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July—August 2013

HIRING EVENT & TRANSITION FAIR

The Clallam County Hiring Event and Transition Fair held May 8th at the Vern Burton Center was a success! About 200 people participated including high school transition students from Neah Bay, Clallam Bay/Sekiu, Forks, Joyce, Port Angeles and Sequim. Participants were able to meet with hiring employers, resource agencies and attend workshops such as: Dress for Success, Resume Writing, Succeeding at Your New Job, Alternative Job Interviewing, Money Matters, Work Ethics and much more. These workshops were taught by Employment Providers: Concerned Citizens, Morningside, Pierce Jones & Associates as well as staff from DSHS and WorkSource.

The representative employers hiring at the event were: Big Lots; Home Depot; Catholic Community Services; Express Professionals; Armstrong Marine; Lincoln Street Safe-way; Mary Kay; Red Lion; Aramark; and Washington State Department of Corrections. Resource Agencies were: Social Security Administration; Peninsula College; Clallam Transit; Mosaic; Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Developmental Disabilities Administration; Developmental Disability Council of Washington; Orcas Special Olympics; Clallam County: Health & Human Services and Sheriff's Department Emergency Management; WorkSource; DSHS; Pierce Jones & Associates; Morningside; and Concerned Citizens.

The Port Angeles Food Bank, Pepsi and Reath Ellefson provided lunch to all participants. Queen of Angels Catholic Women sponsored a clothing closet providing free clothes to job seekers at the event.

One transition student, one DVR participant and two DSHS participants were able to obtain employment as a result of this event. We hope that more will be assisted in the future, and we look forward to next year's event.



Happy
4th of
July!



*The secret
of getting
ahead is
getting
started.*

*-Mark
Twain*



ORCAS UPDATE

It's summertime and that means Golf and Softball for the Clallam County Orcas. The Regional Tournament for Softball will be held on July 27th in Olympia. The Regional Tournament for Golf is July 28th in Tacoma.

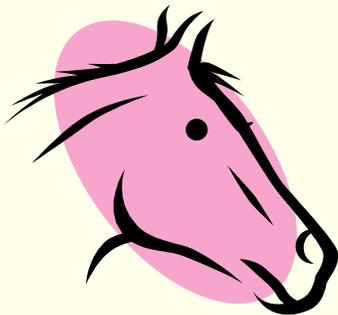


As a recap for Spring sports: We had a great group of athletes participate at the Summer Games over the 1st weekend in June at Joint Base Lewis McChord. There were also 3 swimmers who competed at the King County Aquatics Center in Federal Way. It was a fun weekend, and our athletes were very successful - bringing home lots of pretty medals.

In September we will start bowling again.



For information on how to join the team as an athlete or volunteer, call Wendy Bonham at 360-477-4134.



Star Spangled Horse Show

July 6th & 7th

Clallam County Fairgrounds

1608 W. 16th Street

Port Angeles, WA 98363

For more information contact:

Kyle Ellis at (360) 461-0006 or Sherri Ellis at (360) 460-8481 or email: the@olyphen.com

Keep an open mind and a compassionate heart. - Phil Jackson

DON'T FORGET

-  **DDAC Meeting** — Thursday July 11th, 5:30 - 7:30pm at the Forks Community Center, 91 Maple Ave., Forks. No videoconferencing.
-  **BLAC Meeting** — “Business Leadership Advisory Committee”, a subcommittee of the DDAC ,will be held on Thursday August 29th, 5:15—7:30pm at the Board of County Commissioners Room, Clallam County Courthouse. Business Leaders interested are encouraged to attend.
-  **Mosaic Dance** — Tuesday July 30th, 1-3pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 E. Lopez St., Port Angeles. Potluck and dance,\$5.00. For more info, call 360-681-8642.

AND AROUND TOWN



Port Angeles 4th of July Celebration—downtown Port Angeles. Parade starts at 6pm. Music at the City Pier starting at 7pm and Fireworks show starting at 10pm.



Forks Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration—July 3rd-7th in Forks. Parade, demolition derby, fireworks, fun run, arts and crafts show, Moonlight Madness shopping, West End Thunder races. For more information go to the Forks Chamber of Commerce website at: www.forkswa.com/events or call Mark Soderlind at (360) 640-4298.



Concerts on the Pier—Port Angeles City Pier. Every Wednesday night from 6-8pm through September 4th. 3-Jul / Ranger and the 'Re-Arrangers' / Gypsy Jazz; 10-Jul / The Dukes of Dabob / Dixieland Jazz; 18-Jul / Fat Chance Band / Rock & Roll; 24-Jul / The Cody Rentas Band / Rock & Roll; 31-Jul / Witherow / Folk/Rock; 7-Aug / The Retro Guys / Rock & Roll; 14-Aug / Wally's Boys /Swing; 21-Aug / Twisted Roots /



Music in the Park—Reuse Demonstration Site, 563 N. Rhodefer Road, Sequim. Every Tuesday night from 6-8pm, now through August 27th. Bring you blankets and chairs and enjoy the free music. For band info, go to www.sequimwa.gov

Clallam Bay-Sekiu Fun Days—July 12th-14th. Enjoy food, fireworks and fun.



Lavender Festival - July 19th, 20th & 21st in Sequim. Enjoy the street fair, events and farm tours. Purchase your farm tour admission tickets early. Call 681-3035 or go to www.lavenderfestival.com for more information.



Arts in Action—Annual art fair and sand sculpture contest. July 25—28, Port Angeles City Pier.

Makah Days—August 23rd—25th in Neah Bay. Enjoy traditional dancing, canoe races, arts, crafts and food fair. Entrance to main events are free. If you plan to participate in hiking, fishing, camping for visiting the beaches, there is a \$10.00 recreation use permit fee. Make reservations for accommodations early. For more information contact Rose Jimmicum at (360) 645-3101 or mtctero@centurytel.net



EMPLOYER RECOGNIZED

The *Business Leadership Advisory Committee* for Clallam County Health & Human Services Developmental Disabilities recognized **Lincoln Street Safeway** in Port Angeles as their “Employer of the Quarter”. On behalf of the *Business Leadership Advisory Committee*, Kathy Burrer, Executive Director of Dungeness Courte, Sequim presented Safeway’s manager, Mike LaGrange with a certificate of appreciation for Safeway’s commitment to inclusion and diversity in the workplace, particularly in hiring individuals with disabilities.

When asked why Safeway has this commitment, Mike stated. “Safeway actively tries to hire people who mirror our communities and we actively try to incorporate a diverse and inclusive workforce. That would be at all levels, from entry level to management”. “I’ve found that people with disabilities are often a forgotten segment of our population and sometimes passed over. So, if you find the right job match for them, many times you will have an employee who is happier, has better attendance and is dedicated. I also think customers appreciate and recognize there is a value to the community to have an inclusive business. An example of Customer Loyalty: One of our regular customers changed her shopping day because one of the employees with disabilities changed his schedule and she appreciates his happy smile and wants to shop when he is on shift.”

Mike also discussed the benefit of employee retention and reduced turnover. He would encourage other employers to consider hiring individuals with disabilities and to connect with Employment Providers like Concerned Citizens, Pierce Jones & Associates and Morningside to explore a good job match.



Empowering People with Developmental Disabilities
for a More Viable Community

Mosaic Summer 2013 Schedule

“Host a Summer Party”—July 16, 1-3pm, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 E. Lopez, Port Angeles.

“Summer Dance/Potluck” - July 30, 1-3pm, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 E. Lopez, Port Angeles.

Registration required, drop-in’s welcome, \$5.00 fee includes supplies and snacks.

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.

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P.O. Box 3081, Sequim, WA 98382 360-681-8642

www.clallammosaic.org

FREE Summer Lunch

ANY child and teenager 1 through 18 years of age can come and receive a free lunch on weekdays during the summer at the following locations:

- 11:45— 12:00 Jefferson Elementary— 218 East 12th Street
- 12:15—12:30 Roosevelt Elementary— 106 Monroe Road
- 12:40—12:55 Boys and Girls Club— 2620 S Francis Street
- 1:05—1:15 Dream Playground— Race Street
- 1:30—1:40 Shane Park— 400-499 S G. Street
- 1:50—2:10 Evergreen Family Village— 2203 W 18th Street
- 2:25—2:40 First Step Family Support Center— 325 E. 6th Street
(Monday through Thursday lunch service only at First Step.)

Parents do not have to be with their children. No paperwork or names are taken. Lunches must be consumed on site.

Lunch That's In, When School is Out!

Monday - Friday
June 24th, 2013
through
August 30th, 2013
No service July 4th

Questions? Please call
First Step Family Support Center
at (360) 457-8355

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. If you believe you have been treated unfairly, you may file a complaint of discrimination, by writing USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call toll free (800)633-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800)877-8339 or (800)845-6136 (Voice). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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Courthouse Closures

July
1st—Furlough
4th—Holiday
15th—Furlough
22nd—Furlough

August
26th—Furlough

WANTED!

New members to serve on the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Tim Bruce at (360) 417-2428 or tbruce@co.clallam.wa.us

Name Change

The Washington State Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) has recently changed their name to Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA).

Visit the updated website at www.dshs.wa.gov/ddd

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Developmental Disabilities
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