

Worksource opens in Monroe

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BILL DEHMER OF DSHS AND SUE AMBLER OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT Council officially open Monroe's new Worksource Monday. At Worksource, an agency that helps people find work, helpers are on hand to assist with resume writing, job searches and interview skills, among other things.

PHOTO BY BRENDAN BUTLER

Worksource of Snohomish County had only been open an hour Monday morning, and already it was full of jobseekers looking for assistance to find work.

Worksource is a free program to help both employers and their potential employees find each other.

"Worksource is available to job candidates to work on a resume, sharpen interview skills and do job searches on computers for free," said Heather Villars, Director of Communications of the Workforce Development Council of Snohomish County. "It's also available for businesses to post work orders."

Among the services offered are people to help you write a strong resume, people to help you practice for interviews, and online resume posting.

There is information on unemployment insurance as well for those recently out of work.

Also planned are job search assistance, resume writing workshops and skills upgrades and training opportunities.

The federally-funded program has been in Snohomish County for some time, but until now has not had an office in the east county.

But now that the organization is planning a new approach to



serve the community, towns like Monroe are getting their own Worksource offices.

"There has long been conversations about neighborhood-based offices, what we call the Starbucks model, where we move into your neighborhood, instead of the big box model, where you drive to us," said Villars. "It's especially important for the east county. A lot of people don't want to drive across the trestle."

The Worksource office is moving into the DSHS-owned building at 19705 U.S. 2.

It's part of a strategy to keep costs down by partnering with other government agencies, said Villars.

"We're working with local agencies to get space for free or for very low cost," she said. "These are already places paid for by your tax dollars."

The office will be open weekdays except for Wednesday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Briefs

Providence gets \$150,000 grant for study

The Providence Accelerating Clinical Transformation program has awarded a \$150,000 grant to test Patient-Centered Health Home concepts at Providence Physician Group in Monroe and Providence St. Peter Family Medicine clinics in Olympia.

With this grant, both Providence Monroe and Providence St. Peter Hospital can test the new primary care medical home model and create new care delivery methods for treating patients.

In a medical home model, a team of health professionals, coordinated by a personal physician, will work together to provide high levels of care, access and communication, care coordination and integration, and care quality and safety. The new model allows for a more personal relationship with a physician, better health outcomes and more cost-efficiency.

In addition to the grant, both clinics have been accepted, along with more than 25 other primary care practices statewide, into the Washington State Medical Home Collaborative, which brings together shared learning opportunities as well as a forum to engage the major payers in the region around new models for reimbursement.

Providence in Monroe will be implementing the program with current patients.

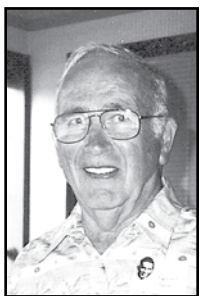
Both locations will adhere to a defined implementation timeline and will begin by organizing a PCHH team and advisory board.

Obituary

Carl Palmer Olson

May 5, 1926 - August 8, 2009

After 83 years of life, Palmer Olson of Monroe, Wash., passed away peacefully at home on the night of August 8, 2009 with his family by his side. Born Carl Palmer Olson to Carl and Jenny Olson, he was raised in the Woods Creek/Wagner Hill area of Monroe. He attended Wagner Community School and graduated from Monroe High School in 1943, after which he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served aboard the USS(?). After returning home from the service, he married Marilyn Lind and built a home on the family farm on Yeager Road in Monroe.



Carl Palmer Olson

Palmer was employed by Scott Paper Company in Everett as a supervisor until he retired in 1977. In 1978, along with his daughter, Janine Law, and her husband, Jim, they purchased the Park Place Grocery in Monroe where he enjoyed managing the business and spending time with friends and customers.

In 1989 Palmer and Marilyn traced their roots with a trip to Sweden and Norway. They traveled extensively in their mo-

tor home with friends of the Monroe area and spent time in Conconully, Wash. at their summer home. In 2008 they celebrated 60 years of marriage with their family on a cruise to Alaska.

Palmer was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Jenny Olson; and father and mother-in-law, John and Martha Lind.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; their three children, Randy Olson (Maryann), Janine Law (Jim), Dale Olson (Becky); five grandchildren, Bryan and Brooke Olson, Travis and Tyler Law and Whitney Poole. He is also survived by his brother, Ken Olson (Lorraine) and many nieces and nephews.

A family graveside service was held at the IOOF Cemetery in Monroe, followed by a celebration of Palmer's life from 1 to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, August 15, 2009 at the Congregational Church at Lewis and McDougal Street in Monroe.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Monroe Food Bank.

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