

Two employee awards are even better than one

By Bonne Smith

When it comes to awards Mike Cawyer is outstanding. An employee of WalMart in Port Angeles for more than 18 months, Mike received his second employee of the month award for November 2008. The first award was exactly one year ago for November 2007.

"I think its pretty rare to receive two awards," said Mike's job coach, Kim Clevenger, "Mike is conscientious."

Kim, who works for ENSO as a job developer/coach said Mike comes to her and discusses his job. He initiates how he can maintain quality and improve speed in different aspects of his work. "He's willing to talk to his supervisor and find out how to do his job better," Kim said. He is also willing to take on extra responsibilities. Mike is a valuable employee and I think WalMart recognizes his contributions and willingness to do more rather than less, Kim said.

Mike's job is sweeping and scrubbing the floors. "I kind of like doing the main sales floor," he said. "And that's a pretty big floor."

Mike is part of a team of three to five people who work the night shift from 10 p.m. until 6:30 a.m. He said his least favorite part of his job is trying to sleep during the day.

Mike said he has spent most of his 39 years in Port Angeles. A graduate of Port Angeles High School, Mike also attended classes at Peninsula College. He studied under Omar White taking classes in video production, computers and networking.



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"This means I'm doing a good job," said Mike Cawyer about his two Employee of the Month awards he recieved from WalMart.

While at the college Mike also learned how to be a disc jockey and started his own business, Mike the Music Man.

But between working full time and trying to sleep during the day, Mike said his schedule doesn't fit in with trying to be a DJ.

"I'd still like to get my music going again," he said. "But my job at WalMart takes up a lot of my time."