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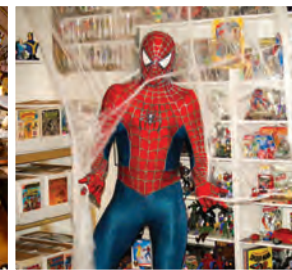
Swing with a red-hot lineup of artists during the **27th Annual Elkhart Jazz Festival**, June 20-22.

Enjoy the sweet sounds of Aaron Neville, the toe-tapping rhythms

of Preservation Hall Jazz Band, the patriotic refrains of the Airmen of Note and other jazz greats during a musical weekend in downtown Elkhart.

Downtown Goshen throws one **BIG** party every month for **First Fridays!**

Main Street is filled with music, entertainment and family-friendly activities with themed celebrations including a Cruisin' Reunion and SandBlast!



FINDS

Order a smoothie and browse stacks of new and used books at **Better World Books** in Goshen. You'll pick up a great read and make an impact on global literacy. At nearby **Reverie** yarn and décor shop, revel in the hues and tickle your creativity.

It's a quick trip to "Carnaby Street" via downtown Elkhart at **Mod Closet**, a bohemian boutique. At **Elk River Upcycle** where everything old is new again, folks go green with creative architectural salvage.

EAT

Eat local; go global. The tradition of Vera Pizza Napoletana wood-fired at 900° produces old-world flavors at **Venturi** in Goshen. Course by course, the Asian-inspired large and small plates served at **Kelly Jae's Café** guarantee a memorable meal. In Elkhart, dine al fresco at **McCarthy's** **On the RiverWalk** enjoying American contemporary classics accompanied by great views. Over at **523 Tap & Grill** the seared Ahi Tuna with hot orange chili sauce and seaweed salad is a tasty favorite!

EDUN

Climb into the cab of an E8 Diesel Locomotive and play engineer then zoom around the grounds on the NIBCO express in downtown Elkhart's **New York Central Railroad Museum**. Holy Batcave!

Step into a replica from the 1960's TV series complete with Batpole and original Batman costume at **Hall of Heroes Superhero Museum** in Elkhart. Get the scoop on creamy treats voted best in Indiana at **The Chief** in Goshen, or sip a frothy Green River Soda at the nostalgic **South Side Soda Shop**.



Quilt Gardens

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FALL FLOWER CARPETS

North America's only **Fall Flower Carpets** themed to "Celebrate the Arts" share the spotlight in the downtowns of **Elkhart** and **Nappanee**.

Two Flower Carpets, each carpet loaded with **7,000 jewel-toned mums** replicating original patterns, fill city blocks with a crescendo of color.

Viewing platforms make photo taking easy.

This mum-spectacle is on view **FREE** of charge
 September 28 - October 15, 2014.

STORY IDEAS ... *along the Heritage Trail*



DRINK LOCAL WITH SPIRIT!

A winery in downtown Goshen is an unexpected and welcomed find. **Gateway Cellar Winery** makes, bottles and ages eighteen different types of wines on premises. Sit and relax in the renovated storefront overlooking Main Street sampling wines while chatting with the owner. **Iechyd Da Brewing Company** on Main Street in Elkhart takes its name from a Welsh toast meaning “good health,” although it should denote “really good beer in a really cool place.” Its lively atmosphere is only outdone by its wide range of craft brews made on site. For a pint with lots of hop power order the Revolution American IPA, and those new to the world of craft find the Local Blonde the perfect drinking partner.



FRESH AS IT GETS

A Saturday morning visit to **Goshen Farmer's Market** is rewarded with vendor's booths piled high with fresh from the farm produce and the aroma of hearth baked breads wafting through the air. Follow the scent to **Rachel's Bread** where Rachel Shenk is baking Belgian inspired creations from buttery croissants to crusty rolls. A few blocks away Justin Venturi can be caught “red-handed” making fresh fior di latte (mozzarella) that requires pouring hot water over a big block of cheese curd then plunging his hands into the water to work the curd. The freshly made mozzarella is a key ingredient in **Venturi's Vera Pizza Napoletana**. In nearby Middlebury, the Amish workers at **Guggisberg Deutsch Kase Haus** have no reservations about getting “cheesy” as they skillfully turn locally sourced milk into prize-winning Colby and Swiss.



FAMILY TIME OUT

Bring the kids for family outdoor fun time. Pedaling is leisurely on the **Pumpkinvine Nature Trail** passing woodlands, cow-filled pastures, Amish farmsteads and schoolhouses. The flat stretch between Middlebury and Shippshewana is a popular conduit for families and Amish residents as well. It's easy to get off the trail to visit nearby Amish stores so bring a backpack. Make it simple and rent bikes and helmets at **Pumpkinvine Cyclery** in Middlebury. Just like the kids, bicycles come in different sizes and tag-alongs and kids' carts are available for rent too. A post bike stop at **Das Dutchman Essenhaus** satisfies the carb hungry with 30 varieties of pie.



THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!

Feel the energy as groups like the Tumbleweed Jumpers or The Sweetback Sisters take the stage at **Ignition Music Garage** in downtown Goshen. Goshen's burgeoning music scene brings plenty of local talent plus other popular indy artists to headline at this venue that is also a record store (vinyl is king here) and studio for **The Globe**, an award-winning public radio station. In the heart of Elkhart's A&E District, **The Lerner**, a magnificently restored 1920s-era vaudeville palace, hosts shows to rock the house or soothe the soul. The Lerner is also the main venue for the annual **Elkhart Jazz Festival**, and it's the home for **Premier Arts**, an award-winning resident theatre company. **Amish Acres Round Barn Theatre** in Nappanee is the National Home of “Plain and Fancy,” and scores of other Broadway musical favorites are performed here by Indiana's only professional resident musical repertory theatre.



SUPER COOL PLACES

Amish Country, *Destination-wide*

See it all driving the Heritage Trail chosen tops by USA Today readers. The free audio guided tour travels through downtown streets and along Amish Country back roads more frequented by buggies than cars.

Bonneyville Mill, *Bristol*

Watch millstones grind grain into flour then grab a couple of bags to take home. The tasty flour at this 150-year old mill is the real deal and a real bargain.

Ruthmere, *Elkhart*

Peek into the closet of Elizabeth Beardsley and see how well-to-do ladies dressed in 1910. Elizabeth's dresses still hang on the rack and her hats and shoes line the shelves.

Wellfield Botanic Gardens, *Elkhart*

Vie for space on mama bear's lap with her chubby cub and leave room for the kids. The large bronze bear sculpture in the middle of the Gardens invites cuddling.

Midwest Museum of American Art, *Elkhart*

See Calder's "Pyramids" and Edward Moran's "Seacoast". It is strictly an American scenario here with lots of impressive viewing. Nifty finds in their gift shop too.

RV/MH Hall of Fame, *Elkhart*

Step into the "long, long" trailer that mirrors the one Lucy & Desi made famous in their hilarious road trip movie. Mae West's house car is parked just down the aisle.

Old Bag Factory, *Goshen*

Meet Mark Goertzen sitting at his potter's wheel. Find eye-popping quilts in a log cabin. "Tickle the ivories" of a vintage piano. This place has everything but old bags.

Goshen Farmer's Market, *Goshen*

Celebrate the edible with fresh-from-the-fields produce, free-range poultry and creamy cheeses. A stop at Rachel's Bread is rewarded with Belgian inspired pastries and melt-in-your-mouth croissants.

Ignition Music, *Goshen*

Rock on audiophiles! Vinyl is cool at this once garage now turned music store. Pop in for evening performances of popular Indie bands here too.

Olympia Candy Kitchen, *Goshen*

Get your sugar rush sampling hand-dipped chocolates filling wood and glass cases. Then chat over sundaes in original wooden booths or snag a stool at the old-fashioned soda fountain.

Gohn Brothers, *Middlebury*

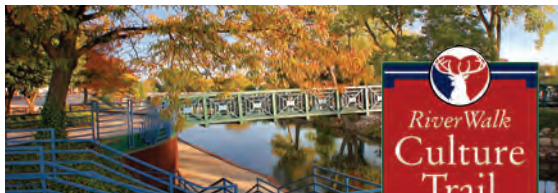
Pick up a pair of traditional Amish Broadfall pants or wide-brimmed straw hat at this century-old store. Upstairs Amish seamstresses are busy making the rigid black bonnets displayed on the store's shelves.

Coppes Commons, *Nappanee*

Visit the birthplace of the famed "Hoosier" cabinet and shop for locally made finds. While there order up a treat at Rocket Science Ice Cream and enjoy the show as its flash frozen using liquid nitrogen.

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WHAT'S NEW



RiverWalk Culture Trail, *Elkhart*

A set-your-own pace walking tour filled with inviting sites and stops that include gorgeous gardens, parks, outdoor art, historic homes, museums, performance venues, eclectic events and activities.

It's all connected by Elkhart's scenic RiverWalk and three distinctly different downtown neighborhoods - and all steps from Main Street's restaurants, shops and pubs.



MILEAGE TO AMISH COUNTRY

Indianapolis	165m/266km	Milwaukee	200m/322km
Detroit	165m/266km	St. Louis	390m/628km
Chicago	140m/225km	Toronto	440m/708km



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