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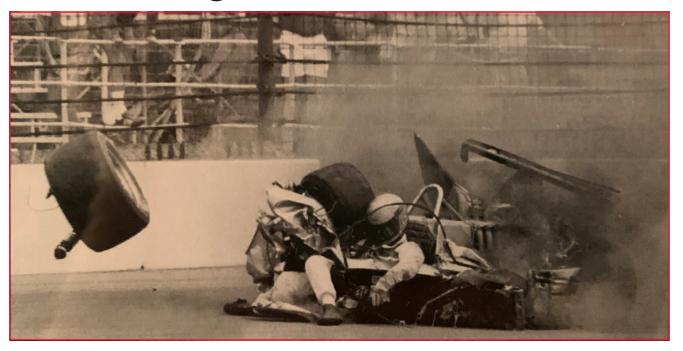


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(Cover) 5 Joe Miller poses for a photo with a wine glass behind the bar at Our Table at Our Table in Bargersville. Miller said they are going to have different local taps behind their bar including one from Taxman Brewing, a Bargersville native, one from Sun King and one from Quaff On!, another Indiana staple. | (Left) Ginger and Joe Miller pose for a photo at their fireplace inside Our Table Oct. 28, 2021, at their restaurant in Bargersville. The Millers want their restaurant to be a place that people can start coming to regularly for family gatherings or just on their lunch break. | (Right) Our Table is expected to open before Thanksgiving, pending various inspections. (Photos by Jacob Musselman)

Our Table

A Culinary Experience Like No Other

"I had a weak moment and

said I'll do this for my aunt. We

ended up spending an entire

Sunday talking, and the rest

was history..."

- GINGER MILLER

COVER STORY

By Judy Clodfelter

No one could miss the passion in the voices of Joe and Ginger Miller as they describe Our Table, their new restaurant opening soon in the Bargersville area.

"After someone dines at Our Table for the first time, we hope they would say, 'I felt so taken care of-amazing food and wonderful service! I can't wait to go back!""

It is clear that this upscale establishment will provide guests with chef-crafted original recipes set in a warm, softly lit environment intended to give customers an exquisite dining experience. Why the name "Our Table?"

According to Ginger, her husband loves to host and set the perfect milieu whether preparing for a meal or an event. Therefore, when they were discussing possible names for the restaurant, they realized that they would want people "to feel like they were at our table." Hence, the perfect name was created.

The Millers are not strangers to the southside. Ginger attended St. Barnabas Parish and Roncalli while Joe graduated from Scecina Memorial High School. Ginger was attending graduate school in Oregon with no plans to move back to the Indy area, but her aunt had other ideas. When her niece was home on a summer break, her aunt mentioned that she had a friend whom she wanted Ginger to meet.

"I had a weak moment and said I'll do this for my aunt. We ended up spending an entire Sunday talking, and the rest was history. He came to visit me in Oregon, and once I graduated, I got a job in Indiana, and came home and we were engaged!"

They now live in Perry Township with their five children; John Patrick, 13; Eva, 11; Quentin, 9; Violette, 8; and Edward, 6 and are very active in the St. Barnabas community.

The couple, who will be married 15 years on Nov. 11, have very different backgrounds. While Joe had an early interest in culinary arts, Ginger has a PHD in special education.

"I taught last year but stopped so we could focus on the restaurant. I'm going all in on the restaurant. I loved it and would have kept doing it if we didn't have this... ... I couldn't see myself teaching and being all in with Joe on this."

Joe's interest in culinary arts began at the young age of 14 as he

began working for a local catering company, Indiana's Catering, whose owner taught him a great deal and allowed him to actually work in their kitchen. His formal education started by taking a class at the Ivy Tech Culinary Hospitality Program in Indianapolis to see if that was what he wanted to do. He ended up graduating with a degree in applied science and even had the opportunity to study abroad in France which he considers "life-changing." Joe still has high praise for this program. "All of

the instructors at Ivy Tech are actually chefs. The kitchen is state of the art, and the chef who runs that facility is Jeff Bricker....he is top notch."

Another very influential mentor for Joe at the time was a man named Alex Darvishi. "When I enrolled at Ivy Tech, that's when Chef Alex Darvishi, who at the time was chef at Meridian Hills Country Club, was putting together a culinary team for competitions. They called him the Vince Lombardi of culi-

nary competitions. I was asked to be part of that team, and that changed my life there because I was part of the Indiana Junior Culinary Team, and through doing that team, I was eventually hired on as a line cook at Meridian Hills, and at the same time we won the national championship..... I worked for Chef

Darvishi for three years, and once he left, I worked for another chef from Switzerland as his sous chef and, eventually, at the age of 26, was promoted to executive chef and held that position for 16 years....schooling was good but the best schooling I got was working with Chef Darvishi. He was amazing."

Ginger certainly concurs, "Just from what I've observed and learned from Joe, when it comes to the culinary world, a lot is who you work with. Working with Chef Darvishi in-

stilled a lot in him." Indeed, Joe was fortunate to compete with the chef and his teammates in competitions in California, New York and Germany.

Joe left his job at Meridian Hills in November of 2019 with high hopes of opening his restaurant, but then COVID-19 hit. He joined the Mark Adams School of Woodworking and led their lunch service program until 2020. Renewing their search with their business partners and family members, Laura and Ken Fikes, Joe and Ginger found the perfect location at a Mike Duke owned property in Bargersville.

Because it is a new build, the couple was able to start fresh and add their own rustic charm and warm ambiance to the design. With approximately 4,800 square feet to work with, they have created a unique dining experience with the capacity for 120 patrons inside as well as at least 20 guests who can enjoy the covered patio and fireplace on the outside of the building when weather permits. Joe and Ginger have also created a beautiful private room inside the restaurant where guests can enjoy a wine country atmosphere for intimate parties.

As with many businesses, they are having some issues with their supply chains. The booths took over four months to arrive, and now they await some essential food ingredients and liquor. However, because all the menu items are original and made from scratch, the acquisition of supplies should not take as long. Joe and Ginger have the mindset



Joe Miller got various pieces of his kitchen from different friends and other restaurants.

that adjustments always have to be made and "let's make it happen."

They feel they have been blessed with the hiring of quality staff, several who have worked with Joe in the past. One important asset is Tanya Smith, their new pastry chef who was the former head baker for Circle City Sweets known for its French pastries and breads. The Millers are hoping that phase two of the restaurant will feature a market area where customers can purchase Smith's goods as well as a demo kitchen where Chef Joe can share his skills.

Our Table's menu will offer a variety of items including steaks, flatbreads, lamb chops, and fresh seafood flown in daily. There will also be accommodations for those with

food allergies or who are gluten free. Joe says, "Our menu lends itself to be easily adjusted so there is something for everyone."

Our Table will be open from Tuesday through Thursday from five to nine and Friday through Sunday from five to ten. They will be closed on Mondays and also major holidays to allow for family time. Reservations are required with walk-in only seating available at the unique walnut bar area. Lunch will be available from Thursday through Saturday during phase two of the restaurant's opening.

Our Table is located at 5080 State Rd. 135, Suite A, in Bargersville with an opening date of mid to late November, before Thanksgiving. Cozy up to the fireplaces or bar and make Our Table your Table in the near future.



Joe Miller poses for a photo in his kitchen Oct. 28, 2021, at Our Table in Bargersville. Miller got various pieces of his kitchen from different friends and other restaurants. (**Photo by Jacob Musselman**)

Meaghan Rysdale, a Political Science Instructor at Indiana University, lives in the Greenwood area and was recently matched as a mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana (BBBSCI).

"I have done a lot of research on negative impacts within vulnerable communities. In doing my research... it didn't feel like I was doing much to yield visible change within these communities. As a result, I looked for something I wanted to become a part of to fulfill this aspect of my life, and I stumbled upon BBBSCI," shares Meaghan.

BBBSCI provides one-to-one mentoring for kids in the community by pairing them with adult volunteers. Matches typically consist of pairing one Big (Brother or Sister) with one Little (Brother or Sister). Once matched, the child and adult receive professional support from a BBBSCI Mentoring Relationship Specialist and access to agency-provided activities and experiences (both virtual and in-person).

After being matched for a few months, Meaghan says, "Our match has been quite fulfilling for the both of us! My Little has struggled with school, while school is something I am an expert in. I have struggled to find time to do fun things, and because I have enjoyed spending time with my Little, I now find myself making time to do fun things. We have gone bowling; attended

a Pacers Game; gone to a Lego convention; gone out to eat together; signed up for library cards, saw a movie at the park; attended a pumpkin decorating event; and did homework together. What comes from a match is what you both make put into it."

With a variety of ways to connect, Bigs and Littles determine what their relationship can look like. Frequency and virtual or in-person meetings are determined by the comfort level of Littles and their family as well as the Big.

Meaghan goes on to share, "BBBSCI is one way in which some stability can be offered to children through mentorship. In the long term, it's the experiences these children have through BBBSCI that encourages them to dream big and work hard to set goals for themselves to become sustainable adults working to improve society."

Right now, there are nearly 1,200 kids waiting for a mentor of their own and are ready for someone to stand in their corner. Specifically in Johnson County, there are 70 kids waiting, with 64 of them being boys waiting for a Big Brother. BBBSCI currently supports 1,191 matches in our community, and the agency is working strategically to increase the number of children served each year. Each friendship between a Big and Little represents a child's growth and encouragement thanks to a mentor by their side.

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ICONic briefs



CGHS students work with a skeleton in a classroom. (Photo provided by Center Grove High School)

Center Grove High School honored for AP exam

Intelligence - The Indiana Department of Education and College Board recognized Center Grove High School for its recent performance on the Advanced Placement test. In order to be recognized, the school should have had at least 25% of 2019 and/or 2020 graduates who earned a score of 3 or higher on at least one Advanced Placement exam during high school. Center Grove High School was one of only 73 schools in the state of Indiana to receive the recognition. CGHS offers 27 Advanced Placement courses.



An overhead view at the new hangars. (Photo provided by the City of Greenwood)

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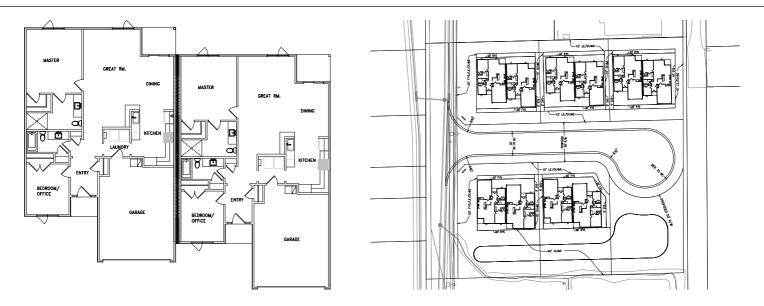


The Center Grove Marching Trojans perform their halftime show Oct. 8, 2021, at Center Grove High School. (Photo by Jacob Musselman)

Center Grove Marching Trojans to perform at Lucas Oil Stadium for the Bands of America **Grand National Championships**

Hit your mark - On Nov. 11-13, the Center Grove Marching Trojans will join 98 other high school marching bands from 18 states across the country to compete in the 2021 Bands of America (BOA) Grand National Championships. The competition features two days of preliminary competition judged by a panel of national recognized music educators and marching band experts. The competition will also feature exhibition performances by college marching bands such as Murray State University, Miami University and Rutgers University. The Grand National Championships culminate the 2021 season of 22 BOA marching band championships across the country. BOA returned in 2021 after the 2020 season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to the start of this season, the last event was held in November of 2019. "The enthusiastic return of the bands performing at this championship is a testament to the resilience, dedication and hard work of these young student musicians, their

teachers, school administrators, parents and families," said Dr. Jeremy Earnhart, President and CEO of Music For all in a press release. Tickets for the competition are \$29 for the prelim round, \$45 or \$65 for reserved seating for the semifinals. Final tickets are also available on ticketmaster.com. Children 10 and younger are free. Music for All will present the Bands of America Grand National Championships at Lucas Oil Stadium at 500 South Capitol Avenue. Thursday's preliminary competition begins at 8:45 a.m., gates open at 8 a.m. Friday's Preliminary competition begins at 7 a.m., gates open at 6:15 a.m. Saturday's Semi-Finals begins at 7 a.m., gates open at 6:15 a.m. Finalists will be announced during the Semi-Finals Awards Ceremony at approximately 5 p.m. Gates re-open for Finals at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. All times are tentative, pending the final schedule of performing bands. Start times can be found at marching.musicforall.org/ grandnationals21.



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"When most people think of carpet cleaning they think of steam cleaning where hot water is poured into the carpet, and then sucked back out," says Oxi Fresh Carpet Cleaning owner Corry Stalcup. "This seems effective because you can see the dirty water coming out, but this can damage the padding and take quite a while to dry. That can lead to a world of problems including mold. Further, with traditional methods, much of the odor control occurs by diluting it and spreading it out over the pad instead of dealing with what is causing the odor. A fair amount is extracted, but much of it is left behind."

Oxi Fresh offers a chemistry-based alternative to traditional carpet cleaning. Using all green materials that are safe for both children and pets, Oxi Fresh consumes just 5-10% of the water used in steam cleaning, while being at least equally effective at cleaning carpets, rugs, upholstery, and other surfaces. The other key benefit to this approach is much quicker drying times due to less moisture being left behind... usually about 1-2 hours.

Explaining the methodology, Stalcup says: "Our Oxi Fresh cleaning agents attach enzyme molecules to dirt that will break down the binding proteins that hold the dirt together, and keep it attached to the fibers of your carpet. It then encapsulates the dirt with molecules, enabling a machine to lift out the grime with counter rotating brushes and suction. It's safe for pets and children upon completion of the work.

In addition to the non-harmful products Oxi Fresh uses, their traditionally strong sanitary practices became paramount during the pandemic. All technicians wear gloves and masks. Machines are disinfected and brushes are switched out between jobs. Each night brushes are sterilized for the next day. "We want to serve our customers, but do so in the safest way possible for them. We serve many elderly and immunocompromised customers...and we never want to be the cause of any harm to them while cleaning", Stalcup continued.

Corry has lived on the South side, having relocated from the West side of Indianapolis, for the past 20 years. Four years ago he married his wife, and business partner, Kelly, and they built a new home and relocated to Center Grove. Parents to two teenagers and a toddler, they were drawn to the area for a number of reasons.

"I love the Center Grove area." Stalcup explains "The school system here was a huge draw. My son Brayden is a senior and my daughter Avery is a sophomore at Center Grove High School. Our youngest, Leland, still has a way to go before beginning school, but we're excited for him to work through Center Grove Schools as well".

Three years ago Corry was downsized from a company that he had been with for 7 years. He was in danger of suffering the same fate with his new company when they decided to outsource the work his team did. Ultimately he stayed with that company in a different role, but the impact of those two occurrences altered his career path dramatically. "After months of painstaking research, and work Kelly and I decided to partner with Oxi Fresh to bring our franchise here to the South and West Sides of Indianapolis. We've not looked back."

"My eyes were opened to the lack of loyalty in corporate America." Stalcup continued, "Even people who have stellar performance reviews and longevity with a company can be let go on a whim if it helps the bottom line. I did not want to be beholden to a business where my future was uncertain, so I talked with a career counselor. He came back to me with a handful of options and one was Oxi Fresh."

After learning about their business and growth model, plus the technology used, I felt

it was a good fit for me," Stalcup adds. "Since we opened, we've seen tremendous growth while maintaining the highest levels of customer service. We could not be more excited for the future. My background in technology has been instrumental in our success so far, as I've leveraged it in every facet of what is not traditionally a technology heavy industry".

Pricing is dependent on the area being cleaned and quotes for commercial jobs are given following an onsite visit. Residential quotes are given over the phone, online, and through social media and are determined based on the number of rooms, stairways and hallways, etc. What is quoted is what you can expect to pay. "We're not big on hiding fees or trying to cheat customers. If we get there and you don't change the scope of the work, you will be charged exactly what you were quoted".

In addition to putting the customer first, and trying to make the process as straightforward and simple as possible, one other area that Stalcup has seen drive tremendous success for the company is the people he has hired. "I work to hire the best people possible. I don't care if they've ever cleaned an inch of carpet in their lives...we can teach that. I want good people in my customer's homes. It's that simple," Corry says. "I've had no turnover in our two years in business. I want customers to know that if they like their technician, that he will likely be there the next time, and the next time after that," he continues, "we want to have great relationships with our customers, and that is often most easily achieved through familiarity and consistency."

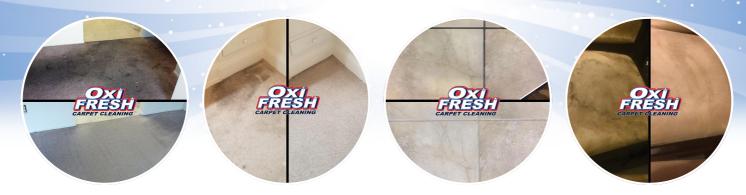
He concludes, "I impress on my employees that we are actually a customer service company that cleans carpets. We also do not do time windows for appointments...we schedule a time, and that's when we show up. The second thing that my guys probably get sick of hearing me say is 'if you're early, you're on time. If you're on time, you're late.' Us being green, having fast dry times, and cleaning carpets is great...but in the end it's about delivering for customers and leaving them feeling like they received a great value, and a great experience."



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By Gus Pearcy

Richard K. "Rick" Myers, 59, co-owner of Grow Local Media, died peacefully Oct. 14 at his Avon home surrounded by his family following a long illness. He was the publisher of the Hendricks County ICON, Hendricks County Business Leader, Center Grove ICON and The Southside Times and a dedicated public servant to many Central Indiana com-

Myers was a visionary with an unbridled passion for newspapers. He believed content was king. He encouraged new ideas but generated many assignments through his conversations with people in the community. Myers could talk to anyone about anything. He gave voice to the community and drew them closer via a hyper-local publication mailed free to everyone.

He appreciated a great photo and clever layout. He instinctively knew what people wanted to read and delivered it each issue.

But his heart was his wife Catherine and

Born Oct. 22, 1961, in Indianapolis to the late Robert and Mary Ellen Myers, Rick grew up just outside of Haughville in Wayne Township. Fascinated with newspapers, when the family went on vacation, the first thing he would do in a new town is ask his dad for money to go buy a local newspaper.

"I learned early on that the newspaper was a mirror of the community," Myers said in a podcast recorded in April. Listen to the entire recording at http://myhcicon.com/podcastepisode-13

Years later, staff remembers him bringing back stacks of newspapers from his trips for them to review.

One of his earliest jobs was as a newspaper carrier for the Indianapolis News and Indianapolis Star. He worked his way up to

RICHARD "RICK" K. MYERS

A community mourns the loss of a champion

station captain, ensuring the shopping circulars and coupons were inserted in every Sunday paper.

As a senior at Crispus Attucks High School, he worked in the Indianapolis Star and News mailroom, moved up to copy boy before he was a sports clerk taking scores by phone on Friday nights and always said it was one of his favorite jobs.

Myers graduated from Vincennes University with a bachelor's degree in journalism with a photography emphasis from Ball State University. Later, he earned a master's degree in youth development from Kansas State Univer-

He worked as a sportswriter at then new The Greenwood Gazette where he met his longtime friend and business partner Brian Kelly. The experience taught him how to launch a newspa-

"No one had a greater passion for our industry than Rick, and that's why he was so successful," Kelly said. "Nothing made him happier than serving the community, his customers and his readers. Above

all else, he fiercely

loved his family and was so proud of

Myers also served as the City of Carmel press secretary in the late Mayor Ted Johnson's administration as well as at Westfield Washington Schools where he launched a media relations and communications effort.

After Greenwood was sold to Central Newspapers, Myers eventually transferred to the former Hendricks County Flyer. In 2005 he and Kelly launched the Hendricks County

Business Leader under the corporate

publishing group Times-Leader Publications. The company also purchased The Southside Times, a publication that served southern Marion County and expanded to northern Johnson County under Myers.

Since then in an era

when many newspapers were shuttering and shrinking, Myers created general news publications, the **Hendricks County** ICON and Center Grove ICON. His motto was always content is king, and he demonstrated with every issue in each community served.

Beyond the newsroom, Myers served his communities. He was a leader in the **Kiwanis**



OMMUNITY

Rick Myers, the late editor and publisher of The Southside Times and Center Grove Icon poses for a photo with his camera. (Photo by Eric Pritchett)

Club of Avon, Rotary Club of Greenwood and Knights of Columbus St. Malachy Council 12540. He was named Range Line Pioneer (Carmel) in 1995 and received the Avon Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Professional Award in 2009. Leadership Hendricks County recently honored Myers with the Suzanne Whicker Distinguished Service Award.

In 2020, Myers was named in Editor & Publisher magazine's inaugural 15 Over 50: Honoring the Leaders Driving the News Industry Forward. They chose 15 U.S. publishers over the age of 50 who demonstrate a passion and optimism for the news industry who described important lessons learned while working in the industry and predictions for where journalism is heading.

He served as board president for Aspire (formerly the chamber of commerce for greater Greenwood) as well as the Hendricks College Network.

Myers loved rocking out to metal music, which he always thought came as a surprise to people. He loved sports and was an avid fan of open-wheel racing, going to as many races as he could, especially the Indianapolis 500 as well as Kansas State athletics and the Chicago White Sox.

His survivors include his wife of 25 years, Catherine, daughters Catie and Mary, son Rory, grandson Liam and brother Michael Boyd. As news of Myers' passing reaches the community, we all can easily see what he meant to Hendricks and Johnson counties.

Services for Rick Myers were held at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 20 at St. Malachy Catholic Church, Brownsburg. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Oct. 19 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

The family requests donations be made to the Avon Kiwanis, 5252 E. Main St., Avon, IN 46123, attention Linda Jenks; or to the Alzheimer's Association.

"I've known Rick Myers for a long long time. We spent quite a bit of time together and quite often thought about how we can work together to improve Main Street. One of the things we discussed but never implemented was an incubator business concept for people wanting to start up a business but didn't have any office space. I regret not starting that up with him.

I was saddened by his loss but the best compliment anyone can be given is to say they will be missed, and Rick will be missed."

- **Dennis B. Buckley** Mayor, City of Beech Grove

"I first met Rick five years ago when I attended a fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club of Avon as a guest. Looking back, I'm not surprised I met him through a charity event. He served as a leader through various nonprofits in his spare time. In April 2018, Rick offered me a job as an editor for The Southside Times and Center Grove ICON. I was absolutely thrilled to be a part of the team at Grow Local Media. During my time as managing editor, Rick challenged me to become better at my job, and I learned so many valuable skills that are vital for a career in journalism. I will always be grateful to Rick Myers and Brian Kelly for their advice and inspiration."

- Nancy (Price) Hammerstrom Former Editor of The Southside Times

"I had the honor of working with Rick Myers on two different levels. In my role as Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Roncalli High School, Rick was a trusted colleague who worked diligently to promote the southside of Indianapolis and Greenwood throughout his journalism career and commitment to reporting the good news and accomplishments of these communities. I valued meeting with him to discuss our advertising opportunities, and he was committed to promoting Catholic education, both personally and professionally.

On a more personal note, I also had the honor of working with Rick as we both served on the Board of Directors for the Catholic Business Network. Rick was instrumental in starting our annual golf outing and also assisted with our Inspirational Insights, both events raising money for Catholic education. He was committed to spreading his Catholic faith in the community and he was truly an inspiration to me and many others."

- Terese Carson

Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Roncalli High School

"Rick was the board chair of the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce when we merged and became Aspire Johnson County. During that time Rick's executive and strategic thinking was something I really came to appreciate. He's a big thinker and he loves innovation and he was supportive of what we were doing because he understood the big picture in the long term. It was the perfect fit for him at that time to be board chair.

I loved talking with Rick about his industry because his passion, his confidence, his content and his craft always came through. I also enjoyed talking to him when he liked to share innovative ideas and bounce ideas around about where the industry was headed and what he had planned for his publications and how to better serve his readers and advertisers. It was a lot of fun. Rick was a servant leader. He was extraordinarily committed and engaged. He valued integrity and relationships. He rolled up his sleeves whenever you needed him. He set a bar extraordinarily high for the entire business community. I will miss him greatly and respect the standard that he set and the life he lived."

- Christian Maslowski

CEO and President, Aspire Johnson County

"I was very blessed to have Rick in my inner circle my whole life as my Uncle and as an adult my boss. He was a true role model in life and business. To have this opportunity to carry forward his legacy through working for his papers on the Southside is a great honor and responsibility."

- Grady Michael Gaynor

Director of New Business Development, Grow Local Media

"When Rick Myers and I started working together a decade ago, I joined his company as "the digital guy". Being fellow graduates of the business school at Kansas State University gave us something more than just entrepreneurial spirit in common. Working with Rick, I saw that he is anything but "common".

Rick's eloquence and professionalism were spectacular. The intensity and determination driving those virtues captivated everyone around him. The more we worked together, the more I saw how fitting it was that his music of choice is heavy metal.

Behind his clean-cut executive persona is an intensity best exemplified by the pulse-quickening buzz of electric guitars with hard-driving drum beats rocking a rellious frontman blasting the upper limits of the microphone. Rick thrived on adrenaline and poured his contagious energy into his publications. Amid grappling with dizzying media transformations, he retained a holistic vibe of business prowess and social mastery, making him the person that so many people are proud to know. Not only was he a "rock star" in the local publishing industry, he was a dear friend."

- Andrew Angle,

President of Netgain Associates

"I will forever remember Rick as a caring and compassionate individual who had an amazing zest for life. He knew how important providing accurate and relevant information was to establishing a great sense of community. His presence and kind loving heart will be greatly missed."

- Erin Smith

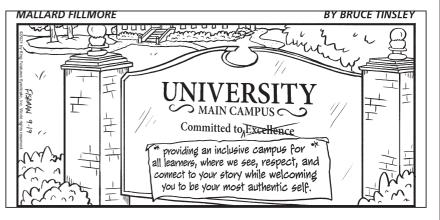
Owner of Spotlight Strategies

ROMAN NUMERALS



Eleven is the number of newspapers that former publisher Rick Myers started throughout his life.

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EVENTScalendar

Center Grove Craft Fair • The 39th annual CG Craft Show is coming back to CGHS. | When: Nov. 6, 5 a.m.-6 p.m. | Where: Center Grove High School 2717 S. Morgantown Rd. | Facebook: Center Grove Craft Fair

Teen Stress Buster • Teens, cuddle with some adoptable animals from the Humane Society of Johnson County, do a craft, play Nintendo or just study. Drop in anytime during the event. | When: Nov. 6, 12 - 3 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Safe Sitter Zoom class • Take a babysitting course for ages 11-16 held over two, 3-hour sessions. Cost is \$25.00 for materials and is paid when items are picked up. | When: Nov. 7, from 1-3 p.m. | Where: Virtual over Zoom | Info: jcplin. libnet.info

Encore • The Center Grove Choir Parent Organization invites you to a fun evening of dinner, wine, entertainment, silent and live auctions

to raise money for student choral scholarships. Adults only. \$40 per person or \$310 for a table of eight. | When: Nov. 7, 5 - 9 p.m. | Where: The Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood. | Info: centergrovechoirs.org

Toddler storytime • Enjoy books, bounces, songs, rhymes and more at this fun early literacy storytime each week. Designed for babies and toddlers and their caregivers. Child's caregiver required. | When: Nov. 8, from 10-10:30 a.m. | Where: White River Branch 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: jcplin.libnet.info

Tangram Fun • Solve the puzzles with seven shapes. Make your own tangram to take home. | When: Nov. 9, from 4:30-5:15 p.m. | Where: White River Branch 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: jcplin.libnet.info

Studio You Yoga & Wine • Registration is \$15 and includes a full yoga class and a glass of wine. Bar is open from 6 - 8 p.m. | When: Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m. | Where: The Sycamore at Mallow Run, 7070

W. Whiteland Rd., Bargersville. \mid Info: mallowrun. com

Little Scientists • Discover the wonders of science through books, simple experiments and interactive learning. Designed for children ages 3-5. Child's caregiver required. Registration required. | When: Nov. 10, from 10:30-11:15 a.m. | Where: White River Branch 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: jcplin.libnet.info

Tot Art • Create your own masterpiece! Come create tot-friendly art projects together. Stick around after the craft for socialization and a short playtime. Please dress for a mess. Child's caregiver required. When: Nov. 12, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Where: White River Branch 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: jcplin.libnet.info

Handmade + Heartfelt • This festival celebrates local artists, creators and makers. | When: Nov. 21, 12 - 4 p.m. | Where: The Sycamore at Mallow Run, 7070 W. Whiteland Rd., Bargersville. | Info: mallowrun.com

Wildlife and Your Yard • Sarah Love from Wild Birds Unlimited willshare how to use native plants and other natural items to create a habitat in your yard to support birds, butterflies and other wildlife. | When: Nov. 10, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Craft Night Book Turkeys • Teens and adults, pick up a kit the week before the program to upcycle an old, damaged book into a cute centerpiece. | When: Nov. 17, 7 - 8 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Alphorns • Scott and Barb Mckowiak, members of Midwest Alphorn Retreat, will share songs and stories about these Swiss instruments. | When: Nov. 18, 7 - 8 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

SPOTLIGHT



An example of a modern floral piece by Linette Pedigo. (Photo courtesy of Southside Art League)

SALI to showcase new artist for November

SALI - Linette Pedigo, a long time member of the Southside Art League, will be debuting many of her new modern floral pieces at the Off Broadway Gallery throughout the month of November. Linette, a lifetime southside Indianapolis resident, is known for her plaster paintings, which employ acrylic paints and plasters to give her modern compositions a three-dimensional quality. Her floral pieces, which will be displayed at this event, feature abstract representations of her favorite flowers, leaves, and other beautiful objects found in nature that inspire Linette on a daily basis. Linette's signature plaster painting technique, which uses a plaster to sculpt her relief-based compositions are extremely textured, fun and whimsical. Linette always inspires to create art that brings joy to people, because the process of creation is so therapeutic and joyful for her. The reception will take place on Nov. 13, from 5-8 p.m. and will be at SALI, located at 299 E Broadway, Greenwood, IN 46143.

AN OPTION

Main St. Grille has something for everybody

Do you want fried pickles? What about a 1/3 lb specialty burger? Or do you want a made-to-order wood fired pizza? Can't decide? Main St. Grille has endless options for whatever taste you're feeling. In addition to various food options, Main St. also features old favorites and a rotating selection of local craft beer on draft, cans and in bottles.

Main St. is owned by Craig Spencer, of Center Grove. The restaurant features a large outdoor space as well as a familyfriendly atmosphere inside.

Hours: Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday open from 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays from 11-12 a.m. and closed on Mondays

LOCATION:

200 S. Emerson Ave.



The pork tenderloin sandwich is Main Street Grille's most popular menu item. (Photo courtesy of Main Street Grille)

6 Big Ten Towns

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- 1. Word with "souci" or "serif"
- 5. Indian city
- 10. Agile
- 14. Agape Theater Company stage item
- 15. Brozinni pizza topping
- 16. Greenwood Park Mall event
- 17. Hosiery shade
- 18. Vincennes-born comedian with two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame
- 20. Loose coins
- 22. German Park Oktoberfest
- 23. Gallery Forty-Two display
- 24. Grp. for 42-Across
- 26. Concert pieces
- 28. Pet that's easy to care for
- 33. Tit for _
- 34. Standoffish
- 35. Marsh bird
- 37. Surf partner
- 41. Local philanthropist: Meyer Simon
- 42. IU Health VIP
- 43. Turkish bigwig
- 44. Couch
- 45. Storm relief org.
- 46. High points
- 47. Raptors on a Bankers Life Fieldhouse scoreboard
- 49. Halloween symbol
- 51. Low-risk wager
- 55. Commit perjury in Marion County Court
- 56. Commotion
- 57. 978-0-3853-3384-9 for "Slaughterhouse-Five"
- 59. Like "Nomadland"
- 64. Pennsylvania Avenue residence
- 67. "Star Trek" role
- 68. Throw
- 69. Keyboard key
- 70. "___ never work!"
- 71. Twice tetra-
- 72. Birds' homes
- 73. Indy hockey team whose colors can be found at the starts of 18-, 28-, 49- and 64-Across

DOWN

- 1. Design detail, for short
- 2. Chatham
- 3. Northside Indy community
- 4. Gave it a whirl
- 5. "Sound of Music" tune
- 6. Opposite of WSW

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- 7. Cap seller that was founded in Zionsville
- 8. Beech Grove firefighters' gear
- 9. Calligrapher's containers
- 10. ISP option
- 11. Really bother
- 12. Plant life
- 13. Indy Lakes campground sights
- 19. Sicilian erupter
- 21. Goof
- 25. Stage whisper
- 27. Onslaught
- 28. Flits about

- 29. Hodgepodge
- 30. Panera Bread buy
- 31. Give to Goodwill
- 32. Test ban subject, briefly
- 36. Poker declaration
- 38. "Gomer Pvle,
- 39. Perlman of "Cheers"
- 40. Forgo food
- 43. Indiana hoopster
- 45. Rejuvenate
- 48. Drama award
- 50. TV stations, e.g.
- 51. Took care of

- 52. Indiana House committee type
- 53. Palm off
- 54. Ruth's Chris steak
- 58. Airline snacks
- 60. "Yeah, right!"
- 61. Indiana Ballet Conservatory
- 62. Vogue rival
- 63. Lackluster
- 65. IND screeners
- 66. Southport HS volleyball match part

See **Answers** on page 14.



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ICONic briefs

Canter Grove residents, and the rest of Indiana can now get vaccinations and booster shots

Vaccine - The Indiana Department of Health announced today that it will begin offering booster doses of Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines to eligible Hoosiers following federal authorization of the additional dose. Booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine have been available since late September.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) approved the administration of a booster dose of the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccine to counter waning immunity. The FDA and CDC have previously authorized booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine in specific populations, as well as a third dose of Pfizer or Moderna for immunocompromised individuals.

Along with the offering, the CDC has also issued booster eligibility guidelines such as:

- For individuals who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna CO-VID-19 vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at six months or more after their initial series
- 65 years and older
- Age 18 and older who live in longterm care settings
- Age 18 and older who have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18 and older who work or live in high-risk settings

 Booster doses are also recommended for anyone 18 or older who got the single dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine two or more months ago.

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received and others may prefer to get a different booster. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

"The approval of the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson boosters will help provide additional protection to many Hoosiers, especially our most vulnerable residents in long-term care facilities and others who are most at risk," said State Health Commissioner Kris Box, M.D. in a press release. "The COVID-19 vaccines continue to provide strong protection against severe illness and death. Whether Hoosiers are getting their first dose or a booster shot, they will find vaccines widely available across the state."

Center Grove residents can now get their first dose or their booster shot at many locations around Center Grove. Every CVS, Walgreens, Meijer and Kroger offer walk-in and appointment only vaccination appointments.

Royals win volleyball regional title

"Killing it" - The fifth-ranked Roncalli girls volleyball team defeated top-ranked Yorktown in the IHSAA Class 4A Regional matchup. Prior to the win over the Yorktown Tigers, the Royals topped the seventh-ranked Brownsburg Bulldogs with a five-set win. "I could not be prouder of the fight and grit these girls had throughout all nine sets today against two very talented teams," said head coach Christina Erazmus in a press release. "We knew we had all the pieces, we just needed to put them together and we did at just the right time." The 2021 regional title is the program's 13th overall and first since 2014. This year's title is the program's second regional title since moving to Class 4A in 2011.



Why 'grateful' is spelled that way

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

As we turn our calendars to November, I always

wonder why there isn't any good Thanksgiving music out there. Halloween has a handful of hits. Obviously, Christmas and Hanukkah have their own genre of "holiday" music. Why doesn't Thanksgiving get any good songs?

These songs would be great. I'd be grateful to have a song connected with Thanksgiving in addition to Adam Sandler's lonely "Turkey Song." Wait a second — is it "grateful" or "greatful"? Let's get to the bottom of this cornucopia of spelling confusion.

I'm going to cut to the chase and let you know that "grateful" (with one "I") is the correct spelling. The misspelling "greatful" is not a word. Don't use it. Don't let your friends spell it that way. It's incorrect. Of course, always be kind when correcting others' spelling or grammar, and only do it on a one-on-one basis. Never correct someone's spelling or grammar in public!

How do we get this word "grateful" that just looks strange? After all, Tony the Tiger never says, "They're grate!" when referring to a heaping bowl of Frosted Flakes. A "grate" is a noun that means "a frame of metal bars used to block something." When used as a verb, "grate" means to either "reduce to small pieces by using a grater" or "to make an unpleasant sound."

If we think again about this "grat-" word stem, we can recall words like "gratify," "grati-

tude" and even "gratis" (something for free). It's time to bust out our Latin dictionaries, folks.

The root Latin word we get "grateful" from is "gratus," which means "pleasing or grateful." This has no connection whatsoever with potatoes "au gratin." "Gratin" is a French culinary term for something that is topped with a browned crust. "Gratin" comes from the French word "gratter," which means "to scrape" or "to grate." There it is!

Now we can see where these two "grat-" words get their different meanings. A sound that is "grating" to your ears is incredibly unpleasant. It's the sound of nails on a chalkboard or a fork scraping against a dinner plate.

Words including "ingratiate," "gratuity" and even "congratulate" come from the Latin root word that means "grateful." Although initially, it makes sense to spell "grateful" incorrectly, now it all makes sense.

Cheese is great. You can grate cheese. If a friend gives you an entire wheel of cheese, you are grateful for the thoughtful gesture. Now if we can just get someone to write songs about Thanksgiving and cheese, that would be great.



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Puzzle Time Answers – ON PAGE 13 Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

Towns: ANN ARBOR, BLOOMINGTON, COLUMBUS, LINCOLN, MADISON, WEST LAFAYETTE

Cookies: FORTUNE, MACARON, OATMEAL, OREO, SUGAR

Options: FACETIME, SKYPE, WHATSAPP, ZOOM

Counties: OHIO, ORANGE, OWEN
Palindromes: DAD, MOM
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