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November—December 2014

ACCESSIBLE VOTING

Did you know that there is an Accessible Electronic Voting machine available to use at the Auditor's Office in the Clallam County Courthouse for those wishing to come in person and vote? With Election Day coming up on November 4th, it's a chance for people to personally place their vote.

Voters with visual impairments, blindness, or literacy challenges may use the integrated audio ballot reader to navigate through the ballot and the machine may also be used by voters with severe mobility impairments. All voters can vote independently and privately.

And, don't forget to get your "I Voted" sticker before you leave too!



For voters with visual disabilities, there is an accessible voters' pamphlet. Formatted Word documents, audio, and plain text which are all posted at www.vote.wa.gov/accessible.

Subscriptions for audio files via USB or CD have been filled this year. If a voter does not have internet access and wants this information automatically in the future, please send an email to voterspamphlet@sos.wa.gov with the persons name, phone number, residential and mailing addresses and preference of audio CD or USB drive.



Daylight Savings Time Ends November 2nd. "Fall Back" One Hour

If you are really thankful, what do you do?

You share.

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OCTOBER IS DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

On Tuesday, October 14th, 2014, the Board of Clallam County Commissioners proclaimed the month of October 2014 as Disability Employment Awareness Month in Clallam County and publically recognized employers in Clallam County who employ people with developmental disabilities. Held each October, National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is a national campaign that raises awareness about disability employment issues and celebrates the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. The theme for 2014 is "Expect. Employ. Empower."

NDEAM's roots go back to 1945, when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month."

Employers recognized from Port Angeles were: A-1 Performance, Albertsons, Clallam County Hostels, Clallam Transit, Common Grounds Café, DSHS, Feiro Marine Center, Goodwill Industries, Jack in the Box, Lee Shore Boats, McDonalds, Morningside, Olympic Laundry & Cleaners, Olympic Medical Center, Pacific Office Equipment, Safeway, Wal-Mart, Wolfley Law Office and YMCA.

Employers from Sequim were: Caring Hands Learning Center, Dungeness Courte, Goodwill Industries, Holiday Inn Express, Karen's Accounting Service Inc., King's Way Foursquare Church, Pacific Bay International, Safeway, Sequim Community School, Sun Baked Landscaping.

Employers from the West End were: Three Rivers Resort, Quillayute Valley School District, Washburn's General Store, The Makah Cultural and Resource Center.

In attendance to receive a copy of these public proclamations and recognitions were: Annie Achziger, Virginia O'Neil and Peter Ripley, Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee Members; Tim Bruce, Clallam County Health & Human Services Developmental Disabilities Planner.

If you frequent these businesses, please let them know you appreciate their commitment to diversity and inclusion in the workplace.



Pictured left to right: Annie Achziger, Virginia O'Neil and Peter Ripley, Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee Members; Tim Bruce, Clallam County Health & Human Services Developmental Disabilities Planner, and Howard V. Dougherty, Jr., Clallam County Commissioner.

DON'T FORGET

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DDAC Meeting — Thursday, November 6th, 5:30–7:30pm at the Board of County Commissioners Board Room, Clallam County Courthouse and Videoconferencing: District Court, Forks..
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BLAC Meeting — “Business Leadership Advisory Committee”, a subcommittee of the DDAC, will be meeting again on November 13th, 5:15–7:30pm at the Red Lion Hotel, 221 N. Lincoln Street, Port Angeles.

AND AROUND TOWN



Annual Downtown Trick or Treating—Friday, October 31st, 2-5pm, Downtown Port Angeles.

Holiday Nature Mart—November 14th & 15th, 10am–4pm, Dungeness River Audubon Center, 2151 W. Hendrickson Road, Sequim. Handcrafted gifts, wreath making, raffle, homemade baked goods.

Christmas Cottage & Bake Sale—November 14–16, 9am-4pm, Vern Burton Gym, 308 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles. Holiday crafts and foods.

Winterfest—November 21st & 22nd, 8am-5pm, Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles.

Festival of Trees—November 27-30, 8am-5pm, Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles.

Handmade Christmas Fair—Saturday December 6th, 8am-2pm, Sequim Prairie Grange, 290 Macleay Road, Sequim.

Breakfast with Santa—Saturday December 6th, 8-11 am, Forks Congregational Church, 280 Spartan Ave, Forks.

13th Annual Twinkle Light Parade—Saturday December 6th, 6:30-6:45pm, Forks Avenue, Forks.

Moonlight Madness—Saturday December 6th, 6:45–10pm, shopping at local businesses in Forks.



Festival of Trees—December 6th & 7th, Forks Congregational Church, 280 Spartan Ave, Forks.

Christmas Fair—December 6th & 7th, 8am-5pm, Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles.

City of Port Angeles Blood Drive—December 15th & 16th, 10am, Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles.

EVENTS

BOWLING TEAM TAKES FIRST PLACE IN THE 2014 SPRING CLASSIC LEAGUE

When it was time for teams to sign up for the 2014 Spring Classic Bowling League at Laurel Lanes earlier this year, team captain Dawn Barrett needed to find a fourth bowler. Knowing that Stacey Shipley was an avid bowler, she approached the rest of her team and proposed inviting Stacey to fill that spot. With her other teammate's approval, Dawn contacted Stacey's sister and arranged to meet with her and Stacey to ask him if he was interested in joining her team. Stacey was very excited and wanted to start right away.

Concerned Citizens agreed to sponsor the team and also provided team tee-shirts.

Bowling in a sanctioned league was a new experience for Stacey. In order to be eligible to bowl in a league, you are required to become a member of the USBC (United States Bowling Congress).

The USBC is the national governing body of bowling and is a membership organization that provides standardized rules, regulations and benefits to make bowling fair and fun for everyone.

The USBC is committed to improving existing relationships and to forging new ones to remove any perceived barriers to the sport of bowling. With this dedication comes a concerted effort to protect and nurture the SPORT with mutual admiration and respect to all people of varied backgrounds.

The USBC believes to best serve their diverse membership they must embrace the value of the differences in insight, approach, and experience. The USBC understands that all of their members, employees and communities are critical to their success. The USBC is steadfast in partnering and growing with their communities of diverse backgrounds. Their worldwide perspective and touchstone of inclusion guides their mission to promote the sport of bowling across the globe.

Once Stacey signed up to be a USBC member, his next challenge was learning the rules and expectations. Although Stacey bowled often, he didn't understand that when you bowl in league, you had to yield to bowlers on either side of you. It was natural for Dawn to step in as his coach. She explained to Stacey that when it was his turn to bowl, he needed to pay attention to what other bowlers were doing before he could go. If anyone was on the lane to either side of him, he needed to wait until they had let go of their ball. Stacey was always anxious to bowl so Dawn stood to his side with her arm out in front of him like a road block while asking him if anyone was on his left or his right. When both lanes were free, Stacey could take his turn.

Stacey soon got the hang of yielding to other bowlers and only needed minimal support by the end of the season. His sister, Sandy, told his other team members that she noticed Stacey using the 'road block' technique during Saturday morning bowling. Who knows? He may inspire his peers to join a league someday.

It didn't take long for his other team members and bowlers on opposing teams, to offer their own encouragement and support to Stacey. Everyone was very welcoming and patient while he learned what to expect. Throughout the season, it was common for bowlers on other teams to hang around and cheer for Stacey if they finished before him.

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Dawn noticed, almost from the beginning, the positive effect Stacey had not only on his team members, but other bowlers as well. Bowling can be frustrating at times, and with frustration comes negative behavior. She encouraged her team to model a positive attitude for Stacey and to smile even when things were not going as well as they would have liked. Dawn found it amazing how this positive attitude spread to all participants throughout the season: "The next thing I knew, we were in first place and we stayed there until the end."

Stacey started the 2014 Spring Classic season with a 125 average. He ended his season with a 136 average. He got awards during the season for bowling a high scratch game of 183 and a high scratch series of 471. He is currently bowling on a USBC sanctioned fall/winter league and holding a 138 average.



Team members from left to right: Bob, Hal, Stacey, and Dawn

- Dawn Barrett, Concerned Citizens

Courthouse Closures:

November 11th— Veterans Day

November 27th — Thanksgiving

November 28th — Thanksgiving
Holiday

December 25th—Christmas

WANTED!

Self Advocates 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

Fall Quarter is in full swing at Clallam Mosaic and participants in the Groovin' & Shakin' class are actually learning to swing – swing dance, that is! This class is introducing our community to numerous dance moves ranging from belly dancing to ballroom (see picture). Emma Easton, the lead instructor for the class, has invited a number of community experts to come in and help – a big thank you to these great volunteers! If you've been keeping an eye on our Facebook page, you will have seen some of the dances that the participants have learned.



And, speaking of our Facebook page, we are up to 150 Likes! This portal is quickly becoming a go-to resource for information about developmental disabilities, happenings in our community and for glimpses of what is happening in the Clallam Mosaic classroom. If you haven't checked the page out recently, you might want to...

So, what else is happening in the classroom? Artisans and Rec Club participants have been "embracing the season" by making artistic nature plaques and Halloween decorations inspired by the fall foliage and scenery. Participants in theater have been exploring "steam punk" for their 2015 Snappy Players production. Actor's Studio members have explored movement and expression as ways to communicate to an audience. Folks in the Chat Room have been delving into numerous feelings and talking through various situations. And, of course, the participants in the drumming class have been working with Dave Luebbert to explore beat and rhythm! The monthly dances have been well attended and the final two dances of the year happen on November 8th and December 13th (1-4 pm). These will be the last two dances to happen at the current location and we are looking for a new venue for Clallam Mosaic's 2015 dances. If you know of options we should consider, please send an email to info@clallammosaic.org.

On another front, Fall marks the time for Clallam Mosaic's annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. This fundraising evening happens on Friday, November 14th (5 pm cocktail hour, 6 pm dinner) and some of the highlights of the evening include a skit by members of the Snappy Players Troupe, and a desert auction. During the cocktail hour, the vocal/piano duo "Bread and Gravy" (Stephanie and Jess Doenges) will be performing tunes that draw from the 60's to the current day. For more information about the evening check out Clallam Mosaic's website: www.clallammosaic.org. If you would like to buy tickets, please send an email to info@clallammosaic.org or call 360.681.8642. The Spaghetti Dinner is a big fundraiser which brings in much needed dollars to insure that our program costs remain low for participants so we hope you'll come out and help us raise these much needed funds!

On the support front, it's also important to mention some of the major grants that Clallam Mosaic has received recently:

- \$6,000 from the Sequim Sunrise Rotary to enable investment in technologies. With these funds we've purchased 10 new iPad3's and we hope to deploy these into our programs over the course of the next few months.
- \$15,000 from the Benjamin N. Phillips Memorial Fund (part of the Seattle Foundation) in support of general programming costs.
- \$9,000 from The Albert Haller Foundation (administered by the United Way) in support of general programming and the 2 parent networks.

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Thank you to all of these Foundations/Organizations for putting their trust in Clallam Mosaic's ability to deliver much needed programming to individuals with developmental disabilities!

Finally, a mention of what's happening in the Parent Networks. The Parent/Caregiver Network (PCN) hosted Sarah Fairbank and Isolde Perry on October 20th. They spoke about a housing option that is being developed in Jefferson County. If you were unable to attend or would like more information, please send an email to info@clallamosaic.org. The Parents of Minors group will be hosting Kim Ortloff and Beth Barrett at the next monthly Potluck on October 25th at the HTLC (301 Lopez Ave, Port Angeles) Fellowship Hall. Kim and Beth will provide a short de-brief of the recent Pacific Northwest Conference on Special Education & the Law. Please come and join the discussion even if you are not able to bring anything for the Potluck!

Clallam Mosaic, P.O. Box 3081, Sequim, WA 98382 – 360.681.8642

Our Proclamations for October 2014

Recognizing October 2014
as Disability Employment Awareness Month

Recognizing Employers
of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities



For more information about employment opportunities for individuals with Developmental Disabilities, contact Mary Clifton, Clallam County Health & Human Services Case Manager at 360-417-2407 or mclifton@co.clallam.wa.us

View the full proclamations on our website at:

<http://www.clallam.net/HHS/HumanServices/DevelopmentalDisabilities.html>

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Developmental Disabilities
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Got a Story? Got News? Contact Tim Bruce at
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