

## Calendar

### [Have a safe day!](#)

Tuesday, June 29

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

[XVI International Symposium on Very High Energy Cosmic Ray Interactions](#) (ISVHECRI 2010) - One West  
12 p.m.

[Summer Lecture Series](#) -

(NOTE LOCATION) Curia II  
Speaker: Marcel Demarteau,  
Fermilab

Title: Particle Detectors

3:30 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S COFFEE  
BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over  
THERE WILL BE NO  
ACCELERATOR PHYSICS  
AND TECHNOLOGY  
SEMINAR TODAY

Wednesday, June 30

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

[XVI International Symposium on Very High Energy Cosmic Ray Interactions](#) (ISVHECRI 2010) - One West  
3:30 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S COFFEE BREAK  
4 p.m.

[Fermilab Colloquium](#) - One  
West

Speaker: Dietrich Müller,  
University of Chicago

Title: The Composition of  
Cosmic Rays: Questions,  
Surprises and Recent Answers  
(in conjunction with the XVI  
International Symposium on  
Very High Energy Cosmic Ray  
Interactions)

[Click here](#) for NALCAL,  
a weekly calendar with  
links to additional  
information.

[Upcoming conferences](#)

[Campaigns](#)

## Milestone

### Payroll manager Ron Pahl to retire this summer



Ron Pahl

After more than 17 years as payroll manager, Ron Pahl is closing the books for good.

"Payroll can be such a pressure-cooker environment, but Ron is always good-humored.

He's the consummate payroll professional," said current Chief Financial Officer Cindy Conger, who hired Pahl in 1993.

"You could pay employees 1,000 times correctly, but you pay them wrong once and they remember that for the rest of their lives," Pahl said. "Our goal is to make sure paychecks are correct the first time."

Pahl has been instrumental in keeping the laboratory's pay applications current, most notably with the 1996 adoption and adaptation of PeopleSoft software, which brought much-needed integration to the HR-payroll system.

He also makes himself personally available to address employees' individual questions.

"He has an open door policy. Anybody that would need a hand, he lets them walk in," said Chief Accounting Officer Mike Rhoades.

Pahl extends that same sense of friendliness to his staff.

"He's got running jokes with several people," said LindaSue Smith, who will take over as payroll manager.

According to Pahl, Smith is ahead in the ongoing nickel bets they've been placing on ball games and project completion dates.

Pahl feels privileged to work at a place where people from all over the world come to work and where he can enjoy the natural surroundings.

"I like the open prairie, to be able to look out the window and see deer and other animals running across. It's so beautiful and peaceful," he said.

## Director's Corner

### Persistent awareness

This year we have had an extraordinary record – the lowest record ever – of injuries.

Last week the first accident that required work restrictions this fiscal year occurred. That incident was our first DART case for the year.

This accident is once again a reminder that often accidents occur either at work or at home in the most ordinary of circumstances. In this case the cause was tripping while walking in the person's own office. Persistent awareness about how we interact with our surroundings is essential to maintaining safety at work and at home.

We do many things at Fermilab to encourage this persistent awareness: the signs at the entrances with catching phrases that remind you about safety every day, the campaigns like [Take Five for Goal Zero](#), the newly introduced *Porcelain Press*, weekly reports by managers to their colleagues on injuries including first aid cases, articles in *Fermilab Today*, reminders at meetings and conferences, signs that indicate where paying attention is of special importance and Director's Corners.

Yet, we do not succeed completely in maintaining everyone's attention to safety at all times. It was frustrating last week to see again one of the most common accidents, namely a collision while backing up a vehicle, occur twice in the same week. This is the most common vehicular accident on our site. It is not easy to understand why it happens so often, since backing up is something that clearly requires attention. Maybe we get into our cars having seen nothing behind them and back up after turning the engine on and buckling up, without any sense that time has elapsed and the circumstances behind our automobile may well be different. We have been fortunate so far that these accidents have not led to a serious injury, but they could.

So, here is yet another reminder: never let up



Pier Oddone

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

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

[Weather](#)

[Extended Forecast](#)  
[Weather at Fermilab](#)

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

Tuesday, June 29  
- Unavailable

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

Wednesday, June 30  
Lunch  
- Firecracker beef on a rice noodle salad  
- Almond cake

Thursday, July 1  
Dinner  
Closed

[Chez Leon Menu](#)

Call x3524 to make your reservation.

[Archives](#)

After retiring, Pahl plans to tend to his garden of 80 tomato plants and put his handyman skills to use volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. He'll also be doing favors for his four kids and lavishing attention on his three grandchildren.

Pahl will transition out of his role during July. Celebrate Pahl's career and his retirement at a party tomorrow, June 30, from 2-4 p.m. on the WH-15 south crossover.

-- Leah Hesla



Ron Pahl (center) with members of the Payroll Department in April.

Photo of the Day

## New employees - June 21



Front row from left: Julia Dawson, Rashaun Warner, Samarth Chopra, Emily Bacalao, Caleb Conway, Kimani Whitsey and Mylo Carter. Second row from left: Jamie Yang, Elliott Sherrell, Karen Lipa, Afua Amoabin, Jessica Gonzalez, Dominic Gattone and Ramon Herrera.

In the News

your awareness of surroundings and circumstances that can lead to accidents.

[Accelerator Update](#)

June 25-28

- Six stores provided ~54.5 hours of luminosity
- Operators put the Tevatron through a wet and dry squeeze
- Store 7926 aborted due to a yard breaker trip, no quench
- Store 7929 aborted due to separator spark, no quench

\* The integrated luminosity for the period from 6/21/10 to 6/28/10 was 57.74 inverse picobarns. NuMI reported receiving  $8.27E^{18}$  protons on target during this same period.

[Read the Current Accelerator Update](#)

[Read the Early Bird Report](#)

[View the Tevatron Luminosity Charts](#)

[Announcements](#)

## HR announcement

[Format change for new personnel requisition form](#)

## Latest Announcements

[Yoga begins July 6](#)

[Ask HR: 15th floor visits TD - ICB today](#)

[Time to complete accomplishment reports](#)

[Session 3 preschool & youth swim lesson registration due July 2](#)

[Requests for on-site housing now accepted for fall 2010 & spring 2011](#)

[Day Camp payments due](#)

[Web of Science citation database online trial](#)

[Adult water aerobics - Mondays](#)

[Adult swim lessons - Mondays](#)

[Argentine Tango, Wednesday, June 30](#)

[Walk to Health class began June 7](#)

[Butts & Guts class began June 7](#)

[Fermilab Today](#)[Result of the Week](#)[Safety Tip of the Week](#)[CMS Result of the Month](#)[User University Profiles](#)[ILC NewsLine](#)[Info](#)[Fermilab Today](#)

is online at:

[www.fnal.gov/today/](http://www.fnal.gov/today/)Send comments and suggestions to:  
[today@fnal.gov](mailto:today@fnal.gov)Visit the Fermilab [home page](#)[Unsubscribe](#) from *Fermilab Today*

## LHC sets a new personal record: 10,000 particle smash-ups per second

From **80 beats**, a *Discover* blog, June 28, 2010

As a younger stronger particle smasher, the Large Hadron Collider can turn even baby steps into new records. Over this past weekend, the LHC beat another personal best—colliding its most protons yet at 10,000 particle collisions per second (about double its earlier rate). Physicists believe this is a crucial step on the collider's hunt for new physics.

In November of 2009, the LHC collided its first protons as it started its quest to find the suspected mass-giving particle known as the Higgs Boson. The collider is still running at half of its designed maximum energy, but after this weekend, the number of particles per bunch traveling in the ring is just what physicists had planned.

[Read more](#)[Free webinar on "Retirement Planning for Women", June 30](#)[10,000 Steps-a-Day walking program](#)[Introduction to LabVIEW course - July 13](#)[Embedded Design with LabVIEW FPGA and CompactRIO seminar - July 13](#)[Interaction Management Coaching Forum - July 27](#)[Submit an announcement](#)