

# Around the Block

*Batavia restaurant review:*

## The RendezVu Don't let the outside fool you, the food is superb

*By Kish Pisani, editor and  
Tim Sullivan, publisher*

Just north of Wilson on River Street is an unassuming white cinder block building, home to the RendezVu Restaurant. But don't be dissuaded. From first bite, it is clear that Chef Jerry Dunn is more committed to extreme excellence in his culinary craft than he is to an extreme makeover of his space.

We were joined for dinner by Mark and Donna Dettman, who entered our drawing from the Neighbors website ([www.neighborsofbatavia.com](http://www.neighborsofbatavia.com)), and Roger and Judi Breisch. Our evening started with Jerry's personal version of Shrimp Dejonghe, a sampling of shrimp in a rainbow of swirled sauces. The appetizer was followed with choice of homemade soup or salad with Chef Dunn's own dressings. But we came for Chef Dunn's personal favorite, Crusted Almond Tilapia, served with a choice of sides. We all marveled at the delicately prepared, generous portion of fish cooked to perfection and perfectly presented with a side of lightly steamed fresh vegetables. "Chef Dunn is known for his vegetables," Roger Breisch noted.



*Top: The RendezVu restaurant*

*Right: Chef Jerry Dunn's signature dessert*

We all agreed; everything so far was superb. Yet his desserts may have topped it all. Jerry's signature dessert is a White Chocolate Mousse with whipped crème served in a hand-made chocolate-formed espresso cup and accompanying white chocolate spoon. All of the



desserts, from the chocolate brownie sundae to the apple strudel were works of pure culinary pleasure, all made by Chef Dunn and all less than \$5.

The RendezVu is a family place

too, with an affordable kid's menu. We recommend this restaurant for the very good food, accessibility (parking is easy) and reasonable prices, but the desserts are simply to die for. The complete lunch and dinner menus are available on the website at [www.the-rendezvu.com](http://www.the-rendezvu.com).

As Roger Breisch says, "This is a hidden gem." We agree. "We will definitely come back," promised Batavia resident Donna Dettman. Jerry Dunn invites you to try his favorite recipe at home, or for a special treat, visit the RendezVu Restaurant.

## Almond Crusted Tilapia

*By Chef Jerry Dunn*

*The RendezVu*

*102 North River Street  
Batavia, 406-9177*

### Ingredients (per portion)

- One Tilapia filet
- 1 oz whole butter
- 1 oz white wine
- 1 oz lemon juice
- 1 oz chicken stock or broth
- Fresh chopped Italian flat parsley
- Kosher salt & pepper
- Slivered almonds
- Flour
- Oven safe sauté pan

1. For the almond flour, in a food processor pulse 1 cup of flour with 1 tbs. Almonds
2. Preheat oven to 350°

3. Start a pan over medium heat, add approx 1 oz. of olive oil or cooking oil to pan, heat for about a minute
4. Lightly salt and pepper tilapia filet and dredge in almond flour, patting off excess flour
5. Place tilapia in pan, for about two minutes or until fish is lightly browned, checking constantly, flip fish and place in pan in oven for five minutes.
6. Take pan from oven and place fish on plate. Return pan to medium flame and add white wine, lemon



*Almond Crusted Tilapia and a serving of Chef Dunn's vegetables*

- juice, then check stock or broth, bring to a boil, turn off heat, add butter and swirl butter just until melted.
7. Add parsley and pour sauce over fish, garnish with extra almonds if desired.

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*Mark and Donna Dettman, winners of Neighbors Magazine drawing*



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We want to hear about exciting news and events from your school or organization. Email Kish Pisani at [kish@emeraldmarketing.com](mailto:kish@emeraldmarketing.com)

## Group looking for names of troops serving overseas

Home Front Support Brigade, Inc. is requesting the names and addresses of local troops currently serving overseas in the military. In particular, the group is interested in knowing about return dates so that they may organize presentations to all those who have served in combat against the war on terror. Information should include:

*Name, Address, Relationship and contact information of the family, Return date*

Send to all information to:  
**Home Front Support Brigade, Inc**  
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 Batavia, IL 60510  
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*Winners at last year's Polo event benefiting First Street Playhouse.*

## Polo tournament to benefit First Street Playhouse

The Blackberry Polo Club will open the gates to families of the Fox Valley area for a day of Polo, picnicking, Clydesdale Horses, Prizes and lots of fun. The fun will begin on Sunday, July 15 at noon, and tickets for the event are \$10 each or \$25 for a family.

The day features the championship Polo match, a tailgate picnic contest, free rides for children on a wagon drawn by the famous Clydesdale horses, lots of 'gate' prizes, and other fun entertainment from the talents of First Street Playhouse.

The gates open at 11am, and cars are allowed to drive up long side the polo field, so viewers can hatch open the backs, prepare and enjoy their tailgate picnic. There is a rain date of Aug. 5 in the event of cancellation of the event.

The Blackberry Polo Club is located on Bliss Road in Batavia, ½ mile south of Main Street. Tickets are available on line at [www.firststreetplayhouse.com](http://www.firststreetplayhouse.com) or available at First Street Playhouse, DJM Travel, and All Dressed Up Costumes.

First Street Playhouse Institute of Theatre and the Performing arts is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to provide educational theatre and entertainment theatre to the greater

Fox Valley Area. Tickets can be purchased on-line or at the theatre. First Street Playhouse is located on the corner of First and Water Streets in downtown Batavia, with the box office entrance at 160 S. Water Street. More details can be found on the web site at [www.firststreetplayhouse.com](http://www.firststreetplayhouse.com) or by calling the box office at 406-6367.

## Batavia Enterprises, Inc. appoints new vice president

Batavia Enterprises, Inc. announced the appointment of Austin M. Dempsey as Vice President. Batavia Enterprises, Inc. is a locally owned property management company with properties in Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles, West Chicago and Elburn. As Vice President, Dempsey will direct and coordinate activities to help successfully manage the business operation while assisting the President with all facets of effectively running the company.

## Retirement community building town center, new apartments

The first floor of The Holmstad's planned new building will be filled with amenities; the second and third floors will house 46 new residential apartments.

The construction at the corner of Batavia Avenue and Fabyan Parkway in Batavia is a new 42,370-square-foot town center that will add a host of amenities and apartment homes to The Holmstad.

The first floor of the continuing care retirement community's new building will be a pedestrian plaza with a variety of dining options, professionally designed fitness center, two heated indoor swimming pools, sauna and steam room, creative arts



Demolition begins to make room for the new Town Center at The Holmstad

center, library/computer center with several online workstations, game room, fireplace lounge with gathering areas, courtyard with covered veranda, greenhouse, beauty salon and barbershop, and education center. The second and third floors will house 48 residential apartments with up to 1,473 square feet of living space. Every apartment will have a balcony for personal access to the community's scenic 38-acre campus.

For additional information call The Holmstad at 879-4100.

## Fox River Trail Runners train for Chicago marathon

With the Batavia Marathon complete, many area runners turn their training efforts toward the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon this fall. There are more than 300 members of the Fox River Trail Runners and many of them will attempt to run their first or tenth marathon and more elite runners are trying to qualify for Boston in 2008.

The Fox River Trail Runners train twice a week and all runners are welcome. For more information, contact Club President, Winston Rasmussen at 393-4952 or [w.rasmussen@comcast.net](mailto:w.rasmussen@comcast.net) or the website at [www.foxrivertrailrunners.org](http://www.foxrivertrailrunners.org).

## Car show to benefit Elderday Center

Classic Cars for Classic Seniors is the theme for the Third Annual Elderday Center Car Show, a benefit fundraiser for the Center. The Car Show is scheduled for July 7, from 9am-2pm, rain or shine. The registration fee is \$15 per car and

is limited to Classics, Hot Rods, Customs, Antiques, Muscle Cars and Trucks. The show will be held in the Bethany Lutheran Church parking lot behind Elderday Center which is

located at the Bethany Ministry Center 8 S. Lincoln St. Batavia.

For more information call the Center at 761-9750 or stop by the car show. All proceeds go right back into improving the program for the seniors.

## Kane County Cougars warm up for hall-of-famer Ryne Sandberg

The Cougars are preparing to play the Peoria Chiefs, the Class-A affiliate of the Chicago Cubs, managed by former Cub and Hall-of-Famer Ryne Sandberg, over the Fourth of July week.

For more information visit the website at [www.kanecountycougars.com](http://www.kanecountycougars.com) or 232-8811.

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## Fox Valley Montessori School now enrolling for fall

Now in it's 37<sup>th</sup> year, Fox Valley Montessori School is nestled in a quiet neighborhood ten minutes south of Batavia, just one mile past IMSA. Open enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year has begun. Please contact us for more information by calling (630)896-7557 or visiting [www.fvms.org](http://www.fvms.org) for more information.

## Local artists exhibit at library

The Batavia Artists' Guild members will be displaying a variety of their artwork by numerous artists in the interior gallery of the Batavia Public Library during August, 2007.

The Batavia Artists' Guild has been operating since 1993. The purpose of the Guild is to foster, create and encourage appreciation of the Fine Arts and to encourage artistic expression.

## Support groups for caregivers offered at Elderday Center

The Elderday Center of Batavia hosts two monthly support groups to provide caregivers an opportunity to meet with others who face the same stressors they do. The focus is on building mutual support. During the meeting, participants share insights, strategies, and needs. The meeting is facilitated by Elderday social worker Joan L. Guest, MSW, LCSW. The available meeting times are as follows:

- Thur., July 19, 6-7:30pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Thur.)
- Tue., July 24, 10-11:30am (4<sup>th</sup> Tue.)
- Thur., Aug 16, 6-7:30pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Thur.)
- Tue., Aug 28, 10-11:30am (4<sup>th</sup> Tue.)

Groups meet at the Center at 8 S. Lincoln Street (Bethany Ministry Center, end of parking lot in Batavia. Care for older adults may be available by calling 761-9750 two days in advance to reserve a space.



An all-ages crowd came out to cheer on 1,000 walkers at the Bridge Walk

## Bridge Walk raises funds and spirits of many

By all accounts, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bridge Walk was a huge success! More than 90 teams registered for the event- nearly 1,000 walkers in total- raising over \$178,000! All monies raised will support the 30 free programs and services LivingWell provides to hundreds of people living with cancer.

LivingWell Cancer Resource Center is a community-based, not-for-profit center dedicated to improving quality of life for cancer patients and their loved ones. LivingWell offers information and education, as well as emotional support when going through this challenging time. All programs and services at LivingWell are provided free of charge. For more information about LivingWell Cancer Resource Center, please call 262-1111 or visit [www.livingwellcrc.org](http://www.livingwellcrc.org). LivingWell is located at 1803 West State Street, Geneva.

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## Calvary Episcopal announces vacation bible school

The public is invited to participate in Vacation Bible School this summer at Calvary Episcopal Church July 30-31 and August 1. The Church is located at 222 South Batavia Avenue (corner of Route 31 and Main) in Batavia. For more information or to register, call Calvary at 879-3378.

Calvary also announces a summer worship schedule with services at 8 & 9:30am. For information on Calvary's programs for children and youth, visit the church's wiki site at [www.fishfood.wetpaint.com](http://www.fishfood.wetpaint.com) or call 879-3378.

## LivingWell Cancer Resource Center plans "Feet in the Creek."

It's time again to celebrate summer with LivingWell Cancer Resource Center. Individuals with cancer and families who have been affected by cancer are welcome to join LivingWell for a fun day of feet in the creek on July 22 from noon-3pm. Feet in the Creek takes place



at Leroy Oaks in St. Charles Participants will be able to enjoy a barbeque, art projects, games, or even go catch crayfish, frogs and much more. Those interested in attending can call ahead to register at 262-1111. Be sure to wear shoes that can get wet and bring a towel if you are planning on going in the creek

## Pork chop and chicken dinner benefits Elderday Center

Elderday Center will hold a benefit Barbeque Pork chop and Chicken Dinner on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 4:30-6:30pm. This dinner will be catered by 5-B's and will include baked beans, coleslaw, roll, butter, applesauce, coffee or lemonade. The dinner will be served at the Bethany Ministry Center at 8 S. Lincoln Street in Batavia, where Elderday Center is located. Eat in or carry out is available and walk ins are welcome. Tickets are \$10 for pork chop or chicken dinners and \$4 for a hot dog dinner. For more information contact Micki Miller at Elderday Center at 761-9750.

## Fox Valley parkinson disease support group

Delnor Hospital of Geneva and the Elderday Center of Batavia host a monthly support group for those with Parkinson Disease and their family members. The group invites special speakers, and members share information, insights, and strategies. Meetings take place at Delnor Hospital (get room assignment from front desk). The meeting is facilitated by Joan L. Guest, MSW, LCSW. For information, contact Guest at 761-9750.

**Saturday, July 21 at 10:30am**– Topic: Pilato will speak on the FDA drug approval process

**Saturday, Aug 18- 10:30am**– Topic: Julia Barickman, speech pathologist, will demonstrate Lee Silverman Voice Treatment therapy designed for people with Parkinson's.

## Batavia 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Show

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### Schedule of Events:

- Savor-The Flavor Food Vendors-5pm to 9:30pm
- Musical Showcase sponsored by the Batavia Park District and featuring the band, "Jam Shop"-7pm to 9:15pm
- Sky Concert-9:30-10pm

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