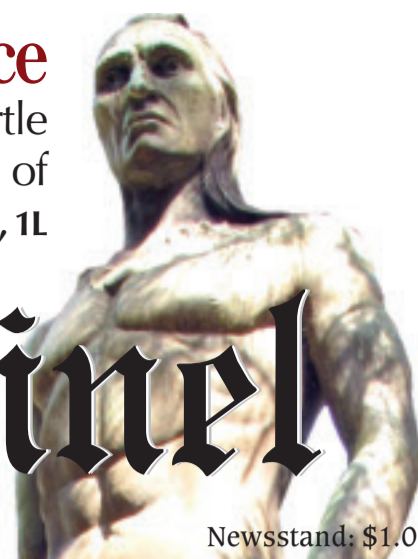


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"There I was, battered from the loss of her, and they were not only nullifying me in her life, they were nullifying our whole relationship."

Woman tells story of love, loss of partner

New Haven resident writes book about legal hurdles after crash.

By JACLYN GOLDSBOROUGH
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Three years ago, Pat Deihl lost her soul-mate. After a 36-year relationship with her partner, Mary Lee Richeson, a car accident critically injured both of the women. Five weeks later, Richeson had a massive stroke and died. Today, Pat recalls her deeply loving relationship with her partner in a new book about love, grief and the struggle to move on.

The accident

Deihl and Richeson were on their way to

Coming Thursday

Local LGBT community concerned about impact of HJR-6 on lives, economy.

Indianapolis in July 2010 when the accident happened.

It seemed to occur in an instant. By the time they caught a glimpse of the truck barreling down the ramp on Interstate 69, it was too late. The truck smashed into the driver's side of the couple's car.

Emergency workers dragged Richeson out

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Courtesy photos

LEFT: Pat Deihl, left, and Mary Lee Richeson, right, sit outside their New Haven home on a summer afternoon in 2010. Deihl is writing a book about the couple's story in remembrance of Richeson. RIGHT: On the couple's 25th anniversary in January 2000, Deihl and Richeson held a "joining ceremony" in front of family and friends at Unity of Fort Wayne Spiritual Center. That was their first kiss in public and is retold in Deihl's book.

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR-ILLUSTRATOR TO VISIT FORT WAYNE

A feathered fairy tale

Jan Brett retells
Cinderella
using chickens

By JAMES GRANT
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Children's author-illustrator Jan Brett, who'll appear Saturday at the Barnes & Noble bookstore at Jefferson Pointe for a book-signing, has a passion for her work, which has resulted in her becoming a No. 1 New York Times best-selling author with more than 38 million books in print.

Some of Brett's most popular books, including "The Mitten: A Ukrainian Folktale," "The Hat," "Town Mouse Country Mouse," "Gingerbread Baby" and "Who's That Knocking on Christmas Eve?" are filled with her wonderful and detailed illustrations that depict the architecture and costumes from different eras and nations.

Brett is known for doing extensive research trips in different countries so that the characters in her books are depicted in settings with such realism that readers feel as if they've traveled to different parts of the world with her when they look at her work.

Her latest book, "Cinders: A Chicken Cinderella," is no exception in that it's a different take on the classic Cinderella story featuring chickens as the main characters, which was inspired by her travels to Russia.

"When I started thinking about



Courtesy photo

Best-selling children's book author-illustrator Jan Brett, who also raises show chickens, will offer a drawing demonstration and book-signing at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Barnes & Noble bookstore in Jefferson Pointe mall.

the book itself, I wanted to have that kind of feeling you have in a fairy tale," Brett said in a telephone interview of traveling to Russia while doing research for the book.

"Where it's (Russia) kind of this amazing place with very ornate architecture and something about going back in time and luckily I

found everything I needed going to St. Petersburg.

"Especially the Museum of Iconography, which had all of these beautiful traditional clothes from the olden days including lavish head dresses that the women would wear and I thought that would be perfect for the chickens that are the characters in the

Book chat

What: Meet author Jan Brett discussing her new book, "Cinders: A Chicken Cinderella"

When: 5 p.m. Saturday

Where: Barnes & Noble, 4140 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Cost: Free

Information: Call Barnes & Noble at 432-3343

More online

Hear an audio interview with Brett in a file attached to this story at news-sentinel.com.

book, and it would be a little bit humorous as well."

Brett also raises award-winning chickens, which was obviously another inspiration for her when creating "Cinders: A Chicken Cinderella."

As she has shown the book to various audiences, Brett wanted to make sure that the people she meets who are also involved with raising chickens liked the book and appreciated her depictions of the chickens as she views them as more beautiful than she was able to portray.

"I've read it to my granddaughter and I've read it to some other friends of the family plus I've been going to these chicken shows," Brett said.

"I had some advance copies, so I would give it as prizes.

"So I was a little nervous about it (portraying the chickens well in illustrations) because a chicken is

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Hunter one of few patients to make life-ending choice

By JENI O'MALLEY
of The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Tim Bowers of Decatur got to decide for himself whether he wanted to live or die.

When the avid outdoorsman was badly hurt Saturday in a hunting accident, doctors said he would be paralyzed and could be on a ventilator for life. His family had a unique request: Could he be brought out of sedation to hear

his prognosis and decide what he wanted to do?

Doctors said yes, and Bowers chose to take no extra measures to stay alive. He died Sunday, hours after his breathing tube was removed.

"We just asked him, 'Do you want this?' And he shook his head emphatically no," his sister, Jenny Shultz, said of her brother, who was often found hunting, camping or helping his father on his northeastern Indiana farm.

The 32-year-old was deer hunting when he fell 16 feet from a tree and suffered a severe spinal injury that paralyzed him from the shoulders down. Doctors thought he might never breathe on his own again.

Courts have long upheld the rights of patients to refuse life support. But Bowers' case was unusual because it's often family members or surrogates, not the patient, who make end-of-life decisions.

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Sheriff seeks tips on identities of suspects in burglary, thefts from vehicles

News-Sentinel staff reports

The Allen County Sheriff's Department is seeking help from the public to identify multiple suspects suspected in a burglary and thefts from vehicles in the Twin Eagles subdivision in northern Allen County.

In the early morning hours of Oct. 22, suspects gained entry to a

garage, taking several items. Also that evening, several cars in the addition were broken into. Multiple items were taken from the vehicles.

The accompanying photographs of the suspects from a home surveillance system.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to call Detective Braun at 449-7762.



Authorities want the public's help in identifying the suspects in these photos, which came from a home security system's camera.

Photos courtesy of Allen County Sheriff's Department

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The staff gets a visit from North Side coach Ryan Hall to talk sectional football

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