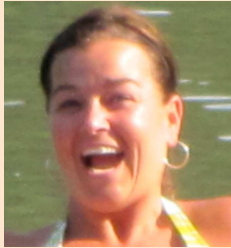


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Thank You

PI sends a big “Thank You” to Parks and Recreation, M & M Screen Printing, Wal-Mart, Bee-Line Designs, Nationwide Insurance and Piedmont Electric for donating door prizes used at the Workplace Social Kick-off on Friday, May 17, 2013.

PI also sends a big “Thank You” to the Arc of Person County for donating an iPad and cover to our consumers with disabilities. The iPads will be used for training purposes.

PI Participates in PHS Community Transition Fair

Over the years, educators have learned that a well rounded education includes at least two elements. The first and obvious is good classroom instruction. The second, and not always emphasized is preparation for the future. On Wednesday, May 29, 2013, the Person High School Exceptional Children’s Program sponsored a Community Transition Fair for the students in the Special Education Program, thus demonstrating both elements in their program.

The fair, organized by Person High School Special Education Teachers Will Paul and Ashley Clayton, was arranged in response to the many questions and inquiries from their students and family members of services and programs available to



PHS Transition Fair: L to R: Event organizers Ashley Clayton and Will Paul, VR Counselor Eboni Davis and Joyce Connor, PI staff Becky Clayton, Tina Wilkerson and Melissa Brann, PI Program Manager Melissa Brann helps an attendee, and the fair

them when they transition from high school. Many wanted to know what is available in their own

community to assist them in being independent wage earners or what college or university options are out there for those with intellectual disabilities who could, with assistance, successfully earn a four year degree. All those questions were answered at

the fair that proved to be a gathering of service providers from within Person County and from other parts of the state. (See “Resources” Box.)

Person Industries was among the local service providers represented at the Transition Fair. PI staff members Wanda Rogers, Becky Clayton, Melissa Brann and Tina Wilkerson were on hand to highlight the services and job opportunities offered through PI.

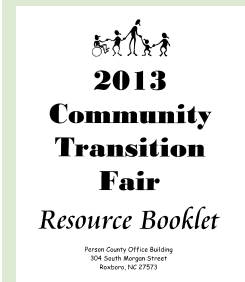
The Transition Fair was held at the Person County Office Building Auditorium and was well attended by students and their families. “I thought the event was well planned

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Community Resources Available

The following organizations/services were represented at the Community Transition Fair. These same services have been included in the 2013 Community Transition Fair Resource Booklet prepared by Will Paul.



- Alamance Community Benefits
- Arc of Person Client Assistance Program

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Monica Jones Achieves a Long Time Goal

PI congratulates Monica Jones in her new position with Eaton Corporation. Monica has worked at the Eaton worksite since PI was awarded the onsite contract in 2010. There she has distinguished herself as a versatile worker and was promoted to lead worker. This job opportunity has been a long time in coming for this deserving and hard working employee.



Monica Jones

Monica Jones was fresh out of high school when she first came to PI in September of 2000. Quiet, shy and a willing worker, Monica was placed in the PI Production Department. From the beginning of her employment, Monica showed good work habits and attendance. Despite the fact that she did not have a driver's license and lived a great distance from work, her attendance or timeliness was never an issue in work performance. Although Monica had good work habits, she did work to improve her work speed, which is very important in the area of production. Her attention to this area of her job performance paid off as she continued to grow in abilities

and value among her peers and supervisors. "Monica has been a steady, dependable and loyal worker for Person Industries," said PI Director Wanda Rogers. "She is so pleasant to be around and is just a good person. I'm so happy that Eaton has seen her value and made the decision to hire her."

Over the years, Monica showed a willingness to help others succeed. According to former supervisor Rhonda Gentry, she was always willing to help any employee who struggled to learn a job. This rooting for the under-

dog spirit has helped Monica in her role as lead worker because it assures the success of the entire department. "She was a great lead person and even though she will be missed by PI, she will be a great asset to Eaton Corporation," said Robyn Cousin, Immediate Supervisor.

Monica began her job duties at Eaton on May 20th. With this new job comes better benefits and better pay. Those things, added to her wonderful personal assets, will only make Monica's life more rich. We wish her great success!

PI Participates in PHS Transition Fair

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and well supported," said Becky Clayton, PI Assistant Director. Some in attendance were as young as sixth grade, proving that it is never too early to begin weighing your options. The valuable information at the Transition Fair will continue to be available through a resource booklet prepared by Paul. The booklet entitled, "2013 Community Transition Fair Resource Booklet", is available through the Special Education Teachers and a few copies are currently on hand at PI.

Criteria Established for Employee Excellence Awards

The kickoff for the first Workplace Social was held on Friday May 17, 2013. The event was a Hot Dog Lunch for employees. The social will become a quarterly event to award employee excellence. Awards will be given each quarter to employees based on the following criteria.



Staff prepare to serve up hotdogs at the first Workplace Social

Citizenship—Show kindness to others, respect ideas and views of others, respond with respect, work well with others, follow workplace rules with little assistance, take responsibility for own actions.

Work Ethic—Promptly report to work on time and follow work schedule, make continuous progress on the job, show flexibility,

Community Resources Available

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Cardinal Innovations	Consumer & Family Advisory
Enhancement Healthcare	Generations Adult Day Services
Guardianship	J-1 Consultant
Jordan Management Group	NC Division of Voc Rehab
PATS	PC Dept of Social Services
PC Group Homes	PC Health Dept
PC Partnership for Children	PC Recreation, Arts & Parks
Person Industries	PC Recycling Center
Successful Solutions	Thursher Winstead Care Home/ Building Connections

UNC-G Beyond Academics

If you would like to request a copy of this booklet through PI, please contact Becky Clayton at 336-599-7571 ext. 2825.

promptly and appropriately respond to supervisor's request, use cell phones only during breaks and lunch period.

Wellness—Exercise regularly, bring healthy lunches and snacks, be aware of personal medical conditions and treatments, be aware of personal medications and side affects.

Safety—Participate appropriately in safety address and trainings, consistently demonstrate safety skills while at work, independently maintain and don PPE's, follow safety rules, show safety skills around equipment (e.g. forklifts), use designated aisle ways.

SAFE and Sound Be Safe During the Summer!

With summer approaching, things to keep in mind about the warmer months is that you are more susceptible to dehydration, sunburns, heat exhaustion and bug bites. Here are a few tips:

Sun—Tips to keep you safe and healthy this summer is to use sun screen when you're exposed to direct sunlight and wear protective clothing and hats. These items can protect you from sunburn which can be damaging to your skin.

Dehydration and Heat Exhaust-

Staff Contributor Sarah Reid sounds off on the perils of summer and discusses how to be safe.



tion—Protect yourself from dehydration and heat exhaustion. The first warning sign is usually thirst but can also be a loss of appetite, dry or flushed

skin, dark colored urine, dry mouth, fatigue, chills and lightheadedness.

Don't let it get to this point. Be sure to drink plenty of liquids and take breaks from the heat.

Bug Bites—As temperatures

begin to rise, so does the insect population, some of which carry disease. To minimize your risk, don't wear perfume or

scented bug spray. Many fragrances mimic the smell of flowers which of course attracts bugs.

Also, keep your yard clean. Standing water can be inviting for mosquitos. Empty anything like buckets, fountains and bird baths often. Removing debris and leaves can also help eliminate hiding spots.

Have yourself a happy and safe summer!

PCRC Employees Graduate from OCS



Tyler Pleasant

Steve Jackson

The big day is almost here for two PCRC employees—Steve Jackson and Tyler Pleasant. Both are graduating from high school on Saturday, June 8, 2013. Graduation is a big deal for all students and their families but especially so for these two as they also graduate from the Occupational Course of Study (OCS) Program.

The OCS is a program offered at Person High School to give students the opportunity to earn a diploma by accruing actual work hours as opposed to the traditional academic testing and completion of coursework. While the students in the program do complete class work, a great emphasis is placed on real work experience. To achieve the occupation-

al diploma, a student must also work 900 hours. That breaks down to 300 hours of school based training where the students work in enterprises within each classroom, 240 hours of community based training at community work sites to learn skills and 360 hours of competitive work wherein they must earn money.

Thanks to their employment at the Person County Recycling Center (PCRC) Steve and Tyler have both met the hour requirements and are very ready to graduate. Steve, aka "Bubba" says he enjoys working with recycling and wants to continue working at PCRC and get his driver's license. Tyler has expressed an interest in working at Eaton Corporation through the PI contract.

Both young men have done a phenomenal job at PCRC during their nine month school year, working their required hours and at every other available opportunity. Congratulations for all your hard work!

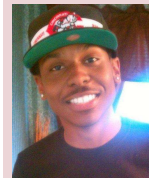


Up Close at Person

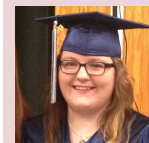
We send congratulations to the 2013 graduates.



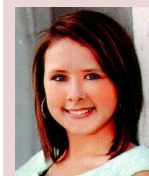
Masten Carr, son of PI Program Manager Lisa Jeffreys, graduates from Person High School. Masten plans to attend PCC in the Fall and major in Industrial Systems Technology.



DJ Drumwright, son of PI Program Manager Dana Drumwright, graduates from Person High School. DJ plans to continue working after graduation.



Erin Folley, daughter of PI Field Supervisor Alison Folley, graduates from Roxboro Christian Academy. Erin plans to attend Bluefield College and major in Psychology and Chemistry and minor in biology.



Bailey Griffin, daughter of PI Production Manager Jody Suitt and wife Lisa, graduates from Person High School. Bailey plans to attend Pitt Community College.

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From the Archives

From last month's issue, the young girl is Wendy Villines. Wendy, in the photo, was receiving a corsage from Ms. North Carolina at a Special Olympics Competition at Person High School.

Wendy now works at Person Industries as a recycler.



Wendy Villines

Special Points of Interest

- The Person County Safety Committee is sponsoring a **Safety Cookout** on Friday, **June 7, 2013** in the Person County Office Building Auditorium. All County employees are invited. Special entertainment scheduled at 12:00 and 1:00.
- On June 12, 2013**, Person County is offering a Defensive Driver's Training. Details to be announced.
- On June 15, 2013**, join the Sappony Tribe as they celebrate their native heritage and host one of North Carolina's most unique trail runs around beautiful Mayo Lake. Race registration and free health screenings start at 7:00 a.m. 1 Mile Fun Run @ 8:30 a.m. and 5K Trail Run/Walk @ 9:00 a.m.
- On Friday, June 21, 2013**, PI will close for a **Staff Training Day**. Employees should not report to work unless specifically requested to do so.

June 2013

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