

# The



# LINK

Volume XVIII, Number 4, Friday, February 27, 2009

The Mountain Empire Community College official  
bi-monthly employee newsletter

Published by the Office of Community Relations  
Sharon Fisher - Editor • Lana Kennedy - Design

## VACANCY

MECC invites applications for the position of **Dean of Health Science and Industrial Technology**, position number FA067. This position reports to the Vice President of Academic and Student Services and leads an academic division. The college offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefits package. The successful candidate will provide strategic leadership for the development and delivery of educational programs to a dynamic community college in southwest Virginia. The qualifications required of candidates are 1) a master's degree in an area represented in the division (engineering, industrial technology, health science, criminal justice, environmental science, or related fields), 2) a commitment to the community college mission and philosophy, 3) a knowledge of state and national issues pertaining to higher education, 4) administrative experience with demonstrated leadership and management skills, 5) excellent oral and written communication skills, and 6) knowledge of current computer and instructional technology. It is preferred that candidates have 1) community college experience in an area represented in the division, and 2) related work experience. For a more detailed description of job duties and responsibilities, please visit the Employment Opportunities page on the MECC web site at <http://www.mecc.edu/employment.htm>. Applications must be received by **4:30 p.m., March 27, 2009**, and must include a Commonwealth of Virginia Application for Employment form available at <http://jobs.state.va.us/eo-appl.htm>, curriculum vitae or resume, unofficial transcripts, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five professional references. Please address all inquiries to Ms. Pam Giles, Human Resource Manager, Mountain Empire Community College, 3441 Mountain Empire Road, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, telephone 523-2400, ext. 212. 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 and must also complete a Statement of Economic Interest.

## MECC #1

This is an excerpt from a story published February 17, 2009 on TriCities.com. Robert England and Kim Dorton attended the ceremony to receive MECC's award.

*Wellmont Health System's Marsh Regional Blood Center paid formal tribute Tuesday, Feb. 17, to some of its most generous blood drive sponsors and contributors with an awards banquet and luncheon.*

*Representatives from area businesses, organizations, churches, colleges and universities gathered at Holston Valley Medical Center to be recognized for their outstanding contributions in 2008 to Marsh Regional, a federally inspected, regional blood center serving 17 healthcare facilities in Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia.*

*The most generous contributors for 2008 fall from the "Schools and Colleges" category were:*

*Schools and colleges: 1. **Mountain Empire Community College, Big Stone Gap, Va.**; 2. Northeast State Technical Community College, Blountville, Tenn.; 3. University of Virginia at Wise, Wise, Va.*

*Each organization was presented with a plaque to commemorate its dedication to Marsh Regional's blood donor services.*

*Don Campbell, director of Marsh Regional, said the awards banquet is good way to express appreciation for those who show consistent dedication in helping Marsh Regional maintain an adequate blood supply.*

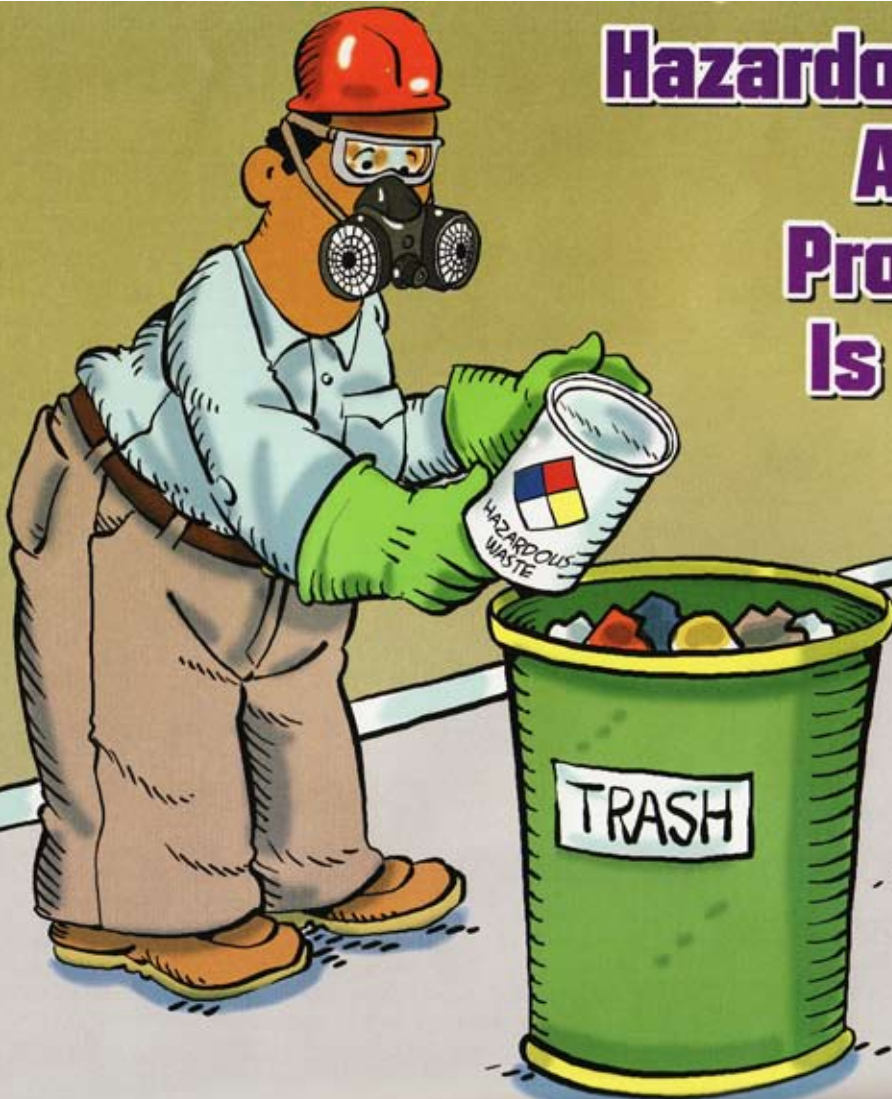
*"All of the organizations who were with us today deserve recognition, because the blood donations that come from their efforts are saving lives in our region every day," Campbell said. "We couldn't fulfill the blood supply needs of the healthcare facilities we serve without the commitment of businesses, churches, schools and organizations who are willing to partner with us."*

# RECYCLING PROGRAM

MECC and Dryden Elementary School along with the Daniel Boone Soil & Water District and Food City are participating in a recycling contest being sponsored by the Trex Company who recycles grocery bags to create environmentally-friendly decking and fencing products. Dryden students are learning the importance of recycling, keeping plastic bags out of landfills, and being rewarded for their efforts. Schools in Lee County are participating in this project. Trex will provide the school in Lee County who collects the most bags with a recycled Trex bench. The coordinator for the project at Dryden Elementary is second grade teacher, Katie Middleton. Rosemary Walker who works in Wampler Library is helping with the project. Collection boxes have been placed in Robb and Holton Halls. Please help our school and our environment.



## Hazardous Materials Are A Threat... Proper Disposal Is The Safe Bet



**THE SAFE WAY**