



Jasper German Club  
**Deutscher Verein**

# Die Zeitung

April 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.*

## DeutscherVerein March Meeting in Review

The Jasper DeutscherVerein gathered on Wednesday, March 20th at the Jasper Moose Lodge. President Landen Weidenbenner welcomed over 80 members and guests, then the Gesang Verein led the club in the singing the National Anthem.

Next, Landen called up Pat Schuler, the club's New Project Chair, to give an update. Pat passed slips of paper to members to fill out projects the club members would like to see worked on. He also made a call out to members with talents that could help the New Projects Team to join them.

Landen led the club in a prayer, then released the tables for dinner of spaghetti and garlic bread prepared by the Jasper Moose Lodge, as well as salad and desserts brought by club members.

After the meal, Landen introduced the guest speaker, Kent Yeager who is president of the Indiana Barn Foundation. Kent gave a very informative presentation on the different types of old barns and farming practices. He spoke about the disappearances of these barns with more of them being torn down. Kent took several questions from the club members. Following the presentation, Landen led the club in an Ein Prosit for Kent Yeager.

Next a drawing was held for the Special Prize winners. Bob Bleemel and Bridgette Bartley were the winners.

Landen called the meeting to a close. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 17 at the Jasper Moose Lodge. Doors open at 6:00 pm, and dinner at 6:30. See you all there!

Submitted by  
*Valerie Heim*  
Secretary

**Thank you to those members who responded to Leopold Schaffner's survey. Your input is appreciated!!!**

## New Members to the Jasper DeutscherVerein and Sister Cities of Jasper

July 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024

Clay and Stephanie Armstrong  
Grace Bartley  
Keith and Christy Bartley  
Joe and Kathryn Cozza  
Todd and Kim Gunderson  
Kurt Heise  
Stu and Lynn Holland  
Mark and Sharon Kunkel  
Robert Mueller-Albrecht  
Lonnie and Trish Nicholson  
Donald Schepers  
Jim and Linda Strosnider  
Charles Uebelhor

## Shopping Opportunity for Strassenfest

Jasper Strassenfest Merchandise Room is now available in the Jasper Chamber of Commerce office at 302 West 6th Street. There are "German-style" clothing items for men, women and children. Stop by to see if we have something for you or any of your family members. There is also a nice selection of German flags and bunting for decorating your home or business. Best hours are: 10-1 & 2-4:30 (M-F). Questions? Call us at 812-482-6866

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

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.



**"Ein Prosit"**

Ein Prosit Ein Prosit  
der Gemütlichkeit  
Ein Prosit Ein Prosit  
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!!

**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.

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

**A message from our president**

Happy Spring to all! The weather is finally starting to warm up, flowers are in bloom, and everything is green again. The German Club is also beginning to "Spring" back to life, as we are gearing up for another great Spring and Summer season. I am excited to announce that our club's special projects team, led by Pat Schuler, is beginning to collect feedback from German Club members on potential ideas for new projects. Thank you Pat and team on your hard work thus far. We are looking forward to the exciting and new projects that will be proposed. Speaking of teamwork, I would be remiss if I also did not talk about our club's marking team, led by Jane Balsmeyer. Jane and the team are hard at work to develop a robust plan to ensure our club has a greater presence on social media, and also ensuring to preserve our club's heritage and legacy in the community. Finally, Valerie Heim and Sherri Uebelhor have been hard at work preparing for German Heritage activities for the 2024 Strassenfest. Be sure to be on the lookout for information that will be shared soon regarding sign-ups and activities that will happen in August. Again, thank you all for promoting our heritage in our community!

*Landen Weidenbenner*  
President

**A message from our vice president**

Parade to the Beer Garden

For 45 year, the Jasper German Club has been an integral part of the Jasper Strassenfest. The Food and Pastry Booth provides some of the most delicious German Good at the Fest. The Glockenspiel Stage presents Free German events and entertainment. And it is the iconic place to stop and take a picture to say "I was at the Jasper Strassenfest".

Another iconic moment at the Strassenfest is the German Club's parade to the Beer Garden. For many years it was just the Keg Carrier and the Brat & Kraut Carrier. Last year we added a Banner and the 16 State flags from Germany.

One requirement is that those carrying an item in the parade must wear lederhosen or a dirndl. The Jasper Chamber currently has those items in stock in their German Room. But Amazon is also an option for purchasing German Clothing.

If you are interested in carrying a German Heritage item in the Parade to the Beer Garden this year, please complete the application below. You can email it to [laura@ackoil.com](mailto:laura@ackoil.com) or complete it at a German Club Meeting.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

Will you wear Lederhosen or Dirndl?      Yes      No

Last year did you work in the German Club Booth?      Yes      No

Did you carry an item in a prior year parade?      Yes      No

Date      Item Carried

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**April Meeting**

Our club has such a wide range of occupations, ages, unique and specialized skill sets and interests. Based on the feedback from the January and February meeting, we reached one of our goals of member mingling and learning about more members. The April meeting provides another opportunity for getting to know other members.

For those members wanting to play Sheepshead, Cinch, Euchre, Rum, Hand & Foot, or another card game, bring along a deck of cards and paper to keep score. Not a card player, bring a favorite board game.

Members will enjoy a meal of Chicken Alfredo, California Medley and Breadstix with their friends then have the opportunity to play games with other members.

*Laura Grammer*  
Vice President

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

Our club's largest annual fund raiser, operation of booths at the Jasper Strassenfest is only about four months away. Bridgette and Mike Bartley supported by Ann and Mike Ackerman are returning as Booth Chairs, and our day chairs of Kevin Bartely, Kevin Mullen, and Mike Jahn have stepped forward as well. Thanks to all of our leadership for their commitment.

At our April 17 club meeting, we will begin signing up workers to staff our Strassenfest booths. This is a great time to get another generation involved in German Club by having fun serving others from our Strassenfest Booths. If you have children or grandchildren, please invite them to work with us. Do you have a next generation family member that wants to get involved but can only help with set up or tear down? We need that help too.

Note: While Strassenfest is returning to the completed downtown square, the city is planning construction for Main Street south and north of the square for 2024 to complete its project from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Planned changes to the corners of the intersections along Main Street will impact the German Club booth placement and the Beer Garden tent and stage configuration. Main Street south of the square has a planned completion in advance of Strassenfest 2024. These changes will give us new opportunities for 2024 versus using the historic configuration of the past couple of decades.

Do we have a good telephone number and if applicable, email address information for you? With members continuing to drop land lines in favor of cell phones only, and more members requesting to receive their newsletter via email only, the board has recommended that the club cancel its bulk mail permit. While there is still opportunity for USPS newsletters, you are encouraged to verify that the club has valid phone numbers and email information for you. Please drop an email to [mike@ackoil.com](mailto:mike@ackoil.com) or call Mike at 812-630-8756 to provide current information. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via email, please be sure to let us know.

2024 Dues collection continues. Members may pay 2024 dues of \$15.00 per person (\$30.00 per couple) at our meetings or via mail to P O Box 15, Jasper, IN 47547. Coming out of the lock down of 2020, the club recognized dues paid for the off year into a future year. This created some confusion and caused us to allow the collection of dues later into the year. With this chapter of life behind us, I am seeking to have all dues from renewing membership paid by the end of April to remain on the newsletter list.

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**

**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**

Members will enjoy a meal of Chicken Alfredo, California Medley and Breadstix with their friends then have the opportunity to play games with other members. 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. For those members wanting to play Sheepshead, Cinch, Euchre, Rum, Hand & Foot, or another card game, bring along a deck of cards and paper to keep score. Not a card player, bring a favorite board game.

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.

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.

Sign-ups for working at the Strassenfest booths will begin.

**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 will have "Dingers in Deutschland Night" on Wednesday, June 5, 2024. Purchase your tickets at www.DCBombers.com. See details later in this newsletter!!!!

**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.



Der kopf sagt "lass das liegen, du möchtest abnehmen."

Der hunger sagt: "wenn du es noch mit käse überbackst, sieht man die kalorien nicht."

The head says "leave it, you want to lose weight"  
Hunger says "if you cover it with cheese and bake it, you won't see the calories"

(taken from German Girl in America)

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**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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# Dubois County Bombers vs. Johnstown Mill Rats – Wednesday, June 5th

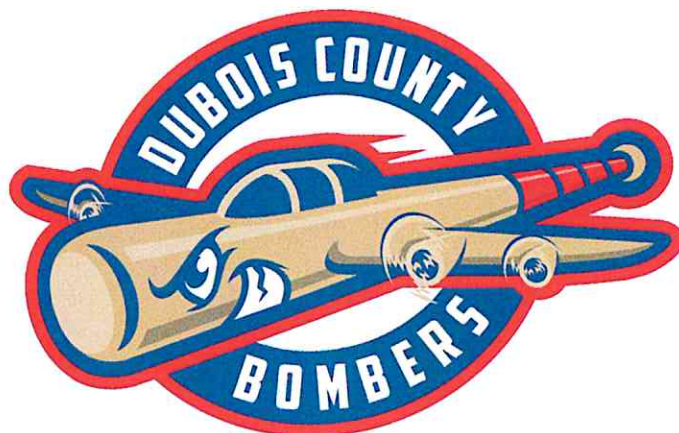
## "Dingers in Deutschland Night"

**Willkommen! Dubois County has a RICH history of German heritage and tonight we celebrate it! Parts of the stadium will be decorated in "Oktoberfest-style" flair, there will be plenty of sausages available for purchase, and the highlight of the evening will be a traditional German "Masskrugstemmen" (stein-holding) contest taking place in the stadium DURING the game. Anyone over 21 can compete in this unique Bavarian feat of strength and endurance where contestants must hold a 1-liter stein of beer out in front of them (at shoulder level) for as long as they can. The winner will be recognized in front of everyone toward the end of the game and prizes will be awarded. Polka music will be played ALL NIGHT LONG and we have a special appearance and toast on the field from the Jasper German Club.**

**And the best part: If a Bombers player hits a home run tonight, every fan over the age of 21 will receive a gift certificate for a FREE (German Lager) beer!**

*Gates Open at 5:30est | First Pitch at 6:30est*

*\*Purchase your tickets at [www.DCBombers.com](http://www.DCBombers.com)*



**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 by the end of April. 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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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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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