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ESCC Transitions

Walter Gray, ESCC 2012: Victoria Corbin and Walter Gray were married on August 10th. Walter received his A.A.S. in Electronics Technology from ESCC and is employed as a field technician at NASA Wallops Flight Facility. Congratulations Walter and Victoria.

Gene Trent: The ESCC community was saddened to learn of the passing of Gene Trent on September 3rd. Mr. Trent was an assistant professor and academic counselor at ESCC for over 30 years. An ardent supporter of education, Mr. Trent retired from ESCC in 2000.

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