

Hard work on the soccer field pays off for Carroll senior

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Carroll senior Michael Myer admittedly lives and breathes soccer.

He loves the pace of the game and how it is ever-changing.

"There is always some new aspect of the game that I can take advantage of to become a better player," he said.

And he practices those skills by kicking a ball be-

tween two couches in his family's home east of Flora. He explains that he finds it difficult to sit still to watch TV, so when the TV is on, he practices.

And all of his practicing has paid off.

He was recently chosen by the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association (ISCA) as a first team District 3 selection, one of only two small school players chosen for the honor in this district.

Myer will be compete this weekend in the ISCA All-District Teams Showcase Games to be held Saturday and Sunday at North Central High School in Indianapolis. Myer's District 3 team will compete at 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 per single session or \$8 for a weekend pass.

"This is a real honor for a Carroll soccer player," said his coach, Dave Falkenberg. "It is the first time for a Carroll player to receive the honor."

Myer said currently he has no plans to play soccer in college, but that may change after this weekend. Around 60 college coaches are expected to be scouting players at the Showcase Games. If he is offered an opportunity to play at a college or university that can also meet his educational goals, Myer said he

would be all for it. But right now his plan is to attend either Butler or Purdue and major in business or engineering.

"I would love to play soccer at the college level, but I need to balance myself with a good education," Myer explained.

Myer was first introduced to soccer at age five by his parents, David and Amy Myer. They enrolled him in the Carroll County Recreational Soccer League and by the fourth grade he was playing on a travel team. Always looking to improve his skills, Myer joined the Kokomo Soccer Club four years ago and then switched to a different soccer academy, Football Club Indiana in Lafayette, two years ago.

Playing center midfield the past four years for the Cougars, Coach Falkenberg said that his team's captain took part in 75% of Carroll's goals this past season.

According to his coach, Myer shouldered a lot of responsibility after his team lost eight seniors from last year's (13-4) team. He contributed 12 goals and nine assists this year, bringing his career totals at Carroll to 35 goals and 31 assists.

Myer is Carroll's all-time leading assist leader and ranks third in all-time career goals, Falkenberg said.



Michael Myer's moves on the soccer field have earned him the knick-name "Flyin' Hawaiian." The moniker not only recognizes his skills but his Hawaiian heritage. Photo provided

"He is probably the best all-around soccer player to play at Carroll," Falkenberg added. "He's as sharp and as nice a kid as you will find."

Not only does Myer work hard to perfect his skills on the soccer field, he takes his studies seriously, too. He carries a 4.0-plus GPA and is a two-time ISCA all-academic

first team selection. He also sings and plays guitar and is a member of Cougar Blues.

On most Saturday mornings Myer can be found "watching every single game I can" while kicking a ball between couches. His favorite player is a member of the Spanish national team, Francesc "Cesc" Fabregas.

Fabregas is a professional central midfielder who captains the English Premier League club Arsenal.

Myer said playing for the English league would be his ultimate dream, but for now he is looking forward to this weekend and the chance to showcase his talents for college coaches.

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Wrestling club begins new season at Peru

The Carroll Cougars Wrestling Club participated in its first competition of the new wrestling season by participating in the HYWAY

Take Down Tournament at Peru.

Jared Collins won all of his five rounds by pin, placing 1st, along with Daren Dillon,

a second year club member who moved up a weight class. Second place finishers were Tanner Turnpaugh and first year member Thomas

Pitrowski. Hunter Walker placed 3rd.

Club members will compete Sunday in the HYWAY Tournament of Titans to be

held at Taylor High School.

The club now meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Carroll Elementary School. Any one

interested in learning more about the club should contact Shelly Turnpaugh, membership director, at (765) 268-2313.

CHS football players honored



Carroll's annual football banquet was held recently. Award winners were, from left: Jarrid Robertson, sophomore, JV Most Improved; Jonathan Bush, junior, Defensive Player of the Year; Drew Yoder, senior, Mr. Cougar; Dylan Hamilton, senior, Special Teams Player of the Year; Brandon Williamson, senior, Offensive Player of the Year; and Matt Downham, sophomore, JV Mental Attitude. Photo provided

Free throws give Panthers edge over Oracles

Pioneer girls basketball team hit 11-of-14 free throws in the fourth quarter to hold onto a 46-44 victory over Delphi.

Jordayn Jargstorf and Dani Burge led the Oracles (0-1) with 12 points apiece.

Kelsey Williams led the Panthers (1-1) with 12.

DCHS volleyball player is chosen a North All-Star

Delphi senior volleyball player Brittany Nelson and Dani Burge were nominated to try out for the 1A/2A North All-Star Volleyball Team last weekend at Elkhart Memorial High School.

Nelson was selected to participate on the All-Star Team

and will play at Perry Meridian High School in Indianapolis this Sunday at 4 p.m. Her team will play against the 1A/2A South All Star Team.

Twenty-six players from the northern part of the state were selected to try out and only 14 players made the team.

Kids make pop can sculptures

Flora Psi Iota Xi sponsors Artist-In-Residence workshops

Story and photos by Jennifer Archibald

"Unlock your imagination," artist Anthony Radford told Carroll Elementary second graders last Wednesday.

He offered the encouragement as he held up a pop can and prepared students for a found object sculpture project.

Radford, who is a mixed media and found object sculptor, brought many small items of various colors, shapes, and textures to help students with their sculptures. Children chose the objects they wanted to attach to their pop cans to create the sculpture they saw in their imagination. Some of the objects

available were popsicle sticks, bottle caps, pop can tabs, buttons, beads, raw pasta, flat marbles, and film reels.

The students brought their pop cans and pieces to Radford, a teacher, or other adult helper to have them put together with a hot glue gun. Students pointed out what they wanted where.

They made cannons, race cars, airplanes, robots, pop can people, and abstract sculptures (cans covered with decorative objects). And then they played with them. The creations were theirs to keep.

First and second graders all took part in the pop can workshop. It was one of several

workshops planned this year at CES as part of the Artist-In-Residence (AIR) program sponsored by Flora Psi Iota Xi.

Melissa Keown, a member of the Psi Ote AIR committee, said this year's program is through Young Audiences of Indiana. The organization has professional artists who lead workshops in a variety of media. The art education projects go along with Indiana state standards in multiple subject areas.

Keown said workshops are planned for grades kindergarten through fourth grade.

First and second graders have completed their session (pop cans), and kindergartners have had a workshop on making paper mosaics.

Keown said other programs planned tentatively are a banner-making workshop for third and fourth graders, and clay and dance/drum workshops for kindergartners. She said the workshops are tentative because the committee has not had final confirmation that the artists are available in the school's time frame. She said the remaining projects will probably be scheduled next semester.

As part of the AIR program, Psi Iota Xi will also sponsor an after-school, all-grade-level program called "People, Paint, and Percussion: A Performance," and will sponsor a trip by sixth graders to see "The Nutcracker." Past excursions for fifth and sixth graders, sponsored by AIR, have included visits to the Eiteljorg Museum, the Indianapolis Museum of Art, and the Children's Museum (Norman Rockwell exhibit). AIR has also given grants to the elementary art and music programs for the purchase of supplies, and has sponsored art pro-

grams at the Flora Library.

This is Psi Otes' 11th year to sponsor AIR at Carroll Elementary. The sorority has spent a total of more than \$60,000 on the program over the last 10 years, according to Psi Ote treasurer Miriam Robeson.

Robeson explained that sorority money for AIR has been supplemented from time to time by contributions from local organizations, grants, and from a Carroll County Community Foundation endowment, but this year AIR is solely supported by the Psi Iota Xi budget, resulting in less money for the program.

The purpose of AIR, according to Keown and Robeson, is to supplement art education at

Carroll Elementary.

Wyndham Traxler-Carter is the art teacher for the whole school corporation. She said at the elementary school, her schedule allows for one 50-minute class per week for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders, one 30-minute class per week for third graders, one 30-minute class every other week for first and second graders, and no classes for kindergartners. She said some teachers, at their own discretion, lead art projects in their classrooms.

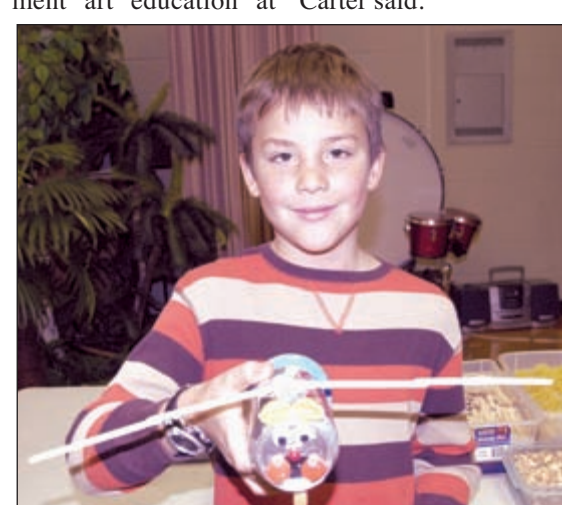
"The state-recommended minutes for art are 60 minutes per week for grades one through three and 90 minutes per week for grades four through six," Traxler-Carter said.



Second grader Riley Henderson blows on the hot glue that artist Anthony Radford applied to Riley's pop can cannon.



(l-r) Stoa Brubaker, Isabella Sweeney, Kinzie Hicks, and Abi Kauffman select objects for their pop can sculptures.



Stoa Brubaker proudly shows his animated airplane