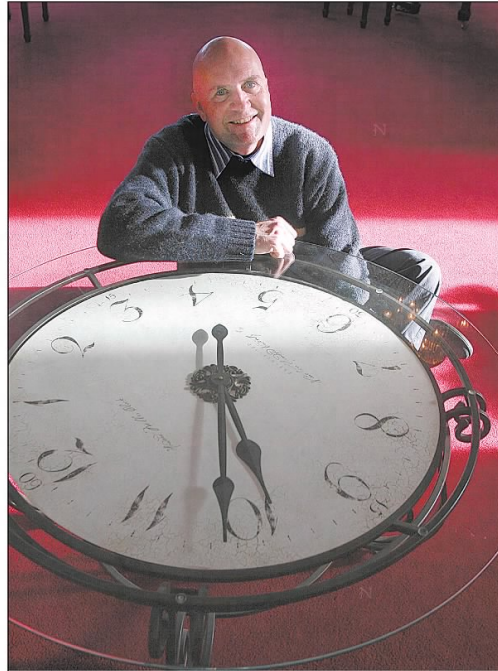


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How he does it Time's on his side



Richard Counsellor is the vice president of the Walter P. Reuther Foundation. He is surrounded by several questions about today's time change.

Store official adjusts to yet another change in time

Richard Counsellor has always enjoyed the ticks and tocks of his 25-year-old job at Elkhart's Walter P. Reuther Foundation. The store sells popular Howard Miller & Slogh clocks.

A shift in his ticks this year? Dealing with a federally mandated, three-week earlier time change, grocery area residents at 2 a.m. today had to spring forward one hour, marking the beginning of a new day-light-saving time.

Last year, DST was set for April 2 to Oct. 28. This year, it was extended by a month, beginning today and ending Nov. 4.

At the piano and clock store, at 25410 County Road 6 in Elkhart, Counsellor received plenty of calls from people asking how to change their digital and manual clocks.

Counsellor, the vice president of

the store and factory, recently had a talk with staff member Yvonne Semala to discuss the dilemma.

What issues do you see with the new time change?

With grandfather clocks, particularly setting them forward is not a problem, but you need to stop and let them chime. So, you don't change the hour hand, just the minute hand to advance it an hour.

Some clocks — what you'd call radio-controlled clocks — they receive a signal from Fort Collins (in Colorado) ... (and) will automatically reset themselves.

Anything that's controlled by a data clock — whether it be computers, Dell systems, schools — anything that you set by the date (the previous daylight data), unless you adjust that and change the date, it won't change for another three weeks.

What kind of clocks do you sell?

We sell all kinds of clocks. We have fairly large sets: Howard Miller — they have all kinds of clocks — keywinds, quartz or atomic.

Which kind of clock is the most popular?

We sell probably the most of the grandfather clocks — the grandfather clocks and wall clocks, various kinds of wall clocks. Right now, the large dinner wall clocks are very popular.

What has been your most memorable experience at the store?

I always enjoy selling a grandfather clock to the Amish couples that are being married. In a lot of cases, it's part of their wedding ritual.

What do you do at the store?

I handle the showroom and also our grand piano department. I do a lot of running — I'm available for any customer that comes in, and also, I supervise the back department.

It includes pressing and forming grand piano rims and back structure, or what some people would call the hump of a piano.

We don't make any clocks, but I do all the restoring of clocks. I'm keeping abreast of what's current and what's selling.

Why don't you think clock stores will ever go out of business?

I think clock stores will always be a popular item because they are a functional time piece and a beautiful feature in the home, whether it be a grandfather clock or a wall clock.

Not only can you see what time it is, but you also can enjoy looking at what you have to keep your time, and again, it can fit your lifestyle or lifestyle.

Know someone with a story to tell?

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Joe knows his baseball

Joe Kervan, our former mayor and governor and now the man running the South Bend Silver-Hawks, is certainly ready for baseball.

He loves the game. Here's how much:

When Joe was a kid, he wanted to be the next Nellie Fox, the Chicago White Sox's sparkling at second base. "And I got to meet him at Comiskey Park in 1955," Joe says. "He and the Sox's pitching coach, Ray Berres, signed a ball for me."

Does he still have that autographed ball?

"No, my buddies and I ended up playing with it."

Hey, when you need a ball —

In 1965, Joe, his brother, Terry, and his dad, also a Joe, went to Baltimore to see Cal Ripken break Lou Gehrig's record for the most consecutive games played.

"I've never been an autograph hound, but Ripken was down at Vincennes for the Cal Ripken World Series when I was lieutenant governor and I took programs, ticket stubs and other mementos."

Is for him to sign?

Joe's dad was with him, and they had their picture taken with Ripken.

And then I got someone in Indianapolis to airbrush my brother



er into the shot."

When Joe and his family moved from Chicago to South Bend when he was 10, he desperately wanted to play Little League baseball.

"But the Optimist Little League was the only one close to us, and we weren't in their boundaries," he recalls.

So he and Joe Wade "moved in" with other families — or at least gave their addresses.

"That day before Opening Day, somebody put two and two together, and we were busted. We got the boot."

That right, Joe's dad and other neighbors, such as Chuck Abernethy, Bob Powers and Dan Roberts, had a meeting and started their own league, eventually becoming North Side Little League.

In the spring after the Notre Dame-Michigan State football 10-10 tie, Joe hit a seven-eye grander between first and second MSU pitcher (and football punter) Dick Kersue to score two runs for the Irish.

As a teenager, Joe would play pitch and catch for hours with his buddy, Bobby Hargrove. Bobby was the son of Eddie Hargrove, a South Bend cop after he had pitched for the Chicago Cubs.

But Joe was mainly a White Sox fan because his grandfather, a major-league scout, had been in the White Sox organization and had gone to spring training with the big club in 1912.

"But I'm pretty much a Cub fan now," he says.

Why the change?

"It was when the White Sox pulled their farm team out of South Bend."

Joe was cut as a catcher his freshman year at St. Joseph's High School. He made the team the next year as a second baseman.

He returned to coaching as a Notre Dame junior after working with former Irish coach Jim Gibbons and Clay High school coach Jim Reinhold.

"Without those two guys, I would never have started at catcher."

When Joe was a prisoner of war in Vietnam for 11 months, he thought about a lot of things back home. One of them was baseball.

"I just hoped that I would be able to see another game someday."

Joe caught his new spikes on the bag when he first slid as a Holy Cross School seventh-grader, and so he began sliding head-first for the next three years.

"But then my granddad visited us at the beginning of the season, and he and my dad put down rags in the kitchen and I would run from the front porch, through the living room, down a narrow hall and into the kitchen and then slide first base."

That's how he slid from then on.

Joe hit exactly one home run while wearing Notre Dame across his chest.

It came at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City of all places.

"The freshman team was playing the inmates on the inmates were rooting for us," Joe recalls. "The wall was only about 200 feet away but about 30 feet high, and I just one over it."

"And I can still remember it as if it was yesterday that when I rounded third, one of the inmates started singing, 'I Happy Days Are Here Again.'"