



Jasper German Club  
**Deutscher Verein**

# Die Zeitung

March 2024

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

## Deutscher Verein February Meeting in Review

Fifty members of the Jasper German Club met at the German Cafe in French Lick, IN on February 21, 2024.

Once everyone arrived, President Landen Weidenbenner called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. Then new members were welcomed with an Ein Prosit. A special German menu was offered for the members to select from and enjoy while socializing.

Following the meal, members went to French Lick Winery for a wine tasting. In addition to wine tasting, members visited and played cards. The meeting concluded at 8:30pm.

The next German Club meeting will be held Wednesday, March 20 at the Jasper Moose Lodge. Doors open at 6:00pm, meeting starts at 6:30pm. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert. The program for March will be given by Kent Yeager, Preseident of the Indiana barn Foundation on their support of the Preservation of Historic Indiana Barns.

Submitted by  
*Valerie Heim*

### **"Ein Prosit"**

Ein Prosit Ein Prosit  
der Gemütlichkeit  
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der Gemütlichkeit  
Eins, Zwei, Drei, G'suffa!  
Zicke, zacke, zicke, zacke  
Hoy, Hoy, Hoy,  
Kinder machen, Kinder machen  
Ya Ya Ya  
Motorcycle, Motorcycle  
Vroom, Vroom, Vroom  
Der Deutscher Verein is Wunderbar!!



## Jasper Deutscher Verein Taking Scholarship Applications

The Jasper Deutscher Verein is offering a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a German student of Dubois County. If you have a child, grandchild or know of anyone who would like to submit an application, please inform them to contact their Guidance Counselor at their school. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2024. If there are any questions, please contact Shelley Whalen at 812-827-1027.

At their January Board of Directors' Meeting in 2008, the following adopted the following qualifications for the Dubois County Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00.

1. Completion of the common scholarship application available from the School's Guidance Office.
2. Successful completion of two years of high school German.
3. Two years of active participation in German Club or German Civic affairs in other schools.
4. Verification of enrollment in a German course at the college of their choice, or participation in an accredited German study abroad program such as the IU Honors Program.
5. Submission of a one page or less essay stating your personal qualifications and intentions.
6. GPA consideration.
7. Participation in an exchange program or hosting an exchange student.

adults other than school personnel regarding personal character, etc.

9. The scholarship will be awarded upon verification of enrollment in German at college or acceptance into another German study abroad program such as the IU Honors Program. A \$500.00 scholarship will be given for the first semester and will be renewable for the second semester.

#8. Submission of two letters of recommendation from adults other than school personnel regarding personal character, etc.

10. Parental membership in the Jasper Deutscher Verein will be considered.

11. Submission of all completed forms by April 1, 2024 to: Jasper DeutscherVerein, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 15, Jasper, Indiana 47547-0015

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### **\*\*\*Membership\*\*\***

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Dues for the DeutscherVerein are \$15 a person. Out of this \$15, a **\$1** will go to the Jasper DeutscherVerein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment, **\$1** per member for dues to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., and **\$13.00** will be retained for club operating expenses.

*As a paid member of the Jasper DeutscherVerein, \$1.00 of your dues goes to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. making each Jasper DeutscherVerein member a member of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.*

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### **Carnival vs. Mardi Gras: What's the difference?**

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One can last days or weeks. The other packs all the fun in a single day.

Carnival seasons in Venice, Italy, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, are among the best known and most popular. There's also Cologne Karneval in Germany, Nice Carnaval in France, Oruro Carnival in Bolivia, Binche Carnaval in Belgium, Spain's Tenerife Carnaval in the Canary Islands, and festivities across the Caribbean—from Cuba to Trinidad and Tobago.

But only one place is known worldwide for [Mardi Gras](#). That's New Orleans, home to the longest frolicking season that begins with Carnival and ends with the famed Mardi Gras. The difference in the celebrations lies in the details.

"The most important Carnivals across the world are in New Orleans, Rio and Venice," says [Errol Laborde](#), a New Orleans-based Carnival and Mardi Gras historian. "Rio is more of a dance and parade kind of Carnival. Venice is more of a visual, costume kind of Carnival. Rio doesn't have throws like we do in New Orleans."

While all the events have their own special something, at the heart of the traditions is the celebration of life, simply having fun before the season of penitence under the Christian faith known as Lent.

"Carnival in Brazil and Mardi Gras in New Orleans are very different, but deep down they have the same essence," Andreza Trivillan, a native Brazilian travel blogger who has visited Louisiana's Carnival, explained in an email. "No accessories are thrown to the crowds. There is no typical Carnival food or drink in Brazil, unlike what happens with king cake in New Orleans."

Arthur Hardy, the founder of [Arthur Hardy's Mardi Gras Guide](#), knows a thing or two about Carnival and Mardi

Gras. It burns him up when people—even people in New Orleans—confuse the two. "Carnival is a season. Mardi Gras is a day," says Hardy. The glossy, [everything-you-want-to-know guide](#) has published for 48 years with plenty of factoids and information about Louisiana balls, kings, queens, and other traditions.

### **The role of krewes**

In New Orleans, there are Carnival organizations, known as krewes, that host formal balls, costume balls, parties, receptions, and parades. Some are super krewes. Others are mid-size krewes. Still others are sub-krewes. And there are micro-krewes. Some parades include specially built theme floats. Lots of parades have "throws," stuff float riders toss to parade-goers who like to collect whatever they can get their hands on, especially plastic beads and parade-specific items. The Krewe of Muses shares individually decorated women's high-heel shoes. The Krewe of Zulu no longer tosses their signature throw to prevent injuries: these days riders in this mostly Black krewe place hand-painted coconuts in the hands of revelers.

Carnival in New Orleans and elsewhere in Louisiana is longer than those other places because it is strictly tied to the Lenten season. It starts on January 6, Epiphany, the holiday that commemorates the day the three wise men or kings paid a visit to baby Jesus in Bethlehem offering gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Celebrations this year conclude with Mardi Gras on February 13, the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of Lent, a day that changes from year to year. Carnival in New Orleans was 48 days last year. This year it's 38 days.

Businesses, street performers and vendors who count on Carnival to make a living don't like short Carnival seasons. It means less time to make money. [Bakeries in New Orleans bake scrumptious king cakes](#) with and without filling, all covered with traditional Mardi Gras colors—purple, green, and gold. One bakery might bake 500 king cakes a day. Five hundred cakes a day for two weeks is far different from the revenue they make during a month-long season.

"If you want to blame somebody for that, blame it on the pope," Hardy says with a laugh.

### **Fun packed into a single day**

As Hardy says, Mardi Gras is a single day. It's always 47 days before Easter, so the Mardi Gras date changes with the church calendar. The day before is the next to last day of Carnival, *Lundi Gras*, or Fat Monday. Mardi Gras translates to Fat Tuesday. Some call it Shrove Tuesday. Most call it the Greatest Free Party on Earth, or the Greatest Free Show on Earth. The Mayor's Mardi Gras Advisory Council plans an official "parade season," designated by law as the 12 days before Mardi Gras.

Each year, parade-goers eagerly anticipate the krewe parade themes. Some always focus on fantasy. "Iris Travels the World." Some have celebrity kings or queens. Actor Kevin Dillon, of the movies *Platoon* and *Entourage*, is this year's king of the Krewe of Bacchus. Named after the one Egyptian queen nearly everyone knows, the Krewe of Nerfetti has a family parade with singer Tarriona Tank Ball of the musical group, Tank and the Bangas, as their queen. She'll lead their "Bloom Where You Are Planted" parade. Musicians Flo Rida and Sting aren't kings with the Krewe of Endymion, but they will perform at the glitzy Endymion extravaganza party attended by thousands.

There are Carnival activities across Louisiana. The Krewe of Hyacinthians rolls in Houma. The Baton Rouge region has its own set of parades, including the Mardi Paws Dog Parade, the Krewe of Spanish Town and the Krewe of Orion. Monroe and West Monroe parade-goers enjoy the Twin Cities's Krew de Riviere Mardi Gras Parade and the Krewe of Janus. People in Lafayette give a nod to Carnival elsewhere with the Krewe of Carnivale en Rio Mardi Gras Parade and the Krewe of Canailles—loosely translated as the Krewe of Scoundrels—intended to welcome the riffraff, the masses, anybody and everybody.

In New Orleans, Carnival and Mardi Gras are weeks of having a good time. Residents and visitors choose what a "good time" means for them. They can go places where anything might happen, and everything might be seen. Some avoid parades and opt for balls and parties. The parades also can be seen at [VWV Louisiana Parade Tracker App](#); [WDSU Parade Tracker](#); and [NOLA.COM](#).

Everyone knows it's an important part of the culture. It's also big business.

### **Economic impact**

A recent economic impact study prepared by New Orleans and Company, the mayor's advisory council, and Tulane University shows tremendous impact on the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana. There's a direct and indirect impact on the city of \$891,202,780 and a net fiscal benefit of \$28 million. The state gets about \$14 million in taxes.

"Compared to any other event, here or elsewhere, there's no other event like Carnival," says Kelly Schulz, senior vice president for communications and public relations at New Orleans & Company. "It's unreal that we can do this every year. It's a masterful execution ... It's the best and most complex event we have."

There's a saying in New Orleans that captures the season: *Laissez les bons temps rouler!* — Let the good times roll!

(taken from [www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/carnival-mardi-gras-difference-new-orleans-celebration-king-cake-fat-tuesday-parades](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/carnival-mardi-gras-difference-new-orleans-celebration-king-cake-fat-tuesday-parades))

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**From *The Herald*  
By Jason Ragan  
Herald Staff Writer  
April 9, 2007**

### **Shake, rattle for dough**

Mariah Hill – With a loud clack of wooden rattlers, a group of altar servers from Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church continued a decades-old tradition of egg rattling Saturday morning.

More than a dozen servers, divided into three groups, went from home to home spinning the wooden rattlers.

Each home owner knew exactly what the rattle-wielding altar servers were after.

"You lay your money out the night before," said Ruthie Koenig, who walked to the door holder her dog, Rusty, and money for the kids.

"They really give us a lot during the year," she said of the dedicated servers.

The kids said it is an opportunity to be with their friends, ride their bikes and raise a little money. The money is used for trips for the servers, and they also were given some cash to spend at the summer picnic.

"We usually go 13 miles," Eric Kern, 16 said.

His group usually makes it almost to Santa Claus and has been out as long as six hour before. Others, especially those who stay a little closer to town, are usually done in three or four hours.

Matt Kern and cousin Valerie Kern, both 19, are too old to be altar servers, but they still enjoy the tradition and went out Saturday.

Their visit to the home of Louie and Vernida Jochim revealed that the annual event goes back nearly a century. Louie, 82, who has lived in Mariah Hill all his life, remembers egg rattling in the mid-1930s. It was already an entrenched tradition at that time, he said.

Back then it was all done on foot. Other than that, very little has changed except maybe "the amount of money," Vernida said.

A quarter was the norm and a dollar was rare back then. Last year, the servers gathered nearly \$500.

Some of the rattlers have been used for years and the newer ones are patterned after the older ones.

Each handmade rattler consists of a slotted wheel. A thin piece of wood smacks on the grooves when it is spun around and produces a very loud noise.

LeRoy Dilger, who grew up in Mariah Hill and now lives in Evansville, recently gave his rattler to one of his nephews. He wrote down the meaning and purpose of the custom and attached it to the rattler so it would not get lost.

He was an altar server from 1944 to 1951. He told The Herald by e-mail that the servers used to receive eggs that they would sell and the money was given to the pastor and then used at the picnic. The donation of eggs turned into just a monetary donation but the tradition kept its name of egg rattling.

Bobby Gogel, 75, also remembers going egg rattling in the 1940s and those seeking donations say a phrase in German. He remembers it to this day.

Translations vary but the key elements of the phrase are always the same. "We have watched the entire night, this holy Easter grave, for three dozen eggs or 6 pounds of bacon, or we'll not leave this house."

It is hard to say exactly how old this tradition is, or exactly where it came from.

Father Bill Dietsch, pastor at Mary, Help of Christians, has a few ideas. Until 1979 the parish was served by Benedictine priests from Saint Meinrad Archabbey. The German Benedictines brought some customs with them. This was probably one of them.

Erika Brady, professor of folk studies at Western Kentucky University, has never heard of this specific custom but said it is in line with many mendicant, or begging, customs. The most common of these traditions is trick-or-treating on Halloween.

All of these types of customs usually have certain similarities, one being a reversal of roles. Altar servers usually don't go out to beg for money. It often involves some kind of saying or phrase and it is almost always connected to a certain event or day.

The rattlers also speak to a tradition in the Catholic Church.

Between Holy Thursday and Easter, the church bells aren't used and songs are sung a cappella. Fr. Dietsch remembers prior to the 1960s a wooden clacker was used during Mass to symbolize the sadness of the death of Christ.

He believes that may be how the rattlers factored in.

Ray Kern participated in egg rattling in the late 1960s. On Saturday, four of his and wife Sylvia's eight children – Valerie, Eric, Kevin, 15, and Emily, 12 – carried on the tradition.

As Valerie and her group canvassed town they ran into Brian Peters, 35, Lamar, who was out reading meters. He grew up in St. Meinrad and also went egg rattling.

He gave them a couple of bucks and shared with them the saying he and his friends used to recite: "We are the altar boys. We come to bring you Easter joy."

They then asked for food, candy or any donation – and if a contribution wasn't forthcoming, "We'll rattle, rattle, rattle until your ears ring."

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

In addition to this newsletter, additional information on the Jasper DeutscherVerein can be gotten on the website – [www.jaspergermanclub.org](http://www.jaspergermanclub.org). The website features information on German Heritage info of the DeutscherVerein and Sister Cities, pictures of areas in Dubois County, past German Heritage winners, and past newsletters and be sure to "like us" on Facebook at Jasper DeutscherVerein and Sister Cities of Jasper. The Jasper DeutscherVerein also has presence on Twitter and Instagram.

Also, remember to check out Sister Cities' new website at [www.sistercitiesofjasperin.org](http://www.sistercitiesofjasperin.org) and keep up on their latest activities.

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### **A message from our president**

How is it that March is already upon us? The warm weather is most certainly welcome! February was a great meeting - thank you to all of our members who came to the German Cafe and French Lick Winery for an evening of great food, wine, and socializing. We also had several new faces at the February meeting. As a reminder, please tell your friends and family about the German Club - new members are always welcome! I want to thank Laura Grammer for the extensive time and planning for both the January and February meetings. In March, we will be "back to normal" at the Moose Lodge. As a friendly reminder, if you have any thoughts or ideas for meetings to please reach out to Laura Grammer or myself. Wishing you all a safe, happy, and healthy early Spring!

### **Mark Your Calendars - German Night at the Dubois County Bombers Game**

The Dubois County Bombers have invited the Jasper DeutscherVerein back for "German Night." This year, the event will take place on Wednesday, June 5th, 2024. More details coming soon! This is an event you will not want to miss.

*Landen Weidenbenner*  
President

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## A message from our vice president

Comments from February Meeting

1. The German Café was delicious. Have never been here before.
2. The food was definitely worth the \$20 price tag.
3. There was a nice variety on beverages. Liked my German beer.
4. The food came out really fast (Thanks to the order guide and process created).
5. The Green Pepper sauce was way too spicy.
6. Enjoyed sitting with different people for dinner.
7. It was great seeing new faces at the event that don't normally come to our meetings.
8. It was a mixed bag which restaurant was better – Schnitzelbank or German Café. Some comments about texture and type of the breading. Many people took home leftovers.
9. The Spätzel was amazing. I'm getting it next time.
10. Really like these field trip meetings because I talked to some members that I have seen at meetings but never talked to them.

Let's keep the interaction up with members. Take time to visit people at other tables. Introduce yourself to others that you don't know.

On March 20, the German Club meetings will return to the Moose. Just a reminder that we need to get back into our groove and remember to bring a dessert of salad. Kent Yeager from the Indiana Barn Foundation will present information about Historic Barns in Indiana.

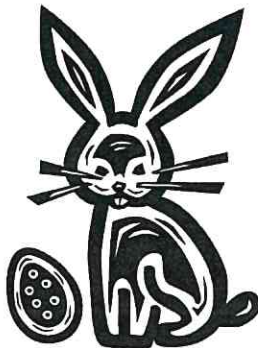
On April 17, the activity after dinner will be game night. Already had requests for card games: Sheephead, Cinch, Euchre, and Hand & Foot. If you don't want to play cards, bring a board game or plan to just sit back and relax with your friends. We will have small prizes for each table winner. The real win for the evening is a night of fun and frivolity with members.

*Laura Grammer*

Vice President

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## A message from our treasurer or treasurer's tales

I will be accepting in person dues payments again beginning at the March 20 meeting at the Moose lodge. 2024 Dues may also be paid via mail to PO Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547. As a reminder, it was announced at the November meeting that the Board of Directors recommended that dues for 2024 be increased to \$15.00 per person / \$30.00 per couple. \$1.00 of your dues is provided to Sister Cities for your membership in Sister Cities, and \$1.00 of your dues goes into to the endowment.

Continue to encourage friends and family to join our club. Involved members help to keep our club thriving and growing as we continue our mission to promote, preserve and celebrate our proud German Heritage.

*Mike Ackerman*

Treasurer

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## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

### März

**März 20, 2024-Wednesday-Jasper Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm-festivities begin at 6:30pm.**

Meal will be served: Members bring either a Salad or Dessert

Program will be given by Kent Yeager – President of the Indiana Barn Foundation. Their mission is “Supporting the Preservation of Historic Indiana Barns”.

### April

**April 17, 2024-Wednesday-Jasper Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm-festivities begin at 6:30pm German Club Game Night or Card Party**

Meal will be served. Members bring either a Salad or Dessert.

What started as a Sheephead tournament to honor our German Heritage, has grown into an all-out game night. We are looking to have tables for Sheephead, Cinch, Euchre or ????. But maybe you prefer to play Operation, Mousetrap, Pictionary or Trivial Pursuit.

What a great way to get to know other members by mixing members together and let them play a game with other

members. The winner at each table will receive a small prize. We will have a sign-up sheet for this meeting at the November & December & March meetings.

What was that sound? Yes, I hear the warning bells. Members will be able to sit together with the same people and play games or just chat. It is not required to move and get to know other members.

**Mai**

**Mai 22, 2024-Wednesday-Jasper Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm-festivities begin at 6:30pm. Strassenfest Preview**

Meal will be served: Members bring either a Salad or Dessert.

What will be happening at the Glockenspiel and at Opening Ceremonies?  
 What are the plans for the booth?  
 How will things look when we are moving back to the square?  
 Signup Sheets for the Strassenfest will be available.

**Juni**  
 (NOTE ACTIVITY CHANGE)

**Juni 5, 2024-Wednesday-League Stadium, Huntingburg City Park, 203 South Cherry Street, Huntingburg**

The Dubois County Bombers have invited the Jasper DeutscherVerein back for "German Night." This year, the event will take place on Wednesday, June 5th, 2024. More details coming soon!

**August**

**August 1 – August 4 Jasper Strassenfest**

**Theme – German Flair on the Square!!!**

**Longtime Jasper downtown business owners and advocates, Jim Siebert and Maureen Braun, will represent the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association as Co-Hoffmarschalls!!!**

**September**

**September 18, 2024-Wednesday-Jasper Moose Lodge-2507 Newton Street. Doors open at 6:00pm-festivities begin at 6:30pm. Strassenfest Wrap-Up Meeting.**

Meal will be served. Members bring either a Salad or Dessert.

**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.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 to the \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please specify appropriate Endowment)  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**CHILI DINNER**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1996**  
 JASPER HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA – 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.  
 (Before the Vincennes Lincoln Ballgame) **\$4.00**

Sponsored By: JHS GERMAN CLUB

**BOWL OF CHILI**  
**HOT DOG**  
**DESSERT**  
**DRINK**

Ad sponsored by Ben Franklin Family Center and Goldwell Banker Lukemeyer Realty, Inc.

## Hamburger Cheese Bake

Bake:

30 mins at 350°

### Ingredients

Nonstick cooking spray  
12 ounces lean ground beef  
½ cup chopped onion (1 medium)  
1 15 ounce can tomato sauce  
¼ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon garlic powder  
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper  
4 cups dried medium noodles (about 8 ounces)  
1 cup cottage cheese  
½ 8 ounce package cream cheese, cubed and softened  
¼ cup sour cream  
½ cup sliced green onions (3)  
¼ cup chopped green sweet pepper  
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese  
Fresh Italian (flat-leaf) parsley (optional)

### Directions

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly coat a 2-quart rectangular baking dish with cooking spray; set aside. In a large skillet cook the ground beef and onion until meat is brown and onion is tender; drain. Stir in the tomato sauce, salt, garlic powder, and black pepper. Remove from heat. Meanwhile, cook noodles according to package directions; drain. In a medium bowl, stir together the cottage cheese, cream cheese, sour cream, green onions, and sweet pepper until combined.

Spread half of the noodles in a prepared baking dish. Top with about half of the meat mixture, then all of the cottage cheese mixture, spreading evenly. Top with the remaining noodles and remaining meat mixture. Sprinkle evenly with parmesan cheese.

Bake uncovered, about 30 minutes or until heated through. If desired, garnish with parsley, if desired.

### Tips

Prepare casserole as directed through Step 3. Cover unbaked casserole with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for up to 24 hours. Remove plastic wrap and cover loosely with foil. Bake in a 350 degree F oven for 30 minutes. Uncover; bake about 10 minutes or until heated through.

(Taken from:  
<https://www.bhg.com/recipe/hamburger-cheese-bake/?printview>)



25th Anniversary Gift from Pfaffenweiler

2010 This resides in Jasper City Hall

Check out the new Sister Cities of Jasper website  
[www.sistercitiesofjasperin.org](http://www.sistercitiesofjasperin.org)



## Survey on the cultural influence of German immigration

Dear readers of the Deutscher Verein newsletter,

my name is Leopold Schaffner and I am based at the University of Passau in Bavaria, Germany. I had the pleasure to visit Dubois County several times during the last years, as my family has close friends there.

As a student of International Culture and Business Studies, I was always amazed by the extraordinary amount of Germanness found in Jasper and its surroundings. This, among many great conversations with the locals about their past, sparked my interest to write my bachelor thesis about Dubois County with the goal of documenting the influence of German ancestry in contemporary cultural life.

If you are willing to participate in my project by filling out the survey questions below, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!

1. Are you currently a resident of Dubois County, Indiana? (Yes / No)
2. What age group are you? 1 (20 and below), 2 (21-35), 3 (36-50), 4 (51-65), 5 (65 and above)
3. Are you an American citizen of German ancestry? (Yes / No)
4. How important is a sense of belonging to your German ethnic group? 1 (not at all important), 2 (somewhat important), 3 (relatively important), 4 (very important), 5 (extremely important)
5. Does the fact that you are of German descent have a cultural impact on you? (Yes / No)
6. Has your family passed on German American traditions? (Provide an example if possible.)
7. Which of your any of your ancestors spoke German? (Provide an example if possible.)
8. Do you still speak any German? (Yes / No)
9. If so, on what level? Fluent, intermediate, basic, certain elements (numbers, greetings, descriptive nouns) or provide an example.

Please E-Mail your answers back to [leopold.schaffner@outlook.com](mailto:leopold.schaffner@outlook.com). If you are from Dubois County and interested in being interviewed about being German American, please reach out as well!

You can also participate online through this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/iW8Ne72EsR> or by scanning this QR code with your phone:





### Membership Dues

It's that time of year again! If you have not yet paid your 2024 dues, please submit by completing and sending in the following form with payment as soon as possible. Thanks! If questions, contact Mike at 812-630-8756 or [mike@ackoil.com](mailto:mike@ackoil.com)

SEND TO: Jasper Deutscher Verein,  
P.O. Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547-0015  
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Winter Address: \_\_\_\_\_ When: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method of Contact for Strassenfest Booth Shift Scheduling \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues (calendar year) \$15.00 per person (\$30.00 per couple)



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Jessica Himmelsbach – German Wine Princess and Julia Noll – Baden Wine Queen at Jasper High School presenting information to the students on language, culture, and agriculture. Sister Cities of Jasper sponsored the trip and coordinated all of the activities from Chicago to Indianapolis to Lafayette to Bloomington to Jasper to Louisville!!!!





February 28, 2024

Landon Weidenbenner  
Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club)  
P.O. Box 15  
Jasper, IN 47547-0015

Dear Landon,

Enclosed you will find your 2023 Fund Summary for the Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment.

We are pleased to report that 2023 was a strong year for the Community Foundation's investment performance, returning 17.5%. Our assets are currently valued at \$76M which was made possible by donors, like you, who understand the key role philanthropy has in creating a thriving community.

Your Fund Summary depicts all financial activity for 2023 specific to your donor-advised fund, including market values, contributions, and disbursements. In addition, the total amount available to grant in 2024 is noted, which may include any remaining funds rolled over from last year. As a reminder, you can request a grant disbursement from your fund at any time by emailing Kevin Smith, Director of Grantmaking, [kevin@dccommunityfoundation.org](mailto:kevin@dccommunityfoundation.org), or by contacting him at (812) 482-5295.

Also enclosed is a contact information card which helps us ensure we have your most up-to-date information. We would greatly appreciate your help in filling out this card and returning it in the provided envelope.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. We look forward to your continued partnership in 2024.

With warm wishes and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clayton Boyles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "C".

Clayton Boyles  
Executive Director



## Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment

Fund Established: May 17, 2002

Fund Type: Donor Advised

### 2023 Fund Summary

<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$48,796.98</b>
Contributions & Additions		\$2,368.00
Investment Returns		\$6,428.00
Grants & Distributions		\$-3,731.31
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$53,861.67</b>

<b>Total Available to Grant in 2024</b>		<b>\$1,941.00</b>
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<b>Grant Disbursements</b>		
Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club)	4/24/2023	\$3,731.31
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>\$3,731.31</b>

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