

NEWSLETTER

JEROME PRAIRIE'S EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Meet Lori Purves

Lori has lived in the area for the last 36 years. She married her husband in 2009, and they have been happily married ever since. Between them, they have a daughter and son and one beautiful grand-daughter.

Before working at Three Rivers School District, Lori worked making tortillas for 10 years. She has been with Three Rivers for the last 16 years. Lori started working at Wolf Creek and stayed there for 4 years. Ever since leaving Wolf Creek, she has been providing support by maintaining Merlin Alternative Center and Jerome Prairie's building needs.

"My husband and I enjoy yard work, camping and quad riding. We can hardly wait to do these things with our new grand-daughter. I love my job here. You are all awesome!", said Lori.



Transition Center News

The second half of the school year started off with a bang! Students are volunteering in the community, building job skills, and applying the lessons learned in class to the fullest. Grocery Outlet Bargain Market and Hidden Valley Market are providing real experiences of what entry level employment is all about.

Students are focusing on money management and were taught a unit on how to save, the importance of accurate coin counting, gross vs net income, about "the dreaded word" taxes, avoiding impulse buying, and how to use technology to locate useful items...whew!

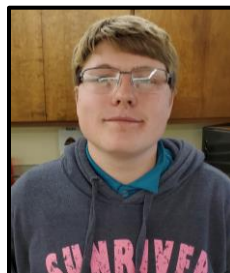
End result: Over \$99 richer. BAM!

G.E.D. & On-Line News

This month JP Online team is focusing on Essential Skills. We are lucky to have a great team of staff working together so that students do not miss a beat when dealing with the additional tasks. Classes are being completed daily with lots of hard work being done to make it happen.

GED progress is moving along this month. We not only give time to GED preparation, we also give time to skills that carry us far in life. The team has focused on the importance of communication and its effectiveness. As they are becoming adults, knowing when and what to say is just as important as who is saying it. Speaking with confidence, even when unsure, has been something each student struggles with at some point. We encourage each other to speak openly, honestly, and effectively.

Student Spot-Light



Jonathan VanAuker:

This is Jonathan's 1st year at JPTC. He is a graduate of HVHS. His favorite thing to do at the Center is the cooking and P.E. His favorite activities are singing to the Jonas Brothers. Jonathan is exploring his job interests and developing a focus for employment. We enjoy Jonathan's good-nature and taking him on the journey of

adulthood.