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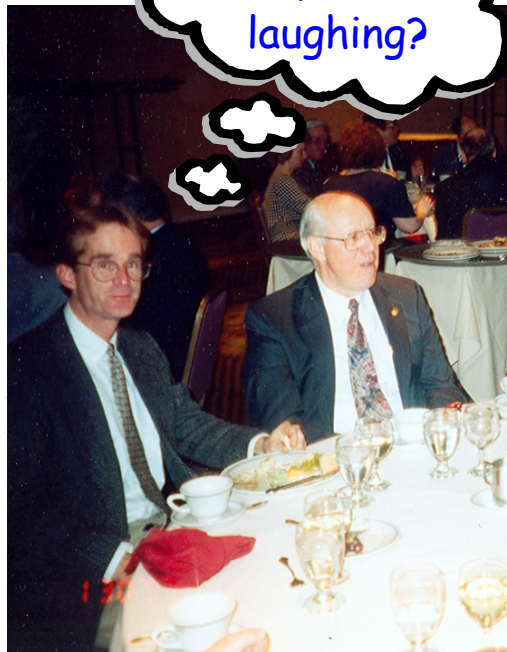
Center Highlights

July 2006

Why is Don laughing?

Pictured are Bill Kemp, current RRVARC Center Director (left) and our former Center Director, Don Zimmerman (right).

Photo taken on January 30, 1997, at the 1997 NPA RL/Secretary Meeting held in Colorado Springs, CO.



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FANTASTIC!



Marty Glynn Receives Award

On February 14, Martin Glynn, Worksite Coordinator at the RRVARC East Grand Forks Potato Research Worksite received the Northern Plains Potato Grower's Association Meritorious Service Award. This award is presented at the association's annual meeting and banquet to individuals who have demonstrated 'tremendous leadership and made outstanding contributions to the potato industry'. Marty began his research career in potato postharvest technology in 1971 with North Dakota State University and joined ARS in 1998 as the worksite coordinator for the PRW.

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Proud Grandparents



Dr. Larry Charlet and his wife Becky with Alex Robert Erickson born January 30th and son of his daughter, Annette. Picture was taken the day of his baptism, April 23rd.



Becky Charlet with Julie Kathryn Strom born April 3rd and daughter of Dr. Larry Charlet's daughter, Suzanne. Suzanne worked for Dr. Jerry Miller at NCSL while she was attending NDSU. Picture was taken the day of her cousin's baptism, April 23rd.

Grandchildren are dots that connect the lines from generation to generation.
Lois Wyse



Proud of Our Offspring

Ms. Tracey Slotta, Research Geneticist in the Plant Science Research Unit, gave birth to Theodore Miles Slotta on April 4, 2006, at 11 a.m.

His stats: 9lbs 5oz, 21 inches long, head circumference 13.6 inches.

Congratulations, Tracey and Douglas!



There Is Life After ARS

By Vivian Chaska

I retired from ARS December 31, 1994, after 38 years of service in Fargo. From there, I moved to a retirement community "The Villages" located in central Florida. It is a "Disney Land for Adults." There are presently over 70,000 residents and probably one of the fastest growing retirement communities in the U.S. The projected population is estimated at 100,000 by 2010.

I enrolled in a watercolor course here about 4 years ago and since then things have been happening for me. There are over 400 artists in The Villages and at least three art societies. (Many of the members are professional artists or art teachers). I am newsletter editor for one of them; secretary for another; and serve on various committees. There are wonderful places to show and sell art work.

I entered five different shows here in the past few months and have won five awards. Three were "people's choice" awards, mostly of abstract art. One of my favorites is shown to the right.



The other two shows were quite prestigious ... both judged shows with the judges from the Ocala Art Museum and U of Fla at Gainesville. I won a merit award in one and a third place in the other. This was **BIG** for me. One of the winning watercolors is shown at the left. Both of these watercolors sold within the first day.



Jim & Vivian Chaska

WELCOME



Dr. Kristin J. Simons joined us on Monday, January 23rd as a Research Geneticist (Plants) in a Postdoctoral Research Associate Program. Kristin is continuing to work with Dr. Justin Faris in the Cereal Crops Research Unit in a federal position.

Dr. Simons grew up in Center, ND, on a small grain farm. She completed her B.S. at NDSU in Biotechnology and a MS in Plant Sciences. She completed her doctorate at Kansas State.

She and her husband collect old tractors!

Danielle Holmes started a term position in August 2003 as a Biological Science Lab Technician with Dr. Tim Friesen. As of May 14, 2006, she has started a new term appointment with Dr. Friesen in the Cereal Crops Research Unit.



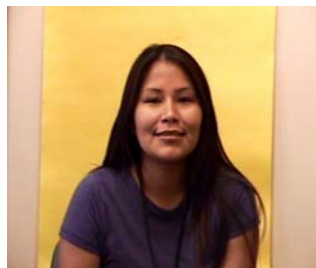
Trisa R. Tedrow started May 30, 2006, as a Biological Science Aid in the temporary summer intern program. She is working with Dr. James (Jim) Anderson in the Plant Science Research Unit.

Originally from New Rockford, ND, she is a senior at NDSU, majoring in Microbiology.



Lee M. Brady started May 16, 2005, working for Dr. Mike Edwards (and Dr. Shiaoman Chao) as a Biological Science Laboratory Technician in the Cereal Crops Research Unit.

On April 2, 2006, Lee was selected as the Geneticist for the Cereal Crops Research Unit, working with Dr. Shiaoman Chao at the Biosciences Research Laboratory.



Marietta Riggs started on June 12, 2006, as a Biological Science Aid working with Drs. Larsen and Hakk in the Animal Metabolism-Ag. Chemical Research Unit under a ARS-Native American Summer Intern appointment.

Marietta is originally from Tuba City, AZ, or the Navajo Reservation. She is currently a senior at the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ, majoring in Animal Science.



On June 12, 2006, Jason E. Holthusen converted from a term appointment as a Biological Science Lab Technician to a permanent position with Dr. David Smith in the Animal Metabolism Research Unit.



Marcia L. Meyer started as a Secretary for the Plant Science Research Unit, May 30, 2006.

Marcia and her husband, Wendel, have five children and one grandchild. She worked for Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, for seven years in the Office of Church Relations. She is excited to return to federal service.

Identity Theft

Charles Koesterman

Based on reports from many of you, it appears we are experiencing an increase in phishing emails in recent days. These are malicious attempts at identity theft by coercing you into providing personal information. **No legitimate financial institution would send a request to update your account via email.** Not Wells Fargo, not Bank of America, not a credit union, not even PayPal would use this method.

You can safely assume that **ALL email requesting that you update your account, whatever the institution, whatever the type of account, is a phishing scam and should be ignored and deleted.** If you reply to any of these emails, your personal financial information will be used in a fraudulent manner. Frequently, replying to these emails also infects your computer with a worm or virus, which finds and sends even more of your personal information to the criminal.

Please be safe and do not fall victim to these scams, no matter how "official" or "legitimate" these emails appear.

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. *Helen Keller*

BRL Knitting Group



The knitting group at the BRL has been busy making sweaters for needy children throughout the world. The project is coordinated by Guideposts, a non-profit organization. This past week (April 2006), we sent 45 sweaters to Guideposts for distribution to the needy. The knitters are Kris McDonald, Cheryl Kimberlin, Dee Ellig, Janice Huwe, and Joyce Wold.

Joyce Wold Retires



Joyce Wold (Animal Metabolism-Ag. Chemicals Research Unit) at her retirement party held at the Biosciences Research Laboratory on March 30, 2006.



Jeff and Joyce Wold



Retirement Party



Joyce Wold will be retiring April 1 (no fooling)!
She has worked 25 years at the Biosciences Research Laboratory in the Animal Metabolism Unit.

In honor of the occasion, you are invited to a party in the BRL Large Conference Room on Thursday, March 30, at 2:30 p.m.

Letters, cards, or money for a gift will be accepted.
There is a card in Eileen's office for all to sign.

Questions, letters, etc. can be directed to:
Janice Huwe
USDA Biosciences Research Laboratory
PO Box 5674 University Station



Dear BRL + NCSL Friends - 4106
Thank you so much for your kind words, good wishes and much-appreciated gifts celebrating my retirement. It'll be fun to cheer on the Twins loudly and in person, thanks to you, as they pursue yet another pennant. And maybe I'll spend the Baker Nursery gift certificate on a tree and call it the USDA-ARS-RRVARC tree!
It was great to see so many of you at the coffee party; thank you to those who had a part in putting it on - it was lots of fun!
Joyce Wold

Sharon Grugel Retires



Sharon's family.

Front row (L-R): Todd (Son), Sam (grandson), and Pam (daughter).

Back row (L-R): Jace (grandson), Gary (husband), Sharon, Kelly (granddaughter), and Gene (Son).



Carlee O'Dell, Sharon Grugel, Karen Engelter (ND Senator Byron Dorgan's office), and Joan Carlson (ND Rep. Earl Pomeroy's office).



Retirement Party for Sharon Grugel

Thursday, May 25, noon to 2:00 p.m.
BRL Large Conference Room

Please join us for a potluck lunch to celebrate Sharon's retirement after 40 years of service! Please bring any kind of food and a serving utensil.

There will be cards to sign in Brenda's and Eileen's offices, and money will be accepted for a gift.



AFGE Local 3748 members Angelia Hogness, Shelia Sears, Leonard Cook, and Carlee O'Dell hold up signs protesting Sharon's retirement.

DAOC Sponsored Activities

- ✓ A presentation for Native American Heritage Month was held on January 31st with approximately 45 employees in attendance that included an art display, live music, and a video presentation of dance forms given by Myron Red Day and Faron Blakely.
- ✓ Black History Month was celebrated on February 15th with a presentation entitled, "Africa in the 21st Century," by Dr. Andrew Conteh attended by 50 Center employees. The talk was videotaped and a copy burned to DVD for the DAOC events archive as will all future DAOC sponsored presentations.
- ✓ In recognition of Women's History Month there was a presentation by Dr. Catherine Woteki, Global Director of Scientific Affairs for Mars, Inc. on the topic of, "Employment for women: the government, the private sector, and academia," on March 22nd with 48 people in attendance.
- ✓ The Center again participated in Minnesota FoodShare, when money and food that is collected is matched by corporate donations. All food and money and matching corporate donations are given to more than 200 food shelf centers in Minnesota and bordering cities like Fargo, ND, which is served by the Fargo-Moorhead Emergency Food Pantry. A total of 381 pounds of food and \$260 was collected and donated (See page 9).
- ✓ In recognition of Asian Pacific Heritage Month a seminar was presented on May 4th by Dr. Henry Chang from the History Department of Minnesota State University, Moorhead, titled, "Politics and Economy: Changing Patterns of Asian Immigration in the United States," attended by 40 employees.
- ✓ A barbeque picnic is scheduled for June 15th for all Center employees in the courtyard of the NCSL.



On April 23, 2006, John Eide (Sugarbeet & Potato Research Unit) hosted a group of 12 Boy Scouts from Troop 225 who toured the NCSL.



What we have
done for ourselves
alone dies with us.
What we have
done for others and
the world remains
and is immortal.
Albert Pine



On January 3, 2006, John Eide (Sugarbeet & Potato Research Unit) hosted a group of Brownie Girl Scouts from Centennial School Fargo who toured the NCSL.



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Take Your Child to Work Day



Dee Ellig (Animal Metabolism-Ag. Chemicals) with her girls.



Kayla and Grant Harrington (Animal Metabolism-Ag. Chemicals).



Joe Rinehart (Insect Genetics & Biochemistry) puts on a display with creepy, crawly insects and bugs that included hissing cockroaches, scorpions, and Joe even snacked on some "tasty" meal worms.

The RRVARC celebrated "Bring Our Children To Work Day" on April 27th, which was organized with the help of the DAOC committee. Nine children/grandchildren attended the events hosted by various research units, and this also included a child through the YWCA Women's shelter who attended as a guest as an outreach effort.

Dee Ellig gave a tour of the barn and the kids saw and fed goats. They also saw baby mice, rats, and rabbits. The kids got to weigh themselves on the floor scale used for large animals as well.

Carlee O'Dell gave a tour of the insect "kitchen" where they prepare special insect diets and showed where some moths are raised and their different life stages.

Rita Rudd showed the kids a green house and gave the kids a sun-flower plant to bring home.

This year's event was a group effort in terms of preparation and presentations on short notice and the DAOC hopes to build on the success of this year's event. All the children had a great day spending time with their parents/grandparents!



Rob Faulkner (BRL-Shop) and his daughter.



Participants

Emergency Food Pantry



April 28, 2006

Dear Friends of the Emergency Food Pantry,

Thank you for your generous donation during the food drive conducted during the Minnesota Food Share campaign.

This effort to restock the food pantry for the spring and summer was a great success and will enable us to provide for those in need during this time when donations are historically low.

We will also be able to participate in the incentives provided by the Minnesota Food Share program and the Alan Feinstein Foundation based upon the amount of food and money collected during this campaign.

During the campaign we received 57,379 pounds of food and \$10,791.11 which will sustain our operation for nearly two months.

Your service to the community is greatly appreciated by all of the people who participate in our program.

Sincerely,

Linda Clark
Coordinator, Emergency Food Pantry



We are very grateful to all who contributed and helped in any way as the March MN FoodShare collection is a very good way to contribute to your community food pantry and it is needed by so many who are down and out.

We, RRVARC folks, topped our 2005 total of 349 pounds and \$235 by 32 pounds and \$25!!!!!!

We sincerely thank you,

RRVARC Diversity Awareness & Outreach Committee

2006 DAOC Employee Picnic/Mixer

The 5th Annual DAOC Employee Mixer and Picnic was held on June 15th, and though the rain threatened all morning the sky finally relented to a flawless spring afternoon! 117 RRVARC employees and some family members and friends attended the annual event which included a special treat of ice cream provided by our Center Director and all around nice guy, Bill Kemp. This year's crazy outfit contest had a hands-down winner in Steve Charlton, who will receive a free pass to next year's picnic which promises to again be free of rain. So, if you missed the Mixer and Picnic of 2006 be sure to come on out in 2007!



(L-R): Troy and Jamie Wadzink, Lori Dimmer, and Gerald Larsen



(L-R): Bill Kemp and Dave Horvath grilling.



Steve Charlton winner of the "Crazy Outfit Contest."

"Thank you!" to all who participated in and contributed to the DAOC Employee Picnic/Mixer. Special thanks go to Laura Kelley, Larry Charlet, and the dedicated DAOC team for their amazing organizational skills (nice job with the weather!). I also wish to acknowledge the extra efforts of our outstanding Maintenance Staff (including you students!) during set-up and tear-down. For those of you who enjoyed the ice cream and sherbet, it was all Rita Ruud's fault - thanks also go to the AFGE members who offered the many Kemp's ice cream flavor suggestions. The DAOC Employee Picnic/Mixer was a really delightful way to celebrate together before the summer season gets underway in earnest, which is to say before the mosquitoes arrive! Best wishes to all of you for a safe and satisfying summer season.

Thank you!

Bill Kemp



(L-R): Marietta Riggs, Ben Anderson, Colleen Pfaff, Barb Magelky, Vicki Peterson, and Kathy Zaylskie.



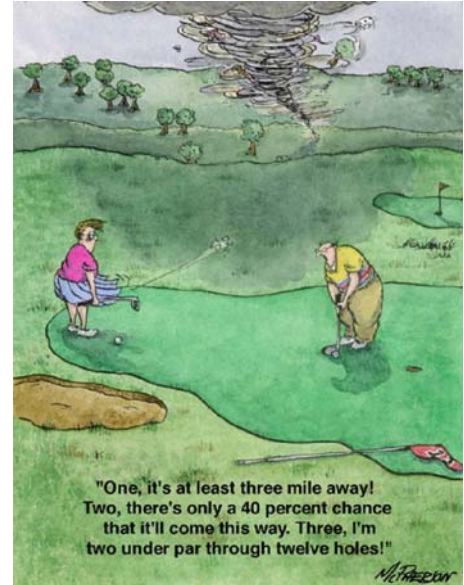
Jeff Suttle

Safety Items

Steve Charlton



1. The new alarm systems for fire and tornado are 95% complete and were tested in the BRL and NCSL on June 15th.
2. The first self-audit of the Environmental Management System has been conducted by the EMS Committee. In support of the EMS two seminars on recycling were presented by Mary Aldrich of Minnkota Recycling in April.
3. Online Orientation Safety Training for new employees was implemented in April.

A red pushpin is pinned to the top left corner of the yellow note.

Nationally CFC was able to increase donations by 4%. Here at the RRVARC our donations were up 7.9% and up 7.55% in the Fargo Moorhead community over last year.

Lloyd Billey
RRVARC CFC Representative



The best car safety device is a rear-view mirror with a cop in it.
Dudley Moore

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CFC Receives Record Pledges Totaling \$268.5 Million in 2005; Federal Employees and Military Personnel Extend Record Pledging to Three Consecutive Years

Washington, D.C. – Federal civilian employees, postal workers and military personnel pledged a record-setting \$268.5 million in 2005 to the Combined Federal Campaign, administered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The \$268.5 million in pledges to the CFC last year represents an \$11 million increase over the \$257 million pledged in 2004.

Last year's pledge total for the nation's largest, employer-sponsored charity drive marks the third consecutive year the federal community has filled CFC coffers to new levels. Pledges to charities in the CFC of the National Capital Area (metropolitan Washington, D.C.) totaled \$57.6 million.

"The men and women of the U.S. civil service and America's military have once again shown their generosity to those less fortunate," said OPM Director Linda M. Springer. "In a year dominated by tragic, natural disasters at home, and challenges to establishing peace and democracy abroad, I am pleased by the response of the federal workforce and the military."

The 4.5 percent increase in pledges in 2005 is the highest percentage increase since 2001, when pledges jumped 7.3 percent following the terrorist attacks in the United States.

"Despite the added needs of the past year, the federal community rallied to provide significant and important aid through the CFC to those whose ties to their communities were temporarily lost," said Springer. "The monies donated through this wonderful program will be used to reunite families and friends, rebuild communities and neighborhoods, and reinforce the relationship between government and people."

Started in 1961, the Combined Federal Campaign is the nation's largest workplace charity drive and the only philanthropic effort permitted by law in the federal workplace. Since its inception, the CFC has raised more than \$5.5 billion.

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OPM oversees the federal work force and provides the American public with up-to-date employment information. OPM also supports U.S. agencies with personnel services and policy leadership including staffing tools, guidance on labor-management relations and programs to improve work force performance.

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Guard Service at the RRVARC



Security Guards:

The security company we contract with, General Security Services Corporation (GSSC), provides us with North Dakota certified law enforcement officers, most of them were formerly military police officers. To be certified as a North Dakota law enforcement officer they must meet the same requirements that the Highway Patrol or Fargo Police meet. Each officer goes through an extensive and lengthy background check. Officers meeting all the ND requirements are authorized to carry a pistol in Federal Facilities by 18 USC 930 subsection (c).

Officers of GSSC are identified by their uniform and badge; they do not need a separate ID badge. See picture of GSSC Officer to the right.

The service we have purchased from GSSC consists of frequent and irregular patrols. The guards are instructed to randomly inspect either the interior or the exterior of the buildings... generally there is not enough time to do both on one patrol.

Instructions to the officers:

The officers have been instructed to ask for identification from anyone in the Center who is not wearing their ID in a lawful fashion. If you are asked for ID you must provide it under penalty of Federal Property Management Regulations, Title 41, code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 101-20.302. Anyone not wearing an ID and unable to produce a valid government identification will be subject to arrest.

Keep in mind that there are additional rights that you give up by accepting employment at Federal Facilities.

Any person on Federal Property must submit, when asked, any bag, box, briefcase, automobile for inspection. Police officers retain the right to conduct personal inspections according to Federal Property Management Regulations, Title 41, code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 101-20.301.

For a complete listing please read the "Rules and Regulations Governing Public Buildings and Grounds" document that is posted by the entrances at the BRL and the NCSL.

25 - 20 - 15 Year Anniversaries!

The following employees have been employed by the Federal Government for the following years. We would like to thank them for their dedication and service.

25 Years:

C. C. Jan - 08/1981

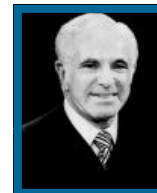
20 Years:

Michael Law - 08/1986

William Morgan - 08/1986

25 Years Ago (1981)

- June 22 - Mark David Chapman pleads guilty to killing John Lennon. He is sentenced to 20 years.
- July 7 - President Reagan nominates Judge Sandra Day O'Connor, 51, of Arizona, as first woman on Supreme Court.
- July 18 - More than 110 die in collapse of aerial walkways in lobby of Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kansas City; 188 injured.
- August 1 - MTV premieres at 12:01 a.m.
- August 3 - Air controllers strike, disrupting flights; Government dismisses strikers.
- August 4 - Oliver North is assigned to White House duty.
- August 11 - AIDS is first identified.
- September 7 - Judge Wopner and People's Court premier on TV.
- October 2 - Ali Chamenei elected president of Iran.
- October 10 - Anwar Sadat's funeral service is held in Cairo.
- October 11 - Unknown rocker Prince opens for Rolling Stones at L.A. Coliseum.
- December 11 - Muhammed Ali's 61st and last fight, losing to Trevor Berbick.



20 Years Ago (1986)

- June 4 - Ex-Navy analyst, Jonathan Jay Pollard, 31, guilty as spy for Israel.
- June 27 - World Court rules U.S. broke international law in mining Nicaraguan waters.
- July 3 - President Reagan presided over relighting of renovated Statue of Liberty.
- July 7 - Supreme Court voids automatic provisions of budget-balancing law.
- July 24 - Jerry A. Whitworth, ex-Navy radioman, convicted as spy.
- July 26 - Muslim captors release Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco.
- August 14 - Senate Judiciary Committee approves William H. Rehnquist as Chief Justice of U.S.
- August 15 - House votes arms appropriations bill rejecting administration's "Star Wars" policy.
- September 7 - Desmond Tutu becomes Anglican archbishop of Capetown.
- September 23 - Congress selects the rose as U.S. national flower.
- November 6 - Secret initiative to send arms to Iran revealed.
- November 19 - President Reagan denies exchanging arms for hostages and halts arms sales.
- November 25 - Diversion of funds from arms sales to Nicaraguan Contras revealed.



15 & 10 Year Anniversaries!

The following employees have been employed by the Federal Government for the following years. We would like to thank them for their dedication and service.

15 Years:

James Anderson - 10/1991

10 Years:

Scott Radi - 08/2006

Michael Foley - 09/1996

15 Years Ago (1991)

- June 6 - NBC announces Jay Leno will replace Johnny Carson on May 25, 1992.
- July 9 - South Africa readmitted to the Olympics.
- July 10 - Boris N. Yeltsin inaugurated as first freely elected president of Russian Republic.
- July 22 - Jeffrey Dahmer confesses to killing 17 males in 1978.
- August 25 - Carl Lewis runs 100m in 9.86 seconds.
- September 5 - Actor John Travolta weds Kelly Preston.
- October 23 - Clarence Thomas, sworn in as Supreme Court Justice.
- October 27 - Minnesota Twins beat Atlanta Braves 1-0 in 10 to win the World Series in 7.
- November 7 - Magic Johnson announces he has the HIV virus and retires from the Los Angeles Lakers.
- November 15 - U.S. indicts two Libyans in 1988 bombing of PanAm Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.
- November 18 - Anglican envoy Terry Waite and U.S. Prof. Thomas M. Sutherland freed by Lebanese.
- December 5 - Charles Keating, Jr. (Lincoln Savings and Loan fraud), found guilty.
- December 12 - Actor Richard Gere marries supermodel Cindy Crawford.
- December 14 - Ferry boat Salem Express sinks in Red Sea, 476 killed.
- December 24 - Mikhail Gorbachev resigns as head of Soviet Union.



10 Years Ago (1996)

- June 11 - Bob Dole, Sen-R-KS, resigns from U.S. senate to run for president.
- June 13 - Freeman in Montana give up to FBI after 81 days.
- June 15 - Jazz great Ella Fitzgerald dies.
- June 25 - Truck bomb kills 19 at U.S. base in Saudi Arabia.
- July 3 - Boris Yeltsin is re-elected in Russian election.
- July 9 - U.S. Senate approves 90 cents raise to \$4.25 minimum wage.
- July 12 - Kirby Puckett, retires from the Minnesota Twins.
- July 15 - Prince Charles and Princess Di sign divorce papers.
- July 25 - Bomb mars Summer Olympic games in Atlanta, GA.
- August 21 - Netscape Browser 3.0 is released.
- September 21 - John F. Kennedy, Jr. marries Caroline Bisset.
- November 5 - Clinton-Gore ticket wins national election; Republicans retain control of Congress.
- November 22 - O.J. Simpson takes stand as hostile witness in the wrongful death lawsuit filed against him.
- December 5 - Clinton appoints Madeleine Albright as first female U.S. Secretary of State.
- December 18 - TV industry execs agree to adopt a ratings system.



5 Year Anniversaries!

The following employees have been employed by the Federal Government for the following years. We would like to thank them for their dedication and service.

5 Years:

Angelia Hogness - 06/2001
Timothy Friesen - 07/2001
Steve Charlton - 08/2001
Charles Koesterman - 11/2001
Stephanie Ness - 12/2001

5 Years Ago (2001)

June 11 - Oklahoma City bomber, Timothy McVeigh executed.

June 29 - Former Yugoslav Pres. Slobodan Milosevic is delivered to UN tribunal in The Hague to await war-crimes trial.

August 9 - Bush allows stem cell research, approving federal funds for studies using existing strains.

September 11 - Terrorists attack U.S. Hijackers ram jetliners into twin towers of NY City's World Trade Center and the Pentagon. A fourth hijacked plane crashes 80 mls outside of Pittsburgh.

Toll of dead is more than 3,000. Within days, Islamic militant Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaeda terrorist network are identified as the parties behind the attacks.

October 5 - Anthrax-laced letters are sent to various media & govt officials. Several die after handling the letters.

December 2 - Enron Corp., one of world's largest energy companies, files for bankruptcy.



He that goes barefoot must not plant thorns.
English Proverb



Since February 2003 the Center has been required to report each non-citizen visiting the location. As of June 22, 2006, Fargo has now topped the 2500 mark which is a record for the Northern Plains Area!

Calendar of Events

January 2006 - June 2006

- January 3 John Eide (Sugarbeet & Potato) gives tour to a group of Brownie Girl Scouts.
- January 13 Dr. Eric Roos, Asst. Area Director's Retirement Party, Ft. Collins, CO
- January 18 MarketPlace for Entrepreneurs - Fargodome
- January 18-20 NDSU/USDA-ARS Sclerotinia Initiative 4th Annual Meeting, Bloomington, MN
- Jan. 30-Feb. 2 Cereal Crops Research Unit Expert Review
- March 16 Sunflower Focus Group Meeting at NCSL
- March 23 All Employee Meeting - BRL-LCR
- March 30 Joyce Wold's (Animal Metabolism-Ag. Chemicals) Retirement Party - BRL
- April 3 Blood Drive
- April 8 Expanding Your Horizons held at the BRL
- April 23 John Eide (Sugarbeet & Potato) gives tour to a group of Boy Scouts.
- April 26 Lynn Dahleen (Cereal Crops) hosted a WFargo High School AP Biology Class - Tour of NCSL
- April 27 Take Your Child to Work Day
- May 2 FEA Awards Ceremony - Radisson - Recognized Lloyd Billey for his work in the CFC.
- May 8-12 Natl Conf. for ARS Office Professionals, St. Louis, MO - Lori Dimmer (Sugarbeet & Potato) attended.
- May 9 MarketPlace for Kids, Concordia College, Moorhead MN
- May 25 Sharon Grugel's (Sunflower) Retirement Potluck - BRL
- June 15 5th Annual DAOC Employee Mixer & Picnic
- June 19-20 Fargo ARMPs



*Thanks to all those who contributed to this newsletter.
Without you this would not be possible.*

Thanks! Alicia Thompson



Schedule of Center Meetings

The following is a schedule of monthly meetings held at the Center:

DAOC Committee - 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m. - BRL-SCR or NCSL Sunflower Conf. Rm.

Staff Meeting - 2nd Tuesday, 9 a.m. - BRL-LCR or NCSL-LCR

IT Committee - 2nd Wednesday - 2 p.m. - BRL-LCR or NCSL-LCR.

LMR Committee - 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m. BRL-SCR or NCSL Sunflower Conf. Rm.

Secretary Meeting - 3rd Wednesday, 10 a.m. - BRL-SCR or NCSL Sunflower Conf. Rm.

Union Luncheon - 3rd Tuesday, Noon - BRL-SMR

Shop Meeting - Last Tuesday, 10:15 a.m. - BRL-LCR or NCSL-LCR

Safety Committee - Last Wednesday, 2 p.m. - BRL-SCR or NCSL-LCR

Ask IT Specialist Questions - Every Tuesday, 2:30-3 p.m. - NCSL Lunchroom; Every Thursday, 2:30-3 p.m. - BRL Breakroom.

SCR = Small Conference Room

LCR = Large Conference Room

SMR = Small Meeting Room