



Helping People with disabilities since 1965

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## Live....FREE

People 1<sup>st</sup> of Kittitas County took it to the Yakima streets

More than 50, mostly disabled people from throughout Eastern Washington rallied to shut down the Yakima Valley School Saturday, April 4th. Held in Millennium Park, in front of Yakima's Capitol Theatre, the rally was a striking display organized by people philosophically opposed to centralized residential care. Dozens of disabled people shouted about "freedom" and took turns criticizing the Yakima Valley School. Opponents of the school say they don't doubt its employees' qualifications, but that the school is an archaic and expensive institution that hides the disabled from society.

"They have a right to be part of society," said Tammara Allen, an advisor with People First Spokane Valley, which provides community-based services to disabled people in Spokane. "They shouldn't be locked away in a closet. They have no life."



Bruce Tabb



## Meals with a smile

The Upper County Centennial Center is the community center for people living in Upper Kittitas County. Elmview's Senior Nutrition Program partners with the Center to enhance the quality and quantity of services available for people receiving meals. The Centennial Center prepares all meals for the Senior Nutrition Program. Seniors come to the center, eat with everyone using the center and actively participate in Center activities. People have more opportunity to network with their neighbors and remain active in their community. By purchasing our meals in the Upper County from the Centennial Center, Elmview saves the cost of a cook and kitchen assistants. The money saved buys additional meals for seniors. The Centennial Center picks up extra money which supports more activities for more people in the county. Because of our successful partnership with The Centennial Center, scarce resources are used more efficiently, and services have increased in quantity and quality for our senior participants.

Home delivered meals and our volunteer drivers are often the only daily contact for some receiving Meals on Wheels. One participant, unable to cook or get out of her home, was referred to our program by the Kittitas Valley Community Hospital. When we first met her, she was underweight and severely depressed. Nutritious meals and friendly, supportive conversation began to make a difference. After receiving meals and visits from Elmview's drivers, she showed a marked improvement. She gained 20 pounds and began to interact with people regularly. To this day, she continues to do well and looks forward to her daily lunch and visit from Senior Nutrition drivers.

Patti Canterberry



Still here after all the.....



The Legislature has adjourned, quit, gone home. The State faces a \$9,000,000,000 as in billion\$ deficit. No decisions made by the Legislators were easy. Programs needed to be cut. Services reduced.

Elmview services were cut. Vendor rates for supported living, group homes, and employment programs were all cut by about 3%. Elmview's budget will be reduced about \$330,000 over the biennium starting July 1<sup>st</sup>—about \$165,000 a year.

So, now what?

First, we are absolutely committed to ensuring that people receive the services they need. Second, we are committed to maintaining the wages and benefits for staff—the people who ensure that people receive what is needed.

How do we do that?

- o If you receive health benefits, you know that we changed providers. That switch saved \$85,000 a year.
- o The Administrative Support position in Yakima will go from 40 to 30 hours/week--\$6,000.
- o The Toby Tyler Day will go away and save \$10,000/year.
- o Program Managers will be working with everyone to hold down overtime.
- o All of us will be reviewing mileage, use of the vehicles, cell phone use

We are fairly confident that we will be able to move through the next two years without slashing and burning all that has been built over the years. If you have ideas about ways to save money without hurting services, please let me know.

## Thank you for your dedication!

Staff May Anniversaries



### 31 years

Jean Spence

### 18 years

John Blair

### 11 years

Carol Hammer

### 9 years

Joanna Hahne

### 8 years

Patricia Canterbury



### 6 years

Maryann Gonzalez

### 3 years

Judy Bailey

### 2 years

Cathy Smith

Francisco Vazquez

### 1 year

George Trevino

## May Birthdays

4	Carmen Ellingsworth	16	Kelli Strain
4	Adam Houk	16	Ronald Swedberg
7	Sabrina Caraway	20	Dianne Dirks
8	Ralph DeLeon	22	Lisa Forrest
10	Carol Hammer	23	Terra Lawrence
10	Elizabeth Sessions	23	Margaret Schober
11	Erlinda Wise	23	Allisha Strombach
12	Jacob Glaspey	26	Alicia Figueroa
13	Jack Pickard	29	Earl Stires
14	Mary Dimmen	30	Bradly Myers
14	Emelia Gonzales		



### 1st Aid & CPR Training

Every month

1st Wednesday 9am

3rd Wednesday 1pm



**Timesheets  
are Due by 9 am  
Monday & Friday**

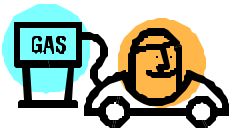
**Mother's Day  
May 10**

# Thanks

for your diligence!

**ALL GAS RECEIPTS WERE  
TURNED IN FOR THE MONTH OF  
FEBRUARY!!!**

**(I KNOW THIS IS A LITTLE  
LATE, BUT I WANTED TO BE  
SURE TO THANK YOU!)**



## Farmers Market!!!

Three of our own, Andy Rubottom, Deb Foster and Teresa Rodriguez, will be displaying their wares at the Ellensburg Farmers Market. Come and check them out...

From 10am to 1pm on the following Saturdays

May 2 & 9

June 6 & 20

July 4 & 25

August 1 & 15

September 12 & 19

# Memorial Day May 25th



## The world as we know it??

- The daily cost of a special session of the Legislature costs us
  - \$51.29
  - \$150,000
  - \$20,000
  - Why would they want to meet, anyway?
- The 2009-11 state budget cuts DD services,
  - In half
  - 3-4%
  - Not enough
  - Too much

- How many students with developmental disabilities graduating from school receive services?
  - 2.75
  - 1,400 (the number graduating)
  - Some
  - 0, zero, nada, niente
- No institutions were closed in the budget, a feasibility study was authorized. The study costs us,
  - \$1.5 million
  - \$500,000
  - \$51.29
  - Who cares aren't they all Obama bux?

**Note: The bad news. You are playing for the glory not the prize! There are no prizes, any longer**