

# Band boosters serve lunch and dinner

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of chicken-n-dumplings. Both may be purchased as individual servings or in one gallon containers.

Shifts of up to 12 boosters and several student volunteers man the pots and grills during Christkindlmarkt. Proceeds gleaned from the weekend go to support

Marching Ranger activities throughout the year, including competition and concert season.

Winkler reports that students can be spotted throughout the weekend making special deliveries to vendors, particularly drink deliveries. In fact, the Band Booster booth is a great place to grab a water or soda refreshment, especially after sampling

many of the German Christmas breads, cakes and treats for sale at the markt!

Winkler's daughter, Katie, is a senior this year and has served as one of the band's drum majors for three years in a row. His two sons were also in band during their Forest Park tenure. The Marching Rangers are a celebrated legacy in Ferdinand — a town rich with musical talent. This year,

the Marching Rangers took first in their division at State Finals, giving them their fifth first place win in the past decade.

Enjoy lunch and a beverage served by the Forest Park Band Boosters, Winkler's committee co-chairs, Karen and Scott Brown, and a whole host of volunteers including students, in the high school cafeteria during Christkindlmarkt.

# Christkindlmarkt showcases six Indiana wineries

Markt-ers always enjoy the French Lick Winery, Winzerwald Winery, Carousel Winery, Pepper's Ridge Winery, Mystique Winery, and Monkey Hollow Winery booths. The six Indiana wineries will once again offer tastings and bottles and cases for sale.

French Lick Winery will be located at the Ferdinand Community Center markt site.

Winzerwald Winery and Carousel Winery will vend their wares at the Tri-County YMCA's Antiques Markt.

Monkey Hollow Winery and Pepper's Ridge Winery will offer samples and sell their wines at the Monastery Event Hall, while Mystique Winery will serve at the Ferdinand American Legion markt site.

Sample seasonal foods and delectable

vintages throughout town, where vendors will be displaying a huge variety of artwork, quality hand-created items, antiques, folk art, wood carvings, candles, jewelry, fabric, purses, Christmas wares, furniture, toys, accessories, and more in over 200 booths.

All markt sites will be open from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday.



# Hot Off the Lathe

BY CASEY UEBELHOR

"It's such a great event, and my family and I get to enjoy the festivities together after the show!" Cory Smithson says of Christkindlmarkt. Smithson, his wife Kelly, and their two daughters Maranda (10) and Alyssa (8) are returning to markt for the fifth year.

Cory and Kelly are lathe workers, who

turn wood and other materials to produce a wide variety of handmade products including peppermills, pens, cheeseboards and cutting boards. "My wife and I started together about eight years ago," tells Cory. "We had a lathe that was just sitting around and took a class together. That afternoon after the class we were off and running."

In the early days, the couple focused on

creating pens and small projects for friends and family. Soon the couple ventured into larger works. "Each piece is unique," Smithson affirms. "I do not mass produce them. Some are made from acrylics and others from hardwoods. As the material changes, the process changes. Most of the woods I use are domestic hardwoods: cherry and poplar, and when I use these the grain pattern usually dictates the process so that I can showcase the natural beauty."

Nearly all natural woods used by the Smithsons are from Indiana, including poplar, walnut, beech, hickory and maple. "I'll use anything that looks cool," tells Cory.

According to Smithson, acrylic projects often take the longest to turn. In general, peppermills are bored and prepped before turning, and the turning may take two hours or more. "I tend to invest a lot of time in finishing them, so that they are shiny and pretty for as long as they can be," says Smithson. "My mills tend to have a beautiful, durable

sheen. They are the most eye-catching pieces in our display."

Cory is particularly proud of his crochet hook sets. The first one he made, he gifted to his mother-in-law. "She loved it," tells the artist. "It really enabled her to get back into crocheting again." Smithson's hooks have large handles, allowing crocheters to switch between sizes of hook. "They have been extremely beneficial to crocheters with mild to severe hand arthritis," explains Cory.

When they're not crafting, the couple is browsing Pinterest and Instagram for inspiration. "There are so many people out there making really cool things," says the artist.

The Forest Park Jr. High Gym is one of the busiest markt locations! Find Hot Off the Lathe tucked against the bleachers. "Our display is not big and flashy," says Cory, "but I do have many colorful pieces and a large variety... We do a lot of shows, about one a month, but we never fail to attend this one!"

## Ferdinand Community Center

**Allen Berg Woodcarving** — hand-carved items wood pieces from native Indiana trees  
**Anne's Handmade Ideas** — handmade quilted bags, kitchen items and accessories  
**American Heritage Cutting Boards** — hand crafted cutting boards

**Betty Houze** — jewelry, hats  
**Country Cottage** — painted slate, sleds, light bulb ornaments and decorative paintings  
**Crafts by Betty** — Christmas and country

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