



Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

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2023 German Heritage Award Winner

Sandy Wehr

The Jasper Deutscher Verein, Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc., and the Jasper Partnership Commission sponsored a German-American Day Dinner and Program on Thursday, October 5th, at KlubHaus 61 in Jasper.

Mary Leah Siegel, president of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc, presented the 25th 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.

The 2023 German Heritage Award was presented to Sandy Wehr. Mrs. Siegel noted that “About tonight’s recipient, the phrase “Driving Force of Diplomacy” pretty much sums it up. Family tradition and commitment to community and German heritage are also a big part of this individual’s life. Additionally, the words, “foundation,” “cornerstone,” and “passion” were included in her nominations.”

Mrs. Wehr has been a member of the Jasper DeutscherVerein/Sister Cities of Jasper for many years.” She was president of Sister Cities of Jasper from 2013 to 2018 and presently serves a vice-president and Student Exchange Chairperson and continues to serve as the student exchange liaison on the Jasper Partnership Commission.



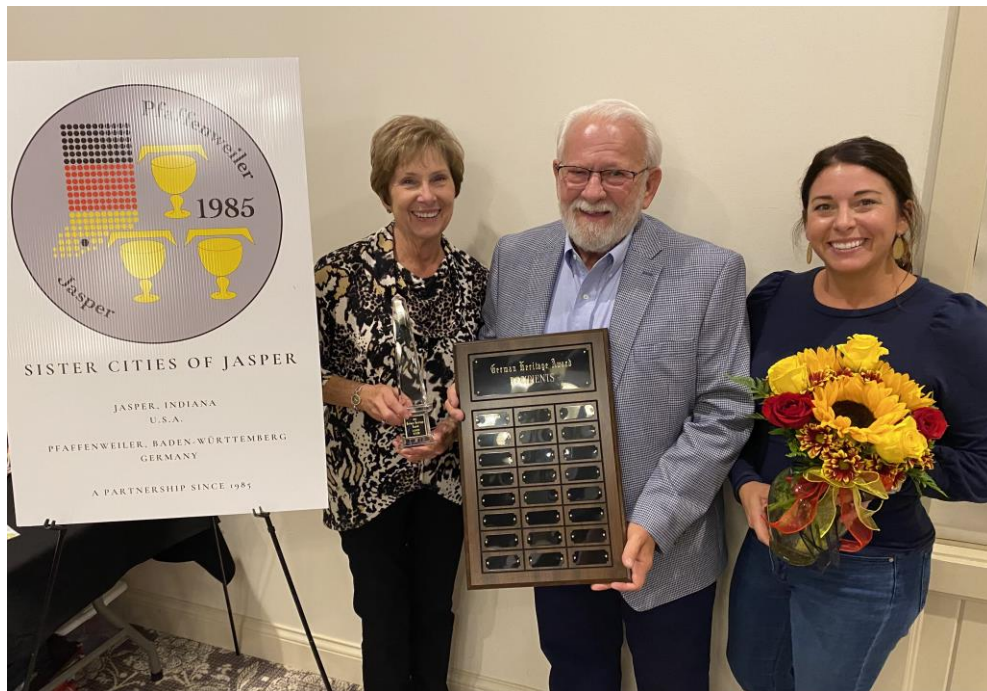
She has met with JHS principals, the Greater Jasper School Board, and Superintendents to assure the German Language Program at JHS would continue with a trained German teacher.

Thru the years, Mrs. Wehr became engaged with the JHS German Student Exchange Program. Since 2007, she has accompanied the bi-annual exchange to Pfaffenweiler/Staufen Gymnasium at least 7 times and with over 95+ total students, including at least 5 times with our second partner school in Poesnek in the former East Germany. In addition, she has facilitated and arranged excursions and city visits in Berlin, Dresden, Munich, and many other wonderful places in Germany while providing between 12 – 18 students on each trip with supervision, education, mentorship, and friendship. And when students and teachers from Germany come to Jasper, she arranges for housing, plans activities, and transportation for those individuals.

Mrs. Wehr and her husband, Dave, have opened their home on numerous occasions for visitors from Germany

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Sandy and Dave Wehr, and their daughter, Jayma



Landen Weidenbenner, Sandy Wehr, and Mary Leah Siegel