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July—August 2012

## 13TH ANNUAL TRANSITION FAIR

The 13th Annual Clallam County High School Transition Fair was a huge success! The fair, held at Vern Burton Center on May 9th, assists graduating students with developmental disabilities gain much needed information on community services and jobs available to them as they transition to adulthood. Clallam County



Linda Middleton (left) and Nancy Wiltshire (right)



Commissioner Jim McEntire getting ready to speak

Commissioner McEntire greeted the students wishing them a successful fair and thanked them for attending. Approximately 75-80 high school students and their families attended. Twenty-eight organizations and/or employers including Home Depot, WalMart -Sequim, Safeway on Lincoln Street in Port Angeles and Goodwill Industries attended. Representatives from the Social Security Administration, the Division of Developmental Disabilities, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Work-Source, the Peninsula Housing Authority, caregiver agencies, and others were also present. For more information about the annual H.S. Transition Fair and about employment programs available for graduating students with developmental disabilities, contact Tim Bruce, Clallam County HHS Planner for Developmental Disabilities at 360-417-2428.

Put yourself in a state of mind where you say to yourself, 'Here is an opportunity for me to celebrate like never before, my own power, my own ability to get myself to do whatever is necessary.'

*Martin Luther King*

# TRANSITION FAIR CONT..

Students with their Passports



Pencom/911 demonstrating to students



Clallam County Orcas / Special Olympics and students



Zach Harper (left) and James Sawyer speaking



Linda Middleton (left) introducing Commissioner McEntire



Blake Yacklin (left) and students at Morningside table



Gary Beatty (left) and Grant Hurley speaking



Ryan and Mike from Safeway



Kitsap & Jefferson Counties



The Arc is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization incorporated in Washington State to work through education, advocacy and support to improve the quality of life for people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Arc is a membership organization and memberships support advocacy at the local, state and national levels.

For more information, visit their website at [www.arckj.org](http://www.arckj.org) or contact Jenell DeMatteo, Parent to Parent Coordinator at (360) 377-3473.

# DON'T FORGET

-  **DDAC Meeting** — Thursday, July 12th; 5:30 - 7:30 at the Forks Community Center in Forks.
-  **Mosaic Classes** — Mosaic (formerly Snap) offers a wonderful collection of classes and events this Summer and Fall for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Classes are open to everyone in Clallam and Jefferson Counties. The Fall catalog of classes will be available in August. For more information contact Bonne Smith at 681-8642.
-  **Orcas/Special Olympics**— Regional Softball Tournament in Olympia on Saturday, July 28th. Regional Golf Tournament in Tacoma on Sunday July 29th. For more information contact Wendy Bonham at 477-4134 or [rbonwbon@oal.com](mailto:rbonwbon@oal.com)

## AND AROUND TOWN




**Port Angeles 4th of July**—Parade through downtown at 6pm, music at the pier starting at 7pm. Fireworks start at dusk. Come and enjoy the free event. For more information visit [www.portangeles.org/wavebroadband4th](http://www.portangeles.org/wavebroadband4th)

**Forks Old Fashioned 4th of July**—Saturday June 30th - Friday, July 6th. Contact Mark Soderlind at (360) 640-4298 or email [soderlind@centurytel.net](mailto:soderlind@centurytel.net) or visit [www.forks-wa.com](http://www.forks-wa.com) for a schedule of events.





**Clallam Bay - Sekiu Fun Days**—July 13th -15th in Sekiu. Visit [www.clallambaysekiufundays.com](http://www.clallambaysekiufundays.com) for a list of events or email: [info@clallambaysekiufundays.com](mailto:info@clallambaysekiufundays.com) for more information.

**Sequim Lavender Festival**—July 20th - 22nd in Sequim. Farm tours and street fair. Free admission to the street fair. For more information visit [www.lavenderfestival.com](http://www.lavenderfestival.com).

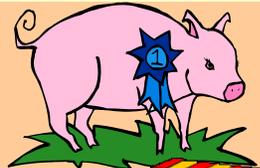






**Arts in Action**—July 27th—29th in Port Angeles at the Pier. Art fair, sand sculptures, chalk artist, food. Free admission to the art fair. For more information visit [www.portangelesdowntown.com](http://www.portangelesdowntown.com)

**Clallam County Fair**—August 16th - 19th. Demo derby, carnival, food, arts and crafts, animals and music. This year's theme is "Kiss a pig, dance a jig." Go to [www.clallam.net/fair](http://www.clallam.net/fair) for a list of events. Fair admission \$8.00 per adult, \$6.00 per child. Pre-purchase your carnival ride tickets or day passes before August 15th at: Forks Outfitters in Forks, Treasures 'n Thrift in Sequim, Wilder Auto, Higher Grounds and Swains in Port Angeles.








Empowering People with Developmental Disabilities for a More Viable Community

## Healthy Shopping, Cooking, and Eating

Three - 3-hour workshops - \$15 (Caregivers FREE)

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. July 11, 18, 25

Summertime in the northwest is a tasty season for berries, greens, peas, broccoli, onions, root vegetables, dairy products and the local bounty of our farm land. Healthy eating is a lifetime commitment. Join Mosaic on our journey toward better health and support our local farmers at the same time. We ENCOURAGE caregivers to participate.

Meet at the Port Angeles Farmers Market in downtown Port Angeles at 10:30-11:15 a.m. for a guided shopping tour.

Learn how to select healthy farm fresh foods with Local Food Specialist Carrie Sanford and Mosaic Staff Donna Morris.

With our local groceries purchased, the shopping class will reconvene at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 Lopez Ave., Port Angeles, at 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. for the Healthy Cooking & Eating class

Be part of the Mosaic group that makes the promise to being a healthier person

Contact Bonne Smith at [bonnesmith.bs@gmail.com](mailto:bonnesmith.bs@gmail.com)  
360-681-8642 P.O. box 3081, Sequim, Wa 98382

**Mosaic Mission** - To enrich, encourage and empower people with developmental disabilities toward achieving independence, social skills, and community inclusion through the arts, education, and social activities.



## CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.”

- Henry David Thoreau

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Harvey Reise, Andrea Reise, Karen Englund and Kelly Napiontek attended a Volunteer Appreciation Event on February 23rd at the Salvation Army where all 4 of them volunteered. Everyone received a Certificate of Appreciation from Majors Dana & Kathleen Johnson during the event. The Salvation Army believes that the volunteers are "A gift to the community".



*Harvey and Andrea Reise*



*Kelly Napiontek*



*Karen Englund*

*-by Dawn Barrett, Concerned Citizens*



### Washington Parent Coalitions for Developmental Disabilities

Parent Coalitions throughout Washington State help parents, family members, and guardians become effective advocates for their family members and others who have developmental disabilities. Efforts are directed toward:

- accessing and improving the service delivery system
- linking families with community supports
- ensuring adequate funding for programs and services
- forming a strong advocacy base
- impacting opinion leaders and policy makers through legislative advocacy  
working for a better future in the community for people with developmental disabilities

Contact Janell DeMatteo for Clallam/Jefferson Counties at 360-379-8934 or [dematteo@olympen.com](mailto:dematteo@olympen.com)

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