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The Business and Career Network in Quincy, Plumas County Hires a New Frontline Receptionist

As Gina Haserot takes up her new position with AFWD’s Fiscal Department, Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. would like to welcome Terri Peace as the new Frontline Receptionist with our Business & Career Network team in Plumas County.

Terri and her family recently moved to the Quincy area from Colorado so that her husband, Jeff could coach football at Feather River College. Their year in Colorado certainly helped them prepare for the snowy winter to come. Although it was a big move for the family, everyone is settling in nicely. Their fifteen year old son, Jackson has been warmly welcomed at Quincy High School and is eagerly looking forward to playing baseball in the spring. Nine year old Isabella loves to ride her bike around the neighborhood and explore the woods behind their home with her new friends. Terri is already in love with the Quincy area and has been enjoying hiking, fishing and swimming in the local lakes whenever possible. She can’t wait to share this friendly, picturesque town with her large extended family when they come to visit, including 6 brothers and sisters and lots of nieces and nephews.

Terri grew up in Southern California, where both she and her husband attended the University of Southern California (Fight On, Trojans!) After getting married, they spent 10 years in San Luis Obispo, living near the beach and supporting the kids in ALL the sports they played. It was a wonderful area to raise a young family and they are looking forward to a visit next spring for their niece’s beach wedding.

Terri knows first-hand how the valuable services offered by the Business & Career Network can enrich peoples’ lives. She came in to use the computer lab in order to work on her resume when she first heard about the Frontline Receptionist position. After several interviews and lots of praying, she was pleased to be offered the position. Terri is enjoying working with the public and proud to be a part of such a great team.
This summer eleven clients of the Plumas Business & Career Network began “On the Job Training” (OJT) Programs in Portola, Quincy, Greenville and Chester. These jobseekers found work in a variety of different positions and businesses, ranging from working for a cookie stamp manufacturer to a position as a correctional officer at the county jail!

Each of these OJT employees is carefully matched with a local business and a training plan is devised with the employer’s and the employee’s needs as the driving force. In some cases, “On the Job Training” is provided to incumbent workers who need to upgrade their skills to the next level required by their employer, as is the case with the county jail’s OJT correctional officers.

This quarter we would like to highlight the early stages of Shawn Jay’s apprentice glazier training program at Plumas County Glass in Quincy.
Shawn Jay came in to the Business and Career Network this summer seeking assistance with his job search. He was enrolled in the Adult program and immediately moved forward with resume creation and interviewing skills. Shawn was diligent in his search for a new job, and with his skills in maintenance and construction labor, he was referred to a local employer that had a suppressed job lead with our office. Shawn first attended a pre-screening interview with our Business Service Representative and then interviewed with the employer, and owner, of Plumas County Glass. After a successful meeting he was offered the position of Apprentice Glazier with this business that had already been pre-approved as an OJT worksite. With assistance from AFWD Shawn was provided with boots and a variety of the tools required for his new position. He is now participating in a six month OJT that will teach him the specific skills that are needed to continue in his new career as a Glazier. We wish Shawn well with his ‘On the Job Training’!
Business Service team members from several NoRTEC counties met in Anderson, Shasta County on Thursday August 16th for an enlightening training session from Sarah Murley, a partner with economics software company, Applied Economics.

Sarah is an economist with 20 years of experience in urban and regional economic analysis, particularly in economic development and public finance. She is an experienced economic modeler, researcher, and analyst.

Applied Economics conducts studies and develops models to measure the economic effects of a wide variety of activities. Sarah’s seminar focused on NoRTEC’s Regional Project Assessment System, a customized economic & revenue impact software package developed specifically for the needs of the eleven county region covered by NoRTEC.

This Regional Project Assessment System can be used to measure the impact on Plumas County of new training programs or a new business establishing in the area. Its Tourism and Hospitality assessment tool can also gauge the impact of a particular event or tourist attraction and its effect on the economy of the county.
Sprouting Roots in Portola Hires New Employee

Portola community market and juice bar, Sprouting Roots used the services of the Plumas Business and Career Network to hire a new employee to help business owner April Scheuchezuber. Local resident, Kristy Brown, is delighted to be working with April while she is studying part-time at Feather River College to pursue a career in nursing. April successfully used our services before to recruit her assistant manager so she knew that the Business and Career Network would be a great place to contact in her search for a new employee.

We wish April and Kristy continued success with the business!
New Owners at the Graeagle Mountain Frostee

Since attending the Plumas Business and Career Network’s series of Economic Gardening Workshops in Quincy last Fall, Cindi Figley and her husband Larry have become the proud owners of the Graeagle Mountain Frostee.

A popular and busy stopping point along Highway 89 in Graeagle, the Frostee now offers longer opening hours and a varied selection of food and beverages to satisfy the many visitors and locals alike.

We congratulate Cindi and Larry in their new business venture and wish them every success for the future!

“Great learning experience, panel was extremely helpful with sharing information,” Cindi Fegley's comment after attending the second Economic Gardening Workshop in October 2011.
Kristine was familiar with the services at the Business & Career Network through her job with Plumas Unified School District where she had worked as a Program Assistant. After being laid off during a round of budget cuts at the District, Kristine reached out to Career Center Advisors to assist her with job search.

Having moved to Plumas County six years ago, Kristine wanted to find a position where she felt that she was helping residents of the county where she and her husband had chosen to live. Kristine worked with a Career Center Advisor to give her resume a facelift and update her application with the most pertinent skills for her job search. She then applied for a number of positions, received interviews but didn't find a match.

Enter the Senior Office Assistant position for the Advising & Counseling Office at Feather River College. As Kristine read the job description she knew this was the perfect position for her. In this role she would be able to utilize her strong office management background while working with students, helping them with their educational goals. Kristine came into the office and assembled an outstanding application packet. She wrote a thorough cover letter outlining her skills and why she would be the best candidate for the job. Kristine was selected for an interview and worked with her CCA, participating in two mock interviews to prepare for the actual college interview. Kristine had a successful panel interview, being short-listed and given a second interview with the hiring authority. Eventually the wait was over and she was hired as the new Advising and Counseling Senior Office Assistant.

Kristine is very happy in her new job at Feather River College. She enjoys working with the students and was excited to start work during the busy back to school rush on the campus. While she is learning a great deal transitioning from high school to higher education, she is ready for the challenge.

Congratulations Kristine and best of luck in your new job!
Due to the devastating impact of the Chips wildfire burning in the Plumas National Forest beginning on July 29th 2012, the county’s Board of Supervisors ratified a Proclamation of Local Emergency on August 7th. This was followed by California’s Governor, Gerry Brown, declaring a state of emergency in Plumas County on August 22nd.

To assist local businesses that were suffering due to the economic impact of this wildfire a declaration of Economic Injury was sought as part of the response by the county’s Office of Emergency Services, led by director Jerry Sipe. Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. (AFWD) assisted the county in collecting the data necessary to apply for such a declaration from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Business Service Representative, Jan Prichard, contacted many businesses throughout the county, visiting many in person, particularly in the worst affected areas such as the communities in the Lake Almanor Basin. The local newspapers and all four Chambers of Commerce also highlighted the campaign and spread the word throughout the area. A total of 52 businesses completed and returned the SBA’s worksheet allowing the county to apply for an economic disaster declaration.

On September 14th Plumas County successfully received a Declaration of Economic Injury releasing funds from the SBA for low cost Economic Injury Disaster Loans for interested businesses that have been affected by the Chips Fire Disaster. Plumas County, AFWD, the newspapers and the chambers immediately informed the local business community of this news along with information on how to apply for a loan or obtain more information from the SBA.
Upcoming Events

For a list of AFWD’s upcoming events please visit:

http://www.afwdhr.org/id3.html