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All very POSH



POSH hotel General Manager Matt Swisher discusses what he thinks the hotel can bring the downtown Bloomington area in a room on the top floor of the nearly completed structure. PHOTOS BY RICH JANZARUK/HERALD-TIMES

Upscale hotel to wow guests with expansive views

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From rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows that provide expansive views of Bloomington’s downtown to an infra-red sauna and terraces that overlook Kirkwood Avenue, a new multi-million-dollar upscale hotel will open in a matter of days.

The five-story POSH hotel, the northwest corner of which includes the shell of the historic former People’s

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The nearly completed POSH hotel sits on Kirkwood Avenue.



Andy Mahler rests on a log and holds his dog, Wagner, while walking in the Hoosier National Forest in June 2024. PROVIDED BY STEVEN HIGGS

Activist Andy Mahler dies at 74

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After decades defending the woods near his home and throughout Indiana, Andrew “Andy” Mahler, 74, died on Aug. 30 at his home near Paoli.

Mahler lived there with his wife, Linda Lee, who survives. Their home- stead was known as the Lazy Black Bear and is surrounded on three sides by the Hoosier National Forest, one of the forests Mahler worked to protect.

Mahler, born on June 21, 1951, grew up in Bloomington. He was the son of two Indiana University professors, Annamarie and Henry Mahler.

Andy Mahler earned a degree in fine art at IU after graduating from Bloomington High School. In addition to being an artist and activist, he was a musician and author.

He helped found Protect Our Woods in the 1980s and was proud the group

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MY FAVORITE RIDE

An afternoon drive with a secret passenger, or two

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Once in awhile, I turn My Favorite Ride over to another writer to tell the story.

Meet Nathan Aikman, a seventh grad- er at Covenant Christian School in Bloomington. He’s 12 years old, prefers fast 1960s-era muscle cars over the 19-foot-long convertible featured here and has a recent automotive adventure to pass along.

Here’s some background for anyone who missed my column about Cynthia Clapham’s 1972 Cadillac Edoardo conver-

tible. I agreed to meet Clapham at the Sam’s Club gas pumps last November so I could see the car in person and take some photos.

A minivan drove slowly past that af- ternoon, then stopped. Nathan and his mom got out to admire Clapham’s Cadil- lac. I took a picture of him standing by the car.

A few months later, Clapham and I hatched a plan to embark on a summer- time cruise in the car. We decided to take Nathan along.

We finally met up on Aug. 24, a breezy

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Nathan Aikman during a recent drive in this classic Cadillac convertible. LAURA LANE/HERALD-TIMES

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