

ARMSTRONG

educational trust

January E-Newsletter



Work Certified Program in Second Class Cycle



Pictured above: Instructor class who are now certified to teach Work Certified program.

The national work readiness program, **Work Certified**, is in its second cycle of class sessions in Armstrong, Butler, and Indiana Counties.

In early December at the Armstrong Educational Trust, five additional teachers were trained and certified to teach the program, bringing the number of locally certified teachers to ten.

From mid-to-late December in Armstrong County, a class of

six participants successfully completed the 50 competencies and the comprehensive final examination. This group will be participating in a reverse job fair in early January with local employers. A new class of **Work Certified** begins on January 14 in Butler County.

For more information on the program, contact the **PA CareerLink Armstrong County** at **724-548-5693** or the Trust at **724-543-2599**.

Inside this issue:

- Workforce Forum 2
- Lenape Adult Ed. 2
- PA CareerLink 3
- Small Business Dev. 3
- Spring AET Booklet 3
- Manufacturing Consortium 4
- Health Care Consortium 4
- TECHNOLOGY CONSORTIUM 4
- Teacher Programs at AET 5

Machinist Class Forming



The **Manufacturing Assistance Center**, an initiative of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Engineering, is recruiting participants for a new 15-week class to begin on January 7, 2008.

This machinist training program will include classes in basic

machining, CNC operation and programming, and MasterCam. The cost of the program may be underwritten for veterans, unemployed individuals, or those who meet low income guidelines.

For more information, contact the MAC at **(412) 826-3535** or the Trust at **(724) 543-2599**.

Workforce Forum Program on "Forum for the Future"

How Does Armstrong County Prepare for the Future?



Ed Barlow's dynamic 'Forum on the Future' prepares us for a 21st Century Economy by addressing the changing world of business, industry and education in our community.

YOU are invited to take part in this innovative program to identify the challenges ahead, and investigate eight areas of structural change to achieve wealth creation, which impacts the local tax base, employer profitability, and higher wages for workers.



LOCATION: Lenape Technical School, 2215 Chaplin Avenue, Ford City, PA
DATE: January 21, 2008 | **TIME:** 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Admission: is FREE. Seating is limited on a first come first serve basis. RSVP by calling 724-763-7116 Ext. 581 or e-mailing PublicForum@lenape.k12.pa.us
 Visit www.lenape.k12.pa.us for additional information



SPONSOR: Ed Barlow's dynamic 'Forum on the Future' prepares us for a 21st Century Economy by addressing the changing world of business, industry and education in our community. **SPONSOR:** Ed Barlow's dynamic 'Forum on the Future' prepares us for a 21st Century Economy by addressing the changing world of business, industry and education in our community.

The **Armstrong County Forum for Workforce Excellence** is pleased to host several special sessions with Ed Barlow, futurist and President of *Creating the Future, Inc.* this month.

On **Monday, January 21**, a session for teachers and administrators from Armstrong County Schools will be held during the day, while a session for parents and community members will be held from 6:00-8:00 PM at Lenape Technical School. On **Tuesday, January 22**, a breakfast session for business leaders will be held from 7:30-11:30 AM at Lenape Heights Golf Course. During the sessions, Ed Barlow will help prepare Armstrong County for the future by addressing the changing world of business, industry, and education in our com-

munity and by investigating eight areas of structural change to achieve wealth creation which impacts the local tax base, employer profitability, and higher wages for workers.

Reservations for the public forum program on Monday evening may be made by calling **724-763-7116 extension 581** or e-mailing PublicForum@lenape.k12.pa.us

Reservations for the business forum breakfast session on Tuesday morning may be made by calling **724-763-7116 extension 572** or e-mailing BusinessForum@lenape.k12.pa.us.

For more information, contact the Trust at **724-543-2599** or davidaet@alltel.net



Winter/Spring Programs from Lenape Adult Education

Programs planned for this winter and spring from **Lenape Adult Education** include Welding Basics, Mig Welding, Tig Welding, Inventor (*AutoCAD's newest 3d modeling software program*), Basic Motor Control/3 Phase Distribution, Food Safety Recertification, State Inspection Certification Training, Sit-Down Counterbalanced Forklift Operator Safety Training, Coaching in the Workplace, Quickbooks 2007, Phlebotomy Certification Training, Medical Insurance Billing Basics, Feeding Assistant Program, Advance Directive for Healthcare

Professionals, End of Life Decision and Communication, and many, many more.

See the entire list in the **Winter/Spring Trust booklet of Education and Training Opportunities in Armstrong County** or call Lenape at **(724) 763-7116 extension 316** or the Trust at **(724) 543-2599**.

Summer classes to be held at the Armstrong Education Center have been scheduled as well; see the booklet for the entire list or contact Lenape or the Trust.



CareerLink Site Marks One Year at West Hills Commons



ARMSTRONG COUNTY

The PA CareerLink Armstrong County relocated to the West Hills Commons Building adjacent to the Armstrong Educational Trust one year ago in January 2007.

During the year, the additional space the agency and staff made available to the Trust through this relocation has opened up a number of opportunities for education and training of individuals and organizations in the county.

The Trust thanks the PA CareerLink Armstrong County partners, operators, and staff for their assistance and cooperation in facilitating opportunities for Armstrong County.

For more information on PA CareerLink Armstrong Co. programs and services, contact the CareerLink at 724-548-5693 or the Trust at 724-543-2599.



Small Business Development Center Programs

The Small Business Development Center from Clarion University continues its programs for local individuals and businesses with two offerings in January at the Armstrong Educational Trust.

On Tuesday, **January 8**, the “**First Step: Starting a Small Business**” workshop will be held at 9:00 AM.

On Friday, **January 18**, “**Business Succession Planning: Who’s Up Next?**” will be held from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. There is no charge for each of the workshops.

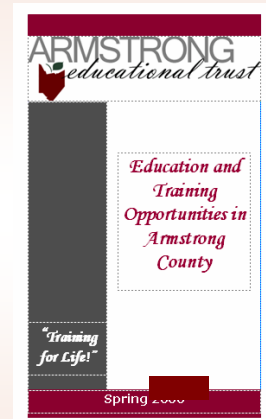
For more information or to register for either workshop, contact the SBDC at 877-292-1843 or the Trust at 724-543-2599.



Spring AET Booklet

The new *Education and Training Opportunities in Armstrong County* booklet for Spring 2008 was distributed last month to all residential mailing addresses in Armstrong County.

The booklet can also be viewed online at: www.armstrongedutrust.org. Look for *Education Catalog* under the Resources link on the right. If you did not receive your copy, please contact Armstrong Educational Trust at (724) 543-2599 or armeduded@alltel.net to request a copy.



Manufacturing Consortium Participates in Sector Academy



Representatives of the **Armstrong County Manufacturing Consortium** have been participating in a special sector academy for industry partnerships in Harrisburg over the last few months.

The next session in January will include presentations from the manufacturing industry partnerships to expert panels on partnership vision, goals, and plans for

measurement and sustainability with an opportunity for recommendations from the experts on future growth and development. The representatives will share the feedback with members from Armstrong, Butler, and Indiana Counties' Manufacturing Consortia.

For more information on the Manufacturing Consortium, contact the Trust at **724-543-2599** or davidaet@alltel.net.

Health Care Consortium Preparing for Scholarships and Worker Recognition



At their January meeting, the **Armstrong County Health Care Consortium** will make preparations for their annual scholarship application process and their annual health care worker recognition luncheon.

Applications for scholarships available to those pursuing health care education will be available

following this planning session. The annual health care worker recognition luncheon will be held in May.

Nomination forms for recognition of outstanding health care workers will be available following the January planning session. For more information, contact the Trust at **724-543-2599** or davidaet@alltel.net

Technology Consortium Training Scheduled



The **Tri-County Technology Consortium** is planning a special training program, *Human Resource Management: Competency to Compensation*, on Tuesday, **Jan. 8** from **9:00-11:00 A.M.** at PA CareerLink Armstrong County (adjacent to the Armstrong Educational Trust). This training will

cover how to recruit, select, and retain employees using a competency model. To register, see the consortium website at www.tricountytechnology.org/events.

For more information, contact the Trust at **724-543-2599** or davidaet@alltel.net.

Programs for Teachers at Armstrong Educational Trust

Several programs are planned for teachers over the spring and summer months at the Armstrong Educational Trust. Mark your calendars and plan to participate.

Performing Learning Systems will be offering weekend classes during the spring on the following dates: April 18, 29, 20 and May 2, 3, 4 with a second class on May 16, 17, 18 and May 30, 31, and June 1. All Friday classes are 5-9 P.M. and all

Saturday and Sunday classes are 8 A.M. – 5 P.M.

The **Gannon University Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction** program continues this summer at the Trust. Summer classes meet for a full week; schedules will be available soon.

For more information, contact the Trust at **724-543-2599** or daidaet@alltel.net



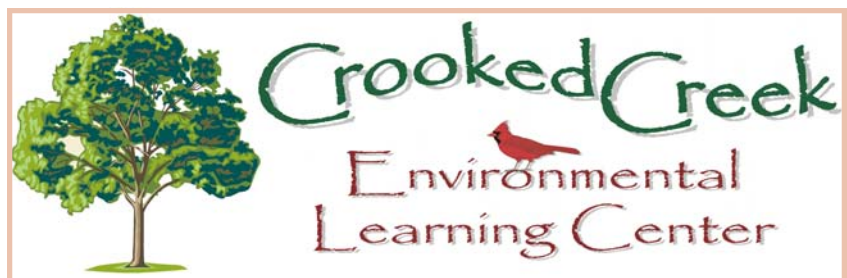
PERFORMANCE
LEARNING SYSTEMS

GANNON
UNIVERSITY
Northwestern Pennsylvania's Premier Catholic University



**142 Kerr Road
Ford City, PA 16226**

For more information
on facility rental,
please call
724-763-6316
or email
elcaet@alltel.net



Rent the ELC for your next program, meeting, workshop, or retreat! There are overnight accommodations for 26 people.

There is also a deluxe living room area with an extensive collection of mounted animals, including birds, large and small mammals, snakes, and fish on display.

The ELC has a large meeting room, a fully equipped kitchen, bathrooms and showers.

Outside, you can walk down the Discovery Trail or watch the many birds and wildlife that inhabit the area.

**Information is also available online at
www.crookedcreekelc.org**



www.armstrongedutrust.org

81 Glade Drive
Kittanning, PA 16201

Phone: 724-543-2599
1-800-201-3712
Fax: 724-545-6127
E-mail: armeduded@alltel.net

"TRAINING FOR LIFE."

AET Mission Statement

To strengthen and promote career awareness, post-secondary continuing education, occupational training, workforce development, and certification programs on a timely basis for business, industry, and general economic development in Armstrong County and surrounding areas.

AET Vision Statement

To prepare a world-class workforce to meet the evolving economic development needs of the community by:

- developing a skilled workforce for existing businesses and new emerging industries
- improving workplace skills of incumbent workers
- increasing environmental and conservation knowledge and education
- improving literacy rates in Armstrong County
- promoting life-long learning
- increasing professional development opportunities locally
- providing funding for education and training opportunities
- brokering and promoting post secondary education
- increasing knowledge and participation in community development
- promoting career development and providing career development services