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A MONTHLY LOOK INSIDE CAREY SERVICES

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## Spring means it's Duck (Race) season

With spring comes a lot of things: flowers bloom, leaves turn green, the temperature warms, sports equipment comes out of the closet.

They're all things we look forward to this time of year.

And, of course, it wouldn't be spring without Carey Services' Duck Race.

"This is a great time of year for a lot of reasons," said Greg Maynard, Carey Services' director of fund and strategic advancement. "Spring means it is time to be outside and enjoy the weather and be active again after being bundled up all winter.

"In Indiana, spring also means it's a great time to gear up for that big event in Indianapolis that draws hundreds of thousands of people to watch 33 cars go fast."

Well, Carey Services annual race might be a bit smaller (and a bit slower) than



June 24, 2017  
6-9 p.m.  
The Splash House

that big race in Indianapolis, but our rubber ducks take a back seat to nobody.

Those little yellow rubber ducks are going to go swimming in the lazy river at

the Marion Splash House to provide \$1,500, \$500 and \$250 cash prizes to lucky duck owners. We're also going to have a silent auction to help raise money for programs to help Carey Services' clients.

Join us at The Splash House on June 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. for all the fun. Tickets are \$5 each.

But, come fair or fowl weather, the biggest winners of the Duck Race are always Carey Services' clients. Race proceeds go to support client needs not funded through other means. Your support helps us empower people with disabilities to become more independent and more active members of the communities we serve. We help turn abilities and barriers into opportunities every day.

For more information about the race, visit [www.careyservices.com/duckrace](http://www.careyservices.com/duckrace) or call (765) 668-8961.

## Pillows become artistic business opportunity

The soft hum of the sewing machine beats a steady rhythm amid the background noise of music playing and people chatting while working on their art projects.

Colored pieces of fabric roll through the machine as the needle pierces the cloth and a perfectly straight stitch connects the pieces.

Within minutes, a colorful shape emerges, ready for stuffing and the final steps needed to create a custom pillow for a waiting customer.

Michael Downam has found a place he likes. He is building a reputation as a pillowmaker at Carey Services' Creative Hearts Art Studio.

"This is wonderful," Downam said recently while sitting in front of the sewing machine he uses to create his pillows. "I've found something I like to do. Pillows are my thing, I guess."

It all started rather innocently. Downam has been a Carey Services client for many years. Much of that time, he has worked in the production facility on various jobs. He started participating in the Creative Hearts programming when it began in October.

"We have a lot of fun when Mike's here," said Jackie Dickerson,

Two of Mike's colorful pillow creations, including his popular patriotic one.



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Michael Downam is developing a good reputation and new skills — and a small business — as a pillowmaker in Carey Services' Creative Hearts Art Studio.

one of the studio's lead instructors.

When he first began making the pillows, he painted the designs on the fabric and art studio staff members assembled the pillow. That's gradually changing.

"It's been great watching him not only create the pillows but also see him develop skills in assembling them," Dickerson said.

He's also gotten more comfortable promoting his business. He's on Facebook, and he recently got a supply of business cards he's been handing out to people in the community. Word is starting to get out.

"I have a waiting list, which means I guess I need to get busy and make pillows a little bit faster," he said with a chuckle.

For information about Mike's pillows, contact Carey Services.

## Community Shred Day will be June 3

Carey Services's Docu-Shield document shredding service is again partnering with Afena Federal Credit Union to provide a free community shred day June 3.

The event will be 9 a.m.-noon at the credit union's branch at 1312 W. 44th St., in South Marion.

Carey Services also will be the credit union's Non-Profit of the Month, meaning agency's work will be featured in its branches and any donations received in June will be given to Carey Services. As part of the month's activities, artwork from the Creative Hearts Art Studio will be on display throughout the month.



## Rolling Bean expands hours

The Rolling Bean continues to expand!

Carey Services' coffee business recently opened on the main floor of Marion Public Library.

Beginning June 5, the business will expand its hours. It will be open Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-noon.

Beverage service also will be available for those who attend the library's summer lunch events.

The Rolling Bean provides jobs for Carey Services clients and also provides a training platform to help clients learn and develop marketable employment skills.



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