

SUSTAINABLE SHOPPING

Hoosier to Hoosier sale finds new homes for items discarded in the spring

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On a sofa inside The Warehouse Saturday morning, Becca Saccone and her mom, Bobbie Saccone, sat sorting piles of clothes, trying to decide what to keep and what to put back.

At the fourth annual Hoosier to Hoosier sale, The Warehouse was stacked with furniture, clothes, household items and other belongings that were left behind when students vacated Indiana University dorms and some off-campus housing in May.

Becca Saccone's strategy was to move from one end of the table to the other, pulling out clothes as she went through the tables of discarded clothing for sale.

"It's kind of a shot in the dark about what will fit you," she said. "There aren't any dressing rooms here."

As she sorted through the clothing, she held up a pink floral dress, trying to decide whether to add it to her purchase pile. Bobbie Saccone said they had been having a hard time deciding what to take and what to leave, but they were managing.

"We know all of this is going to a good cause," she said, after the two decided to keep some of the clothing in their "maybe" pile.

Neither of the Saccones came to the sale looking for anything in particular, but they had managed to fill a few bags of clothing.

"You don't come here because you need anything," Bobbie Saccone said. "But when you get here, you find plenty of stuff you need."

Amanda Alexander, who came with her family, said she expected to



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BOBBIE SACCONNE, shopping at the Hoosier to Hoosier sale Saturday

buy a lot. Alexander is part of a family of nine, and they are always in need of something.

"For me, I've been in need of pants," Alexander said. "Also, shoes. We love Converse, so the first thing I grabbed was a pair of neon orange Converse."

Andrew Asher wanted a bookcase, but found out the hard way that some of the better stuff goes quickly.

"I think next year, I think we are

going to pay the money and come early," said his wife, Sofiya Asher. Admission was \$5 until 9:30 a.m.

Despite her husband's bad luck, however, she ended up with a good find. The couple had spotted a bicycle earlier, only to overhear that another shopper planned to purchase it. When they came back a little while later, the bicycle was still for sale, after the other person decided not to buy it.

The H2H sale was one of the stops on the third annual Resale Trail Saturday, which also included sales at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Vintage Vogue by Goodwill, the Near Westside Neighborhood Association community yard sale, IU Surplus Stores, the Unitarian Universalist Church's rummage sale and a "Makevention" at the Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center.

Bella Baucco looks at clothes at the Hoosier to Hoosier sale Saturday. The H2H moved to The Warehouse on South Rogers Street for this year's event. Proceeds from the sale go to local nonprofit organizations, including city of Bloomington sustainability initiatives, the IU Office of Sustainability and Habitat for Humanity.

Ellettsville testing fire hydrants this week

H-T Report

Ellettsville Utilities will be testing fire hydrants this week.

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. this week, Ellettsville Utilities will be flow testing fire hydrants in the Kelli Heights, Paddington Park, Meadowlands and Forrest View subdivisions.

The water is safe for drinking, but may discolor clothing washed in it, according to a news release from Ellettsville Utilities.

Residents are asked to refrain from doing laundry for the day as they may experience cloudy or discolored water.

Flush systems by running cold water through all fixtures, including the washing machine, until the water runs clear.

Contact the Ellettsville Utilities office at 876-2297 for more information.

Makevention is a celebration of creativity

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Coen Berin stood puzzling over a board of gears. "I think we just need to connect this one and this one and this one," the 5-year-old said to his dad Michael, pointing to gears on board.

Coen licked a purple candy that was attached to a ring, grabbed a gear and stuck it into a perforated board.

The pair had been all over the top floor of the Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center for "Makevention," a maker movement event hosted by Bloominglabs. Makers are people who create things, from old and new materials, ranging from robotics to clothing.

"I heard about it on the radio, and was like 'I've got to take my kids to this,'" Berin said. "It's a blast, and it doesn't hurt that they have candy."

Coen said he had raced cars on the Pinewood Derby track and tried to make a lamp glow by pedaling a bicycle, but his favorite event was the battle hosted by the Bloomington Battle Games Club. The club creates its own foam-padded weapons and stages battles. "It's really cool," Coen said.



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Ella Osmon pedals a bike to light a lamp as cousin Coen Von Holt pushes from behind. The display at Makevention was sponsored by Bloominglabs. Makevention was a celebration of creativity Saturday at the Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center.

Alex Buck, 12, also was excited to try the battle games. He started with archery, sending a foam-padded arrow crashing into a wall, before waiting with the group gathered to watch the battles.

Alex visited many of the other stations, sending cars down the Pinewood Derby track and trying his hand at picking locks. He got one lock open, he said, and a second one shut before he got it all the way open.

Still, he had at least one thing on his list to-do: visit the robotics area.

"It's been so busy that I haven't had a chance to try it," he said.

The Bloomington High

School South robotics team had two of their robots on display. These robots, from this year's competition, throw flying discs.

"It's the whole concept of having the idea and making it happen," said Carissa Knox, a senior at South. "It's really cool to bring it to life."

In a competition, teams would be trying to shoot the discs into goals, while blocking their competi-

tors. But on Saturday, the team was showing what its robots could do.

Amanda Lin, a senior at South, moved the robot into position from behind a Plexiglas wall, as a crowd started to form. She pressed a button, and one disc flew out, hitting the wall just below the goal.

Lin adjusted slightly and the next three flying discs sailed into the goal, to the delight of the crowd.

This is the first year for Makevention, said Jenett Tillotson, organizer of the event and a member of Bloominglabs. There were 27 exhibitors spread throughout the convention center, including a Twinkie cannon outside and an art project by the Lotus Education and Arts Foundation outside the hall.

Makevention hoped for 500 attendees at the convention center Saturday, but by noon, the day was more successful than that.

"We would love to do this again," Tillotson said. "The plan was to see if there was enough interest. I think we've made 500."

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Circus acts, street art are themes of WonderLab fundraiser

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Tickets are on sale for "Science Night Out: Cirque," a fundraising event benefiting the WonderLab Museum of Science, Health and Technology in Bloomington.

"We're encouraging people to buy their tickets early," said Louise Schlesinger, WonderLab's marketing director. "This event has sold out before the ticket order deadline for the past three years."

The 10th annual event will take place from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center. Those attending must be 21 years of age or older. Tickets are \$100 (\$55 is tax-deductible) or \$760 for a table of eight (\$440 is tax-deductible).

"We encourage people to get

together with friends or colleagues to make the night even more fun by having a named table," said WonderLab executive director Catherine Olmer in a prepared statement.

WonderLab members can get a free one-year extension of their membership by coordinating the purchase of a table. Ticket and table orders must be received no later than Sept. 4. Tickets can be purchased at WonderLab or online at wonderlab.org, or by contacting Alison Pitt, development director, at 812-337-1337, ext. 14.

Olmer said if this year's event meets its fundraising goal of \$130,000, it will provide about 13 percent of the nonprofit's annual operating revenues — plus capital for its "Connecting to the Community Fund" that supports WonderLab's reduced admission

and scholarships for low-income and at-risk children.

Hosted by Kevin and Beth Theile of T.I.S. Group, the annual gala this year is subtitled "cirque" because of its circus arts and street entertainment theme, which will be enhanced by decorations and vignettes presented by the Hudsucker Posse and the Flight Fitness Club-Bloomington during the cocktail hour.

The Hudsucker Posse artists will be on raised platforms doing hoop and flow wand performances while Flight Fitness Club artists in bright, cirque-style costumes will mingle with guests and perform as stilt walkers and jugglers.

"We will be completely transforming the convention center, so that people will feel as if they've been transported into a

carnival-like atmosphere," Schlesinger said. "Some guests will come in costume, but that is not required."

There will be a well-stocked wine wall, a raffle for an iPad 3 tablet, and a large silent auction before dinner. Silent auction items include regional sports and cultural entertainment tickets, casual and fine dining options, spa packages, family fun tickets, autographed memorabilia, gifts from local retailers, jewelry and decorative arts.

Online bidding on silent auction items will be possible one week before the gala at wonderlab.org. Guests will be able to continue the bidding with their smart phones, cell phones, or tablet devices. Silent and live auction items are posted online for preview.

A sit-down dinner will include complimentary wine from Oliver Winery and dessert provided by Grazie! Italian Eatery.

After dinner there will be a live auction for a small number of higher-priced items — such as a Holland America 10-day cruise, a family trip to Orlando, a private birthday party at the Bloomington Fire Station No. 2, a getaway to San Francisco, a professional photography package, and a trip to Las Vegas.

Lead sponsors for the event are the Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center, Cook, IU Health Southern Indiana Physicians, Ivy Tech Community College, Markey's Rental and Staging, Oliver Winery, Premier Healthcare, Quality Mill Supply Co. Inc., Southern Indiana Physician Health Foundation, WFIU and World Arts Printing Inc.

LOCAL BUSINESS

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Small Business Caucus coming

Members of the Indiana General Assembly's Small Business Caucus have scheduled a town hall meeting for Bloomington on Wednesday.

The meeting is slated for noon to 1 p.m. in Meeting

to 100 adults who line up outside the new location. Chick-fil-A will give 100 people who line up outside the doors before 6 a.m. Thursday sets of 52 voucher coupons, with each coupon good for a chicken sandwich, medium waffle fries and drink.

The line will open at 6 a.m. Wednesday, the day before the coupons are awarded. If more than 100 people are present when the line opens, Chick-fil-A will hold a drawing to

fied New Homes program. For more information on the Bloomington business, call 812-339-9114 or visit www.commsrv.com.

BioLife constructing new building

Baxter Healthcare Corp.'s subsidiary BioLife Plasma Services plans a ceremony to mark a new phase of construction on a plasma collection center it is putting up in

insurance knowledge, to its staff. King will be available to serve new customers and existing ISU May Agency customers. She can be reached at 812-334-2400.

The insurance agency, at 1327 N. Walnut St., is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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