

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 12

Bloodmobile
Building 600

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

For appointments, call 8-8939

July 13

Bloodmobile
Building 902

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

For appointments, 902 and 903 employees should call 8-4792 and 901-905 employees should call 8-0308

July 22

Bloodmobile
Building 103

7:30 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.

For appointments, call 8-9191, Option 9. Questions: 0-3011

July 26

Florida Tech will visit the shipyard from 2 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in building 500/2 Training Conference Room to register students and provide information.

September 19

Family Fun Day at Paramount's Kings Dominion. Be on the lookout for more details soon.

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 **Key message:** *We must work collaboratively as a team to meet our big goals.*

✿ Ergonomic campaign launched

The Environmental Health and Safety Department has launched an ergonomic injury awareness campaign that is running through September 28. As part of this effort, the department is working with the Opportunity for Improvement program office to ask employees to identify ways to prevent ergonomics injuries. By submitting a valid ergonomic OFI during this campaign, employees become eligible for two drawings for \$500 Visa cards. The first winner will be drawn from the all valid ergonomic OFI's written and entered into the database during the campaign. The second winner will be drawn from the top 10 ergonomic OFI's written and approved during the campaign. The special drawings are in addition to regular incentives received through the OFI program. As employees develop ergonomics OFIs, they should consider ways to change a job or process to reduce force, decrease repeated use of the same muscle, and improve or alternate posture while on the job.



Two chances to win a **\$500 CASH AWARD** June 28 – September 28

Join the Campaign to Prevent Ergonomic Injuries and WIN!

Health & Safety and the OFI Program working together with you to prevent ergonomic injury.

At the end of the campaign two winners will be selected. The first winner will be drawn from all valid ergonomic OFIs written and entered in the OFI database during the campaign period. The second winner will be drawn from the top 10 ergonomic OFIs written and approved during the campaign, as judged by the Ergonomic OFI Review Committee. Each winner will receive a \$500 cash award.

Two chances to win and a once in a lifetime opportunity to make a difference in injury prevention!

Whether or not your idea is approved or disapproved, you still qualify for the first drawing!

This offer does not apply to OFIs written prior to June 28 or after September 28, 2004.

For a Limited Time Only!

✿ Mike Petters appointed to State Board for Community Colleges



In June, **Mike Petters**, Northrop Grumman Newport News' vice president of Human Resources, Administration and Trades, was appointed to the State Board of Community Colleges, which is the governing body of the Virginia Community College System. His appointment took effect July 1 and he will serve for four years.

✿ July Yardnet "Site of the Month" announced

Lean Enterprise (<http://yardnet/divisions/lean/index.stm>) has earned the Yardnet site of the month honor for July. The site earned the recognition because it is user friendly and serves as a great resource for Newport News employees. It meets the various requirements for earning the site of the month recognition, which are outlined at http://yardnet/site_of_the_month/siteofmonth.html.



✿ Shipyard employees elected to Peninsula Engineers Council board

The Peninsula Engineers Council recently elected its new board for 2004-2005. Greg Mills from CVN 21 Propulsion Plant Structure and Shielding (E72) is the vice president. Kathy Clendenen from Propulsion Plant Design (E71) is secretary. Mills and Clendenen assumed their duties during the installation of the new officers during the May 2004 PEC meeting. PEC is dedicated to strengthening and promoting the engineering profession in the Peninsula area. A key activity of the PEC is the naming of the Peninsula Engineer of the Year and Young Engineer of the Year each February during Engineers Week.

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Key message: *We must focus on our leadership and employees.*

Newport News employee receives recognition at Northrop Grumman Conference



Johnnie Welch, Northrop Grumman Newport News process leader of inspection in department O58 Supplier Quality, was one of seven Northrop Grumman employees recently recognized at a Corporate Materials Conference. He received a Star Award, which recognizes significant contributions to the supply chain process. Space Technology hosted the conference in Redondo Beach, Calif., from June 22-23. Employees discussed how to leverage the company's tremendous buying power through cross-sector collaboration. The conference featured break-out sessions in which seven teams, representing all the sectors, met to discuss the

best cross-sector synergy opportunities. The sessions offered colleagues the chance to discuss potential, new cost savings and efficiencies and to present their findings to the group. Star honorees, including Welch, are pictured with Northrop Grumman leaders. Pictured from left John Young, Wes Bush, **Veasey Wilson** (vice president of Northrop Grumman Newport News Supply Chain Management), Patrick Dickinson, Mike McVey, John DeFlora, Edward Hardester Jr., Donna Jowers, Reginald Godwin, Chuck Noski, Ron Sugar, Johnnie Welch, Sherry Robertson, Paula Neel, Doug Bull, Tony Gonzalez, Ronald DePace and Pete Vanderpoel. Not pictured: Mary Zombakis.

Apprentice Field renovations progressing

Renovations to the Apprentice Field are well underway in preparation for the September 4 home opener for Builders Football. To the right is a view of what will be a new press box. It is being constructed in Graham, Texas. Other work includes a new coach's box, which will have slanted windows for better visibility, and renovations to the bleachers. The Builders will take on Kean University in the first ever meeting between the schools at 1 p.m. September 4.



Peninsula Pilots games free to employees

The second half of the Peninsula Pilot's season began this week. The team will play the Outer Banks Daredevils on July 8 and the Edenton Steamers on July 10. Employees with a badge are admitted free. Tickets for family members are half price. Enjoy an evening of baseball at War Memorial Stadium, 1889 W. Pembroke Ave. in Hampton. All games begin at 7:05 p.m.

King and His Court softball game coming soon

The shipyard's Nautilus Society of Reactor Test Engineers, in conjunction with the Peninsula Pilots, is sponsoring a softball game with the King and His Court four-man team for the benefit of Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters. The game is scheduled for July 25 at 4 p.m. at War Memorial Stadium. Tickets are \$10 per person. Children ages 5 and under get in free. Tickets are available by contacting **Mike Cohen** at 8-6546, at 757-467-8028 or at mike775954@aol.com, and by contacting Jenna Wilson of the Peninsula Pilots at 757-245-2222 or jenna@peninsulapilots.com. More information about King and His Court is available at <http://www.kingandhiscourt.com/>. The Nautilus Society of Reactor Test Engineers is a shipyard social club that sponsors community work and includes qualified reactor plant shift test engineers or those who have held that position in the past. Members of the society and the Peninsula Pilots are forming a team to play against the King and His Court.