

Peoria German American Society's Weekly Newsletter
September 25, 2017



Fans on Stage With Bavarski at the Oktoberfest!

Editor's Comments:

Wasn't the Oktoberfest Wunderbar! The weather cooperated all 3 three days! Thanks to all of you who volunteered and/or attended this year's event. Thanks to the Peoria Park District for their efforts. Also, thanks to the Peoria Jaycees who managed the 6th Annual Das Bier Run and for their efforts with the Drei-athalon. Least I forget, thanks to our wonderful sponsors!

Sponsors are shown in the file below. Click on the Link!

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Beers at the Oktoberfest!

We had a great selections of beers at the Oktoberfest. If you couldn't attend or forgot how one of them tasted click on the

link below:

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Join Us Now!!!

Hey folks if you have been thinking about joining one of our affiliates now we be a good time to do so. If you are not sure which group to join at the bottom of this newsletter is a brief explanation of each affiliate. If you join one of the affiliates, you are automatically a member of the GACS. Also, in most cases you may participate in the activities of any of the affiliates you do not join. For example: Hamonie and Damenchor members can play in the SVP Summer Golf League.

Click on the Link Below for an Application:

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This Week's Calendar

Sept 29: Buffet w/ Swiss Steak, Bratwurst &, Grill Style BBQ
Chicken

Al's Pals Polka Band!

Oct. 6: Buffet w/ Maple Baked Salmon, Smoked Pork Chops,
& Parmesan Chicken

Wilanna Vogel on the Accordion!

All meals are \$12 for adults and \$6.00 for kids 6-10. Children under 5 Eat for Free!

Complimentary Hot Dogs! Includes Assorted Sides, Salad, Bread & Butter.

Desserts \$2 Extra. Cash or Checks Only! ATM Available on site.

Dinner is served from 5-8 pm

Please call the Lindenhof and leave a message as to how many you will have in your party if your party exceed 10 or more people. 309-691-7484

7601 N. Harker Drive, Peoria, Illinois 61615 by Enterprise Car Rental (309) 691-7484

PUBLIC WELCOME

Featuring free WiFi!

ATM Now Available at the Lindenhof!

Click below for October Menu!

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Chat: Updated New Fest Issue for 2017! Oktoberfest Version V Now Available!!! Includes 2017-2018 Public Calendar of Events!

The file has been updated since last week. The dates were

correct, but I was still showing 2016 in some of the headings.

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URGENT!!!

For those of you who have moved and or planning to move PLEASE!!!!!! notify Jeff Pulfer as to your new address and I will forward the change to the membership secretary in the affiliate you belong to as to your new address. I maintain the Master Roster for the GACS and due to sending out the snail mail newsletter I tend to find out that people moved prior to the affiliate membership secretaries. If you change your e-mail address please contact us with the change!!!



Harmonie Fall Membership Party
Saturday, September 30th

Beginning at 1pm!

Any Harmonie member in good standing is invited free of charge! Beverages provided as well as a steak dinner.

Appetizers will be served until dinner at 4:00 pm. Open bar with Harmonie members free and non members \$30.

CRAFT BEER BREWING POSTPONED UNTIL THE WIENER ROAST!

We will also be sampling beers left over from the craft beer tasting at the Bratfest this year. I will also contribute a few select Belgian beers to the sampling as well as some beers from my private stock

A well stocked bar is also available at no charge. Suggest your bring your favorite mixer though.

Non-members can attend by paying \$30 or join Harmonie by the September meeting and pay \$15. The event will be held at 15 Pin Oak Ct, in Washington at my home or as Al Haisch calls it - Lindenhof East.

Unfortunately, this is a male only event. Please make your reservation no later than September 27th.

Please contact Jeff Pulfer at 309-444-4656 to make reservations or click on the link below. You can also sign up at the September membership meeting.

Reservation Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2X08kvzX3QgmxgNkeqExcnqSESMmqBJB7tqHoB0W00YvOAw/viewform>

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Schlachtfest and German-American Day Celebration Sunday,
October 1st

Join us on Sunday, October 1st for our annual Schlachtfest at
Hickory Grove Park, 12403 Hickory Grove Rd., Dunlap, IL

from noon to 8 pm. The event is sponsored by the Peoria German-American Central Society. Schlachtfest or slaughter fest is a old German tradition related to the slaughtering of animals in the Fall before Winter sets in.

The fest has been combined with a celebration of German-American Day and as a kick-off to German-American Heritage month in Peoria. German-American Day is officially the 6th of October. The first German settlement in American was established at Germantown, Pennsylvania on October 6, 1683. In 1987 Ronald Reagan signed S.J. Resolution 108 into law recognizing this date.

This holiday was originally celebrated during the 19th Century, but died out in World War I. The holiday was reestablished by Ronald Reagan in 1983 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the first German settlers to the colonies.

About one in four Americans claim to be of German descent. Even though Germans have settled in the United States for over 300 years, the first German settlers didn't arrive in Peoria until the 1830's.

The Germans have made significant contributions to the tri-county area since their arrival. Many of the businesses including retail stores, steel fabrication, breweries, butcher shops, etc. were largely German through the 1800's and on into the early 1900's . The population of Peoria more than tripled after the influx of, first, German immigrants, then Irish,

Italian, and Lebanese immigrants. The influence of the Germans was heavy in the development of a city from a small town.

Hickory Grove is styled after a typical German Beer Garden. The Schlachtfest and German-American Day Celebration features German food and entertainment.

The event will feature German Music by Vogel Musik and Al's Pals.

Complete German Dinners with Sides: \$10.00 Sandwiches Available Separately

More Activities: Shooting Tent, Bags, & German Gift Tent. Playground equipment for the kids. A campfire will round off the evening, including complimentary marshmallows.

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[German Unity Day](#)

The Day of German Unity ([German](#): Tag der Deutschen)

Einheit) is the [national day](#) of [Germany](#), celebrated on 3 October as a public holiday.] It commemorates the anniversary of [German reunification](#) in 1990, when the goal of a united Germany that originated in the middle of the 19th century, was fulfilled again. Therefore, the name addresses neither the re-union nor the union, but the unity of Germany. The Day of German Unity on 3 October has been the German national holiday since 1990, when the reunification was formally completed.

An alternative choice to commemorate the reunification could have been the day the [Berlin Wall](#) came down: 9 November 1989, which coincided with the anniversary of the [proclamation of the German Republic](#) in 1918, and the defeat of [Hitler's first coup](#) in 1923. However, 9 November was also the anniversary of the first large-scale Nazi-led [pogroms](#) against [Jews](#) in 1938 ([Kristallnacht](#)), so the day was considered inappropriate as a national holiday.[2][3] (See [November 9 in German history](#).) Therefore, 3 October 1990, the day of the formal reunification, was chosen instead and replaced the "Day of German Unity" on 17 June, the national holiday of the [Federal Republic of Germany](#) from 1954.



Classic German & American Car Cruis'ns at Hickory Grove Park - Summer 2017

Car and motorcycle crusin's return this summer to Hickory Grove. Once again folks who show their vehicle will receive a coupon for a free drink or sandwich upon filling out a contact form day of the event. The car shows are to run from noon to 5 pm.

To receive the coupon for a drink or sandwich, vehicles must enter the park grounds no later than 2:00 pm. You may still participate in the car show if you arrive after this time, but you will not receive a coupon.

Schlachtfest - Sun. Oct. 1st
German Cars and Motorcycles

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Fine Arts and Craft Villages at Hickory Grove!!!

At the four German Picnics at Hickory Grove this summer we will be hosting Fine Arts and Craft Villages. These craft village proved to be a popular addition to our events and at Hickory Grove and we are looking forward to working with many of last year's vendors as well as meeting new ones. Each event attracts 500+ people, weather dependent.

Those of you who are members of one of the affiliates or your spouse may rent a space for \$10 for a 12 ft x 12 ft area. If you want an additional 12 ft x 12 ft area it is only \$5 more.

For non-members of the club space rental is \$15 per for a 12 ft x 12 ft area. If you want an additional 12 ft x 12 ft area \$10 more. You'll need to provide your own tents and tables. Tents are not required. In some cases the trees will provide you with adequate coverage.

Revenue generated from booth space rentals will be used to maintain and upgrade the playground equipment at Hickory Grove.

REMAINING DATES:

Schlachtfest - Sun. October 1st

Morning setup at each event will start at 10:00 am Gates open to the public at noon. Expect vendors to stay until at least 4:30 unless weather turns to the worse.

You can drop me an e-mail if interested in participating in one of these events. Jeff.Pulfer44444@gmail.com You can also call me at 309-444-4656.

Click below for a Vendor Packet:

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FUTURE DATES



Monthly German Club Meetings

Harmonie and Damenchor Meetings, Wednesday,
October 4th

Dinner at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 pm October Meeting At The

Lindenhof!

If you are a Harmonie Member and we have 25 or more members for the meeting we buy a round at the end of the meeting!

SVP Meeting, Thursday, October 12th at the Lindenhof Meeting at 7:30 pm

Note: The October SVP Meeting to move to the second Thursday due to the New Ulm trip.

GACS Board Meeting, Monday, October 7th at the Lindenhof!

7:00 pm meeting

Oktoberfest Committee Meeting at 6pm at the Lindenhof



GACS Family Weiner Roast Sunday, October 8

Join us once again for our very popular Family Weiner Roast at Hickory Grove Park on Sunday, October 8th! The event is open for all GACS members and their guests. Hotdogs, buns, apple cider, and marshmallows will be provided - perhaps some beverages.

Also, anyone interested in joining the German Club is also welcome to attend.

Please bring a side dish or something to share.

Time: 11:30am to 7pm. Folks can stay later if they choose. Feel free to come out sooner and enjoy the park. The leaves should be in full color. We will have a bonfire. Expect to start roasting hot dogs around 3 pm.

We will have a TV on-site to watch the NFL games!!

The event is co-sponsored by Harmonie and the Hickory Grove Committee.

NOTE: This is the same weekend as the trip to New Ulm, but our weekends in October are pretty much full. Even though we have 50 members going to New Ulm, the club has 350 other members who could attend the wiener roast.

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Fish Fry at Hickory Grove Park
Sunday, October 15th

All GACS Members are Invited
Sponsored By Harmonie

Bring a covered dish or snack to share. Fish and beverages provided by Harmonie. Dinner served at 3pm. Gates open at 1pm



Affiliate and Committee News

The following information is related to news from the different affiliates and the various committees of our club.



Logo Contest for the GACS

Hi folks, the only logo the Peoria German American Central Society has is the one shown above which was

created for the Lindenhof. The affiliates have something, but we have nothing for the GACS.

With a logo we could use the logo on hat pins, polo shirts, flyers, publicity pieces, banners etc. For those of you who are creative and can create vector art on a computer, we are sponsoring a contest to create a logo for the Peoria German American Central Society.

You can look on the internet for ideas of other German Groups. We would like the logo to be fairly simple, but also stand out much like our Lindenhof logo. We are not looking for an image that reflects all of our activities, but primarily reflects our German-American Heritage.

Your submissions should be submitted to Jeff Pulfer at Jeff.Pulfer44444@gmail.com by October 1st. Multiple submissions are allowed.

The winning submission will get a copy of the new Peoria Dining Tour Book for 2018, which is worth \$100's of dollars if the coupons are taken advantage of.

If we recognize your submission as the winner, you will be asked to surrender ownership of the art to the Peoria German American Central Society.

You can call me at 309-444-4656 if you have questions.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO SUBMIT!!!!



2018 Dining Tour Books

Dining Tour books for 2018 are now available for sale. Same price as last year: \$30. **BOOKS WILL BE AT THE HALL BEGINNING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22!**

Call me at 309-444-4656 or drop me an e-mail if you want one and I'll work with you to get your book to you. Books will also be available at membership meetings, some Friday Nights at the Hall, and also at the Kristkindlmarkt during the next five months.

Coupons are good from the day you purchase it to October 31, 2018.

This year the Lindenhof again has two coupons in the book. Buy one buffet and get the second one for free!

Proceeds to benefit the Publicity and Media

Committee. The funds are used to cover newsletter printing costs, stamps, ink toner for printers, card stock for posters etc.



Archery Season at Hickory Grove Park

All archery events run from 1:00 to 4:00 at Hickory Grove. Daily fees are adults \$5, juniors \$3. Season passes are adults \$20, juniors \$10. Cash is preferred. If you have to write a check, please make it out to Bryan Brown. Non-German Club members are welcome to join us to check us out.

Bows are available for use. We also shoot cross-bows.

Sunday 10/08/2017 Moved to the 15th due to the New Ulm Trip!

Sunday 10/29/2017

Sunday 11/12/2017

Contact Bryan Brown if you have questions: 691-8467



Golf Banquest!

What a beautiful night to end our golf season with our awards banquet held on September 12th at Hickory Groove. We had a great turnout of golfer's and a good time was had by all. I want to say "Thank You" to our wonderful cooks Matt Doling, Al Haisch, Bill Marriot and Scott Bower's for another fantastic meal, to Brent and Dennis for bartending and Carmen Paar and Sherry Willi for the delicious cookies they made for our dessert. Special Thanks to Mary and Walter White for doing our handicaps and weekly scores again this season and especially to Carmen Paar who stepped up again this year and kept things going when I was gone and who also organized our after golf eating venues I couldn't have gotten everything done this season and had such a wonderful banquet without all your help. Thank You!!!!!!

We welcomed two new golf members to the league this year: Anthony "Buzz" Frazee and Jim Warren.

"Thank You" to everyone who participated this year for another enjoyably fun year. Jane Klockenga

Thanks Jane

Contact Jane at jklockenga1@gmail.com



SVP Schützen (Shooters) - [Click on Link Below for More Information about Shooting](#)

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Schützen News:

For additional information on the shooting program, contact me at 231-4620.

Schuß heil! Hauptmann Paul Bischoff



Harmonie Members and Guests Enjoying a Night Out with the Peoria Chiefs

Harmonie is Actively Seeking New Members!!

We know a number of you have expressed an interest in joining the German club. I know it can be a bit confusing. Harmonie is the German Men's Club which has a focus on singing, even though most of our members are not active singers. Harmonie has evolved over the years to offer

a lot to our members than just the chance to sing. We have created a promotional piece with an application on the second page, which explains a bit about who we are and what we do. You will see that we offer a lot of value for your membership dues!

If you are interested in being a part of a group like this, dues are only \$30 per year. Each member chooses how active they want to be. We would love to have you join us!

If you have any questions about Harmonie please do not hesitate to contact me at 309-444-4656 or by e-mail at Jeff.Pulfer44444@gmail.com

Click below for Harmonie Membership Info:

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Future Harmonie Member Social Events in the Works:

Harmonie Member Dinner Social (Stag), Saturday, September 30 at Jeff Pulfer's, 15 Pin Oak Ct, Washington, IL! Details coming soon!

Beerbrewing 101 with Scott Diestelkamp, Sunday October 8 at Hickory Grove Park during the Wiener Roast!

Save the Date!!! Saturday, Oct. 21 st Harmonie is planning a

Joint Social With Damenchor at
Tom Stanesa's in Morton - CANCELLED

Event canceled due to conflicts with another event that same day. Sorry!

Note: This event is replacing the Wing Night we had last year. Since the Last Chance is under new management their wing specials on Sundays are no longer available.



Music and Culture Committee News:

We are always looking for people interested in the German Kultur.

For people interested in German Folk Dancing, the alphorns, or singing with Damenchor and Harmonie, click on the link below. Also details and links on learning German.

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[Music Opportunity!](#)

Richard Krueger, a zither teacher, will provide free lessons and loan an instrument to interested persons. Please contact Richard Krueger at email address kruegerklan@hotmail.com, if you are interested.

Four Perfect Pebbles

St. John Lutheran Church proudly presents Holocaust survivor and co-author of Four Perfect Pebbles, Marion Blumenthal Lazan. Mrs. Lazan will be speaking about her family's story following Hitler's rise to power.

Her "father, mother, Marion, and her brother Albert were trapped in Nazi Germany. They managed eventually to get to Holland, but soon thereafter it was occupied by the Nazis. For the next six-and-a-half years the Blumenthals were forced to live in refugee, transit, and prison camps. Their story is one of horror and hardship, but it is also a story of courage, hope, and the will to survive."

(scholastic.com).

Everyone is invited to come welcome Mrs. Lazan to Central Illinois. There is no charge and books will be available for purchase and autographed if you wish. St. John Lutheran Church is located at [6614 W. Smithville Road, Peoria](#). Presentation is September 27 at 7 p.m. in the

Sanctuary.



Member News

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following spot is for information on special dates and happenings of the members. Please feel free to send me news on Birthdays, Anniversaries, Births, Relocations, Special Recognitions, member health news, etc and I will post in the next e-mail.

Welcome New Members!!

Tim Gaffigan - SVP

Rick Lippert - Harmonie

Jonathon Schache - SVP

Dawn Dickey - Damenchor

Bill Shaner - Harmonie (pending)

Kristen Shaner - Damenchor (pending)

Frank Zupancic - SVP (pending)

Birthdays of German Leaders/Celebrities

To cut down on the number of pages in the weekly newsletter, I've created an interactive PDF for you to find the month of the year to check out birthdays of famous Germans.

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/Famous_German_Birthdays.pdf



News From Our Friends!



Oktoberfests in Illinois!

<http://www.funtober.com/oktoberfest/illinois/>

Oktoberfest Recipes

<http://www.funtober.com/recipes/oktoberfest/>

<http://www.foodrepublic.com/2012/10/04/our-25-favorite-oktoberfest-recipes>

The Berghoff Oktoberfest in Chicago – Prost!

Join us for the Annual Berghoff Oktoberfest, September 7 thru October 7. Be part of Chicago's largest, longest-running Oktoberfest celebration with free daily admission from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., at the [John C. Kluczynski Federal Plaza](#). The opening ceremony on Thursday, September 7, begins at 11:00 am, including a traditional toast to kick-off the celebration.

Hermann Missouri, Oktoberfest

First Four Weekends in Oktober

http://www.visithermann.com/special_events/octoberfest.htm

Welcome to Oktoberfest!

<http://oktoberfestusa.com/>

Welcome to the official Oktoberfest, USA website.
Celebrating over 50 years of Oktoberfest in La Crosse,
WI.

Oktoberfest USA, through a network of volunteers,
preserves, promotes, represents, and celebrates the
values of our diverse heritage regionally, and
internationally.

Events include a Craft Beer Night!

Galena Oktoberfest

<http://www.galenalions.org/galena-oktoberfest.asp>

Saturday, September 30th

Noon to 10 p.m.

Depot Park, Galena, Illinois
(Highway 20 and Park Avenue)

Admission:

Adults & Teens - \$5.00

Children 12 and under - free

(Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Free use of bounce house & games for kids

Galena Oktoberfest will feature a Ceremonial Tapping of the Keg; non-stop [live music](#); [wiener dog races](#); [polka lessons and dancing](#); [bean bag tournament](#); [beer stein endurance contest](#);
bounce house & pumpkin decorating, for the kids; lots of food and beer.



Peoria Historical Society

To Preserve, Share and Celebrate the Stories of the
Peoria Area

<http://www.peoriahistoricalsociety.org/>

**TAZEWELL COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Tazewell County Genealogical & Historical Society

Ehrlicher Research Center

719 N. Eleventh Street, Pekin, Illinois

(309) 477-3044

The Tazewell County Genealogical & Historical Society (TCGHS) library is located in the Ehrlicher Research Center at the above address. The library is open Monday 9 am-1 pm, Tuesday 9 am-1 pm & 7-9 pm, Wednesdays 9 am-4:30 pm, Thursday-Friday 9 am-1 pm, and Sundays 2-4:30 pm central standard time (closed on holidays and holiday weekends). The library is staffed with one or more trained volunteer genealogists.

Since we do depend on volunteers, unexpected closings can occur but are very rare. If you are coming through town and can't stop by during our normal hours, [email us](#) and we'll try to make arrangements to meet you at the library.

Do you know of a group, no matter what age, who would like a tour of our library - whether it be a grade school

class, church group, or civic organization? If so, give us a call or send us an [email](#) to schedule a convenient time for a tour.

E-mail Link

<http://form.jotform.us/form/51625871999170>

GERMAN RESEARCH COLLECTION AT THE TAZEWELL GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY.

Many of the early settlers of Tazewell County emigrated from a region of northeast Germany known as Ostfriesland (East Friesland or East Fresia). Ortssippenbücher (OSB) books contain important information for Ostfriesen researchers such as names, occupations, family relationships, and dates of births, marriages, and deaths for families from a specific Ostfriesen town or village. The information (usually extracted from local church records) is presented alphabetically by family group surname. Our collection of OSB books is thought to be the largest in the State of Illinois.

The TCGHS Meets Monthly at 7:00pm at 719 N. Eleventh Street, Pekin

September 12 - Allison Alcorn will address the Hinners Organ Company founding in Pekin Illinois

October 10 – Jeff Ladd will address The Mill Museum and its connection to Route 66, the restoration process, its outlook to the future

October - Fall Conference with Lin Strong

November 14 – General Membership Meeting – program speaker will be Nancy Blackwell: Publishing Your Family's Genealogy Story.

December 12 – Christmas Party – Potluck at the library

Meetings are open to the public and last about 1 hour.



712 W Second Street, Davenport, IA

Check out their updated website!!!!

<http://gahc.org/>

ADMISSION

Adults: \$5 Seniors:\$4 Children: \$3 (5 – 17 years old)

Free for children under 5

Members: Free (Admission is free all year for members.
([Click here to learn how to become a member.](#))

Military Personnel: Free between Memorial Day – Labor Day.

Hours

Tuesdays through Saturday open 10 am – 4 pm;

Sunday open 12 – 4 pm.

Closed Mondays

Cheers & Biers: German Homebrew Beer Tasting

Saturday, Oct. 14, 6-8pm

Our annual German Homebrew Beer Tasting will take place on Saturday, October 14 from 6-8pm.

Free Admission, At Will Donation

Suggested Donation: \$25

Editor's Note: The Museum is about 90 miles from Peoria and makes for a nice day trip. If you have never been to the museum, it is worth the visit!



Wheel Of Time Museum

Open May thru October - Wed thru Sunday, noon to 5:00 pm

E-mail: wotmuseum@aol.com Phone: 309-243-9020

Open May thru October Wed thru Sunday, noon to 5:00 pm

Web: wheelsotime.org

E-mail: wotmuseum@aol.com

Phone: 309-243-9020

Note: At present, we accept only cash or checks

2017 Schedule

Oct 8 - Fall Festival

Oct 29 - Last day open

<http://wheelsotime.org/>

The museum has 4 buildings with 30,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space. Many exhibits with items made in the past 50-100 years. Something for all ages to enjoy. 40 Cars, Steam

locomotive, Cat tractors, plus Best and Holt, toys, dolls, fire engines including a 1931 Ahrens Fox, fashion, radio station, ag. lab, and much more.

SPECIAL OCTOBER DISPLAYS!

During the month of October Wheels O' Time Museum features not so scary Halloween decorations though out the museum and Fords from the late 1940's and early 1950's are in the Early Ford V8 display area. The cars have three distinct body styles with two completely different engines.

1949 Ford with a split windshield and a very square body known as the "Shoebox". This was the first new body style after World War II manufactured by Ford Motor Co.

1952 Ford Crestliner with the first year with a one-piece windshield and more streamlined body and a Thermador Car Cooler mounted in the passenger door window. A very early version of air conditioning.

1955 Ford Fairlane Convertible with a different body and completely different engine from previous year. All three cars have several changes in the six year period.

6th Annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 8, 2017
On Sunday, October 8, 2017, Wheels O' Time Museum will have the 6th Annual Fall Festival from noon to 4 pm.

Special attractions include:

Music by Dave Berchtold, blacksmithing demonstration, steam engines, antique fire trucks, ambulance tours by AMT, and much more.



Various Links of Interest Related to German Culture

Click on the link below to for a file with numerous links to various information on German Culture

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Beyond Boring Swiss: A Cheese Crawl of Switzerland

<http://www.vogue.com/article/guide-to-swiss-cheeses-switzerland-travel>

Interesting History on German Surnames

<http://blogs.ancestry.com/cm/2014/10/09/there-are-four-common-types-of-german-surnames-which-one-is-yours/>

It's Pilsners Turn

For years we had the pleasure of enjoying all sorts of ales, and more recently sours beers. Now it is lager's turn or more specifically, Pilsners. I just love a good pils on a hot summer day!

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/15ccb35d3205118a>

Vacation Planning Ideas:

Over the years I've created a list of vacation planning ideas. The list was getting quite long so I've created a downloadable PDF for those of you who want to check it out versus including the list of ideas in each newsletter. The pdf will reduce the amount of content in the weekly eNewsletter.

Click to Download the list of Vacation Ideas:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/Vacation_Planning_Ideas_2016.pdf

Recipes: Obatzer Cheese Spread

Since it is Oktoberfest time again, I'm including the Obatzer Cheese recipes again. Feel free to use only cream cheese instead of the brie to save on some

money. You can get brie pretty cheap at Sam's Club though if you want to make the spread the traditional way.

<http://www.rachaelraymag.com/Recipes/rachael-ray-magazine-recipe-index/appetizer-starter-recipes/Bavarian-Cheese-Spread>

<http://www.recipezaar.com/recipe/Bavarian-Cheese-Dip-Obatzda-85034> (If you use this recipe add more paprika than suggested. Use at least 1/2 teaspoon)

<http://www.examiner.com/x-22860-Dallas-Ethnic-Foods-Examiner~y2009m9d24-Recipe--Great-American-Beer-Cheese-Spread-Obatzda>

<http://www.tourmycountry.com/austria/obatzter.htm>

<http://chowhound.chow.com/topics/347076>

http://www.razzledazzlerecipes.com/eatingout/eating_m/cheese-pate.htm



Tracht/Clothing and More!!

For those of you interested in buying German Tracht Clothing, I've created a downloadable PDF for you. The pdf will reduce the amount of content in the weekly eNewsletter.

I've updated the previous file. Added new site for Dirndls, which is featured on EBay:

Lukas: http://stores.ebay.com/Lukas-Mode?_trksid=p2047675.l2563

The previous site I had is no more for inexpensive dirndls. This new site has similar prices as the former if not better

Click to download document with list of more tracht websites:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/161b7cd1df4edf47736f2131a/files/a1889396-3016-41ad-adc3-4f47d242bc24/Lederhosen_and_Dirndls_2.pdf

Looking for something unique, you might try Rare Drindl

<https://raredirndl.com/pages/about-us>



MEMBERSHIP INFO:

NOTE TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:

Anyone who is interested in checking out one of the affiliates is welcome to attend any of their membership meetings as well. Please contact the respective affiliate president before doing so, if you are not attending with one of there current members:

Damenchor: Debbie Hedeman (309) 444-8489

The purpose of the this all female group is to promote German music, heritage, and traditions. We do this by continuing to participate in various civic and social events in the Peoria area, ensuring a German cultural presence in Peoria and surrounding communities. Prior to the meeting a free dinner is served beginning at 6pm.

Harmonie: Jeff Pulfer (309) 444-4656

This all male group strives to preserve German traditions through both German and American music. Harmonie is also involved in Community Service and Fundraising. Members are NOT required to sing, in fact

most of our members do not currently sing, but are primarily interested in promoting German Culture and Traditions. Our meetings are at 7:00 the first Wednesday of the month. Prior to the meeting a free dinner is served beginning at 6pm.

Sport Verein: Steve Dippel (309) 397-0464

Our co-ed Sport Verein group supports several disciplines of sports: soccer, air gun shooting, archery, bicycling, golf, hiking and running. The Sport Verein Peoria holds its business meetings on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm at Lindenhof. We welcome anyone who is interested to participate with the Deutsche Kultur. Prior to the meeting enjoy shooting and a light meal.

News of Interest From You

If you have news you would like to share with the other members please send it to me no later than the Friday before. Since much of the content is carried over from week to week during the month, all new, updated, or urgent content will have the main header in RED. This will make it easier for those of you who are extremely busy to see the changes from week to week.

Feel free to forward this update on to your family and friends! Thanks in advance! For those of you who would

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please use our Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/German-American-Central-Society-Inc/111237502243602>

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Checkout www.peoria.com and www.peoria.com/events |
f you create an account, you will get a weekly e-mail with
links to what is going on in the Peoria area.

Also, the Peoria Visitor's and Convention Bureau has a
very comprehensive site as well: <http://www.peoria.org/>

More:

<http://www.whofish.org>

<http://www.eventcrazy.com/>

<http://eventful.com/>

<http://www.explorepeoria.com/pages/EventsCalendar>

<http://www.peoriachamber.org/calendar/> Peoria

Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events

<http://pjstar.eviesays.com/> Peoria Journal Star and

other area Newspaper event calendar

<http://www.ciproud.biz/events.amp> - WMDB event
calendar

<http://www.artspartners.net/>

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