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A! MAGAZINE

The April edition of A! Magazine for the Arts, which is published in Bristol, is a special edition in honor of National Poetry Month and the tri-cities region's published poets. Assistant Professor of English Rita Quillen served as guest editor and wrote a special introductory essay and also selected poems from a number of local contributors, including MECC Creative Writing class alumni Neva Bryan (Hamilton), who is not only a frequent winner in our campus literary magazine contests but has also published poetry in several select literary magazines. Other featured poets include Jane Hicks, Felicia Mitchell, Warren Harris, Rees Shearer, and Delilah O'Haynes. In addition to the print version of the magazine, readers can visit the magazine website to read these selections as well as additional materials at www.artsmagazine.info.

The cover photo for the edition was taken at Phillips-Taylor Hall. A special reading featuring Rita and all these local poets will be held Sunday, April 27, at the Washington County Public Library in Abingdon at 3 p.m. All of the poets who have books published will have those on hand to sell and autograph. Admission is free.

BOOK DISCUSSION

The April 3 Banned Book Discussion has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

HEALTH WAGON

The Health Wagon will be hosting a FREE health fair April 15-17, 9 am - 4 pm. Some of the many services that will be offered are physical exams, cholesterol, PSAs, mammogram registration, blood sugar, pap smears, glaucoma testing, vision testing, hearing exams, body fat analysis, EKGs, lung function testing and more.

April 15 - St Paul, Oxbow Center

April 16 - Clinchco, Senior Citizens

April 17, Hurley, WEO Church

For more information call 276-835-9474.

VACANCY

Tutor Coordinator (Education Support Specialist II), part-time position, 20-25 hours per week, \$11.53 per hour.

Required qualifications include: high school diploma; work experience that exhibits strong organizational skills and demonstrated ability to manage multiple tasks to meet deadlines; basic computer skills, including word processing, databases and the Internet; ability to assess and solve problems; excellent interpersonal and written and oral communication skills.

Preferred qualifications include: bachelor's degree; TRIO experience; experience in tutoring or coordinating a tutor program; knowledge of the community college mission and programs; experience developing and coordinating service-oriented programs; experience planning and organizing educational workshops/seminars; experience working with non-traditional students, high-risk students, and individuals with disabilities in an educational environment.

Additional information about the position may be obtained by visiting the Employment Opportunities page on the college's web site at <http://www.mecc.edu/employment.htm>.

To apply, submit a Virginia Application for Employment form no later than Friday, April 4, 2008, to 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 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.

SURVEY RESULTS

Mean Scores of Colors

Color combinations	Students (82)	Faculty (50)	Classified Staff (36)	Administrators (10)
Red – Yellow	4.32	4.70	3.14	3.70
Blue – Brown	5.76	6.63	5.00	4.00
Green – Blue	5.70	5.98	3.86	5.50
Lavender – Red (original colors)	3.23	2.78	4.92	3.30
Aqua – Blue	6.38	5.28	4.97	5.40
Red – Blue	6.80	6.68	5.08	5.80

On a scale of 1 – 10

Mean Scores of Taglines

Taglines	Students (82)	Faculty (50)	Classified Staff (36)	Administrators (10)
Mountains of Opportunities	4.50	4.28	4.50	4.4
Reaching New Heights	5.65	5.62	5.19	6.3
MECC Delivers ...	3.24	4.04	3.61	4.7
Your Community College	4.41	5.46	4.61	5.4
The Place to Begin	5.59	5.70	6.44	6.5

On a scale of 1 – 10

SAFETY AT WORK

Chemical Labels

OSHA SAYS “Properly trained workers will know how to read and use labels.” Also, “labels provide a brief synopsis of the hazards of the chemicals at the site where the chemical is used in the work area.”

The **FIRST PLACE TO LOOK** for information about a chemical is its container.

Label formats will differ from manufacturer to manufacturer but they all contain similar information, including:

- Chemical identity
- Name and address of the maker or importer of the chemical
- Physical hazards
- Health hazards
- Storing and handling instructions (not required)
- Protective clothing, equipment, and procedures for using this chemical (not required)

Labels may also use **SIGNAL WORDS** to alert you to the chemical’s degree of risk:

DANGER - can cause immediate serious injury or death

WARNING - can cause serious injury or death

CAUTION - can cause moderate injury

BOTTOM LINE:

Employees should never use a container that has no label.

They should notify their supervisor and ask for instructions.

COLOR AND NUMBER LABEL CODED SYSTEMS have been developed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and other organizations.

These systems use the following codes:

COLOR BAR TYPE LABEL	BOTH LABELS	NFPA TYPE LABEL
<p>HEALTH 3</p> <p>FLAMMABILITY 1</p> <p>REACTIVITY 2</p> <p>PERSONAL PROTECTION B</p> <p>TARGET ORGAN EFFECTS</p>	<p>COLORS represent the kind of hazard,</p> <p>Blue Health hazards</p> <p>Yellow (Bar) Reactivity</p> <p>Yellow (NFPA) Instability</p> <p>Red Flammability</p>	<p>NUMBERS show the degree of hazard</p> <p>0= Minimal Hazard</p> <p>1= Slight Hazard</p> <p>2= Moderate Hazard</p> <p>3= Serious Hazard</p> <p>4= Severe Hazard</p>
<p>LETTERS are keyed to specific protective gear</p> <p>The letter that appears in the white bar is keyed to specific personal protective gear.</p> <p>A= [Goggles]</p> <p>B= [Goggles, Gloves]</p> <p>C= [Goggles, Gloves, Apron]</p> <p>D= [Goggles, Gloves, Apron, Boots]</p>	<p>LETTERS are keyed to specific hazards</p> <p>OX = Oxidizer</p> <p>ACI = Acid</p> <p>ALK = Alkali</p> <p>COR = Corrosive</p> <p>W = Use no water</p> <p>RA = Radioactive</p>	