



Turning Wind's May Newsletter

Newsletter Cartoon
By: James and Zach

Words of Wisdom

"Don't bring yesterday to today because your faults distract you from what you need to do today." By: KC

News report on Easter

Easter was a wonderful experience for all of us. Staff put together an Easter Egg Hunt where we all raced to find the eggs and baskets. Imagine our excitement to find the eggs and baskets filled with candy and other goodies. We had to ration our candy throughout the day. For the first half of the morning we played many different board games. Amber, Adam, Joe, and Matt cooked us up a special treat of deep fried Oreos. Once we finished our lunch we went outside to burn off some of our energy. We played a bundle of games including Sharks and Minnows and Ultimate Frisbee. When we came inside we had an excellent dinner of fried rice and chow mien cooked by Sam, Matt, Vlad, Greg, Seth, Joe, Jen and Emily. We finished off our day with a movie. Easter at Turning Winds was a fun-filled day thanks to the staff, our parents, and the cooperation of the residents.

By: Jason

GED Interview of Joe

I, Danielle, got the privilege to interview Joseph, one of the bright young men that recently passed his GED! Joe's school life before Turning Winds was a big struggle. Joe cut classes, slacked off, and didn't complete homework. This eventually led him to drop out of high school in the 9th grade. Joe's choices did not lead him down a successful path for his

future. Joe came to Turning Winds with a negative attitude towards schoolwork. A little later into his stay something clicked and he realized that without an education he had limited opportunities for his future. He then chose to start studying so that he could take the GED test. On the GED, he says, the hardest subject for him was the math category, and the easiest one was the reading comprehension. What he plans to do with his life is become a writer of short stories, and poetry. When Joseph received the results of his exam he felt really excited and amazed that he accomplished something so big in his life! He is proud of himself and it makes him smile to know that his parents are proud of him too. His plans now are to start college courses. When I asked him what the courses that he wanted to take were, he said Philosophy and World Civilization. The reason he wants to take these courses is because he wants to learn about how people lived. He's excited to take these classes. Throughout the many hours of studying he is very thankful for the people that helped him, supported him and guided him to succeed. Some of the people he mentions and wants to give special thanks to are Matt, Vladimir, Greg, his parents, and his teachers: Scott and Jake.

By: Danielle

Joke of the Month

One day three construction workers were sitting on top of a

building eating lunch. The first worker opens his lunch sack and says "Tuna again? If I get another tuna sandwich again I'm going to jump off of the top of this building." The second said "Ham again? If I get another ham sandwich I'm going to jump off of the top of this building." The third said "If I get peanut butter and jelly one more time I'm going to jump off of the top of this building." The next day the first worker opened his sack and found a tuna sandwich and jumped off the top of the building, the second opened his sack and found a ham sandwich so he too jumped off and the third opened his sack and found another peanut and butter jelly sandwich so he also jumped. The next day at the funeral the wife of the first worker said "I don't understand, why he didn't just ask?" The wife of the second worker said "Why didn't he just tell me that he didn't want a ham sandwich?" Lastly the wife of the third worker wailed "I don't understand! He always made his own sandwiches!"

May Birthdays

Emily-6th -14 years old
Hank-15th-unknown
Zach-16th-14 years old
Kyle-18th-16 years old
Jen-20th-18 years old
Jake-21st-unknown
Carrie-22nd-unknown
Brock-24th-15 years old
Jacob-31st-unknown
By: Jen

Matthew's GED Interview

What was your first impression of the GED?

-Hey, I can get out of school and still have a diploma and still get a decent job.

What was the most challenging subject for you?

- Writing, it is not something very easy for me.

From a scale of 1-10 how nervous were you the day before your first set of tests? Second set of tests?

- (first set) 7, scared of failing and screwing up.

- (first set) 3, I was more confident because they were easier.

When you were taking your tests did you have any strategies of how to complete it and do well on it? If so, what?

- No, I just wanted to get it over with and go with the flow.

How relieved were you to see your scores when you were done?

- Very relieved because I knew that I passed.

Which subject did you enjoy most?

- Math, because, it is my favorite subject and enjoyable.

What is your strongest subject right now?

- Science, it seems to be just common sense to me and I love science.

In the 3-4 months you studied are you proud of the scores you got? Why or why not?

- No, because I feel I could have done better on Math and Social Studies, but I was proud of the other tests.

What was the most memorable moment of all the GED?

- The first test at the GED Center, I sat at a random table, and a girl came over and started filling in the bubble sheet and she looked over and said randomly 'I hate bubbles.' It was hilarious!

Any last comments, advice, etc.?

- Comment - "I love you Mom and Dad, thanks for giving me the opportunity to take my GED!"

- Advice - "It's harder than you think, make sure you study!"

- Future Plans - "I want to get my business degree at either the University of Iowa or The University of Texas. I want also to get my motorcycle mechanics license or marine mechanics license at universal technical institute."

By: Hayden

VLAD'S GED INTERVIEW

By: James Porter

-When you first arrived here, at Turning Winds, were you planning on gaining a high school diploma?

Vlad: I was planning on getting a high school diploma but wasn't really motivated to get it when I got here.

-What was your reaction to the GED when you found out you were going to be taking it?

Vlad: I thought it was something that seemed easy to do and I was excited about taking it. I also thought that it wasn't a really big deal at first.

-How long did you study for the GED?

Vlad: My group studied for about two months and we had a lot of fun times and a lot of hard times together.

-Are you excited to be out of high school and into college? Why?

Vlad: Yeah, I am really excited because I am a step closer to be going to a trade school and making a career in Auto Mechanics.

-Which out of the 5 tests do you think you struggled with the most? Why?

Vlad: The hardest test was the Writing test because it had a part where you wrote an essay and it wasn't an easy topic. I think that writing has been hard for me ever since I was in school.

-Which of the 5 test do you think was the easiest for you? Why?

Vlad: The easiest test for me was the history because I like history and it is very interesting to read. I also think it was easy because it had a lot of geography and I'm really good at that.

-What will be your plans for college?

Vlad: My plan is to be going to a trade school at UTI in California. I will hopefully be taking an Auto Mechanics class to be ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certified. I later want to go back and learn how to hot rod cars and then later on in the future I want to open up a shop of my own.

Interview with Greg

- **How does it feel to be a GED graduate?**

I would have to say it feels really good being out of high school because I didn't think I was capable of passing before I came here.

- **What do you plan on doing now that you're out of high school?**

While I'm here at Turning Winds I plan on taking college classes and then as soon as I get home I plan on going to UTI to get my automotive license.

- **What college classes are you going to take?**

I plan on taking college Algebra and History and then after I complete college Algebra I am going to take physics and chemistry.

- **Were the tests hard?**

Overall I would say that the tests weren't that hard except for the writing part.

- **What is the best part about getting a GED?**

I would say the best part about getting my GED is that I know if I set my mind to it I can do anything.

- **What did you have to study and how long?**

I had to study Algebra, Geometry, Social Studies, Science and Reading. I studied altogether about 3 months.

- **How was it working in a group?**

I would say studying in a group was very beneficial. We helped each other and had fun while doing it.

- **What are some things you like to do in your free time at home?**

I enjoy skateboarding, mixing music, listening to music, drawing, working on cars, going to concerts and eating.

- **Out of your hobbies at home which one is your favorite?**

I would have to say that my favorite hobby would have to be skateboarding. I have been skateboarding since I was seven years old and I like to go skating with friends and learning new tricks.

- **Do you enjoy any sports and if yes which ones?**

Yes I like to play baseball, basketball and football.
By: Alex M.

RECIPE

Rainbow Pasta Salad

Serves 8 People

Ingredients:

- One pound of Tri-color Pasta
- Two cups cherry tomatoes, halved
- One large cucumber, peeled and diced

- One onion, finely chopped
- One bottle Italian Salad Dressing

Instructions:

- Bring pot of lightly salted water to boil. Add Pasta and cook for 10 minutes or until done. Drain and rinse in cold water.
- In a large bowl combine tomatoes, cucumbers, onion, cooled pasta, and Italian dressing.
- Refrigerate overnight, or for at least one hour.

By: KC