacey's time commitments to move households, meal reservations for the December 15 Christmas meeting will be collected by Ann Ackerman this year. You may make in person reservations and pay at the November meeting, or make reservations via email to <a href="mailto:ann@ackoil.com">ann@ackoil.com</a> or via telephone at 812-630-7241.

Congratulations to Joe Rohleder on being honored as the German Heritage Award recipient at the German American Day dinner on October 6. Congratulations to winners, Ty Verkamp, Sara Hamilton, and Mollie Birchler, for your efforts in the essay contest. Each was awarded a \$250 scholarship sponsored by German American Bank.

The annual auction meeting to raise funds for students preparing to travel to Germany will occur on Wednesday November 16 at the Moose Lodge. I am looking forward to seeing the thoughtful items donated to this cause as well as some spirited bidding. Thanks in advance to club member Ed Boeglin who has graciously volunteered his services as auctioneer for us again this year.

Regards,

Míke Ackerman Treasurer



#### Sister Cities of Jasper Update for Jasper German Club

The Sister Cities Board of Directors met in September to discuss the summer trip and upcoming activities for the student exchange as well as additional priorities for the coming year. We hope to meet together with the Partnership Commission in November to make plans for some additional activities and programs in 2023. We look forward to sharing these with you as soon as our plans are solid! Our goal is to have a few activities next year that feature Pfaffenweiler wine, celebrate the many trips and exchanges and focus on the 37+ year partnership between our two cities. More to come!

#### 2022 Student Exchange Completed!

Wow, it is hard to believe that the summer and fall are nearly behind us and another student exchange has completed! We were excited to welcome the students from Staufen at the end of September. Twenty students and two chaperones from Staufen Gymnasium arrived on September 27<sup>th</sup> and stayed until October 12<sup>th</sup> with their host students and families. Special thanks to Sandy Wehr for arranging a full schedule of activities for the Staufen students while they were here! The students visited and experienced the Jasper Police Station and Fire Station, Jasper City Hall, St. Joseph's Church Tower, Tell City Pretzels, Kimball International, a lunch with the Amish, and many, many other activities. A true testament to our hosting families and 'Jasper hospitality' was when one of the their chaperones stated, "the students are going to New York City next and looking forward to it, but they are all very, very sad to leave Jasper!" We are excited about so many new friendships formed and connections made between the students and the host families.

#### 2024 Student German Exchange Group Update

The next NEW Student German Exchange Group for 2024 is forming and has started fundraising for their trip in summer of 2024! So far there are 11 students signed up for the next exchange. The group hosted their first fundraiser, Sonntag Mittagessen (Sunday Lunch) Drive Through Dinners, on Sunday on September 25th and it was a great success. Thank you to all DeutscherVerein members that bought dinner tickets and came to the drive through.

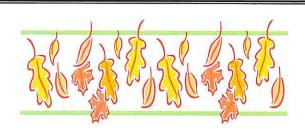
The next fundraiser will be an auction during the DeutscherVerein meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>! Please bring any items you would be willing to donate to auction for a great cause! It is great fun and we will be excited to have the students at the event to help to showcase these items.

#### AND

In December, the students will be selling Chocolate Advent Calendars from Germany. Please contact Mary Leah Siegel or Sandy Wehr if you would like an advent calendar and we can be sure to get them to you.

On Behalf of the Sister Cities of Jasper, a huge "DANKE" to the members of the Jasper DeutscherVerein for all of your support of the many activities of the Sister Cities of Jasper and for your generous support of the student exchange fundraisers!

Mary Leah Siegel, President, Sister Cities of Jasper





#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Dues for the DeutscherVerein are \$10 a person. Out of this \$10, a \$1 will go to the Jasper DeutscherVerein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment, \$.50 per member for dues to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., and \$8.50 to Jasper DeutscherVerein for postage and meetings.

As a paid member of the Jasper DeutscherVerein, \$ .50 of your dues goes to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. making each Jasper DeutscherVerein member a member of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.



2022 German Heritage Essay Winners and Representatives of German American

L-R are Steffi Schmuecher-GA, Mollie Birchler-Southridge High School, Ty Verkamp-Northeast Dubois Jr./Sr. High School, Whitney Huff-GA, and Martha Mitchell-GA. Not pictured is Sara Hamilton-Forest Park Jr./Sr. High School.

As part of the German-American Day Dinner festivities, German American sponsored an essay contest. The topic of the essays was "My Ideal Trip to Germany".

Since 2003, German American has been the financial sponsor of the German Heritage Essay Contest. We thank them for their participation and continued support.

#### My Ideal Trip to Germany By: Mollie Birchler

Daughter of Keith and Kristie Birchler Southridge High School

My ideal trip to Germany would include eating brats and sauerkraut, watching a basketball game, and visiting the country that is the birthplace of my honorary grandma. Like almost every American in the United State, I love some yummy authentic food. I have always enjoyed my father's homemade sauerkraut, which a batch of it was made two summers ago by him and I. Germany is very well known for its tasty brats and sauerkraut, so this would be fantastic place to eat this food. Besides the food, watching a basketball game in Germany would be an amazing experience. I have loved the game of basketball for years now and I have realized how much fun and memories the gam has brought me. Basketball is fairly popular in Germany along with one of Germany's retired players that came to the United States to play in the NBA. Dirk Nowitzki would be a big reason for me to go to watch a basketball game in Germany because he is one of Germany's best-ever players. Since basketball is one of the most popular sports in Germany and still growing to this day, I know that watching a game in person there would be exhilarating. In addition, I have a family friend that I call grandma, which was born in Germany. She lived in Germany until the age of nineteen and has explained to me what she had to go through. The ongoing stories that I have heard from her are completely unimaginable. She always does an incredible job explaining the hardships that she went through, but also the enjoyment that came from the hardships. When my German Grandma tells her childhood stories, I fell as if I can see part of Germany. It would be truly astonishing if I could go to Germany and share my experiences with my German grandma since she has shared her personal experiences with me. To summarize this up, Germany was not even a place on my bucket list to visit, but now it's definitely towards the top. I now have realized that Germany has a lot to offer and plenty of fun activities to do for all ages. I might even look into purchasing a plane ticket to Germany. Germany here I come!



#### My Ideal Trip to Germany By: Sara Hamilton

Daughter of Rob and Lia Hamilton Forest Park Jr./Sr. High School

My ideal trip to Germany would include many historical sites.

"We are not makes of history. We are made by history." – Martin Luther King Jr.

Most of my family heritage is from Germany and I think learning about the way of living and the way past generations lived would be meaningful and intriguing. I also have participated in three years of German class. We learned many historical things, such as, The Berlin Wall, Auschwitz, and about the staatssicherheit and I think being able to experience the actual place of history we learned would be very beneficial.

One place I would love to visit would be the columns commemorating the Holocaust. I think it is important to pay our respect to those who died in such a horrific way. Adding on to that, I want to visit Auschwitz. I have learned many awful thing about Auschwitz but hearing about something is way different than actually being able to visibly experience what it may have been like to be in a concentration camp. Auschwitz is important for me to visit because it has become one of the most famous symbols of the Holocaust which was a huge part of modern history.

The towering Cologne Cathedral is one of the largest cathedrals in all of Europe. This building took over six hundred years to construct and the process began in the middle ages. As a religious person, visiting a cathedral of this size and intricacy would be simply be breathtaking. I would be touched to know people put an insane amount of work to construct a symbol of faith and a place to gather. The Neuschwanstein Castle would be another place at the top of my bucket list. This is a nineteenth century hilltop fairy tale castle. This place is on my list because of its truly wondrous view. It is located on top of a hill and the scenery is quite gorgeous.

The last place I want to visit is the Berlin Wall. I spent three years in German class learning about all the details of this wall. The Berlin Wall was built in 1961 to divide east and west Berlin. It was a visible manifestation for the Cold War mentality. If I were to visit the Berlin Wall, I would be able to sense the challenge for the people trying to escape and really understand how they must have felt like they were being entrapped. A portion of the Berlin Wall is still standing as a memorial for the seventy civilians who died trying to escape.

Germany has an abundance of placed I would like to attend, but unfortunately I do not have enough time to list them all. The reason I would like to visit Germany is to

get a fell for my heritage and really comprehend all of the beauty and pain that has come from such a diverse place. One day I will have a chance to fulfill my curiosity and visit this history packed place.

My Ideal Trip to Germany By: Ty Verkamp

Son of Jason and Shawna Verkamp Northeast Dubois Jr./Sr. High School

My ideal trip to Germany would include a tour of the beautiful city of Berlin. This city is full of rich history and has many historical sites. A city with a vibrant culture and unique architecture is truly a sight to see. Germany's city of Berlin has so much to offer, including their Museum Island, Berlin Wall, and the amazing Markthalle Neun. These are all reasons it would be awesome to visit Germany.

The Museum Island in Berlin is a beautiful museum in the heart of the Spree River. Accessible by bridge or boat tour the beautiful architecture is a sight to see in itself. Inside there are many amazing pieces of art and statues. There are a total of five museums, including the Pergamon, the Old National Gallery, the Bode Museum, the Old Museum and the New Museum. No mater which museum you chose, they all have wonderful artwork in them.

Another place I would like to visit is the Berlin Wall. A major part of world history, such a historic site you have to visit. The wall dividing east and west Germany began to be torn down on November 9, 1989. This united the city of Berlin and helped create what it is today. These are all great reasons to visit the Berlin Wall.

Lastly, I would like to visit the Markthalle Neun. This place is a massive market hall, full of delicious food and treats for every kind of food lover. The market hall is lined with food vendors and wondrous bakeries. The fragrant food draws you in, making you eat more than you should. Chaos looms on what they call "Street Food Thursday," where the hall is open until ten at night packed with visitors trying the tasty food. The old-fashioned aesthetic really helps set the mood for the large market hall. When you are in Berlin and small that sweet fragrance looming down the street, you can infer that it is time to make your way down to the Markthalle Neun.

As you can see Berlin is an extraordinary city for one to venture too. With many sites to see and unique architecture, it is sure to make it on any one's dream places to go. From the artwork of Museum Island, the historical sites of the Berlin Wall, all the way to the delicious food of the Markthalle Neun there is no reason not to visit Berlin. All of these wondrous things would be the reason I would go to Berlin.

### The following is taken from The Ferdinand News. Written by Kathy Tretter

#### Wisdom from a friend and ally

The City of Jasper was honored for the second year in a row to welcome the Consul General of the Republic of Germany, Wolfgang Moessinger, to the 2022 Strassenfest.

Her Moessinger is headquartered in Chicago, his territory spanning from North Dakota to Kentucky. He has been with the German Foreign Service for 35 years and previous posts include Senegal in West Africa, Finland, Edinburgh, Scotland, Azerbaijan, Moscow and right before Chicago, Bucca in Eastern Ukraine.

With his knowledge and experience in both Russia and Ukraine, questions flew fast about the current situation (during an after-lunch interview at the Schnitzelbank on Saturday, August 5).

"He [Vladimir Putin] is showing what kind of man is ruling Russia. Already when he started there were rumors [about plans to invade Ukraine]," Moessinger began. "People simply wouldn't believe it."

He is friends with many of the mayors whose Ukranian cities have been devastated by the Russian invasion, noting, "Some were not so keen on the west and now their cities are completely devastated."

From the onset of his presidency, Putin's agenda, according to Moessinger, has been to hammer home the message that democracy is bad. He thinks the propaganda machine has been a betrayal of both countries and compared it to Germany in the 1930s and '40s. "People don't want to believe the evil, it's too much to bear so they defer to the propaganda. I wonder how Russians will cope when the reckoning comes – and it will come."

#### Taken from The Herald – Friday, March 21, 1997 In the News by Fred Smith

# Film describes suffering that led to German migration

Most county residents know that during the early-to-mid-19th century, immigrants from Pfaffenweiler, Germany, traveled to Jasper and surrounding areas to settle, becoming the ancestors of many who live here today. But few, perhaps, know the depth of suffering that sparked that emigration.

The plight of these people was the subject of a German National Television film broadcast throughout Germany last year. Matt Hilger, the Pfaffenweiler native who now lives in Jasper, recently returned from Pfaffenweiler with several videos of "Verbannt ins Paradies."

On one, he has replaced the German narrator's voice with his own – in English. Terry Gobert, Jasper High School baseball coach, recreates the voices of several of the male characters on the video.

"Banished into Paradise" tells of the crushing famine and poverty that beset southern Germany in the 1840s and uses Pfaffenweiler as a case study. As was the case in Ireland at the same time, a severe potato blight destroyed the local basic food source in 1846, resulting in famine and a widespread disruption of the economy, including the loss of jobs for many. This led directly to the emigration of many from Pfaffenweiler to its future sister city in America.

Other factors made the crisis worse. Bizarre weather early that year disrupted the early growing season. February was "glowing hot," April was "ice-cold," and the hail in May destroyed the grape shoots that Pfaffenweiler depended on for the wine that was the integral part of its economy, as it is today. Flooding left the nearby Rhine River "an ocean," according to one account.

That summer, prices for grain skyrocketed and loaves of bread were small and expensive. Hunger revolts occurred. Many were forced to eat at government soup kitchens.

Famine and poverty so deprived the population that parents in some cases sold their children rather than watch them starve to death, giving them up to people who would employ them as farm laborers. Husbands abandoned their wives and children, hoping to find new lives in America or elsewhere. Unwed mothers and their illegitimate children were shipped out of the country without any preparation for life in their new homes.

Emigration became in fact the government's preferred solution to the famine, though no one expected it to get out of hand. But when the poorhouse in New York City overflowed with German immigrants, the U.S. government began requiring Germany to guarantee immigrants would not burden the government for two years after their arrival. This raised the cost of emigrating, but the number of emigrants accelerated anyway.

The journal of Fr. Joseph von Kleiser, the parish priest in Pfaffenweiler, was used for much of the film's story. He watched dejectedly as many in his congregation left for America.

First, travelers came through, saying that anyone with a skill in Germany would become wealthy in America.

Then, Alois Eckert, one of the young men in his parish, was sent to Dubois County to determine its suitability for a migration. He left that spring and returned in the fall, praising the new land.

When wavering Pfaffenweiler residents saw Eckert gather up his wife and children for the trip back to America, many decided to follow suit. Fr. von Kleiser was disappointed that Eckert, in a financial position to weather the famine, was so eager to leave.

But 30 years before, famine led another group to leave for America. They never made it out of the port of Amsterdam.

Those who returned to Pfaffenweiler, his own family included, had given up their citizenship and never fully regained it. When the famine of 1846 hit, the children of those 1816 would-be emigrants were the first to want to leave. Today, many Jasper residents trace their ancestry to Alois Eckert.

The film concludes with the account of the largest of the several Pfaffenweiler-to-Jasper in 1847.

Seventy-five Pfaffenweiler residents traveled to France to board the American ship, Tallahassee. On the voyage, water and good run short and illness came. Several, including children, died. But 63 days out, land was sighted and the immigrants eventually made their way to Jasper.

"Banished into Paradise" was shown at the Alexander School House during the 2022 Strassenfest!!!!!

#### Ein Prosit"

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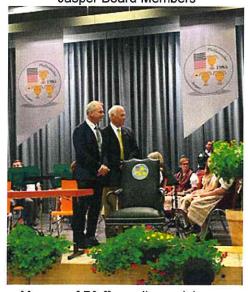
#### Jasper's Gift to Pfaffenweiler

Jasper and Pfaffenweiler, Germany became Sister City Partners in 1985. This year, a group of over 30 residents travelled to Pfaffenweiler to celebrate the 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Partnership. This celebration was delayed two years due to Covid.

When the Partnership Celebrations occur, it is the tradition for the two communities to exchange gifts. This year's gift of a chair from Indiana Furniture represents Jasper's historical connection to Pfaffenweiler and is representative of the furniture manufacturing that is prevalent in Jasper. Indiana Furniture was founded in 1905 as Jasper Novelty Works by many of the original immigrants from Pfaffenweiler.



US Consul General to Germany, his wife, Mayor of Jasper, President of Sister Cities of Jasper, President Jasper German Club, President of Jasper Partnership Commission, JHS German Teacher, Sister Cities of Jasper Board Members



Mayors of Pfaffenweiler and Jasper



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

#### November

November 16, 2022-Wednesday- Jasper Moose
Lodge-2507 Newton Street-Doors open at 6:00pm –
festivities begin at 6:30pm. Annual auction benefitting
JHS student exchange program. Members asked to
bring items to be auctioned!!

Requesting members with last names A – H bring a salad, I – Q bring a dessert, and R – Z a veggie.

#### Dezember

<u>Dezember 15, 2022-Thursday- Jasper Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm – festivities begin at 6:30pm.</u> Annual Christmas dinner/dance. Chicken, Roast Beef, Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans, Corn, Bread and Butter, and Creamy Slaw. Dessert brought by Board Members.

Reservations can be made at the November meeting or by contacting Ann Ackerman at 812-630-7241 or ann@ackoil.com.

2023 August 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup> - Strassenfest

#### Symbol of the Frog

Finding a frog brings good luck, and a wish made secretly upon seeing the first from in spring will most certainly come true. Ancient vultures fashioned frog-shaped amulets to attract good luck, love and friends. Many cultures have relied on the frog as a weather forecaster. Frogs stay near water during rainy periods and will come out to wait for sunshine if the weather is going to improve.

#### Symbol of the Hummingbird

The hummingbird symbolized love, joy and beauty. Its unique ability to fly backward teaches us that we can look back at our past without dwelling there but continuing forward. The hummingbird's aptitude to hover while drinking nectar reminds us to savor each moment, appreciating its sweetness.

(taken from www.brommers.com)

#### 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. 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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Jasper DeutscherVerein

#### The Exchange

On September 27, 2022, twenty students and two chaperones from Staufen Gymnasium, Stefan Schröter and Jürgen Gutgsell, Principal, arrived in Jasper!!! They stayed with host families in Jasper and attended classes at Jasper High School. They visited Kimball International, the Dubois County Museum, St. Joseph Church Tower, had lunch with Mayor Vonderheide, visited the Jasper City Police Station and Fire Station, and MORE!!! Several of the students volunteered to be handcuffed at the Police Station!!!

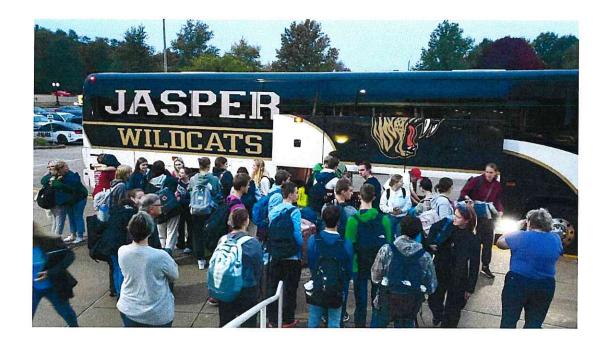
They went to Amish country and visited an Amish school where they played softball during recess and scored three runs!!! They toured WBDC where they did an on air interview with Ty Hunter and an interview with Bill Potter. They visited the Dubois County Courthouse to learn how our government works and made pretzels at Tell City Pretzel!!! They enjoyed swimming at the JHS pool and learned to play baseball!!!

They departed on October 12, 2022!!!

Grüppe 19 - American students and partners before our German friends left.



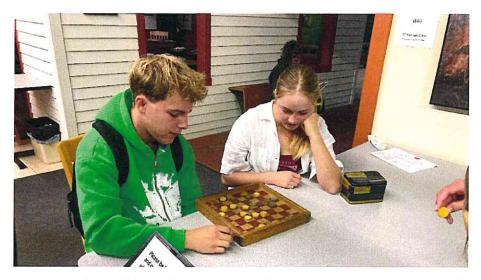












And, now Grüppe 20 begins with their fundraiser on September 25<sup>th</sup>!!!!





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