

Calendar

Have a safe day!

Monday, May 17

2:30 p.m.

[Particle Astrophysics Seminar](#)

- One West

Speaker: Alex Kim, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Title: Future Prospects for Type Ia Supernova Cosmology

3:30 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S COFFEE

BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over

4 p.m.

All Experimenters' Meeting - Curia II

Tuesday, May 18

10:30 a.m.

[Particle Astrophysics Seminar](#)

- The Dark Side (WH-6W)

(NOTE DATE, TIME,

LOCATION)

Speaker: Cristiano Galbiati, Princeton University

Title: E-1000: DarkSide -

Search for Dark Matter with Depleted Argon

3:30 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S COFFEE

BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over

4 p.m.

[Accelerator Physics and Technology Seminar](#) -

Comitium

(NOTE LOCATION)

Speaker: Holger Witte,

University of Oxford

Title: PAMELA - A Novel

Accelerator for Charged Particle Therapy

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[Upcoming conferences](#)

Campaigns

Feature

Annual Farmers' Picnic reunites neighbors, friends



Jeanette Anderson, 99, visits her childhood home on the Fermilab site during the annual Farmers' Picnic.

Aside from oaks, willows and other trees, the 1885 farmhouse at #10 Sauk Circle near the Fermilab Village is one of the Fermilab site's longest-standing residents. Now used as living quarters for visiting researchers, the home was formerly owned by [Herbert and Jeanette Anderson](#).

Jeanette Anderson, now 99 years old, along with about 110 other guests gathered in Kuhn Barn on May 1 for the 13th annual Farmers' Picnic.

The picnic brings together families whose farms were once located on the Fermilab site. For many of the participants, this is the one time a year that they get to see their old neighbors, while feasting on a variety of home-cooked potluck fare.

Adrienne Kolb, leader of the Fermilab Site History Committee, which hosts the event, believes the best part about the picnic is seeing all of the farmers enjoy the opportunity to visit and catch up.

"Our committee is so enthusiastic about this event," Kolb said. "We all look forward to it every year."

Roads & Grounds' Bob Lootens, whose family also has roots at the site, whisked several picnickers off on a bus tour of some of the old farm sites. Lootens grew up here, as did retired Fermilab firefighter Rodney Oxe. Fermilab firefighter Chuck Kuhn remembers spending time at his uncle's farm on site.

ES&H Tips of the Week - Safety

Did you hear the buzz? Yellow jacket season is here early



Yellowjackets are often confused with honeybees. Both are a half- to three-quarter- inch long, but yellowjackets are more brightly colored and have little hair.

Since March three people have been stung by insects on site, signaling an early arrival of stinger season, which usually starts in July. That information, combined with the fact that the number of stings has been steadily increasing since 2002, signals that you need to stay alert.

Fortunately, you can reduce the number of stings by taking a few precautions:

- Inspect your work area. Avoid nests and other areas where insects are concentrated.
- Wear protective gloves, long sleeves, a hat and a neck covering to prevent stings if you are working in an area where wasps are present.
- Avoid carrying or drinking sugary drinks, using scented products or wearing clothes that are brightly colored or patterned when outdoors.
- Tuck shirts in and pull gloves over sleeves to help eliminate entry points for insects.
- Always drink from a closable container with a lid.
- Be prepared. If you are allergic to stings, carry a self-administered epinephrine sting kit (e.g., EpiPen). Let your supervisor and coworkers know of your condition.

Yellowjackets, a type of wasp, account for about half of all insect stings. In 80 percent of the attacks, a person's hands, arms, head or neck were targeted. If you should have a close encounter, avoid swatting or squishing the insect. Crushing a yellowjacket releases a chemical that signals other wasps to attack.

Yellowjackets are unlikely to sting unless

[Take Five](#)[Tune IT Up](#)[H1N1 Flu](#)

For information about H1N1, visit Fermilab's flu information [site](#).

[Weather](#)

Chance of showers
64°/48°

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[Weather at Fermilab](#)

[Current Security Status](#)[Secon Level 3](#)[Wilson Hall Cafe](#)

Monday, May 17
- Croissant sandwich
- *Smart Cuisine: Potato leek soup
- Monte cristo
- *Smart Cuisine: 1/2 Roasted chicken
- Alfredo tortellini
- Chicken ranch wrapper
- Assorted sliced pizza
- Szechuan style pork lo mein

*Carb restricted alternative

[Wilson Hall Cafe Menu](#)[Chez Leon](#)

Wednesday, May 19
Lunch
- Assortment of quiches
- Salad of field greens with raspberry vinaigrette
- Fresh fruit plate

Thursday, May 20
Dinner
- Gazpacho
- Paella
(Saffron rice with seafood & chicken)
- Torta moca

[Chez Leon Menu](#)

Call x3524 to make your

Oxe recalls how close-knit this community was: When [Ed Kames](#) became ill, his neighbors chipped in and took turns milking his cows. He couldn't plant his crops, so people showed up with tractors and planted his crops for him.

The annual picnic helps former residents and their families maintain these connections.

"It's kind of like a separated family," Oxe said. "But when we're all together, we talk about how we helped each other and worked together for the common good."

-- *Marcia Teckenbrock*

Special Announcement

Peter Limon retirement reception today



Peter Limon

A retirement reception for TD's Peter Limon will take place today at 5 p.m. on the second floor crossover. Please join us in saying a fond farewell to Peter.

Photo of the Day

Arbor Day tree planting



Volunteers helped plant trees on Fermilab's site as part of the laboratory's celebration of Arbor Day/Earth Day on May 4.

agitated by fast movements or rough handling. Gently brush them away with a piece of paper with slow deliberate movements.

[Bottle traps](#) are an effective, non-pesticide method for clearing an area of yellowjackets. If you need more help with an insect problem, call Roads & Grounds at x3303.

[Safety Tip of the Week Archive](#)

[Accelerator Update](#)

May 12-14

- Three stores provided ~41.75 hours of luminosity
- MINERvA experiment completed another run at MTest
- Store 7808 aborted due to lightning strike
- Lightning strikes caused other problems
- Booster RF sparking fixed

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Latest Announcements

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[News for Cigna plan participants](#)

[May habitat restoration - May 22](#)

[May "Benefits Bulletin" now available](#)

[Artist Reception - 5-7 p.m. on May 14](#)

[Argentine Tango Wednesdays through May 26](#)

[NALWO Children's Playgroup International Party - May 14](#)

[English country dancing - May 16](#)

[Pool memberships available now](#)

[NALWO Spring Tea - May 20](#)

[Sand Volleyball Tuesdays begin May 25](#)

[43rd Fermilab Users' Meeting - June 2-3, register now](#)

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In the News

A dark debate

From **Science News**, May 13, 2010

Physicists are embroiled in a verbal slugfest over a few measly WIMPs.

WIMPs, or weakly interacting massive particles, are hypothetical subatomic particles that, if shown to exist, might account for some of the invisible dark matter that astronomers say makes up some 85 percent of the mass of the universe.

Astronomers are eager to find dark matter, because it would help them understand the unseen gravitational glue that keeps galaxies and galaxy clusters from flying apart. And a WIMP version of dark matter in particular would thrill many physicists, because it would validate a theory called supersymmetry that plugs a number of holes in present-day physics by pairing every known elementary particle with an as-yet-undetected, heavier partner.

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