

# Willapa Community Network Newsletter

October, 2017

## Our Vision

Our vision is a thriving, connected, community achieved through enhanced leveraging of resources and services in north Pacific County.

## Our Mission

Our mission is to support an inclusive community network that encourages communication and collaboration among service providers, business, and volunteers, to enhance quality of life in north Pacific County.

## Next Meeting:

WCN meets on the first Wednesday of each month—all are invited to attend.  
11:00 am—1:00 pm  
Willapa Harbor Hospital  
Cedar Conference Room

## Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month



October is National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month, a time to acknowledge the contributions and sacrifices many long-term care (LTC) residents have made to better our community and to call attention to the rights of residents in long-term care facilities. This year's theme – *It's All About Me: My Life, My Care, My Choices*, was selected to call attention to respect and dignity of every resident. Residents of LTC facilities have experienced many important historical, political events. It is important that they are given the opportunity to continue to participate in the political process and that voting is made accessible to them.

By listening to residents' voices, we honor their lives and experiences as well as treat them with dignity and respect; staff and residents can enjoy relationships that enhance their day-to-day lives; and the long-term care facility can operate more effectively in its daily activities when based on and developed with consumer involvement. Many people care about residents - family members, citizen advocates, long-term care ombudsmen, facility staff and others. This care can be truly individualized and focused on each person's needs and preferences.

During Residents' Rights Month, we recognize our local long-term care ombudsman program staff and volunteers, who work daily to promote residents' rights, assist residents with complaints and provide information to those who need to find a long-term care facility. In this area, the ombudsman program serves **PACIFIC AND GRAYS HARBOR COUNTIES. They can be reached at 360-538-8877.**

As **Pacific and Grays Harbor Counties** celebrate Residents' Rights, I encourage community members to visit those they know in a long-term care facility, volunteer in a facility, participate in Residents' Rights Month events or inquire about becoming a volunteer long-term care ombudsman. **Your assistance and attention helps to ensure that the voices of long-term care residents do not go unheard and demonstrates to residents that they have not been forgotten.**

## NOTH PACIFIC COUNTY FOOD BANK in Raymond

After 20 plus under the umbrella of the Willapa Harbor Ministerial Association, it was with a unanimous vote, approved to have the food bank division become its own entity. Everything remains the same other than a new name and an independent 501c3 number registered with the government. The WHMA Food Bank will now be identified as The North Pacific County Food Bank. We provide food for residences from North Cove down to Nemah . Our doors are open to anyone residing in this area on Thursdays, from 3pm to 6pm. We have grown considerably over the last few years and invite anyone to come in and tour our facility on any Thursday. Special thanks goes out to the businesses and individuals who have supported us, and may you continue that support in the future as we continue to provide for those who are food insecure. Watch for the new name to appear on our building at 1899 Park. Thank you from the many volunteers at now the NPC Food Bank. Bonnie Ryan, manager

## CCAP in South Bend

Coastal Community Action Program at 500 W. Robert Bush Drive in South Bend, WA will be changing their office hours for the winter. Beginning October 2nd they will be open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9am to 3:30pm for walk-in housing and other services and closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1pm. Other times will be by appointment.

The AmeriCorps member, Bennett Fairlie will be taking on the Resource Navigator position and will serve through July 15th.

**Bookworm Buddies** needed for 30 minutes a week at Ocean Park Elementary School. No experience required to inspire students to read. Email Robin at [robyn@swwabigs.org](mailto:robyn@swwabigs.org) or call 360-783-1092. Sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Washington in association with the PALS Reading Program and Ocean Park Elementary School.

## Autism Awareness

7th Annual Southwest Washington Autism Conference

Taking Action: Planning for Lifelong Success

Keynote Speaker

Monica Meyer—Autism Advocate and Mom

October 27, 2017 from 9am—2:30 pm

Cost is \$40/Parent (s)

Limited Parent & Teen Scholarships Available

Location: Centralia College

600 Centralia College Blvd, Centralia College, WA 98531

## Early Learning Professionals Conference

Professionalism:

The many hats of early childhood educators

Free Conference for Early Learning Professionals  
FREE LUNCH PROVIDED

\*\*\*5 FREE STARS HOURS/CLOCK HOURS AVAILABLE\*\*\*

Saturday, October 21

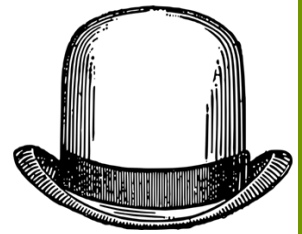
9 am-3 pm

South Bend Early Learning Center

Presenter: Tracy Collins, ESD 112.



South Bend Early Learning Center  
409 E 1st ST  
South Bend, WA 98586



## Willapa Country Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday, November 18th from

10am to 4pm

South Bend Community Center.

10' Vendor Spaces are available for \$25.

Call 360-942-5419 for details.

Sponsored Willapa Harbor Chamber of Commerce

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services

Transforming  
Lives

**Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)**  
Please join us for an informational Community Event

**November 2, 4-6pm**

**Pacific County PUD auditorium**

**9610 Sandridge Rd., Long Beach, WA**

Become a paid member of the community supporting individuals with developmental disabilities in a variety of positive life changing activities.

Meet contracted providers and DDA staff

**Learn more about DDA Services, including:**

What Community Guide and Engagement services are

Person Centered Plan facilitation

Respite in your community

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Save the DATE for  
CELEBRATE LIFE  
**ROSIE** in   
Champagne Brunch



October 7, 2017  
Willapa Harbor Community Center  
South Bend, WA

11:00 am—1:00 pm

Tickets: \$10.00

Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch and Heart Health will include Motivational speakers, raffles, prizes and much more!

Sponsored by Willapa Harbor Health Foundation, Susan G. Komen Foundation and Willapa Harbor Hospital

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