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KINDERMASKENBALL

TRANSLATED TO "CHILDREN'S MASKED DANCE," KINDERMASKENBALL IS A LONG-TIME NEW BRAUNFELS TRADITION. KINDERMASKENBALLS BEGAN IN GERMANY, AND NEW BRAUNFELS' FIRST SCHOOL TEACHER, FRIEDRICH HERMANN SEELE (1823-1902), IS CREDITED WITH BRINGING THE EVENT TO NEW BRAUNFELS SOMETIME BEFORE 1857. BEGINNING AT THEIR CLASSROOMS, SCHOOLCHILDREN **AND** BANDS MARCHING DON **COLORFUL** COSTUMES AND PARADE THROUGH THE NEW BRAUNFELS STREETS, ENDING AT A LARGE GALA WITH SINGING, DANCING, FUN AND PLAYS. THE LOCATION OF THE GALA OVER THE YEARS HAS INCLUDED SEELE'S SAENGERHALLE, SEEKATZ OPERA HOUSE, LANDA PARK AND THE GYMNASIUM OF NEW BRAUNFELS HIGH SCHOOL. FOR OVER 160 YEARS, THE EVENT HAS BEEN A STAPLE OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS COMMUNITY.

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