

Special points of interest:

OPC now has a Lending Library. The library is available to PI staff.

The Coalition Rally will be held May 20, 2009 in Raleigh, NC.

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Recycling is a Family-A-Fair

On Saturday, April 25, PI participated in "Family-A-Fair" at Huck Sansbury Park. The event was one of a week long slew of activities for children and families as part of the Week of the Young Child sponsored by Person County Partnership for Children. The fair featured all the things that children enjoy—a petting zoo, inflatable slides and games, face painting, bubbles, hay rides around the field, kite flying and other fun things for families. PI added to the list of activities by setting up a Recycling Booth to educate families on how to recycle.

Lisa Jeffreys, who has become one of PI's expert recyclers, manned the booth and says she had good family turn out. She said that some of the families she spoke with were not recycling already but had interest in doing so. She capitalized on the interest by involving the children in recycling games. The chil-

dren learned what things around their homes can be recycled and what things should be thrown into the trash. Her hope is that the children will have an influence on other family members.

April 19—April 25 was designated as the Week of the Young Child in Person County. This annual event promotes community awareness on issues affecting children and families, informs the public of available resources and encourages families to spend quality time together.

Each day of the week featured an event to promote the desired awareness. The first day of activities was Sunday with the distribution of blue ribbons for prevention of child abuse and neglect awareness. There was a parade down Main Street on Monday followed by

Story Time with Mother Goose. On Tuesday, there was a kindergarten Readiness Rally at Long Memorial



Lisa Jeffreys poses with Fang the Dinosaur, aka Russell Rogers, at the Family-A-Fair on Saturday, April 25th.

Methodist Church. Wednesday was designated "Blue Ribbon Day" where the community was encouraged to wear blue ribbons as a symbol for child abuse prevention.

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Person County Government Sponsors Open Enrollment

May 19th and 21st have been designated Open Enrollment by Person County Government. These two days out of the year are important for county employees in selecting their benefits for the 2010 year. Representatives from WellPath, AFLAC, Colonial, Ameritas, NC

401K and others will be on hand to give overviews of the yearly plan and answer questions from employees.

The Open Enrollment Meetings will be held at 10:00 and 2:00 each of the designated days at the Person

County Office Building Auditorium. These are mandatory meetings for all county employees.

PI staff are encouraged to quickly turn in all yellow forms to the designated staff person to ensure that there is no lapse in benefits.



Up Close at Person

It's A Boy for Sorside and Jesus

The day is quickly arriving for PI Production Assistant Sorside Zamora and husband Jesus Montes. They are expecting a baby boy in June, the second for their family.

To celebrate the event, PI staff Carolyn Fuller and Gennie Johnson hosted a baby shower on Thursday, April 30th in the PI Conference Room. All staff were invited.

Sorside had been told they were

planning the event but thought it would be closer to her maternity leave date of May 31st. Imagine her surprise as she walked into the room of beaming faces, all yelling SURPRISE!!!

As expected at a baby shower, there were many ooh's and aahs as she opened gifts ranging from diapers, to baby wipes to cute summer

wear. "That's soooo cute" became the chorus as she opened gifts. Sorside received such a variety that she said she would not need to shop for the baby for a while. Jesus, who was not present at the shower, was also overwhelmed by the many gifts, reportedly saying, "I guess PI is not affected by the economy." While that certainly is not the case, the many gifts were a testimony to how excited her co-workers are for Sorside and her growing family.

Sorside and husband Jesus have one son, four year old Allen. The new baby is expected to arrive on June 15th and will be named Adiel.



Sorside (right), co-hostess Carolyn Fuller (left) and Yvette Farmer (arm), hold three handmade blankets from Wanda Gill, PI consumer that were presented to Sorside as shower gifts.



Sorside (left) holds one gift while opening another while being handed yet another by staff and co hostess Gennie Johnson (right).

The MRF Set to Arrive in Early May

For the past year, a great focus at PI has been getting the MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) up and operating. We are now able to announce that the MRF is set to arrive in early May. The MRF is being constructed by Davco Steel Inc. in Loris, SC. and will be shipped to PI to be assembled onsite.

The timeline, according to

Davco Steel Sales Manager Ricky Hardee, is for the equipment to be

delivered beginning Tuesday, May 5th and continue throughout the week. The installation team will arrive on Monday, May 11th and begin full installation and should be finished by May 15th. The baler, one of the most crucial pieces of machinery needed in the MRF,

will be delivered on May 12th. The final assembly of the equipment will start on Monday, May 18th in time for trial runs of the product on May 20th—22nd.

The MRF is slated to open to the public in July 2009. The material will be accepted in three phases. (See box for materials and phases for acceptance.)

Materials Accepted at MRF		
Phase 1 (July 09—Sept 09)	Mixed paper White Goods	Automotive batteries
Cardboard Newsprint Glass Aluminum Metal cans Plastics Office paper	Phase 2 (Oct 09—Dec 09)	Phase 3 (Jan 10—Jun 10)
	Scrap metal Fluorescent lights Oil Oil filters	Pesticides Pallets Electronics

Special Olympics Offers Athletic Opportunities

During these times when everyone is in an economic pinch, many are looking for affordable recreation. For those who receive services at PI, Person County Special Olympics (SO) is an option to consider. SO offers a variety of recreational opportunities free of charge for residents with special needs in Person County. Whereas many athletic events are offered only during Spring and Summer months, SO activities are available throughout the year.

As an example, SO offers an equestrian program that began on April 25, 2009. There will be a qualifier for the State Track and Field Games on May 2, 2009 in Kernersville NC. Also, bowling practice will begin on May 14, 2009 at Palace Pointe. SO also offers bocce ball in the Fall as well as local and state Basketball Tournaments (See Right).

Several PI employees are already involved in activities, having participated in the annual SO Track

and Field Games on April 7th. Others are encouraged to participate. Anyone wishing to participate should contact their program manager for an application and form for the required annual physical.

PI Employees John Reese, Bobby Winstead and Edward Davis made up the 3-on-3 SO Basketball Team that took 3rd place in their division at the State Games on March 7th & 8th in Winston Salem, NC.

Sean Allen and Patrick Connelly, part of the 5-on-5 team, took 4th place in their division at the same competition.



Bobby Winstead



Sean Allen



Edward Davis



Patrick Connelly



John Reese

Craig Salter to Benefit from A Heart-in-One Golf Tournament

Craig Salter is to be the recipient of proceeds from the Heart-in-One Golf Tournament scheduled for June 13, 2009 at the Lakeshore Golf Course in Durham, NC.

Craig is former Director of Information Technology with OPC LME and is in need of a heart transplant resulting from a condition diagnosed as cardiomyopathy. Even though he has been away from the PI family for more than five years, he is still on our minds.

This golf tournament will be the second such fund-raiser for Craig in an attempt to cover the costs for



Craig Salter

the operative procedure and anti-rejection medications that can alone cost between \$2,000 and \$4,000 per month.

For the tournament to be a success, there is a need for golfers, of course, but also donations and any goods or services that can be used as tournament prizes. Donations can be made directly on the National Foundation

for Transplants website, www.transplants.org. Click on the link "Patients We Help" and type Craig's name in the search box. You may also contact Arthur Davis, Fund-raising Co-Chair at 919-405-2151 or abdamd@aol.com.

Recycling is a Family-A-Fair

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There was a Child Care Provider Appreciation Banquet on Thursday to honor those who care for our children when we can't. Friday was a day of "Family Fun and Fitness" at Huck Sansbury Park. The week of activities ended on Saturday with the Family-A-Fair, also at Huck Sansbury.

In addition to PI's recycling booth, Family-A-Fair had exhibitions with

information ranging from dog obedience, to tae kwon do, to pediatric dentistry, to girl scouts. The Roxboro Fire Department was also on hand with their smokehouse.

PI was pleased to support the event not solely for the purpose of recycling education but also for the strong message to protect our children. Although this was one week of activity, we are certain that the awareness will prevail for much longer.

PI Receives 10th Consecutive Safety Award



Cherie Berry, NC Labor Commissioner

On Tuesday, April 21, 2009, PI took home the 10th consecutive safety award from The NC Department of Labor's 24th Annual Safety Awards Banquet.

The banquet, sponsored by the Roxboro Area Chamber of Commerce is an opportunity to recognize private firms and public

agencies throughout the state that achieve and maintain good safety records.

To qualify, a firm must have no fatalities, must have maintained a lost workday case rate that is 50% below the state-wide average and must have 10 or more full time employees.

Awards were presented by Cherie Berry, North Carolina Commissioner of Labor. Vernon Dowdall, PI Health and Safety Coordinator was on hand to accept the award on behalf of PI.

Words of Wellness



Leigh Ann Creson, Health Promotion Coordinator Person County

Check out the Person County website for some great wellness resources. Go to www.personcounty.net and use the "Wellness" link on the left side of the home page. Additional links will then appear on the right side of the page. These links can be accessed by anyone, not just county employees. What you will find is a:

- Recipe Modifications video** to provide you great tips on making your favorite recipes a little healthier.
- Relaxation and Deep Breathing video** to help you manage stress before it manages you.

Link to the **Eat Smart, Move More NC website**.

Link to the **MyPyramid website**.

Link to **county walking areas**, including the historic uptown walking route.

Flyer about the **Strut-A-Mutt Program** at the Person County Animal Shelter. Go check out the new walking track at the shelter.

COMING SOON TO THE LINK! A stretch break video, featuring simple stretches you can do right at your desk or wherever you are.

County employees can register on the website and create a password to access more information about specific county wellness programs.

How to Make Every Day Earth Day

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22nd each year. It is a time that communities focus on making the earth and the environment cleaner and more friendly. Since the earth is occupied some 365 days of the year, how can we make every day earth day?

- **Get the junk out of the trunk and properly inflate your tires! An extra 100 pounds in your vehicle could reduce your fuel efficiency by up to 2%.**
- **Purchase an energy efficient water heater. Energy efficient electric or gas, gas tankless, gas condensing, solar and heat pump water heaters all use less en-**

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North Carolina Not Immune to Swine Flu

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Most have heard of reports of the swine flu now affecting Americans. As of May 1, 2009, the number of confirmed cases in the United States have passed 100 and there are two probable cases in North Carolina. PI is relieved to know that in addition to a national response, state and local personnel are organizing a response to this disease. According to Janet Clayton, Director of the Person County Health Department, local health departments have already begun collaborating on a response plan.

Swine flu is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by a type A influenza virus that regularly causes outbreaks of influenza among pigs. Swine flu viruses do not normally infect humans; however, human infections with swine flu do occur. Public health officials have determined that this strain of swine flu virus spreads from human to human and can cause illness. The outbreak is ongoing and additional cases are expected.

People investing in people

There are everyday actions people can take to stay healthy.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people. Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people. If you get sick, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

Excerpted from April 28, 2009 Press Release issued by Janet Clayton, Director of the Person County Health Department

www.personindustries.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Special Olympics Track & Field Qualifier in Kernersville, NC
3	4	5	6	7	8	
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11	12	13	14 Quarterly Safety Address Special Olympics Bowling Practice Begins	15	16
17	18	19 Open Enrollment PCOB Auditorium 10:00 & 2:00	20	21 Open Enrollment PCOB Auditorium 10:00 & 2:00	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day PI closed to staff and employees	26	27	28	29	30
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Make Every Day Earth Day

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ergy than standard water heaters.

- Turn off your power strip or unplug electronics. Power strips can turn off several appliances with the flip of one switch.
- Choose energy efficient windows. They lower solar gain and are better insulated so that homes stay cool in summer and warm in winter.

Excerpted from www.energy.gov