

# June German Bulletin

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## June German Ball

D & H Recreation Center

MARTINSVILLE,

Friday, June 10th

ALL NIGHT LONG ——— 10:00 to 4:00 A. M.

~~~~~MUSIC BY~~~~~

### Jimmie Lunceford

AND HIS SPECIAL JUNE GERMAN BAND

WITH CONTINUOUS MUSIC BY

### JEW SCALES

And His Up-and-Coming Band Doing the Relief Playing

Though this program is undated, research strongly suggests that Lunceford played in Martinsville in 1938.



**Jimmie Lunceford**  
1902- 1947

Swinging Big Band leader Jimmie Lunceford is remembered for developing the distinctive sound of a two-beat swing often played at medium tempo. The Lunceford Orchestra was known in the 1930s and '40s less for its soloists than for its ensemble work.

FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES, African Americans from small towns, big cities and the countryside in between flocked to Martinsville each June to attend the annual event known as the June German Ball. It began as a dance event and evolved to become a festival-like celebration that would become legendary in local residents' memories, whether they ever actually attended the dance or not.

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*FAHI thanks Alberta Wilson for saving and sharing her copy of the June German Ball program.*

*WORKING AND PLAYING ON FAYETTE STREET: an exhibit created through the partnership of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and the Fayette Area Historical Initiative.*

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