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Gangster Blog

November in NE Iowa—3 Events

I love to tell people about *Gangster In Our Midst*—a neglected Iowa story about a gangster who came to a small Iowa town during Prohibition—more specifically, my hometown: Fairbank.

I thought my enthusiasm got reflected in the attached **Press Release**, which I'm in the process of distributing to announce **three (3) book signings the first weekend of November**. ("Laree's" in Independence is one of them—thank you, Laree Randall, owner!)

And, I'm certain that same enthusiasm will come across in the radio interviews I've scheduled (thus far) with:

- 1) John Busbee: Des Moines and Culture are conjoined in a whirlwind of lively guests and conversation every Wednesday on KFMG's 98.9 FM CULTURE BUZZ from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and
- 2) Jeff Stein, KXEL-1540 (a previous employer).

I hope you'll contact me if you hear one of these interviews, and I hope to see many of you at one of the November events!

New Vendor

Fairbank Historic Society—103 East Main St., Fairbank, IA, Bob Shields, President, 319-269-6795

NOTE: Buy your **second edition** of *Gangster In Our Midst* at **F.H.S.** during the **Fairbank Holiday Celebration** (Dec. 2, 3-6 pm). Reminder: I published a second edition in April 2018, after additional stories about Louie La Cava came my way. This whole book happened as the result of an outpouring of love and support from F.H.S. members—and many others from the community. Help support the F.H.S.!

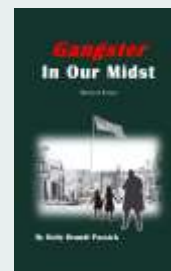


Three Fingers

July 1, 1928—Frank Yale was found slumped over the wheel of his new Lincoln near his New York home, gunned down by four men in a black Nash sedan dispensing one hundred .45 caliber bullets into his car. The police...

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Come to the Twin Cities Book Festival at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds, **Saturday, Oct. 13, 10 am - 5 pm**. FREE Admission—FREE parking—FREE Metro Transit rides to the Fairgrounds.

Another first for me...

The [Twin Cities Book Festival](#), sponsored by Rain Taxi, is about as big as they get in the area! 2018 marks their 18th year, held at the MN State Fair Grounds on October 13th.

I'll be making my author debut with *Gangster In Our Midst*. I've attended book fairs before—this time I'm getting invitations to meet with publishers and agents. **More to follow...**

Ch. 2 Books—WI

Come for the “Meet & Greet” on **Saturday, October 20th** over the **lunch hour** at Chapter 2 books in Hudson, Wisconsin. Thanks, Sue Roegge, owner, for the invitation!

A Unique, Wacky Read!

Take a look at *Gangster In Our Midst* for your next **book club**

read. The genre is historical suspense. It's about a small town that's forever changed when a gangster comes to town. The book sells for \$16.95 plus tax, S&H. I can provide the books—or order them through your favorite local bookstore, Amazon, or Barnes & Noble.

I also make available a study guide for book club leaders at no cost. And, I invite you to take me up on my offer to come to the first book club gathering and talk about **how to navigate the book**; then, at the final gathering, to **answer any lingering questions**. Read more at: www.bettybrandtpassick.com.

Please contact me with any questions you may have.



Author Events

— **Sat., Oct. 20**, noon — Chapter2 Books, 226 Locust S., Hudson, WI, (715) 220-8818

— **Fri, Nov. 2**, 11 am–2 pm — Decades, 25 South Frederick, Oelwein, IA, (319) 504-1464

— **Sat., Nov. 3**, 9 am–3 pm — “Holiday Open House”, Barn Happy, 11310 University Ave, Cedar Falls, IA, (319) 266-0888

— **Sun., Nov. 4**, 12:30–2:30 pm, **(new)** Laree's, 306 1st St E, Independence, IA, (319) 334-6703

— Dec., Time: **TBD (new)** — River Lights Bookstore, 1098 Main St, Dubuque, IA 52001, 563-556-4391

— **Jan/Mar 2019** — West Des Moines Library, 4000 Mills Civic Pkwy., West Des Moines, IA, (515) 222-3400

— **Fri., May 3, 2019**, 10 am — Burlington Public Library, 210 Court St., Burlington, IA (319) 753-1647

— **Sat, May 4, 2019**, 11 am–3 pm — Burlington By The Book, 301 Jefferson St, Burlington, IA, (319) 753-9981

Pending...

— Date/Time: **TBD** — Johnson Co. Historical Society, 860 Quarry Rd, Coralville, IA 52241, (319) 351-5738

— Date/Time: **TBD** — Cicero Public Library, 5225 West Cermak Rd., Cicero, Ill, (708) 652-8084

— Date/Time: **TBD** — Delafield Public Library, 500 Genesee St, Delafield, WI, (262) 646-6230

— Date/Time: **TBD** — Cedar Valley Historical Society, 503 South St., Waterloo, IA, (319) 234-6357

— Date/Time: **TBD** — Majors & Quinn, 3038 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, MN, (612) 822-4611

Book Fairs

-- **Sat., Oct. 13**, 10 am– 5 pm **(new)**, “Twin Cities Book Festival”, MN State Fairgrounds, 1265 Snelling Ave N, Falcon Heights, MN