

# Kings County SkillsPEI Job Fair

by Stella Shepard

The SkillsPEI Job Fair helped connect job seekers in Kings County with local employers. Take a look at what some of the employers in attendance have to offer.

## Buchanan Technologies, Montague and Charlottetown

**Jobs:** About 30 Service Desk Analyst positions to provide entry-level support to various client communities via phone, chat, and email at its two locations.

Buchanan Technologies is a privately-held technology services corporation with 65 staff on the Island.

“We offer training for entry-level support staff,” says Tyler Hayes. “You can apply online.”

Contact Tyler Hayes at 902-978-1239. Visit [www.buchanan.com/careers](http://www.buchanan.com/careers)



From left, Gregg MacEwen, Site Supervisor, and Tyler Hayes, Director Support Center Operations, Canada.

## Seafood 2000 Ltd., Georgetown

**Jobs:** 100 to 150 line workers processing lobster from May to December.

A free bus service might be offered to employees from Charlottetown. Wages are \$13.50 an hour with no heavy lifting and \$13.90 with heavy lifting.

“It’s a great job opportunity for people in town who don’t have access to transportation,” says Jeanne Dobbin, Production Supervisor. “They can walk to work.”

Contact Jeanne Dobbin at 902-652-2316 or email [Jeanne.sf2000@pei.aibn.com](mailto:Jeanne.sf2000@pei.aibn.com)



From left, Nora Chaisson, Quality Assurance, and Ieshia Williams, Supervisor.

## PEI Mussel King Inc., Morell

**Jobs:** 17 to 20 positions: Line Workers, Machine Operators, Forklift Operators, Boat Crew, Quality Control Technicians, and Maintenance Department staff.

PEI Mussel King grows and sells premium Island mussels, both fresh and frozen, for worldwide sales.

They have one of the most modern processing facilities in the industry. The company provides year-round employment opportunities.

They offer above minimum wage. Wages are determined depending on the position. Training is available.

Contact Jennifer Vicars at 902-961-3300 or [jennifer@peimusselking.com](mailto:jennifer@peimusselking.com) Visit [www.peimusselking.com](http://www.peimusselking.com)



From left, Kelly McGrath, General Manager, and Jennifer Vicars, Human Resources.

## Kings County Construction Ltd, Montague

**Jobs:** Landscaper, Heavy Equipment Operator, Trucker, and General Labourer from May to November and a Heavy Duty Mechanic, year-round.

“We are hiring seasonally and year-round,” says Mike. “The heavy duty mechanic position is the most difficult to fill.”

Contact Mike Annear at 902-838-2191 or [mdannear@eastlink.ca](mailto:mdannear@eastlink.ca) Visit [www.kccpei.com](http://www.kccpei.com)



Mike Annear, Project Manager.

## Atlantic Aqua Farms Ltd., Orwell Cove

**Jobs:** Boat Crew, Shellfish Labourers, and Mussel Strippers

Wages for entry-level positions range from \$12.20 to \$13/hr in the plant and \$15/hr for boat crew.

“It’s a year-round operation with continuous hiring needs,” says Glen Davies. “Wages are higher for mussel strippers than for production line workers because it’s more labour intensive. It’s the most challenging position to fill.”

Contact Josie Jackson, Human Resources, at 902-651-2563 email [josie@canadiancove.pe.ca](mailto:josie@canadiancove.pe.ca) Visit [www.canadiancove.com](http://www.canadiancove.com)



Glen Davies, Plant Manager.

## Beach Point Processing Plant, Murray Harbour

**Jobs:** 225 Line Workers including positions for Quality Control, Lobster Cooks, and Cleaning staff.

A free bus service for employees runs daily from Charlottetown and Montague to the plant at Beach Point.

“The plant is open May to mid December,” says Donna Penny. “The starting wage is \$14.09 with a 35 cent per hour increase after a probation period of 75 working days. The company offers a health and dental plan.”

Contact Debbie Buell, Payroll Clerk, at [debbie@beachpoint.ca](mailto:debbie@beachpoint.ca) Visit [www.beachpointprocessing.com](http://www.beachpointprocessing.com)



Donna Penny, Shipping and Receiving.

## Kent Building Supplies, Montague

**Montague Jobs:** Sales Associate and Yard Associate

Apply online or drop by with a resumé.

Contact Jennifer Chaisson at 902-838-4291 or [chaisson.jennifer@kent.ca](mailto:chaisson.jennifer@kent.ca) Visit [www.kent.ca](http://www.kent.ca)



Candace Cormier, Office Manager.

**Aspin Kemp & Associates (AKA),**  
Montague, Poole's Corner, and Stratford

**Jobs:** Senior Electrical Engineers, Senior Software Engineers, PLC Specialist, Senior SCADA Specialist, Electrical Technicians, HR Generalist.

**Jason Aspin** is the CEO and co-founder of AKA. About 100 full-time staff work on PEI, and about 20 more work across the world.

To apply, contact Human Resources at [humanresources@aka-group.com](mailto:humanresources@aka-group.com)  
Visit [www.aka-group.com](http://www.aka-group.com)



**Tobia Wiedemer, Business Development Specialist.**

**Shoreline Design PEI,**  
Georgetown and Summerside

**Jobs:** Jewelers and Customer Relations Retailers.

**Shoreline Design PEI** is owned by **Peter Llewellyn**, who crafts hand-made jewelry and carvings. He is willing to train and mentor new hires in the art of jewelry making. Wages are \$15/hr.

"This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in learning new skills or expanding their skill sets in the art of jewelry making," says Peter. "We are expanding to include a 3-D printer, which will result in hiring a graphic designer/programmer."

Contact **Peter Llewellyn** at 902-652-2240.  
Visit [www.shorelinedesignpei.com](http://www.shorelinedesignpei.com)



**Peter Llewellyn, Owner/Operator, and Cindy MacLean, Production Manager.**

# Montague Rural Action Centre helps couple open a new flooring business

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**B**randon and Dayna Canning recently opened a business called **Pigeons Floors & Décor** in Montague.

unique home décor, local artwork, refurbishing of furniture, and custom orders. Free measurements and consultations are available.

Brandon has been self-employed for the last 15 years of experience as an accounting assistant and worked as a general manager of a golf course.

The couple from Vancouver Island decided to combine their skill sets and become entrepreneurs working side-by-side.

"We have been frequent visitors to PEI for years," says Brandon. "We prefer to raise our two young children in the freedom of rural PEI as opposed to city living. The warm welcome we received by Islanders is unbelievable."

### Help from Rural Action Centre (RAC)

The couple says the journey to self-employment on PEI would not have been possible without the assistance of the RAC in Montague.

Brandon and Dayna connected with **Martina MacDonald**, General Manager, while living on Vancouver Island. They received business-related information about resources available to assist entrepreneurs on PEI through telephone conversations and emails with Martina and **Helen Antle**.

location for their business. They secured funding entrepreneurs offered through the Community Business Development Corporation (CBDC) housed at the RAC in Montague.

"We learned through our own research that PEI is projected to lead the Maritimes in economic growth away move to PEI and build homes and businesses," says Dayna. "We believe our storefront location in Montague will prosper as the Island economy grows."



Brandon and Dayna Canning are the Owners and Operators of Pigeons Floors & Décor. Dayna refers to Brandon and herself as pigeons, and thought it was a life-mates who have traveled to many locations together.

### Future hiring needs

"We need a few people for the next six to eight months," says Brandon.

For more information about **Pigeons Floors and Décor**, contact **Brandon and Dayna Canning** at 902-326-0075 or [admin@pigeonsdecor.com](mailto:admin@pigeonsdecor.com)  
Visit [www.pigeonsdecor.com](http://www.pigeonsdecor.com) and [www.facebook.com/pigeonsdecor/](https://www.facebook.com/pigeonsdecor/)

For more information about **Rural Action Centres** across the Island, visit [www.ruralactioncentres.ca](http://www.ruralactioncentres.ca) or toll free 1-855-297-9898.

For more about the programs and services offered at **Community Business Development Corporation (CBDC)**, visit [www.cbdc.ca](http://www.cbdc.ca) and click **Programs** or **Resources**.



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