

Greens, Grapes & Getaways

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As I write this on the first day of the New Year, I can't help but get excited for the great golf and tournaments we all have to look forward to in 2014. As the year unfolds and you start planning your getaway weekends and vacations, there are some great ideas on the next several pages for quick trips, easy drives to premier golf, and some wonderful wineries and restaurants along the way that we have experienced and would recommend. We hope you enjoy!

SWAN LAKE RESORT— THE ULTIMATE GETAWAY

Swan Lake Resort is one of the Midwest's most complete golf, conference and fitness resort facilities. Swan Lake Resort offers a variety of lodging options (hotel, cabins and villas), 36 holes of championship golf, a year-round golf academy, two restaurants, a 30,000 sq. ft. conference center with meeting rooms accommodating 8-240 people, indoor and outdoor pools and fitness and spa facilities. Nestled on 600 acres in the Northern Indiana countryside, the luxurious and affordable Swan Lake Resort is a surprise getaway to relax and enjoy anytime.

For over 40 years the Golf Academy at Swan Lake Resort has helped thousands of golfers find greater enjoyment in their golf games. Led by highly trained PGA professionals, the Academy combines the amenities of Swan Lake Resort with state-of-the-art diagnostic technologies, video analysis, simulators, Trackman, large practice range and custom fittings offered at competitive prices. Enjoy individual or group lessons and be sure to check out their special Academy Golf Packages at swanlakeresort.com.

SIP, TASTE, DINE & RELAX AT TABOR HILL

When you long for the sophistication of discerning taste in a setting of serene beauty, your destination is **Tabor Hill Winery & Restaurant**. From wine tastings to a memorable dining experience, Tabor Hill offers an unsurpassed level of expertise. Visitors rave about the combination of award-winning varietals and elevated cuisine, all presented with a view of wine country's rolling hills.

Wine and food pairings are a natural delight, and Tabor Hill brings the best pairings to your table. Executive Chef JohnPaul VerHage's world-class culinary expertise ensures every dish is delectable. "Having the finest wines and cuisine - over the years I've found that's a rare combination," says Tabor

Hill Winery President and General Manager Paul Landeck. "Our Chef JohnPaul is just phenomenal. You can tell from the ambience in the kitchen that everything is handled with an expectation of excellence."

Seven days a week visitors can enjoy wine tastings from among 15 to 20 varieties, some of them proprietary blends - "unique blends you won't find anywhere else, like our classic Demi Sec," says Landeck. The wine-tasting area and sales room are 100 percent new, with vaulted ceilings and a view of the vineyard. The wines are also available in other restaurants and retail stores in the Midwest. Visit www.taborhill.com for more information.





CIAO BELLA HONORED WITH AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Ciao Bella is one of Chicagoland's favorite eateries for great homemade Italian dishes, along with friendly service and a great glass of wine! Honored with Wine Spectator Magazine's 2013 "Award of Excellence" Ciao Bella offers one of the finest wine lists in the world. Stop in and you may find owner and restaurateur, Joe Scalzo, sitting at the newly-expanded spacious bar talking leisurely with his guests. Ciao Bella also offers off-premise catering, on-site events for 60, and a cozy Cantina Room where golfers can gather after their round and catch their favorite players teeing it up on the Golf Channel.

For more information, visit ciaobellaonline.com.

GROW GRAPES AND MAKE YOUR OWN WINE AT GRAVITY

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to grow your own grapes and make your own wine? Gravity Vineyard & Winery is going to give you the chance to do just that. When you join their "Gravity Growers Vine Club", you will be given your own vine complete with a plaque with your name on it. This exclusive club provides first-hand experience in making your own wine from start to finish. Gravity is a fairly new modern winery just up the road from Tabor Hill that features flights of wine, cheese and chocolate. Oh my! With indoor and outdoor seating for 100+ it's a perfect spot for an enjoyable day to sip wine and enjoy the views of the vineyards. For more information, visit gravitywine.com or call 269-471-**WINE**. Gravity is in the center of 8 great wineries in southwest Michigan.



STAY, PLAY AND LIVE AT HARBOR SHORES

For over a century and a half, St. Joseph and Benton Harbor have been travel destinations. Today the tradition continues with Southwest Michigan's first beach, golf and residential waterfront community, **Harbor Shores**.

New to Harbor Shores in 2014 is a special place on the water, Harbor Village. Located on a large deep water harbor where the Paw Paw and St. Joseph River meet Lake Michigan, Harbor Village features the Marina at Harbor Shores, a variety of residential opportunities from condominiums to cottages, and the Inn at Harbor Shores. The Inn at Harbor Shores, evoking the great resorts of the past, is a premier destination hotel offering balconied guest rooms and suites, meeting and banquet space, a roof top event deck, a spa, two pools, a poolside bar, and an indoor-outdoor whirlpool.

SENIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP RETURNS TO HARBOR SHORES

Less than a quarter mile from Harbor Village, and interconnected by over 12 miles of walkways and trails, **Harbor Shores** is anchored by a public Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course. The golf course played host in 2012 to the most prestigious event in senior golf, the **Senior PGA Championship presented by KitchenAid**. The Championship will again return to Harbor Shores in 2014, 2016 & 2018, a most unprecedented sequence in the history of The PGA of America.

For more information about Harbor Shores including Harbor Village, The Inn, real estate, golf packages & outings, dining options, events & meetings, or the Senior PGA Championship presented by KitchenAid, please visit www.harborshoreslife.com.

FAMED GREENS & NEW GETAWAYS AT NOTRE DAME

Following a more than \$30 million renovation and expansion, Morris Inn at the University of Notre Dame reopened in August 2013 for the first football game after closing October 2012 for construction.

The expansion increased total square footage of the building and number of guest rooms from 92 to 150. Each guest room has premier amenities such as 42" HDTVs, spacious bathrooms, Keurig coffee makers, mini fridges and an iPad to view in-room dining menus and more.

The expansion also included the creation of a 300-seat ballroom and three separate private dining rooms. Morris Inn now offers 30,000 square feet of meeting space in conjunction with Notre Dame Conference Center at McKenna Hall.

While Morris Inn preserved the historic **Sorin's** restaurant, located on the lobby level of the hotel, it added two new



dining options: **Rohr's**, a casual pub located off the lobby; and the **Wind Family Fireside Terrace**, an outdoor space, serving the menu from Rohr's.

Golf Packages are available at Morris
Inn or Ivy Court Inn & Suites in which
golfers can tee it up where the Irish
play at the Warren Golf Course at Notre
Dame—a "Coore & Crenshaw" course
—or at Blackthorn Golf Club, who will
again host the Four Winds Invitational/
LPGA Symetra Tour in June.



COOPER'S HAWK UNIQUE "GREENS & GRAPES" CONCEPT

After four years of planning and construction, Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant opened in 2005 in Orland Park. The concept was unique. They would create a signature menu with a selection of dishes designed to pair perfectly with their own Cooper's Hawk wines, made in their own private winery.

With sophisticated food and exceptional wines, the Cooper's Hawk concept was born. The concept includes four distinct components: an upscale casual dining restaurant, full-service bar, private barrelaging room, and Napa-style tasting room and retail gift store...all under one roof.

Cooper's Hawk has been growing at a tremendous rate and expects to open four more restaurants in the upcoming year of 2014 including two in Orlando FL, one in Richmond VA, and one in Springfield IL.



