Inside Wallops

American Heritage Month at Wallops -- Activities Scheduled for Week Two

Wednesday, October 12
Cecelia Pauley: Inclusion Works! Disability in the Workplace
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Williamsburg Room

Quality of Worklife Expo
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Bldg. E-2 Training Room
Bldg. D-10 Gymnasium

Thursday, October 13
International Luncheon
Musical Entertainment by Peter Dundon
11:30 a.m. -1 p.m. - Bldg. F-3

Description of Week Two events:

Wednesday, October 12
Cecelia Pauley: Inclusion Works! Disability in the Workplace
This confident, articulate and good-humored 27-year-old, who also happens to have Down Syndrome, left a segregated educational setting to enter an inclusive one where she participated in various extra-curricular activities. She learned to read, write term papers, give speeches, and do math.

These skills prepared her to be a self-advocate who now speaks at major conferences and serves on the President’s Committee on Mental Retardation.

Cecelia lives in her own apartment in Rockville and leads an active social and professional life. She is an outstanding example of what is possible when people with disabilities are given a chance and the support to excel.

Quality of Worklife Expo
The Office of Human Resources (OHR) invites you to celebrate the exciting Quality of Worklife programs, activities, and amenities that are available at Wallops.

These opportunities help us balance our work and personal lives, develop our careers, and enhance our work experience. Visit with representatives from OHR as well as the Equal Opportunity Programs Office, the NASA Management Education Center, the NASA Federal Credit Union and Old Dominion University.

Thursday, October 13
International Luncheon
Pre-register your dish to share in this fellowship experience with other WFF employees.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Peter Dundon, founder and director of the Orchestra of the Eastern Shore. Dundon holds a doctorate in music from the University of Arizona in Tucson. He has taught at eight universities and presently provides private lessons at his studio in Onancock, Va.

October 9 – 15
Fire Prevention Week
Use Candles With Care, When You Go Out, Blow Out!
“Greetings from New Jersey
We flew in for your Open House about 11:30 a.m. It was a very well planned event...really enjoyed the exhibits. It was amazing, to me, that that many people (with children) could be that well behaved. Only regret was that we could not visit the south end of Wallops.”

Susan Berger

“My family and I were fortunate enough to attend your open house this past weekend. I just wanted to comment on how much we enjoyed the event. This was our first time but it won’t be the last. We’re already looking forward to next year’s open house...... Kudos to the staff of NASA and all who were involved in the event. Well done!”

Brad Murray, IT Specialist

Warm and Dry by Ted Wilz, Senior Meteorologist

The weather for September was warm and dry along Delmarva, unlike the weather to our south where tropical storms and hurricanes have brought abundant rainfall. Our average high temperature was 81.7 degrees, which is four degrees above normal. We had 23 days with temperatures 80 degrees or better. No new record high or low temperatures were set during September. The coolest temperature of the month occurred on the morning of September 30, when the mercury dipped to 50 degrees.

We were well below average with precipitation. Less than an inch of rainfall occurred during the month. We received .69 inch on September 17 as some strong showers preceded a cold front moving into our area. On September 26, we received another .14 inch of rainfall when another weaker, frontal system arrived. Measurable rain only fell those two days last month, instead of the average eight days. We were well below the average 3.42 inches of rainfall that we usually have during September.

There were three days when we had 30 mph or stronger winds. The strongest wind of the month occurred on the 17th, when we had a peak gust of 48 mph.

As November approaches, we should see average high temperatures in the mid 60’s. Average lows start out around 47 degrees, cooling to the mid 30’s by the end of the month. Our all time record high for November is 83 degrees, which occurred twice in 1974. The monthly record low is 19 degrees, which occurred on three occasions, most recently in 1976. We average 2.73 inches of rainfall during November, usually occurring on eight days. That amount can vary greatly, however, as we had a record monthly total of 7.39 inches of rain in 1997 and only .05 inches in 2001, the lowest monthly total on record.

Most importantly, November 30 brings an end to the hurricane season in the northern hemisphere, and not a day too soon, as we are running out of names to give storms!

“Congratulations on a great open house. We appreciate the opportunity to display our project and all the support WFF provided to assure our success. Thanks for all your help in getting us set up and making us feel welcome. Please pass our appreciation and admiration to all those who did such a great job. It is refreshing to say without reservation WFF is a “one NASA” team player.”

Butch Watkins
Aeronautics Systems Engineering Branch
Langley Research Center

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of NASA retiree Norman A. Brown, Jr., who died Thursday, September 19. Brown was a resident of Parksley and is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mildred, along with three children and four grandchildren. Brown also is survived by a sister, NASA retiree Bettye Bloxom.

Wallops Shorts
On the Road
On September 30, Rich Rogers, NASA Aircraft Office, made a presentation to two 4th grade classes at the Salisbury (Md.) Christian School on how NASA aviation including aircraft, UAV’s, balloons, and rockets are involved in science projects to help us learn more about hurricanes and other severe weather phenomenon.

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