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April E-Newsletter

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Non-Profit Training Program Scheduled

A free professional development program, *“Advocacy in as Little as 20 Minutes per Week & Taking Your Ethical Pulse”* is planned for Friday, April 27 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the large conference room at the PA CareerLink Armstrong County.

The program, brought to the county by the Armstrong County Human Resource Council and a grant from the Armstrong County

Community Foundation, is limited to two participants per non-profit organization. CEUs are available for social workers and may be available for nurses.

To register, or for more information, contact Paula Rummel at (724) 548-4275 or paula@accfound.org. Registration deadline is April 13.

Open House for New CareerLink Site

Pennsylvania
CareerLink

ARMSTRONG COUNTY



The staff at the new site of the **PA CareerLink Armstrong County** will be hosting an open house to showcase the location on Thursday, April 5 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The new facility is next door to the Armstrong Education Center, home

of the Trust, at the West Hills Commons Building (77 Glade Drive.)

For more information, contact the CareerLink staff at (724) **548-5693**.

Changes at Educational Opportunity Centers



Connie Kugel, the Educational Opportunity Centers counselor responsible for Armstrong County, has left EOC of SWPA to pursue another career opportunity.

As a result, the April and May workshops scheduled have been cancelled.

The Educational Opportunity Centers staff is still available to

assist with filling out financial aid forms or with post-secondary admissions questions.

If you need this assistance, please contact EOC of SWPA at **(800) 378-6230** or the Trust at (724) 543-2599.



Work Day Scheduled at Environmental Learning Center



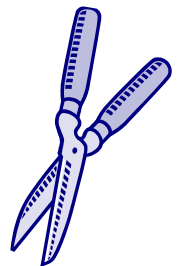
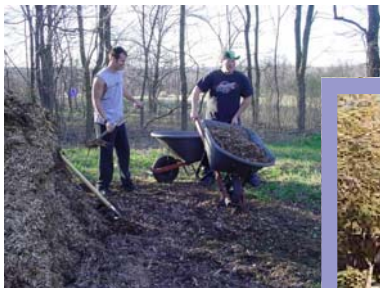
A work day is scheduled for the Environmental Learning Center on **Saturday, April 14** beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Come out and help the ELC get ready for their busy season.

There are many projects planned

such as trail maintenance, yard work, staining, and pruning trees and shrubs. Lunch will be provided.

For more information call the ELC at 724-763-6316



Workforce Forum Kick-Off Session Successful

On Friday, March 16, the kick-off session for the *Armstrong County Forum for Workforce Excellence* was held at Lenape Technical School.

The day was very successful, with 150 participants representing employers, K-12 education, post-secondary education and training, government, economic development, and workforce development generating recommendations on six issues relating to workforce development.

Guest speakers Dr. Gerald Zahorchak, Secretary of Education for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Louis Testoni of PricewaterhouseCoopers, and David Malone of the Pennsylvania Work-

force Investment Board presented valuable insight into competencies valued by employers and state initiatives in education and workforce development.

The forum planning committee is reviewing the recommendations collected during the kick-off session, and a strategy to enhance workforce development efforts in the County will be developed as a result. The committee expects to continue this effort with both smaller working groups and another larger session later in the year.

For more information, contact Armstrong Educational Trust at (724) 543-2599 or davidaet@alltel.net.



Pictured above: David Malone of the Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board



Pictured above: Louis Testoni of PricewaterhouseCoopers





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AET Mission Statement

The Armstrong Educational Trust brings post-secondary education and training opportunities to Armstrong County and surrounding areas.

To accomplish this we:

- *Survey education and training needs.*
- *Convene educational providers to identify programs that meet those needs.*
- *Provide instructional facilities and a computer lab.*
- *Provide financial aid and career counseling to adults.*

Educational Links

www.pheaa.org

This is one of the first stops PA residents should make. This site offers information on the PA State Grant Program, PA loan forgiveness programs, and other PA award programs.

www.educationplanner.org

Your free, interactive career and college planning Website which provides comprehensive resources for developing your postsecondary education plans. This site provides 24-hour access to self-assessment and career development tools.

www.furtheryoureducation.org

Developed to help guide non-traditional students through the transfer process from a community college or 2-year school to a 4-year school.

www.careerkey.org

Match your skills with possible careers

www.pavcc.org/index.shtml

PA Virtual Community College

www.chc.hcwp.org

Explore health care careers

www.acinet.org

Learn about fast growing jobs

www.stats.bls.gov/home.htm

Information about careers

www.upromise.com

Discover a new way to save for college

