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Yats, from 52nd and College Ave, serving up spicy cajun etoufee.



A view from atop Chelsea's during the 2003 Taste of Broad Ripple, looking south on Guilford. Food tents line the streets. The beer garden is to the right on Westfield Blvd.



The Taste offered menu selections and specialties from local restaurants.



The stage on Westfield Blvd. presented live music from many bands.

## 2nd annual Taste of Broad Ripple returns to the streets Sat. June 5

Last year's popular event, the Taste of Broad Ripple, returns better than ever. The event runs from 3 pm until 10 pm at the intersection of Guilford and Westfield Blvd. Tickets are available at each entrance.

This year more restaurants will offer their specialties, including: Applebee's, Bleeker Street, Broad Ripple Brew Pub, Broad Ripple Steak House, Chumley's Grill, Circle City BBQ, Corner Wine Bar, Dick's Boudacious BBQ, The Jazz Cooker, The Jazz Kitchen, La Bamba's, Midtown



Plump's Last Shot offered Wings and Tenderloins, with a touch of tiki torches.

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At the corner of Guilford and Westfield Blvd., one of the most historic buildings in Broad Ripple has been the home of Chelsea's since 1990

## Chelsea's celebrates 20 years

by Alan Hague

Chelsea's recently celebrated twenty years in Broad Ripple. It was St. Patrick's Day back in 1984 when David and Ellen Matthews first opened their card and gift shop in a small storefront on Guilford. The store has become a landmark, bringing in customers from around the city. During my interview, a

customer told Ellen that he has been shopping at Chelsea's ever since it opened twenty years ago. "Our customers are very loyal", says Ellen, "A woman told me the other day that she and her sister never shop anywhere else. Our customers mean a lot to us."

For the last fourteen years it has been

in the historic building on the northeast corner of Guilford and Westfield Blvd. Some of the fixtures are original to the Lobraico's Drug Store. A prominent original fixture still in use at Chelsea's is in the drug store photo on page three, the tall cabinet next to Ivy Lobraico. The original floor made of broken tile pieces can still be seen by the entrance.

In 1998 they added on the 908 Westfield Blvd. building to the east. In 1999 they were awarded the



David and Ellen Matthews Owners of Chelsea's

"Best new construction compatible with a historic building" award. It all started at 6317 Guilford. David C. Matthews was working at Methodist Hospital in administration and Ellen Morley Matthews was working at Microsonics as their financial

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Read about the history of this location in "Lobraico's" on page 3.



Dozens of volunteers dig out the dirt and build tiers for plantings.

## Indiana School for the Blind renovates historic steps

by Alan Hague

**May 6** Today a historic landmark on College Avenue, just north of the Village, got a face lift. It was part of a massive volunteer project, involving more than 800 Keep America Beautiful, Inc. volunteers transforming 60 acres at the Indiana School for the Blind.

According to the school's Superintendent, Jim Durst, the scroll-like stone buttresses are pieces from the original school that was built downtown in 1853 on North Street, where the War Memorial is today. They are 9 feet long, 4 feet high and 2 feet wide. In 1929, when the present school was built at 7725 N. College Ave., they were used in landscaping for the College entrance. Today the earth 'steps' between the buttresses were dug out, terraced and replanted.

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