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Brown Bag Discussions

Bring your lunch and join the Brown Bag Discussions on Banned Books in the Wampler Library.

On Thursday, February 28, 12:15-1:00 pm, *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut will be the topic. The discussion leader will be Kyle Scanlan.

SOUTHWEST VA MUSEUM

The Southwest Virginia Museum will host its monthly Community Coffeehouse from 7-9 pm on Saturday, March 1. Former Big Stone Gap resident Josh Reifert will host the program.

Reifert was born and raised in Johnson City. He grew up listening to an eclectic mix of family favorites, such as Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, and 70s acoustic rock performers Bread and Simon and Garfunkel. Reifert was the lead singer in the alternative rock band "six miles after dark" and toured the southeast playing bass for Americana greats "Rob Russell and The Sore Losers." He currently resides in Kingsport, and is writing his first solo album blending rock and Americana themes.

The Coffeehouse is an open-mic event open to all family-friendly performers. All interested musician, storytellers, and poets should arrive by 6:30 pm for sign-up and scheduling. Admission to the program is free. Coffee, cake, and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

The Museum will also be hosting a candy-making workshop on Saturday, March 8, from 1-3 pm. Join local candy-maker Gina Stanley for this delightful and delicious workshop that is sure to please even the sweetest teeth. Learn Gina's fool-proof secrets for making delectable candy treats just in time for Easter.

The cost for the workshop is \$10.00 per adult or adult/child team, including supplies. To register, call the Museum at 523-1322 by **February 29**.

VACANCY

Trades Technician I, full-time with benefits, night shift 10:30 p.m.-7:00 a.m., Monday-Friday position #00090, salary \$15,371.

The following qualifications are preferred: ability to use necessary tools to complete assigned work; experience in a maintenance trade or vocational training or proven mechanical/electrical skills; experience in HVAC; demonstrated ability to read and follow instructions and blueprints; ability to work with limited supervision. A valid driver's license and the ability to lift up to 75 pounds are required.

Duties include: perform routine preventative maintenance on all mechanical, electrical and HVAC equipment; inspect and repair equipment as needed; assist with setup and cleanup at special events and projects.

To apply, submit a Commonwealth of Virginia Application for Employment form no later than **Friday, February 29, 2008**, 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.

Mountain Empire Community College is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Minorities, females, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Documents verifying identity and eligibility to work in the United States must be presented upon employment. Selected applicant will be subject to a background check as a condition of employment.

ACE FOOD DRIVE

Don't forget to bring your donations for the ACE Food Drive.

Donation boxes are located in each office area. The drive will continue through March 28.



NATURAL TUNNEL EVENTS

February 24 - Enjoy a nice cool, but sunny afternoon at the Cove Ridge Center sitting by the fire place, mingling with friends, and listening to Jim Gates & the Key-keepers perform a wide variety of musical styles from country to gospel, to folk and maybe even a little rock, whatever your taste, this is a group to be enjoyed. Take a step back in time as you listen to Danny Dixon's stories about tall tales from around the region and explore legendary feats. Performance starts at 3 pm and ends at 5 pm; starting at 2 pm local artists work will be on display. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for students. Season Tickets can be purchased for \$20.

March 22 - Hop your way over to Natural Tunnel State Park for our 3rd Annual Easter Eggstravaganza. Join the Scott County Ministerial Association for a non-denominational worship service located at the Gazebo at 8 am. (Inclement weather: Service will be held at the Cove Ridge Center). Fill your bellies at the All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Friends of Natural Tunnel State Park from 9 am-11 am located at the Cove Ridge Center. Adults are \$5 and children 10 and under \$3. Are you feeling crafty? Located around the Cove Ridge Center there will be Crazy Crafts & Games for the kids from 10 am-1 pm. Located at shelter # 5 there will be an Easter Egg Hunt. Children ages 2-4 years start at 12 pm, Children ages 5-7 years at 12:30 pm, and Children ages 8 years on up 1 pm.

April 18 & 19 - Are you in the process of cleaning out the closets to get ready for spring? Do you have too much "stuff" and do not know what to do with it? The Friends of Natural Tunnel State Park has a solution to your problems. They would like to collect your "stuff" for their 5th Annual Earth Day Rummage Roundup and Sale Friday, April 18th and Saturday, April 19. Now until April 11th you can drop off your donations at the Park's main office Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm. No appliances or mattresses please. Pick up available for Scott County only. Call (276) 940-2674 to arrange pick times.

Park is open 8 am to dusk. Hiking trails are open. To make reservations for our picnic shelters or the campground call 1-800-933-7275.

Natural Tunnel State Park is looking for volunteers to assist with staffing their Visitor Center, Contact Station, Park Office, Cove Ridge Center, Interpretation, etc. during the spring, summer, and fall seasons. For more information contact Megan Krager at (276) 940-1643 or log on to www.virginiastateparks.gov to fill out an on-line application.

SAFETY AT WORK

Written HazCom Program

OSHA SAYS the written HazCom program MUST INSTRUCT EMPLOYEES:

- About the HazCom Standard and specifically how its requirements are being met in their workplace.
- About the safety procedures they must follow when they work with or around hazardous substances.
- About where to find MSDSs for every chemical in the workplace.
- About how to read, understand, and use chemical labels and MSDSs.

The written program MUST ALSO TELL EMPLOYEES:

1. Who is in charge of their company's HazCom program.
2. What hazardous chemicals are present in their workplace.
3. How the company will train them to work safely with hazardous substances.



FINALLY:

OSHA SAYS the written HazCom program must be specific to each company. OSHA inspectors will verify that contact personnel listed in the program are still with the company and in the specified job with the same contact information, for example. They will also check the written program's chemical list against the company's current chemical list.

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