



Fall 2012

Serving the Residents of  
Lincoln, Mason and  
Wayne Counties in  
West Virginia

### Greetings!

It is hard to believe that summer has flown by! The weather is getting cooler and the leaves are beginning to change colors! The fall semester has started and many people, who did not think they could further their education, are in classes and are doing great! Have you considered taking that first step to further your education? It is never too late. And there is no time like the present!! Let the staff of the EOC assist you in beginning the process of getting into school. Now is a great time to prepare for the GED exam or to apply for financial aid and decide on a post-secondary school which is right for you.

Look for the EOC staff at the libraries in the counties; at the Fall Festivals in your area, or contact the counselors at the EOC office, and ask about the financial aid and admissions' process to get you started on your educational journey! Check out the counselor's schedule in this publication for locations and times!

The **Heart of Appalachia Educational Opportunity Center** is a federally funded program that helps adults further their education. EOC counselors provide information to participants about vocational or technical training, the college or university of their choice, or Adult Basic Education classes where they can obtain a G.E.D. if needed. EOC counselors also help participants find a suitable financial aid program.

Located on the Marshall University Huntington campus and on the Pt. Pleasant, MOVC campus in Mason County, the Heart of Appalachia EOC serves adults in Lincoln, Mason, and Wayne Counties in West Virginia enroll in the educational institution of their choice.

***All of our services are free and confidential!***

If you are interested in our program or know someone who might be, please contact the EOC office (contact information is located on the back page of this newsletter).

***We hope to hear from you soon!!***

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### ***Applying to Marshall University or Mountwest CTC?***

Did you know that if you are planning to attend Marshall University (in Huntington and at the MOVC in Point Pleasant), the EOC can provide you with a fee waiver for the Admission's Application Fee of \$30.00? An application fee is also available for Mountwest Community and Technical College at their new location in Huntington.

**Ask an EOC counselor for details!**

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### ***News From the Counties:***

#### ***Spotlight on Wayne County...***

- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Wayne County Fall Festival at Crum Middle School: Saturday, October 6th, 2012
- Town of Wayne Fall Festival, Downtown Wayne. Friday and Saturday, October 12th & 13th, 2012
- Wayne County Resource Fair. Wayne Health Department. Wednesday, October 10th, 2012 @ 9 am.



*Fall 2012  
Schedule for  
Roxanne Smith and  
Patty Moore*



**ROXANNE AT MOVC**

<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>
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Mon: - 9 to 5:30 Tues: - 2 to 5:30 Wed.: - 9 to 5:30 Thurs:- 9 to 11:00 am Fri.: - By Appointment	Mon: - 9 to 5:30 Tues: - 2 to 5:30 Wed.: - 9 to 5:30 Thurs: - 9 to 11:00 am Fri.: - By Appointment	Mon: - 9 to 5:30 Tues: - 2 to 5:30 Wed.: - 9 to 5:30 Thurs: - 9 to 11:00 am Fri.: - By Appointment
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**ROXANNE:  
Library Visits**

	<b>Mason City</b>	<b>Hannan</b>	<b>New Haven</b>
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<b>September</b>	Thurs. 13th 1—5:00 pm	Thurs. 20th 1—4:00 pm	Thurs. 6th 1—5:00 pm
<b>October</b>	Thurs. 11th 1—5:00 pm	Thurs. 18th 1—4:00 pm	N/A 1—5:00 pm
<b>November</b>	Thurs. 8th 1—5:00 pm	Thurs. 15th 1—4:00 pm	Thurs. 1st 1—5:00 pm

**PATTY:  
Library Visits:**

	<b>Wayne</b>	<b>Ceredo- Kenova</b>	<b>Ft. Gay</b>	<b>Branchland</b>	<b>Hamlin</b>	<b>Alum Ck.</b>
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<b>September</b>	Mon. 10th, 17th, & 24th 10am—4pm	Mon. 17th 2pm— 4:30pm	Fri. 21st 1pm— 4pm	Wed. 12th 1 pm— 4 pm	Thurs. 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th 12:30pm—4	Wed. 5th 1 pm— 4pm
<b>October</b>	Mon. 1st, 8th, 15th, & 29th 10am—4pm	Mon. 15th 2pm— 4:30pm	Fri. 19th 1pm— 4pm	Wed. 10th 1 pm— 4 pm	Thurs. 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th 12:30pm—4	Wed. 3rd 1 pm— 4pm
<b>November</b>	Mon. 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th 10am—4pm	Mon. 19th 2pm— 4:30pm	Fri. 16th 1pm— 4pm	Wed. 14th 1 pm— 4 pm	Thurs. 1st, 8th, 15th & 29th 12:30pm—4	Wed. 7th 1 pm— 4pm

*“Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the Ark, professionals built the Titanic!” Author Unknown*

*DON'T PAY FOR THE FAFSA!*

Several Web sites offer help filing the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* for a fee. These sites are **not** affiliated with or endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education. We urge you **not** to pay these sites for assistance! The EOC can assist you for free! The official FAFSA is at:

[www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov)

If you are asked for your credit card information while filling out the FAFSA online, you are not at the official government site.

Remember, the FAFSA site address has .gov in it!

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**Educational Opportunity Center counselors are available to help participants through the financial aid process. We have information on many financial aid options. Please contact us for further information and assistance.**

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*Here is an excellent resource to assist with GED exam prep; practice tests for a wide variety of exams; tutoring for many subjects; career information and a great deal more! Accessible from the internet from anywhere. If you want more information, contact an EOC counselor!*

**Welcome to  
LearningExpress Library!**

Whatever your goal, LearningExpress Library's resources will help you succeed. Each of our Learning Centers offers the practice tests, exercises, skill-building courses, eBooks, and information you need to achieve the results you want—at school, at work, or in life. Looking to land a job? You'll find an entire Learning Center dedicated to helping you get the one that's right for you.

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*“College is not just for the creative or the really smart people. It is for ordinary folks who want to improve their lives.”*

**Michael, 42 years old  
English Major**

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***Great Tips for  
Non-Traditional Students***

***Adult college students ought to know....***

***It is never too late to follow a dream.***

If you have always dreamed of going to college or returning to college, it's time to start. In fact, in 1995 there were 6.1 million adult students who were following their dreams by being in college. Go for it! You are not alone!

***There is no need for guilt.***

Understand that you are seeking to improve your situation through education. The best gift you can give yourself or your family is an education. When you receive your diploma, most everyone will agree the sacrifices made by you and your family were worth the effort.

***That you are self-motivated.***

You aren't seeking a degree because it is what is expected or what your parents want you to do. You are seeking a degree because you have decided that this is what you need to do to have the best life possible for you and your family. You are eager to learn, and that means you will be willing to do the work, ask for assistance, and stretch your limits.

***That you are more well-rounded and at ease with people than traditional age students.***

Being older, you have had more experiences in life, and these experiences will serve you well as you pursue your degree. You've met more people and been to more places. You will be able to interact more easily with others (even professors). As you go further in your academic career, your life experiences will serve you well.

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**"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." -Mark Twain**

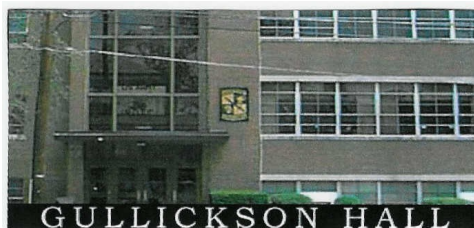


**Are you thinking about going back to school and don't know where to begin?? Would you like to get your GED and are not sure where to go for information?**

The Heart of Appalachia Educational Opportunity Center can help!

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