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Wallops Fire Department Leads Rescue Effort

The motor build-up area which houses the two M-Buildings is one of the most remote locations on the Wallops Main Base. The fence that encloses all of the Main Base runs directly behind the M-Buildings.

Another routine day was winding down for the workers in M-15 at around 3 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, when one of them heard someone calling for help. Upon investigating, a man was found on the outside of the fence directly behind M-15.

The man, soaking wet and covered in marsh mud, was exhausted and on the verge of hypothermia. He had abandoned his 14-foot boat in a cove of Mosquito Creek when it ran aground in low water and became mired down in mud behind Building M-20. The man in his mid-20s had made his way through waist deep mud, crossed a channel, walked the marsh, climbed a 30-foot embankment and walked the fence line through the woods to find help.

Wallops Fire Department personnel carried the unidentified male to the Fire Department where he was warmed and

given dry clothes. He told them he was gathering his crab pots and had run aground earlier in the day. Realizing that the tide was rapidly going out, (low tide was at 6 p.m.), he had left his wife huddled in the boat against the cold and gone for help knowing that although they had dressed for the weather they would not survive until high tide (around midnight). Afternoon temperatures averaged near 46 degrees with an overnight low of 39 degrees.

Wallops Fire Fighters David Kulley and Robert Hill immediately went into action to rescue the woman before night fall. A call was made to the Navy requesting a canoe from their Activities Group. Virginia Marine Resource Commission Officer, Allen Marshall, also arrived with a boat, which he was not able to launch through the dense woods and marsh.

The canoe was lowered down a 30-foot embankment and pushed through the marsh, where Kulley and Marshall pushed and shoved it through the mud to the stranded boat. Marshall climbed into the boat to assist the young woman into the canoe. Marshall and Kulley also climbed into the canoe using oars to shove them



Photo by Betty Flowers

Rescuers attempt to reach stranded boater before night fall.

elves back across the mud while personnel on the marsh pulled a rope hooked to the canoe.

Just after night fall, the woman, very cold and near hypothermia, was transported by ambulance to the Fire House. The rescued boaters did not require hospitalization.

Additional personnel assisting in the rescue were Chad Parks, Jeff Bell and Phil Kelly, Wallops Fire Department; MK3 Matthew Ellinger and BM3 Colin Penny, U.S. Coast Guard; Les McGongial, NASA Safety Office; Betty Flowers, NASA Public Affairs Office; Chuck Chesser and Charlie White, Wallops Security.

Wallops Shorts.....

On the Road

On November 20, David Smith, Honeywell Technology, was the guest speaker for the fall graduation of students in NASA's Science Engineering Mathematics Aerospace Academy, SEMAA, program at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, Md. Approximately 60 Somerset County students in 4th through 8th grades participated in the program.

Les McGonigal, NASA Safety Office, gave a presentation on the Space Shuttle and Wallops Flight Facility Missions to 23 first

grade students at Meadowview Elementary School in Farmington, Mn., on November 24.

Caroline Massey, NASA Management Operations Directorate, made a presentation on Mars to the 5th grade class of Worcester Country Preparatory School, Berlin, Md., on December 3.

Keith Koehler, NASA Public Affairs Office, spoke to 50 first grade students at Holly Grove Christian School, Westover, Md., on December 3.

Students Launch SERI Rocket

Students from Wicomico High School, Salisbury, Md., successfully launched



their Small-scale Educational Rocketry Initiative (SERI) rocket on December 2 from Wallops Island, using a HyperTek Hybrid I-205 motor.

Photo by Berit Bland

Children's Holiday Party at the Cropper Center

Thursday, December 16
6 – 9 p.m.

For children ages 5-16 and guests, who are sponsored by any Wallops Exchange and Morale Association, (WEMA), member.

Register with child(ren)'s name and age by December 13 by calling Rebecca Beach at x1559, Sandra Banks at x2526, Cheryl Johnson at x1607 or Karen Lewis at x2163

Sponsored by WEMA, the Wallops Black History Club and the Morale Activities Committee.



Spring 2005 Semester Old Dominion University

A schedule of spring classes being offered by Old Dominion University is available at: www.odu.edu

Now is the time to further your education. Only minutes from your work site.

Check with your supervisor and training office to see if a particular class qualifies for tuition payment by the government or your company.

Classes are offered at Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa, Va., and at the Cropper Center, Wallops Island, Va.

For more information, call Nancy Collins at 757-824-0763 or 757-787-5590.

"Tools for Career Enhancement: Demystifying the Individual Development Plan" Brown Bag Seminar

presented by Caroline Massey, Assistant Director, Management Operations Directorate

Thursday, December 9

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Building E-2 Training Room

Contact Jessica Thompson at x1080 or Sharone Corbin at x2502 for more information
Everyone is welcome! Sponsored by the Women of Wallops

November was Warm and Wet by Bob Steiner, Meteorologist

The average temperature for November was 50.6 degrees. We experienced above average temperatures on 21 days and 14 nights, giving us a monthly average that was 1.5 degrees above normal. The warmest temperature recorded was a reading of 73 degrees on November 3 and 25. The coldest morning was on November 27 with a reading of 30 degrees.

Measurable rain fell on nine days during November, which is one more day than the average. A total of 4.52 inches of rain fell, which is 1.79 inches above the November average. The wettest 24-hour period occurred November 12 and 13 with a total of 2.45 inches of rainfall. Big surprise, "No Snow" was observed.

Winds at Wallops gusted to 29 mph or more on 8 days in November with the strongest gust recorded at 4:20 p.m. on November 25.

Many of us will be traveling or have family and loved ones traveling during the holiday season. What can we expect weather wise during this time?

Daily highs in January start in the mid-40s, fall to near 40 degrees in mid-January,

and warm slightly to about 43 degrees at the end of the month. Overnight lows begin slightly below freezing at 31 degrees, fall to 24 degrees in the middle of the month, and then climb towards 27 degrees by the end of the month.

The highest temperature recorded in January at Wallops was a reading of 79 degrees on Jan. 30, 2002. The record low temperature recorded was -4 degrees, which occurred on Jan. 17, 1965.

We can expect an average of 3.13 inches of precipitation falling on 10 days during January and an average of 2 days with 4 inches of snow accumulation.

Happy Holidays, The Wallops Weather Office



**Just in time for
Christmas!**

Chocolate covered pecans, crunchy praline pecans and pecan halves are now available at the Exchange Store Building E-2

Contact Karen Montross at x2020 for more information

Cheese Orders

The Wallops Exchange and Morale Association (WEMA) will be accepting cheese orders through December 8.



Order forms are available at the Exchange, Building E-2, between 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Cheese must be picked up on December 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the rear of Building F-3. Call George Brothers at x1528 with any questions.

Holiday Gifts at the Exchange

Stop by the Wallops Exchange in Building E-2 and check out gift ideas for your holiday shopping.

Make a purchase, show your WFF badge and you will be eligible to enter a drawing for one of two great giveaway bundles.

The drawings will be held on December 17 at 1 p.m.

There will be a small giveaway each day to one lucky customer, while supplies last. Will you be the lucky one?

For Rent

Two-bedroom apartment on Chincoteague. References required. \$500 a month plus deposit. Call (757) 824-0530 ask for Jerry

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