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July—August 2011

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE A PASSPORT TO THEIR FUTURE



*“Be not afraid
of growing
slowly; be
afraid only of
standing still.”*

*~Chinese
Proverb*

Over 70 high school students from Forks, Joyce, Port Angeles and Sequim got to meet with area employers and service agencies at the Clallam County Health and Human Services 2011 Transition Fair.

The students used their “passport” to visit each table and talk with the vendors about jobs and job training, college and skills programs, and about benefits like Social Security. They learned about vacations,



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2011 TRANSITION FAIR (CON'T)

getting around on public transportation, being safe in an emergency, and how to open a bank account. And the free books and snacks were a big hit, too!

A few young people stopped by to talk about their jobs that included working in a video store, working with engines, welding, and being a volunteer fire fighter.

We'd like to give a big thank you to all who donated their time, prize items and to everyone who attended!



Port Angeles teacher Gary Beatty and former area high school students talk to the audience about jobs and life after school (left).



Students from area high schools visit each table for information on services and employment opportunities (above).



Representatives from local businesses and service agencies talked with students about employment opportunities and services available after graduation.



Clallam County Emergency (left), Morningside employment services (right).

DON'T FORGET



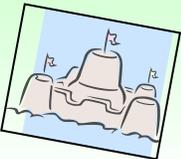
DDAC Meeting — Thursday, July 7, 2011; 5:30 -7:30 p.m. at the Forks Community Center in Forks, WA .



Monday, July 4th is Independence Day. Don't miss the parade through downtown Port Angeles starting at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse, followed by a 4th of July celebration at City Pier with fireworks over the harbor at 10 p.m.



July 15 – 17th, Sequim Lavender Festival and Lavender Faire — See, smell and even taste the beauty of this light purple posy at the annual Sequim Lavender Festival and all new Lavender Faire!



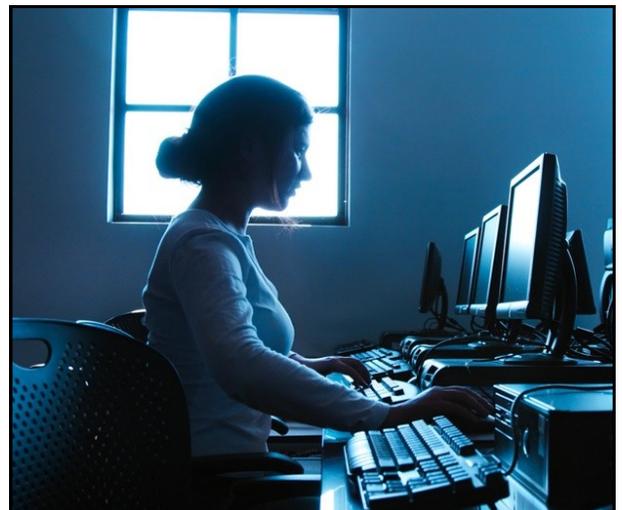
July 22 – 24th, Arts in Action & Sand Sculpture Contest — Come see all the cool sand sculptures and art at City Pier and Hollywood Beach in Port Angeles.

August 18 – 21st, Clallam County Fair — Rodeos, food, entertainment, 4H displays, agriculture programs and much more at the Clallam County Fair Grounds.

WEBSITE OFFERS ONLINE TRAINING

The Partners in Policymaking folks have created a study course online called Partners in Employment. It can help people looking for jobs and their caregivers with employment opportunities in their community. It also shows how people with developmental disabilities have overcome struggles to find jobs and how they have succeeded where they work.

Partners in Policymaking programs are used across the country and the world. They have helped hundreds of individuals with developmental disabilities and their family members learn new, exciting ways to open the world of work to everyone.



Check out the online class at
www.partnersinpolicymaking.com/employment/index.html
 and see if it's right for you.

ROCK-N-BOWL ROLLS UP FUN



People First of Washington held their annual bowling fundraiser at Laurel Lanes in Port Angeles this May. Fifty-four bowlers raised \$800 at The Rock-N-Roll Bowl for state and local chapters. Everyone had a rockin' good time!



LOVIN' LAVENDER



Look for Snap at Lavender Faire!

Do you like the color purple? Or how about flowers and the fresh air? Come breathe in the delicious scent of lavender and visit the Snap booth at the Lavender Faire at Carrie Blake Park in Sequim July 15, 16 and 17. After stopping by, enjoy the Faire's music, food and of course lots of lovely lavender. Cross your fingers for some sunshine!



NEW WEBSITE GIVES CAREGIVERS MORE INFO

Information Connections is a website for parents and caregivers of children with developmental disabilities and chronic diseases. It was developed with funding from the National Library of Medicine. The website helps caregivers who need more information on services and care. It's easy to browse and this makes it simple for caregivers to get the information they need.

Check it out at www.informationconnections.org today.





READY, SET, GO...SAFETY NOTES

Got Plans? Yes, I do!

I KNOW HOW TO CONTACT MY CAREGIVER & FAMILY...

- Emergency contact phone numbers are taped near my phone at home.
- I keep my emergency contact phone numbers in my wallet .
- My out-of-state emergency contact phone number is _____.

- My doctor's number is _____.
- My pet's veterinarian's number is _____.
- I have my telephone number memorized.
- I know to stay connected on the phone and not hang up until I am told to do so.

I KNOW MY LOCATION...

- I know how to give my address.
- I can describe a landmark from my surroundings.
- Draw a picture in your journal that you keep in your emergency preparedness kit. Draw a picture of where you live with some landmarks in the picture as well as your street address written on the picture.
- I can describe details of the buildings around me.

I KNOW HOW TO DROP, COVER, & HOLD IN AN EARTHQUAKE...

- Stay away from the windows.
- Drop under a sturdy desk or table and hold on to one of the legs.
- Cover my head with my other arm while keeping my face down to protect my eyes.
- Hold this position until the earthquake shaking stops.
- Call your caregiver or family to let them know you are okay. Or, let them know if you need more help.

IF THE ELECTRICITY IS OUT BECAUSE OF A STORM...

- Get out my emergency preparedness kit bag.
- Take the items out of my emergency preparedness kit bag and place in an orderly fashion on a table.
- Put the batteries into my radio and flashlight.
- Listen to my radio to hear about the storm, and when the power may come back on. This is called situational awareness.
- Look outside my window to see if it is just my house or the neighborhood that has no electricity.
- Use my cell phone to call my caregiver, or family, to let them know I am okay, or if I need help.
- Drink liquids (6 to 8 glasses per day) of water, and eat my snack food—remember to ration, or schedule how much you eat during the day.
- Stay inside and use my blankets to stay warm.
- If I have to go outside to travel to a family, or friends house, or move to a Red Cross Shelter, I will watch out for downed power lines and/or fallen trees.
- I will use my flashlight.



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CAN YOU MAKE A PLAN FOR THE DIFFERENT EMERGENCIES SUCH AS FLOODS, WINTER STORMS, FIRES, EARTHQUAKES, & EXTREMELY HOT SUMMER WEATHER???

- Yes, you can!
- You already know how to plan for things...you do this every day.
- You plan trips when you go to visit a friend.
- You plan trips to the veterinarian when your pet is sick or hurt.
- You plan what to cook for dinner and what to buy at the grocery store.

Discuss the underlined words with a friend or family member.
Or, use the Internet to learn more about these emergency planning words.

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SUMMERTIME IS SOFTBALL TIME!

**Clallam
County
Orcas**



Special Olympics
Washington

Practices for the Clallam County Orcas softball team are currently underway and will be held each Friday from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at **Carrie Blake Park in Sequim**. Additional batting practice will be held each Monday from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at **Franklin Elementary in Port Angeles**.

The Regional Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 30th, 2011 in Olympia. If we receive a gold medal at the Regional Event, we will attend the Summer Sports Classic event, August 20th - 21st in Everett!

***** All skill levels are invited to participate *****

Please call Wendy Bonham for more information at 477-4134.

New forms, signed by a doctor are required every 3 years.

"The Clallam County Orcas get ready for action during the Spring Games at Mount Tahoma High School in Tacoma, WA."



Snap  A Community with heart includes everyone

SPROUT FILM FESTIVAL

making the invisible visible

October 15, 2011

Olympic Theatre Arts in Sequim
Free Film Presentations at 1 & 3:30 p.m.

Gala Benefit for Snap

Auction, Food, Wine, & Movies
6 PM \$25 admission

You are invited to a very exciting event Snap is bringing to the Olympic Peninsula, **The Sprout Film Festival**. We are especially excited because Sprout Films are world-class movies made by, for, and about people with developmental disabilities.

The goal of Sprout Films is to make *The Invisible Visible*. By presenting films of artistry and humanity, the festival reinforces accurate portrayals of people with developmental disabilities. The festival will provide an entertaining and enlightening experience that will help promote a greater acceptance of differences and awareness of similarities.

Our intent is to create an experience that will educate, touch hearts, inspire ideas, and connect audiences.

Sprout has been making videos related to the field of developmental disabilities since 1995 and has witnessed the myriad of benefits these videos have for this population and the general public. In 2006 the Sprout Touring Film Festival was founded, enabling agencies throughout the U.S. and Canada to design their own film festival.

For tickets & info contact: Jenell DeMatteo at 360-379-8934.



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