

Children have fun, explore future opportunities

● **Internet scavenger hunt and ELC activities entertain kids and adults during annual event**

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The 10th annual Take Our Daughters To Work Day took place on the Clackamas campus last Thursday, April 25, with girls and boys following their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends through a fun-filled day.

The event, sponsored nationally by Ms. Magazine and locally by the Clackamas Community College chapter of the American Association of Women in Community Colleges and the Ms. Foundation, helps celebrate "the girls, parents, mentors and communities that have helped girls stay strong and confident over the last decade."

The children who took part in

the event got some idea what the grown-ups in their lives do at work, and how they can explore the options for their grown-up lives.

Although most of the children were still young enough to wait a few years before entering workforce, there were a couple of teenagers in the group, and at least one has already accomplished some of her goals.

Mandy Caldera, daughter of welding instructor Sue Caldera, has already picked up an Associate's Degree in Automotive Technology.

"I've had a really good time today, watching all that goes on in my mom's life here at the college," said Mandy. "It's not quite what I want to do, but my mom loves what she does."

Next year, the name of the event nationally will change to Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day, to help include boys who may have felt slighted by not being named in this national event. That was never the intent of the event's national organizers, thus the change in the title for next year.

"We had a pretty good turnout

this year, probably not as good as in some years past," said Linda Durham, an instructor in the Young Persons Opportunity Program at the Family Resource Center. "We usually fill the room for the lunch, but we still have a great group of people this year."

In all, 37 people enjoyed the pizza, salad and beverage lunch put on by Fine Host. The kids took part in an Internet scavenger hunt in Streeter Hall earlier in the day, and after lunch, the kids and adults alike went over the Environmental Learning Center for some more hands-on activities.

Lynn Ahern, a horticulture student at Clackamas, brought her six-year-old daughter, Carley, to the luncheon and to the ELC afterwards.

"Carley was not feeling very well today, but she really wanted to come to this," Ahern said. "It was really neat for her to see what her mother does here at school, and to see what kind of opportunities the future does hold for her."

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Lynn Ahern (front right), Clackamas horticulture student, helps her six-year-old daughter, Carley, with her art during the lunch at the Take Your Daughters To Work Day gathering in the Gregory Forum last Thursday.

Local fundraisers scheduled to help find missing girls

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May 9 will mark four months since Ashley Pond vanished on her way to the school bus stop and two since Miranda Gaddis disappeared, and still there are no solid leads in the case.

But it is not without great effort that the search continues. On findmiranda.com and findashley.com, users are banding together in throngs to plan events, fundraisers and show support to the families of these missing girls.

On April 27, a pancake feed was held to raise money for the families. A concert with Christian music will be held Saturday, May 11, at 7 p.m. at the New Hope Community Church, located at 11731 SE Stevens Road just off Sunnyside Rd at I-205. The featured acts include Ten Talents from Corvallis, Joshua Rocks from Portland and Rescue from Portland, which has been voted the best Christian a cappella group the last two years in a row. They are well known locally, and are becoming well known across the nation.

In a continuing effort to find the

girls, volunteers will be getting together on May 4 to again search the surrounding area of Newell Creek Apartments. During the search that occurred on April 20 remains were found of an adult. The remains were found to be of a white male, approximately 30 years of age and 5-foot-9 inches tall. The remains is suspected to be at least one year old, and tests are still be-

ing conducted to determine the identity of the remains.

The searches will continue every other weekend until the girls are safe at home, according to Billy Crabtree of PC Projex, who has worked diligently and closely with the families to update people on the forums and help search out tips. Since the forum opened up, there have been more than 35 tips that

have been forwarded by Crabtree to the FBI.

Volunteers are needed to make donations and participate in the searches. For more information go to findmiranda.com or findashley.com.

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