



Clallam Connection

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September—October 2014

THE SCHOOL BUS COMETH OR NOT!

It is that time of year 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!

- Timothy Bruce, Clallam County Health & Human Services, Human Services
Planner: Developmental Disabilities



*Autumn
Begins
September
22nd!*

**Happy
Halloween**

The more
we do,
the more
we can
do.

- William
Hazlitt



ORCAS UPDATE

It's Fall and that means bowling for the Clallam County Orcas. Our practices will be held on Thursdays, beginning September 18th, from 3:30 until 5:00pm and on Saturdays beginning the 20th, from 10:00 until 11:30am. Athletes should choose one of those days to come each week. Our regional tournament will be held on November 2nd at All-Star Lanes in Silverdale. There is no cost to participate in Special Olympics. If you haven't ever participated with us, you will need to have a form filled out by a medical professional before you can start. Please call Wendy if you need a form or if you have any questions.



We just finished up our Summer season which included both Golf and Softball. Our Softball team received a Silver Medal at the regional tournament that was held on July 26th in Olympia. It was a beautiful day and everyone played well.

We had 15 golfers this year. It was a lot of fun. Everyone did very well and had a blast. Kim Wing and her partner, Mike Johnson, received a gold medal at the regional golf tournament that was held on July 27th in Tacoma. They moved on to compete at the State level at the Summer Sports Classic that was held in late August. They pulled off a gold medal there as well. It's been a great year!!!

We are always in need of volunteers. We need coaches and helpers. There are lots of opportunities to help. If you are interested, please call Wendy at 360-477-4134.

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

- Thomas A. Edison

DON'T FORGET

-  **DDAC Meeting** — Thursday, September 11th, 5:15–7:30pm at the Board of County Commissioners Board Room, Clallam County Courthouse. Videoconferencing: District Court, Forks..
-  **BLAC Meeting** — “Business Leadership Advisory Committee”, a subcommittee of the DDAC ,will be meeting again on September 11th, 5:15–7:30pm at the Board of County Commissioners Board Room, Clallam County Courthouse.

Cancelled

AND AROUND TOWN



Sprint Boat Show and Shine—Friday, September 5th, 4-7pm, Laurel Street between First and Front Street, Port Angeles. Come see the sprint boats that will be racing that weekend.

Arts in Action—September 5-7, Port Angeles City Pier. Music, food, fun, sand sculptures, art and demonstrations. Free

Paint the Peninsula—September 7th through 14th. Artists paint the Olympic Peninsula. Observe them painting! Call the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center at 457-3532 to find out their locations.

8th Annual Stephanie Meyer Day / Bella’s Birthday—Thursday, September 11th, all day, Forks.

Summertime Music—Outdoor Concert “The Soul Ducks”, Friday, September 12th @ 6pm, Sequim Public Library, 630 N. Sequim Avenue, Sequim. Free

Rock, Gem & Jewelry Show—September 13th & 14th at Vern Burton Community Center, Port Angeles. Demonstrations, kids games, food and fun. Admission is free. Contact Kathy

West End Thunder—September 13th & 14th, Forks Municipal Airport. Drag races, classic cars, show and shine, food and fun.

20th Annual Forest Storytelling Festival, October 17-19, Peninsula College Little Theatre, Port Angeles. Go to <http://bit.ly/1tP1CuJ> for the schedule of events. Admission varies—call 417-5031 or go to <http://bit.ly/1tP1MCo>

13th Annual Dungeness Crab & Seafood Festival—October 10-12, Port Angeles waterfront.



Pumpkin Party & County Fair—Saturday, October 25th @ 4pm, Sequim Prairie Grange, 290 Macleay Road, Sequim. Food, games, family fun. For more information call 683-7021.

Annual Driftwood Art Show & Dungeness River Festival —September 27th & 29th, 10am-4pm at the Dungeness River Audubon Center at Railroad Bridge Park, 2151 W. Hendrickson Rd, Sequim. Activities, food and fun for all ages. For more information, call 681-2535 or email info@olympicdriftwoodsculptures.org .

EVENTS



This summer, Clallam Mosaic offered 3 sessions of programming so that participants could stay engaged, active and having fun. We got folks outside and moving with our “Walking” and “Arts & Outdoors” classes (see picture from one of the class expeditions) as well as a Field Trip to the Clallam County Fair.... We got individuals talking with our “Feelings” classes..... And we restarted the “Helping Hands” program by helping members of the Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church with their Rummage Sale preparations In addition to the classes, the Parent Networks hosted potlucks, play dates (Parents of Minors group) and speaker events. It’s been a busy summer!

Looking forward, the Fall Quarter will begin on September 8th and will run through November 18th. Many familiar classes (Artisans, Cooking, Dances, Drumming, Rec Club, Theater) are back on the schedule and some new classes are also available. The Feelings class has been changed to the “Chat Room” and will meet once per week in Port Angeles. There will be a Groovin’ and Shakin’ class that will introduce a structured dance environment to participants while allowing them to recognize their own individuality and body mobility. Another new offering this Fall “Actor’s Studio,” will engage in highly interactive exercises in body discipline, satire, voice projection and pantomime as a means to develop skills in self-expression. All of our instructors (Emma Easton, Karen Kay, Pam Olson & Bonne Smith) are super excited about both the new and the old classes and they look forward to an exciting quarter ahead!

Also on the Program front, Tresa Stuber, Clallam Mosaic’s Program Coordinator is organizing an open forum discussion (Thursday, September 18, 10 am – Noon @ 301 E. Lopez Ave.) to solicit opinions from anyone interested in providing input on the future of Clallam Mosaic classes/programs. Information about the meeting can be found in this issue of Clallam Connections or Clallam Mosaic’s webpage. Finally, this quarter, in addition to the quarter-long classes, there will be a smattering of “workshops” on topics such as Health, iPads and Technology Dangers, so stay tuned to our Facebook and web pages to get more information about what’s happening.

There are also a number of upcoming activities to make you aware of, hopefully we’ll see you at some of these!

- Saturday, September 6th – Clallam Mosaic participants, staff and volunteers will be helping to clean graves at Mount Angeles Cemetery (45 Monroe Rd, PA) as part of United Way’s Day of Caring event. As a United Way partner agency, this event is very important for our organization to support! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Priya Jayadev @ priya.mosaic@gmail.com or 360.797.3602.

- Sunday, September 28th – The Parents of Minors with DD Support Group (PoM) is hosting a Pool Party at William Shore Memorial Pool (225 E 5th St, PA). This event is FREE for all families of minors with DD. All family members are invited to the pool for a fun morning of conversation and swimming. The pool will turn the music off to reduce noise level and the whole pool will be available for PoM’s use from 9 am to 10 am. Families are welcome to stay after this time (at no additional charge) but the pool will be open to non-PoM participants from 10 am, on.

- Late September or early October – Marcy Goodman, the New Freedom Program Manager for King & Pierce Counties, will come speak to the Parent Networks about the New Freedom Program. Keep your eyes on our web page for more information about this presentation.

- Sometime in fall we hope to invite Dr. Edward Fischer (a member of the Regional Clinical Team for DDA Region 3) back for a follow-up roundtable discussion regarding Autism. If you have any questions about this topic that you would like Dr. Fischer to address please send them to info@clallammosaic.org. Clallam Mosaic, P.O. Box 3081, Sequim, WA 98382 – 360.681.8642

Morningside's Diane Crawford Celebrates 40 years at Morningside!



Diane Lee Crawford began working at Morningside as an aide 40 years ago. She has performed different jobs with them over the years but is still committed to helping people with disabilities. Diane is currently the Program Manager for Clallam and Lewis County.

Congrats Diane!

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



Program Development Forum

...on the future of Clallam Mosaic programs



Target Audience: All individuals (participants, family members, caregivers, instructors, newcomers, etc.) interested in shaping the future of Clallam Mosaic programs

Discussion Leaders: Tresa Stuber & Priya Jayadev

Day: Thursday, September 18, 2014

Time: 10 am - Noon

Location: Fellowship Hall, Holy Trinity Church
301 E. Lopez Ave, Port Angeles

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Empowering people with developmental disabilities for a more viable community



Courthouse Closures: September 1st—Holiday

Start Your Engines!

MORNINGSIDE RIDE Road Challenge 2014

www.morningsideride.com



Sunday, Sept. 21
8:30 to 10:00 AM Start

Funds raised from this event will support Morningside's High School Transition Program, preparing high school students with disabilities for jobs and self-sufficiency after high school; and The Work Experience Project, which offers internships in area businesses to Transition students getting ready to graduate.

Finish Line Party at
Lucky Eagle Casino
188th Ave SW, Rochester, WA
luckyeagle.com
Awards Presented at 1:00

Presenting Sponsors



Morningside President/CEO Jim Larson

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