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Regional Adult Education Program

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**HELLO
APRIL**

Mount Rogers Adult Ed



Please Note the April GED testing dates

Bristol Public Library

April

2 Wednesday

12 Saturday

22 Tuesday

Galax /Crossroads

April

3 Thursday

15 Tuesday

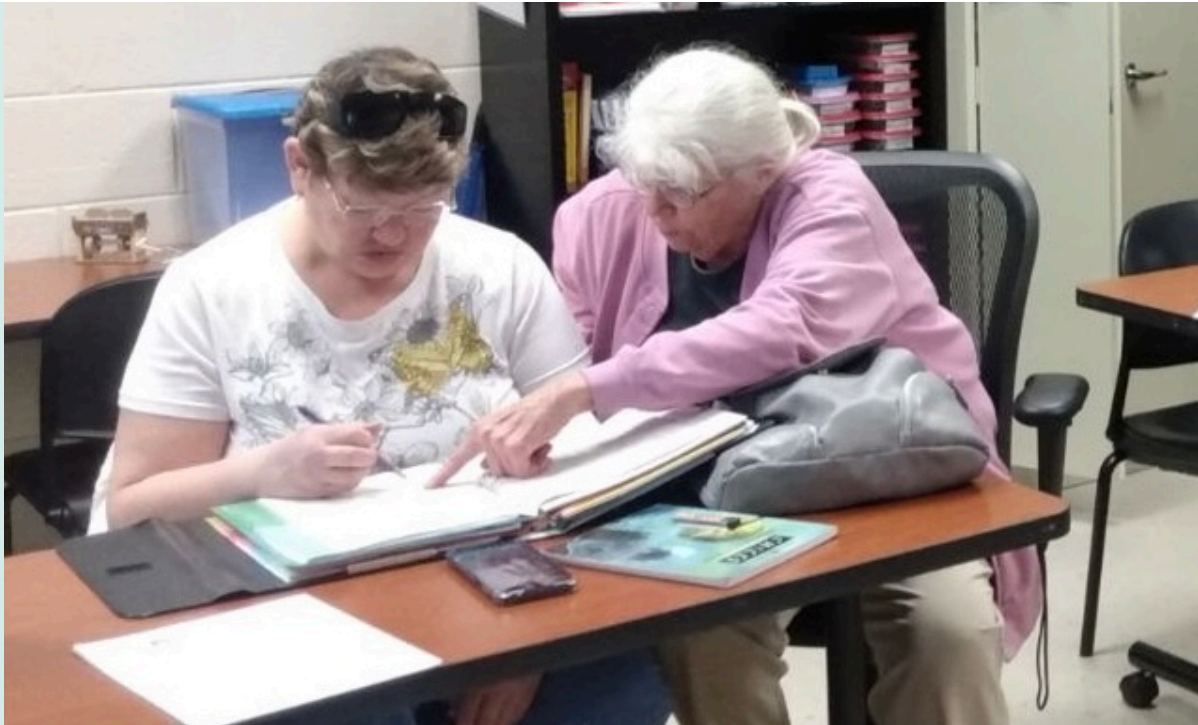
29 Tuesday



Staff Spotlight

Sue Dill

By Sue Dill



I first got involved in Adult education in the fall of 1997. I was working with a 7th grade after- school SOL program when I was approached by my neighbor Marie Martin who was the lead teacher in Wythe Co. for Mt Rogers adult Education program. Marie was waiting to use the classroom when I finished and she cornered me as soon as my students left. The GED testing service was going through a test change and implementing new test in 2000. There was an influx of new students rushing to complete the old test before the deadline. Marie was teaching 2 classes of about 20 plus students in each. She asked me if I would be interested in helping her. Within 2 weeks I was teaching my first class at the Rural retreat High school! So, began a 25 plus-year love of working with adult learners.

It has been some of the most rewarding years I ever experienced. I love how each student is so unique in their needs, outlook, and goals. Each brought their own hopes and struggles to accomplish these. I had one young student who, due to possible autism, never spoke a word to me in the year and a half I worked with him. But he succeeded in getting his GED. A few months later, I happened to see him in Walmart. I was just floored when he actually spoke to me for quite some time about what was going on in his life at that point.

I have learned so many things from working with adult education over the years. One thing I've found is to expect the unexpected. Always be prepared to change your plans for the day to suit the needs of whichever students are present that day. Sometimes it may be a just matter of finding a new way to teach an old subject.

When I'm not teaching, I enjoy a variety of activities such as spending time with family and friends, reading, raising and using herbs, knitting, drawing and painting although some of these have been put on a back burner for a while.

I am a great believer in Adult education classes. They have been proven to enable so many to accomplish goals by the giving of, not only direction to success but by encouragement of both trained and dedicated instructors and fellow students. These combine for a sure recipe for quicker achievement and success of goals. I encourage all who need help in their goals, whether educational, work or college related to take advantage of being in a classroom of others who are trying to accomplish their own goals. It makes learning a difficult task so much easier.

Student Shoutout

Izzy Primm

By Izzy Primm



I was introduced to the Mount Rogers Regional Adult Education Program by my youth leader, Beverly. She understood the unique circumstances of my education: I was

homeschooled 2nd through 8th grade and attended high school part time all four years. Even with outstanding grades, I had accumulated few credits and would be unable to graduate high school.

I began working with MRRAEP towards my GED in December of 2024 and earned it just two months later. While in the program, I continued my part time education at Wythe County Technology Center. I attended class there each morning and worked each evening, taking my lessons for the program online afterwards.

Ms. Sue Dill became my primary teacher shortly after starting, and she is the reason I achieved my goal so quickly. She identified my strengths and weaknesses with each subject, and ensured I could complete the exams as soon as possible.

To anyone in similar shoes as me: just because your education journey looks different from someone else's, doesn't mean you're somehow "behind". Your success and future are decided by you, not your type of diploma.



FROM THE DESK OF...



Kayla Hagy

Data Specialist



Happy April! 🌸

March attendance & ASPD or portal submissions are due April 7th.

- Any returning students that have a valid TABE from last program year needs to be pretested in CASAS, even though they have a TABE. (This is for students that haven't been to class or done distance hours this program year)
- Any TABE pretests before 6/30/23 have expired. Pretest students in CASAS within 6 hours of attendance.
- If anyone has any students that they're struggling to get into pre or posttest. Please reach out to one of us and we'll help.

Celebrations: 🎉 🥳 🎊

(please let me know if I missed anything so we can add it to our newsletter)

Hannah: 2 IET students got gains from a post test.

Donna: Had a completer

Krystal: Student got a gain

Sue Dill: Had a completer and a student get a gain.

Sue Dickens: Had two students get a gain

Mattie: Had a student get a gain

Data:

GED Completers: 16 (only 1 away from hitting last years total)

Enrollment total: 328

Participants 12+ hours: 264

Current MSG rate: 55.2%

Cindy Campbell and Lorraine Hedgepeth

Instructional Specialists



Attention Instructors:

You may have students interested in taking the military entrance exam especially if they earned their GED credential in order to join. We can help them with this even if they graduated from high school. They would need to take the entire pretest and you would work with them on math and reading. I can sign them up for math on workkeys, too. Just let me know their names and emails. Most of the time the recruiting office will give them tons of resources. The higher they score, the more job opportunities they will have in the military.



Remember to discard any old materials as the year finishes up.





Folder checks are coming soon. Since we have done things differently this year, this is what we will be looking for:

- **Student Name**
- **email**
- **phone**
- **GED # if applicable**
- **GED email and password if applicable GED ID number**
- **CASAS id First initial, last name, 6 digit date of birth. If the student typed in the wrong thing, please let Kayla or me know BEFORE the folder checks, so either of us can fix it.**
- **Underage- Release documentation**
- **Either a copy of the ASPD OR a note saying they used the portal.**
- **Progress at a glance**
- **Goal sheet (up to date please)**
- **Any earned certificates**

TEACHERS INTERESTED IN SIGNING STUDENTS FOR NORTHSTAR CERTIFICATION

If you are interested in being a proctor, please contact Lorraine at GladysLHedgepeth@gmail.com to receive a the link for proctoring information.

The training is not hard but would require some time to do watch the videos. Our office would like more students to receive their certification.

Certification

Students receive certification in Northstar Digital Literacy:
Master the digital skills needed for work and daily life.



Questions: Contact Our Office: 800-322-7748

Hannah Ingram
IET Coordinator

We're in the thick of it over in IET-Land as the spring semester at VHCC begins to wrap up...

Our "Tools For Success" IET scholarship is on track to have 21 students complete their requirements, which means we will send them out into their new career with a brand new set of tools! Our broader IET numbers are on track to

match last year's massive 300% increase -- we anticipate a minimum of 60 IET students will earn their industry-recognized credential by the end of this 2024-25 program year!

These are just some of the excited faces of our "Tools For Success" completers from the VHCC Mechatronics/Electrical Technology program!

(1- Andrew Sullivan, also a former MRRAEP GED completer ; 2- Phillip Sage ; 3- Tyler Routh ; 4- Daniel Lee ; 5- Matthew Roberts, another former MRRAEP GED completer!





April Birthdays

11th Shannon Mutter



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