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July—August 2015

## LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

It will soon be that time of year when school buses begin reappearing on our streets on a daily basis.. Maybe the school bus still comes to your neighborhood for one of your loved ones.

If so, they are continuing on a grand adventure we call education. But what if the school bus no longer comes for your loved one? Maybe this is the first year that has happened or maybe it has been a long time since a school bus came for your loved one.

What is that loved one doing now with the rest of their life? After school in our society people traditionally go to work and become adult members of their communities. How are our loved ones with developmental disabilities moving on with their lives after school? Are they working, becoming members of their communities or are they sitting on a couch in isolation and living in poverty with few new adventures or challenges to look forward to in their years to come?

This is a conversation we all need to have in our communities. Everyone deserves the opportunity to dream, to succeed and do things no one ever thought was possible and yes we also all deserve the opportunity to fail and learn along life's way. Adults look for independence and a meaningful life. What are we doing to see that all of the members of our community with and without developmental disabilities get these opportunities? When we are gone, when our loved ones are in their senior years will there be evidence of a life well lived? A life full of adventure, success and even failure...a full life!

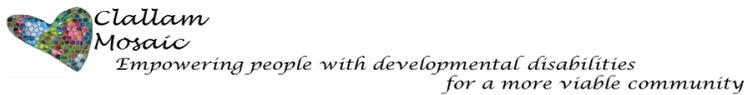
- Tim Bruce, Planner—Clallam County Health & Human Services  
Developmental Disabilities

*Happy 4th  
of July!*



It does  
not matter  
how  
slowly you  
go as long  
as you do  
not stop.

*-Confucius*



Clallam Mosaic's 2014-2015 theater sessions culminated with two performances of the show "Sweet Dreams Are..." The show was a journey into the futuristic world of steam punk and the productions were imbued with the talents of our many participants and volunteers. The performances were a roaring success, showcasing the talents - musical, theatrical and even acrobatic – of our participants and raising over \$2,000 in donations. Thanks to all who helped, attended and/or supported this endeavor! A special shout out to our key volunteers - Laura Brackett, Lori Cates, Susie Davis, Virginia O'Neil and T. Smith.... and to our creative visionary, Bonne Smith & production manager, Tresa Stuber!



Of course, there were numerous other amazing moments during the recently ended spring quarter: During Safe & Strong class, participants got to assemble their own take home emergency preparedness kits (see picture). During the Slices of Life classes participants took some amazing photographs (some of which are incorporated into our new movie "A Mosaic of Dreams" [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqL8uBheABO](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqL8uBheABO)) and they got to decorate bird houses for

sale at the upcoming Lavender Festival. During Rec Club, participants got to make bird feeders that they could take home. In Fit & Strong, participants got to stretch, walk, shake and move in all sorts of ways. The quarter was a lot of fun and was a success because of the wonderful volunteers who stepped in to help out: Jayme Wisecup & AmeriCorps volunteer Anne Parsons in Safe & Strong, Barbara Lippert & Olympic Peaks Camera Club members in Photography, and Lois Phillips & her friend Helga in Bird House Decorating.

On the Parent Network front, there's been a lot of energy around the arena of housing. The Home & Good Life working group has created a vision for a village – a community within a community – and they've scheduled an initial Town Hall discussion (Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 7 pm @ Sequim Transit Center) to determine the level of community support for this dream. The Home & Good Life leadership team hopes that all community members interested in helping with creating a safe housing solution for individuals with developmental disabilities will attend and lend their voice as the project "gets off the ground."

Finally, as summer is here, Clallam Mosaic is looking forward to a terrific series of summer day camps. Day camps are a little different from our regular programming with participants engaging in a 5 hour day of activities. Participants may do art projects on one day, cooking on another day and games on yet another! We'll also be taking advantage of the great weather with some field trips:

- July 2, 10 am – 3 pm: Dungeness River Audubon Center at Railroad Bridge Park
- July 22, 10 am – 3 pm: Feiro Marine Life Science Center & Port Angeles Pier
- August 13, 10 am - noon: PA Fine Arts Center
- August 20, 10 am – 3 pm: Clallam County Fair

To get more information or to download registration paperwork check out [www.clallammosaic.org/classes](http://www.clallammosaic.org/classes). We hope to see many of you at one of the summer sessions! Also, make sure you come and see us at our Lavender Festival booth July 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> or at our table at the Port Angeles Farmer's Market on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

## DON'T FORGET

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**DDAC Meeting**—Thursday, July 9th, 5:30-7:30pm at Concerned Citizens, 945. S. Forks Ave., Forks. No videoconferencing.
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**BLAC Meeting**—“Business Leadership Advisory Committee; a subcommittee of the DDAC, will be meeting again in September. Date, time and location will be posted on the website at: [www.clallam.net/HHS/HumanServices/blac](http://www.clallam.net/HHS/HumanServices/blac)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Independence Day—July 4th

#### AND AROUND TOWN



Music in the Park—Tuesdays from 6-8pm, Reuse Demonstration Park, 563 N. Rhodefer Road, Sequim. For a list of musicians, go to the Sequim Chamber events calendar at: [www.sequimchamber.com/events-calendar/](http://www.sequimchamber.com/events-calendar/)

Forks Old Fashioned 4th of July—July 1-5, Forks. Tours, food, demo derby, parade, fireworks. For a list of events go to [www.forkswa.com/events/forks-old-fashioned-4th-of-July/](http://www.forkswa.com/events/forks-old-fashioned-4th-of-July/)

NW Colonial Festival—July 15-19, George Washington Inn, 939 Finn Hall Road, Port Angeles. Militia Muster and Colonial Festival— Colonial reenactors and artisans. \$10.00 per carload. For more info call 452-5207.

Sequim Lavender Festival—July 17-19, Sequim. Street festival, arts, crafts, music, fun for kids, food, farm tours. For more information go to [www.lavenderfestival.com](http://www.lavenderfestival.com) or email [info@lavenderfestival.com](mailto:info@lavenderfestival.com)

Quileute Days—July 17-19, LaPush. Salmon bake, dancing and song, softball and horse-shoe tournament, arts, crafts, food, canoe races, stick games & fireworks. Call 360-374-5091 for more information.

Summertime Outdoor Music — July 30, August 13 & 27, 6pm. NOLS Library, 2210 S Peabody, Port Angeles. Free

Juan de Fuca Discovery Arts Camp—August 10-14 in Port Angeles for children ages 7-11. Go to [www.jffa.org](http://www.jffa.org) for registration information.

Clallam County Fair “Fun For The Whole Herd” — August 20-23, Clallam County Fairgrounds, Port Angeles. Carnival, music, eats, crafts, animals, Draft Horse show, Logging show, Rodeo and Demolition Derby. For more information go to [www.clallam.net/Fair/](http://www.clallam.net/Fair/)



Olympic Peninsula Air Affaire—August 29-30, Sequim Valley Airport, 468 Dorothy Hunt Lane, Sequim. Airplane rides, skydivers, hot air balloon rides, vendors, music and food! \$5.00 per carload. For more info go to [www.olympicpeninsulaairaffaire.com](http://www.olympicpeninsulaairaffaire.com)



# UPDATE

We have had a great start to our summer season. We have a great softball team that is practicing on Wednesdays and our golf team is bigger than ever. We love having new athletes join us!



Some members of our golf team got a special treat during the US Open. Web Simpson and Russell Henley took time out from the competition to spend some time with Special Olympics athletes - giving them play-tips, taking pictures and cheering them on as they participated in a long putt shoot-out which our own Ursula Schletter won!!

We love the picture of Web Simpson who is wearing an Orca's hat. We asked him to trade it out for his San Francisco Giants hat (we are all Mariners fans).



Bowling will begin around the second week of September!

As always if you are interested in joining the Clallam County Orcas program as an athlete or volunteer - please call Wendy Bonham at 360-477-4134 or e-mail

[ClallamCountyOrcas@gmail.com](mailto:ClallamCountyOrcas@gmail.com)



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### Teen Goes From Special Ed To Valedictorian

As a child, Chance Mair struggled to overcome sensory and social skills challenges related to Asperger's syndrome, but this week he graduated high school at the top of his class.

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### Teen With Autism, Family Booted From United Airlines Flight

A mom plans to sue after her family, including a daughter with autism, was kicked off a United Airlines flight for being "disruptive."

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<http://www.policeone.com/.../7217464-Md-police-to-get-traini.../>



### Md. police to get training in interacting with disabled

By David Dishneau Associated Press SYKESVILLE, Md. Maryland will be the first state to teach all law enforcement officers about people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in training

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The BLAC (Business Leadership Advisory Committee) Employers of the Month, recognized for employing persons with developmental disabilities were:

May: Goodwill—Sequim

June: Home Depot

### Courthouse Closures:

July 3rd—Independence Day Holiday

# WANTED!

Self Advocates to serve on the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee.

If you are interested in joining, please contact

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