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May E-Newsletter

Here to Help Event Planned for May 20

The economic downturn has affected thousands of Pennsylvanians, and in order to help identify places to turn for assistance, each County will hold a special event where organizations and agencies will provide information to local residents.

In Armstrong County, the event will be held on **Wednesday, May 20** at the PA CareerLink Armstrong County and the Armstrong Education Center.

Workshops on such topics as spreading out your food dollars and information booths for utility assistance, general financial aid, and community programs will be set up in the building.

For more information, contact the PA CareerLink Armstrong County at **724-548-5693** or the Trust at **724-543-2599** or davidaet@windstream.net

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Armstrong County Health Care Workers Recognition Luncheon

The sixth annual Armstrong County Health Care Consortium Health Care Worker Recognition Luncheon will be held on

Wednesday, May 13 at Lenape Heights Golf Course. More than 20 awardees will be recognized at the event. Tables are still available.



For more information, contact Jessica Eichner at the Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, 724-282-9341 ext. 34 or the Trust at 724-543-2599 or davidaet@windstream.net.

Local Group Encourages Girls to Consider Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

With the concern over the low participation rate of Americans (particularly young women) in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), a group has formed in the region to encourage these opportunities. The group is called **Female Alliance for STEM Excellence (FASE)**, and it is comprised

of representatives from business and industry, K-12 education, post-secondary education, and supporting agencies.

A printed brochure, poster, and informational web page are available; see www.armstrongmfg.org and click on FASE at the top.

For additional information, contact the Trust at 724-543-2599 or davidaet@windstream.net.



Computer Skills for Job Seekers Classes Available



With so many individuals laid off seeking employment and/or education and training options, the need for basic computer skills to prepare to complete on-line employment or school applications is growing. *Basic Computer Skills for Jobseekers* was developed to meet this need.

The 12-hour course is offered on in four-hour blocks over one week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Participants are taught how to

navigate the Internet to properly complete on-line applications.

Several more course sessions are planned in May and June, and the program is funded through the Tri-County Workforce Investment Board.

For more information or to register, contact PA CareerLink Armstrong County at 724-548-5693 or the Trust at 724-543-2599 or pataet@windstream.net.



Believe in the possibilities.

Teachers Interested in Masters Degree

The Gannon University cohort program for the **Masters of Education in Curriculum and Supervision** is filling its third group at the Armstrong Education Center.

This program uses a mix of distance education

and face-to-face instruction to meet the demands of the teachers' schedules.

For more information on the program, contact Gannon University at 1-800-GANNON-U or graduate@gannon.edu or the Trust at 724-543-2599 or davidaet@windstream.net



Indiana University of Pennsylvania

AT NORTHPOINTE

Earn Your *Master's in Education*

The **M.Ed. in Education** prepares you to be a "teacher leader" within your classroom, school, and community.

Completing your master's degree on the **IUP at Northpointe** Campus is both convenient and affordable. Learn more by attending an *Information Session* on Monday, June 1st at 5:00 p.m. at the Northpointe Campus (located immediately off Route 28 at Exit 18).

M.Ed. in Education is designed for teachers holding an Instructional I or II certificate (or the equivalent if certified to teach in a state other than Pennsylvania).

Throughout the program, continued

emphasis is placed on the examination of your own attitudes and values so that you can more effectively interface with a changing society.

Take all courses with your classmates as a cohort, progressing through the entire sequence of classes together.

You will take one 6-credit course per semester for a total of 6 semesters and complete your program in two years.

Courses offered during the fall and spring semesters meet once night per week from 5:15 - 8:45 p.m. Summer classes meet two nights per week during a 5-week period.

Attending an Information Session is required for admission into the program. An RSVP is appreciated but not required. E-Mail northpointe-campus@iup.edu or call 1-800-889-0872.

Legal Briefing for Members of the Manufacturers & Business Association



The **Manufacturers & Business Association** will hold a **Legal Briefing** program for members at the Armstrong Education Center on **Wednesday, May 6** from **11:30 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.**.

For more information or to register, contact the **Manufacturers & Business Association** at **800-815-2660** or the **Trust** at **724-543-2599** or pataet@windstream.net.

Employers Needed for Educator in the Workplace Program



The **Armstrong County Forum for Workforce Excellence** is planning to offer an opportunity for teachers in the county to learn more about employer expectations for prospective employees through the **Educator in the Workplace** program.

In this program, teachers will visit employers to discover how their classroom knowledge shared with students can translate to the workplace.

The **Career Pathways Committee** of the **Armstrong County Forum for Workforce Excellence** is seeking to add employers to the list of possibilities for the teachers who will participate.

For more information or to add your workplace to the list, contact **Lori Harvey** or **David English** at the administrative office of the **Armstrong County Forum for Workforce Excellence** at **724-543-2599** or lharvey@eoc.psu.edu or davidaet@windstream.net.

Trust Electronic Mail Addresses Changing



Now that the sale of some Alltel assets to Windstream is several years old, former Alltel e-mail addresses will transition completely to Windstream beginning in May.

Please make a note of our new addresses (all changes are from **alltel.net** to **windstream.net**.)

- Executive Director:
davidaet@windstream.net
- Office Manager:
pataet@windstream.net
- AET general e-mail:
armeduded@windstream.net
- Environmental Learning Center:
elcaet@windstream.net
- Americorps Member:
sarahaet@windstream.net

County Asset Mapping Project Needs Feedback

Armstrong County is endeavoring to complete an asset mapping project to understand the resources the county can leverage to support workforce and economic development initiatives.

Survey instruments have been developed to collect resource information using an on-line form. If you have received a request to complete one of these surveys, please take a few moments to complete and

submit the form using the link sent to you by e-mail. Feedback from the community is vital for developing this roadmap to the county's future.

For more information, contact Nicole George at the County Courthouse at 724-548-3777 or

ngeorge@co.armstrong.pa.us or the Trust at 724-543-2599 or davidaet@windstream.net.



Industry Cluster Consortia Training Plans

The industry cluster consortia in Armstrong County and the region are planning a number of training programs in the coming months to meet member needs.

- The Armstrong County Manufacturing Consortium will be participating in regional training on Strategic Business Communication Competitiveness, Going Green Business Practices, Human Resource policy and Law, and Welding.
- The Tri-County Technology Consortium will hold training on Project Management for IT Professionals as well as Network Security.
For more information on these manufacturing and/or technology programs, contact Ken Raybuck at 724-282-9341 ext. 26, kraybuck@tcwib.net, or the Trust at 724-543-2599, or davidaet@windstream.net.
- The Armstrong County Health Care Consortium will participate in regional training programs on Back Injury Prevention, Wound Care Update, and Time Management/Documentation for Nurses.
For more information on these programs, contact Jessica Eichner at 724-282-9341 ext. 34, jeichner@tcwib.net, or the Trust at 724-543-2599, or davidaet@windstream.net.

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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*