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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Housekeeping Worker, full-time with benefits, night-shift position with occasional day shift work as requested, position #00126, salary \$15,371.

The following qualifications are preferred: knowledge of cleaning methods, use of cleaning chemicals, and commercial cleaning; experience in operating commercial floor care equipment, including stripping and buffing equipment.

The ability to lift 50 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 75 pounds and spend extended periods of time standing, bending, and stooping is required. A valid driver's license is required. Demonstrated ability to follow oral and written instructions and work in a team environment is required.

Duties include cleaning buildings and furnishings, emptying and transporting building waste, replacing lights, buffing and stripping floors, assisting with moves and set-ups, and the care and upkeep of assigned equipment.

To apply, submit a Commonwealth of Virginia Application for Employment form no later than **December 19, 2007**, to the Human Resource Office, Mountain Empire Community College, 3441 Mountain Empire Road, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, telephone (276) 523-2400. The application form may be accessed at <http://jobs.state.va.us/eo-appl.htm> or obtained at the college or at any state agency.

MECC is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Minorities, females, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Documents verifying your identity and eligibility to work in the United States must be presented upon employment. Selected candidate will be subject to a background check as a condition of employment.

MECC ON YOUTUBE

MECC's recent articulation agreement signing with Lindsey Wilson College was videotaped and can be viewed at the following:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3Mjf63EGDc>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The following have been awarded professional development funds for the spring 2008 semester.

Tuition

Roger Thompson
Donna Cluesman
Jake Gilly
Susan Bolling
Stephanie Dean
Kyle Scanlan
Rosa Moore
Norma Calhoun

Workshop/Conference

Gena Massey
Tim Blankenbecler

Paid by Title III

Sylvia Brown



FESTIVAL OF TREES

December is here and the Twelfth Annual Festival of Trees continues at the Southwest Virginia Museum. There may not be snow on the ground, but the museum has been transformed into a winter wonderland with 80 decorated trees, mantles, and stairway decorations. This year the Museum has added new decorators and some fun, whimsical trees sure to put a smile on your face and the Christmas spirit in your heart! MECC's SGA has decorated a beautiful tree in the exhibit.

Evening hours are from 7-9 pm on December 8, 15, 22, and 29. Regular museum admission rates apply.

CHRISTMAS IN THE GAP CONCERTS

On December 15, the museum will present the first of two "Christmas in the Gap" holiday concerts. Ariel Cornett, daughter of MECC's Assistant Professor of Nursing Deborah Wright, will be singing Christmas favorites from 7:30-8:30 pm. Admission to the concert is free; regular admission fees apply to tour the trees.

For more information, contact the Southwest Virginia Museum at 523-1322.

*It is in fact a part
of the function of
education to help us
escape, not from our
own time - for we are
bound by that - but
from the intellectual
and emotional
limitations of our time.*

T. S. Eliot

Source: Quote A Day

SAFETY AT WORK

Continuous Improvement

Ensuring that accidents are not repeated is, by definition, a continuous improvement process. Every company's safety program must always be a priority and be given full focus and review. You can do your part to keep yourself and your co-workers from repeating the same incident by:

- Realizing that certain types of jobs have a higher risk of accidents.
- Understanding that certain types of people are prone to have accidents.
- Being aware of all the factors that contribute to an accident:
 - The human factor
 - The jobsite
 - The company culture
- Cooperating with accident investigations.
- Participating in the company safety program.
- Looking for hazards every day with your tools, equipment, PPE, environment, and materials.



BREAK THE CHAIN

Remember that even one incident hurts the workplace. But when all employees commit to 100 percent safety, they protect their company and break the chain of repeat accidents.

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CHRISTMAS TREES \$20 - \$25

The MECC Environmental Science Club has fresh cut Christmas Trees for sale. The trees are located in the Greenhouse lot. For more information or to purchase a tree, contact Chuks Ogonnaya at ext. 276 or any Environmental Science Club member.

