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Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy to Co-Host Career Symposium in Big Stone Gap

Big Stone Gap, Va.- Job seekers should save the date for June 21st to attend the Career Symposium held on the Mountain Empire Community College (MECC) Campus. The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) is partnering with MECC and the Wise County Chamber of Commerce to hold the event.

The event will provide training to job seekers that includes resume building and review, how to fill out an application and get noticed and how to prepare for an interview. Lunch will be provided by the Southwest Virginia Workforce Development Authority. During lunch a panel of Human Resources professionals will answer audience questions.

“A large percentage of the workforce in southwest Virginia is retiring and we are expecting to be hiring several in our agency over the next few years,” said DMME Human Resources Manager Gail Vance. “We know there are qualified people to fill those positions and we don’t want them to go unnoticed because their resume, application or interview skills needed work.”

“Wise County businesses are hiring and are seeing a common theme in lacking applications, missing information on resumes and unprepared interviewees,” said Wise County Chamber of Commerce Director, Rick Colley. “Our businesses want to equip potential new employees with the right information so we can hire the best.”

The symposium will be in Godwin Hall. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on June 21st. The event will continue through 1:00 p.m.

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The sessions include an Application Workshop in which attendees can learn tips on how to get their application noticed and also learn how to properly apply for state jobs on the Virginia Jobs website. Participants that need some resume tips can attend the Resume Building workshop. This training will allow attendees to build a fresh resume with a professional. Human Resources professionals will also be on hand to review current resumes of participants. The third session will provide tips on interviewing including preparing and how to dress to get the job. Each workshop will be held at the following times: 9:00 a.m.- 9:50 a.m., 10:00 a.m.- 10:50 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.- 11:50 a.m.

Participants are encouraged to preregister on MECC's [website](#) but walk-ins are welcome.

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