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May-June 2013

CLALLAM COUNTY HIRING EVENT & TRANSITION FAIR

It's that time again! The 14th annual Transition Fair is coming up on May 8th at the Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E 4th Street, Port Angeles, from 10am—2pm!

This year, our regular Transition Fair is transforming into a coordinated event called the "Clallam County Hiring Event & Transition Fair" with employers who actually are hiring; workshops to learn how to approach employers, write your own resume, learn interviewing skills, and much more. We shall have interview quality clothing available for all individuals who attend the event. Local services, such as Social Security, Voc Rehab, DDD and Employment Providers will be available to help answer your questions.

Other individuals through DSHS, WorkSource and the general public also will be in attendance to share in the workshops and to meet with employers and service providers.



All transition students throughout Clallam County and their parents or guardians have been invited through high schools. If you are a parent of a high school aged student with developmental disabilities and have not received a flyer or have not been notified by your student's teacher of this event, please contact your student's teacher regarding attendance. We encourage you to join your student at the event.

A sack lunch and drinks will be provided.

Summer
Begins

June
21st!



*Alone
we can do
so little;
together
we can
do so
much.*

*-Helen
Keller*

TAPPING INTO THE HIDDEN WORKFORCE

Clallam County Health & Human Services Planner, Tim Bruce, will be speaking to local employers on the benefits of employing people often underrepresented in the workforce such as Veterans, TANF recipients and individuals with disabilities. Employers will learn about financial incentives, internships, on the job training, work experience, task analysis and job matching, and supports for job carving and job coaching.

The class will be May 8th at the Clallam County Board of Commissioners board room, 223 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362, from 8:00am - 9:30am

All employers are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

Sponsored by:

Clallam County Health & Human Services, Developmental Disabilities

Washington State Department of Social & Health Services, Community Services Division

Washington State Department of Vocational Rehab

Washington State WorkSource



Summer Camps and Programs—2013

Children with Special Health Care Needs

Go to their website at: www.cshcn.org for a listing of all the summer camp programs in Washington State

You never know what motivates you. - Cicely Tyson

DON'T FORGET

-  **DDAC Meeting** — Thursday May 2nd, 5:30 - 7:30pm at the Sequim Prairie Garden Club at Pioneer Park, 387 E. Washington Street, Sequim. No videoconferencing.
-  **BLAC Meeting** — “Business Leadership Advisory Committee”, a subcommittee of the DDAC ,will be held on Thursday June 6th, 5:15—7:30pm at the Board of County Commissioners Room, Clallam County Courthouse. Business Leaders interested in helping hire persons with developmental disabilities are encouraged to attend.
-  **Mosaic Saturday Dances** at Olympic Vineyard Church, 3415 S. Peabody St., Port Angeles. Potluck and Show,\$8.00, May 25: “So You Can Dance” Dance; June 8: “Jitter Bug June” Dance. For more info, call 360-681-8642.

AND AROUND TOWN

118th Annual Irrigation Festival—May 3 through 12th, downtown Sequim. Dinner, operetta, art walk, art show, arts & crafts fair, street fair, kids day picnic, music and dancing, breakfast, walking tours, logging and tractor show, kids parade, fun run, car cruise, grand parade, car show and carnival. For a full list of event dates and times, go to www.irrigationfestival.com



3rd Annual Forks Family Fair—May 11th, 10-3, Forks Elks Lodge, 941 Merchant Road, Forks. Free. Kids games & refreshments, model rocket demonstration. Contact Susie at Senior Information & Assistance for more information 360-374-9496

At the Movies—

“Silver Linings Playbook” - Wednesday May 8th, 7pm

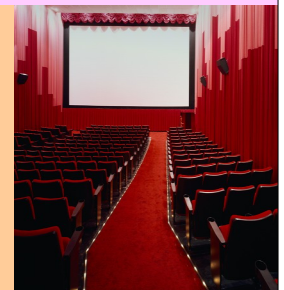
“The Hunger Games” - Wednesday, May 22nd, 7pm

“The Master” - Wednesday, June 5th, 7pm

“Quartet” - Wednesday, June 19th, 7pm

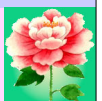
Olympic Theatre Arts, 414 N Sequim Ave., Sequim. Admission: \$5.00.

Contact office@olympictheatrearts.org or call 360-683-7326 for more info



5th Annual Ocean & River Resources Fair & Potluck Barbecue—May 18th, 4-9pm, Olympic Natural Resources Center, 1455 S. Forks Ave., Forks. Student and profession movies and presentations, booths and student posters, volleyball, music and food. Contact Rich Osborne for more information at osborner@uw.edu

Peonies on Parade — May 23rd—June 30th, 11am-4pm, Peony Farm, 2204 Happy Valley Road, Sequim. For more information contact Amy Hall at 360-808-4099.



Juan de Fuca Festival - May 24th-27th, Port Angeles. Lots of music, arts, crafts and a street fair. Go to www.jffa.org for more information. Early Bird (discounted) 4-day passes are available online and at Port Book & News in Port Angeles and Pacific Mist Books in Sequim.

Shrimpfest—May 25th & 26th, Brinnon. Craft and food booths, belt sander races, music and kid's activities. Admission: \$2.00 per person, Veterans and children under 10 are free.



ORCAS UPDATE

The Clallam County Orcas Special Olympics program had 29 participants involved in the Southwest Region Athletics and Aquatics Meets that were held at Mount Tahoma High School on April 27th.

Special Olympics provides the opportunity for folks at any level ability to compete against others with like abilities.



Aaron Taylor walks next to his mom, holding on to a baton.

Cheryl Tapparo races in her manual wheelchair.



Alicia Stuber (pictured), DeeDee Hunter, Julie Catterson and Michael Rudolph race in the 25 meter freestyle event.

Garet Bonham runs the 400 meter.



Hannah Geiger and Kim Wing walk the 100 meter.



Tami Davis swims the 100 meter backstroke and is determined to go 200 meters next year.

We have relays and softball throwing, shot put and so much more. Our program is close knit - the athletes all love each other and enjoy being part of a huge team. At the end of the day on Saturday - 3 swimmers and 9 athletics athletes had qualified, by receiving Gold Medals, to compete at the Summer Games which will be held the first weekend in June at Joint Base Lewis McChord. Our Summer Season begins in June and includes Softball and Golf.

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

PARTICIPANT EXPERIENCES

One of our participants has had a hard time connecting with people but now has made a connection with three people in her volunteer position. When she arrives at work her face lights up with a smile when she sees them; she works longer and more independently when they are around; and she will reach out and let them shake her hand. The employees go out of their way to say hi to her and always have something nice to say. It's a truly symbiotic relationship experience for her and shows that there is more to volunteering than just the task at hand.

A participant in our Community Access program has made some friends in the community that he's become quite attached to. One of them works for the Ambulance shed and invited him for a tour. He got to sit in the ambulance and see how the lights work. Afterwards they had lunch together which was very important to him. He enjoys the opportunities to make his own choices. At senior lunches he has to hop from table to table to make sure to laugh and visit with all of his friends he has made. Recently he was able to finally pronounce the name of a friend he's eaten with for a few years. It was a delightful sound to hear and really shows how important the connections made through this program are.

- Courtney Martinez, Concerned Citizens

Courthouse Closures

May

27th—Holiday



June

24th—Furlough



May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

- School Psychology and Mental Health Services
 - Research
 - Resilience & Wellness Promotion
 - Crisis & Safety
- Mental Illness & Addictive Behaviors

Learn more at:

NASP Resources website: www.nanasp.org

Your local school or,
 Peninsula Behavioral Health
 118 E. 8th St.,
 Port Angeles, WA 98362



Partners
in Policymaking



The Partners in Policymaking website teaches parents and self-advocates the power of advocacy to change the way people with disabilities are supported, viewed, taught, live and work. E-learning courses are available at their website at : www.partnersinpolicymaking.com

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