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All About Us

By Vickie M. Lubbers

Welcome to the premier issue of MOTO, our class newsletter. The MOTO serves several purposes. First, it is a vehicle to publish our writings. Through our writings we share our experiences and encourage others to make the most of their opportunities. We also post important dates and fun facts.

The articles that appear in the MOTO are written by the adults who currently attend Moultrie Technical College GED classes at Tiftarea Workforce Center. Students receive classroom instruction in Work Ready Skills, reading, language, and mathematics. At WFC students have a state certified instructor, computers, and tutors. Students spend class time in a variety of settings: whole class

instruction, small group instruction and small group tutorials. Computer Assisted Instruction (CIA) and self paced, leveled materials are also utilized.

Fall quarter began with 4 GED students. There are currently 22 GED students enrolled at Tiftarea Workforce Center.

As the WFC students make progress through the middle and high school levels, they become viable candidates for completing the GED exam. At the time each student is ready to take the test, he would register for and take the official GED test at the Tifton

campus of Moultrie Technical College on Tech Drive. Graduation will be held in June at the Tifton campus.

Think Big. Act big. Dream big.
Conrad Hilton



Graduation will be held in June at the Tifton Campus of Moultrie Technical College.

Special Dates to Remember:

- 2/1: Register for GED
- Test Dates: Feb. 8,9,10
- 3/8: Register for GED
- Dates: 15,16 & 17
- March 8: No Classes
- March 23: Last Day of Class for Spring Qtr.

New Man In Town By Gator T.

I came to Tifton alone, in hopes of a better life. This little town is rather like other places I've called home.

There are some good points to this city. I like that the people here make you feel at home. I came

to Tifton and hoped to find work, but like so many places, there aren't many jobs here either.

While I haven't found a job, what I have found is a town of good folks. I came here and didn't know anyone—and no one knew me.

I found out about GED classes at Tiftarea Workforce Center and went through orientation. Now I have started class. I am getting to know my classmates. When I am finished, I will have friends and my diploma!

The Old Building

By Katherine M.

I think that replacing the old building in downtown Tifton with a new store is a great idea. At the last City Council meeting, a local business owner asked permission to tear down the old building on Main Street. The business owner wants to build a new clothing store in its place. We think the city council should vote for this project.

Right now the building is full of broken windows. The doors are missing.

This old building has rats and bats in it. The run-down building is an eyesore to the community. The building holds a lot of historic value but it is unusable in the condition it is in.

The business owner will build a new building. It will improve the looks of our city. Frank Owens has talked with council members and he has their support. The town's people also support this project.

I would like to encourage all the city council members in their efforts to improve our town. I would like to thank the council for what they have already done. Main Street is looking much better today. That old building was an eyesore. They had it removed and replaced it with a brand new department store.

Student Perspective

By Bongo G.

I've been attending GED classes at the Tiftarea Workforce Center since early November. It has only been three months and I've made a lot of progress. I take day classes from 8:30—12:30 Monday—Thursday. I can also study at my own pace. If I have a question about a problem, I get the help I need.

We take tests every once in a while. These tests tell us how far we have progressed. In order to take the next test, one has to have 60 class hours. This is easy! All you have to do is be here on the days classes are

scheduled! Class meets for four hours a day. With good attendance, you can earn enough hours to take a test in fifteen days! The report following the test tells you where you have improved and which areas need more work.

**CLASSES MEET FROM
8:30-12:30
MON.-THURS.**

About Miss Katherine M.

Miss Katherine M. is one of the original four returning students who were enrolled in GED classes at Tiftarea Workforce Center for fall quarter 2009.

Katherine has a distinction of achieving Best Attendance in class. She completed fall

quarter with 92% and continues to maintain an attendance rate of 92% for winter quarter 2010.

Miss M. is an inspiration to us all!

92%



See you in class today!

**92%
Attendance!
Fantastic!!!**

Interview with Ms. Dollison

By Sheila S.

Mrs. Leila Dollison is the new computer lab person for the Adult Education Department at Moultrie Technical College. She works with the GED program at Tiftarea Workforce Center on South Main Street. Mrs. Dollison was already a familiar face at Moultrie Tech before accepting her new position. Mrs. Dollison formerly administered the State of Georgia Work Ready tests in the computer lab.

Mrs. Dollison was especially pleased to learn of the vacancy with MTC in Adult Education. Her job at MTC was with Work

Ready. The testing with Work Ready was funded through a grant which was about to run out. Mrs. Dollison said she completed the paperwork for the job, said a prayer, and applied for the new position. She felt like God heard her prayers. A few days after her interview, Dollison received a call from Mrs. Liz Keith, director of Adult Education at MTC, offering her a choice between two jobs!

One job was at the Turner County campus of

MTC in Ashburn. The other job was at Tiftarea Workforce Center. Mrs. Dollison decided on the job in Tifton since she lives in Tifton.

Mrs. Dollison has the energy and high motivation to work with students. She said, "Not only am I helping the students, I'm learning things myself as well!"

Mrs. Dollison is a welcome addition to the Tiftarea Workforce Center.

Welcome Aboard!

After Graduation

By Vickie M. Lubbers

Have you really thought about life after graduation? So many students have the idea that life will suddenly and drastically change as soon as they earn their diplomas. Fairy tales are fun but no one has a magic wand to wave over you at the end of graduation to grant you the

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job of your lifetime. Everyone wants "a good job" - but what does that really mean?

While you are in school, you need to think about things you like that can help you narrow the hunt for a job. Is dressing up and being in a nice comfortable environment important to you? Do you prefer to be outside

and not stuck behind a desk? Do you like to talk and interact with many people? Do you like having a daily routine?

There are many quizzes, books, and "interest inventories" that can help you learn about careers that offer the qualities you want in a job. Knowledge about job choices is one more way you can prepare yourself to find a good match with a new job. Happy job hunting!

Groundhog Day Quiz—Just For Fun!

See how well you do!

1. What is another name for the groundhog?
2. When is Groundhog Day?
3. The groundhog is looking for its _____.
4. If the sun is shining, it will _____ its hole.

5. People are looking _____ to spring.
6. If it doesn't see its shadow, there _____ be six more weeks of cold weather.
7. This kind of belief is called a _____.

7. a superstition
6. will
5. forward
4. leave
3. its shadow
2. Feb. 2, the official day of our first newsletter!
1. woodchuck



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Life Choices **By Stephanie M.**

There are choices I have made in my life that I am proud of and other choices that I not so proud of. I try to make wise choices but I am only human and prone to make mistakes. The problem is not making the mistakes. The problem is not learning and growing from them. So I try my best to learn for them and improve on my choices. With the help of loved ones, I'm getting better with each day that passes.

One of the choices I am most proud of is continuing my education. I have wanted to further my education for some time now and I am finally able to do this. It is important for me because I want a better career and to be able to prove to my children that anything is possible. As long as you work hard and believe in yourself, you can accomplish anything. As long as you believe the sky is the limit, the choices are endless.

The worst choice I made in my life was dropping out of school. I was young and naïve then and thought I knew it all. I married, had a baby, and got divorced all in one year. I tried to go back to school but the baby took up most of my time. Some choices seem like sacrifices but they are worth the sacrifice you make. I wish I had finished high school but my son was worth the sacrifice.

I made the hardest choice of my life about six months ago. I had been married for 14 years and was happy for the first 10 years. Then after other children were born, my marriage started falling apart. I stayed for four more years trying to make it work for my children, but it is hard to fight alone. Finally, I had enough of being unappreciated so I left and filed for divorce. It is hard to walk away from someone you love but sometimes it is for the best. These choices are the hardest but time heals all and life gets better.

The choices I have made were not all bad and I learned from most of them. They have made me a stronger, wiser, and better person. I have learned to count my blessings and cut my losses, to live each day to its fullest because you never know what tomorrow may bring. My favorite quote is, "Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the ones who love you and pray for those who don't. If it makes you stronger then it was good. No one said it would be easy.

About Stephanie M.

Stephanie joined our class just after fall quarter orientation. She had high scores on her initial placement tests. Stephanie worked hard in class and at home to earn her GED. One of her goals was to obtain employment, which she has. Stephanie has a full time job is and waiting until she can register for and take the official GED next month!

We SALUTE Stephanie!

What's Happening at the Tiftarea Workforce Center

Partners at the center include the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC), Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC), Moultrie Technical College (MTC), and the Literacy Volunteers of America (LVA). Office hours are from 8 a.m. —5 p.m., Mon—Fri.

The goal at the Workforce Development Program is to provide participants with necessary skills to enable them to obtain and then maintain gainful employment and increase their earning power.

The programs are federally funded and are sponsored by the South Georgia Workforce Development Board (WDB) and administered by the South Georgia Regional Commission.