

# Advance At A Glance

## Advance Celebrates 35 years!

By: Paige Olevson

As mentioned in the Spring Newsletter, Advance is celebrating 35 years. We decided to celebrate the way we always do- with a big party! We had a picnic on July 1st at Hillcrest Park. We had a very big turnout for the picnic with over 200 people being served. From interns to family members everyone had a great time and got to enjoy some fantastic food by Hy-Vee's a Grill Named Sue. Here are some pictures taken from the day.



Top L corner: Interns with Tricia Trent, Chris, Rochell, Paul, Heather, Ashley—Thanks for the hard work!

Top R corner: Hanging with the guys- L-R James, Paul, Jim, Terry, Arley, Bill

Bottom L corner: Getting some grub- L-R Arley, Amanda, Deanna, Jim

Bottom R corner: Kelly and Arnie practice their beanbags



*Celebrating  
35 years  
July 1, 2009*



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Left: Karen & Donna look picture perfect at this picnic

Bottom Left: Cheray Gibson was our Simply the Best Winner for 2009

Bottom Middle: Linda says cheese!

Bottom Right: L-R Becky, Amy and Shelly just hanging out reading the Spring newsletter!



### A Big Welcome to Advance's Newest Employees!

#### SLA

Ryan Peterson  
Heather Poulson  
Kelsi Klusmann  
Leah Whittenburg

#### Hillcrest

Rhea Trupe  
Lucretia Bowen  
Melinda Swigart  
Ben Olson

#### ALA

Jacob Lammers  
Alanna Wacker

#### Yorkshire

Bethany Engeman  
Mychal Arnold  
Amanda Carlson

#### 509

Cynthia Orton  
Vanessa Haltvick  
Samantha Roder  
Kali Kayser  
Emily Miller

#### 717

Tyler Spraw  
Andrew Laycock  
Kim Kurschat

#### Prairie View

Emily Kehrwald  
Bridgett Block

#### Supported Living

Jocelyn Tonnell  
Elise Humke  
Danielle Gimmestad  
Doug Martin  
Jordan Trumbo

#### Mustang Pass

Kelsey Moulton  
Jennifer Fonder  
Christopher Anderson

#### Vocational

Rochell Bartell  
Joseph Stearns

#### 905

Jennelle Bergene  
Natalie Kuhnert  
Claire Harstad  
Katie Hatton

#### Day Services

Carolyn Wallace  
Kim Nygaard  
Masela Obade  
Jared Nelson

Day Services took a trip to visit the Laura Ingalls Wilder museum in Desmet SD. Here are some pictures of the trip:

Top: Mary Ann tries out a covered wage

Bottom Left: Donna J looks at the cabin

Bottom Right: Myria stops for a picture with the horses



## Twins Fan Club 2009

## “So little innings, so little time”



The Twins Fan Club started with fourteen members in June. We met almost weekly to discuss how the games were going and to gush about our favorite players. We checked the Twins standings, voted for who we thought should be on the All-Star team, and talked about the new stadium that is in the process of being built.

The highlight of our Club had to be the trip to the Metrodome to see the Twins play live! There was lots to do before we could make the trip happen. We had to pick a

date, save money, get tickets, reserve vehicles, pack what we'd need for the day, and make awesome posters to bring with us to the game.

The game we went to started at 12:10pm. This meant that we had to be on the road by 6:30am! What an early start! We were prepared with walkie talkies, and lovingly named our vehicles “Rubber Ducky” and “Jackrabbit”, so we could communicate during the drive. We had a hard time finding parking after arriving a little late due to construc-

tion. We had finally arrived! There the metrodome stood, awaiting our arrival. We grabbed some grub and souvenirs, then found our seats.

The game was so fun! It looked like the Twins were going to pull it off, but ended up falling behind in the 8<sup>th</sup> inning. We had it in the bag, but lost the lead. We kept cheering for our team even though the outcome didn't look great. Everyone had a wonderful time!

The way home was a little interesting. We had a hard time finding a gas station on the out of Minneapolis, and almost got hit by another vehicle that wasn't paying attention to his driving! Due to some defensive driving, we arrived at a gas station unscathed. We stopped at Dairy Queen for a delicious treat to end our awesome day, but encountered a little problem. Someone took a little spill

and got injured, but was a trooper and made it all the way home!

### Quotes

Katie: “I love the Twins! They're one of my favorite teams, and I had an awesome time! I love to watch them play, and I'm glad I got to go on the trip. We had the coolest staff with us.”

Doug: “I liked it! Joe Nathan is good.”

Deanna: “I love the Twins! I wish they'd won.”

Jason: “I saw the Twins coach. I liked the trip.”

Paul: “I had a blast through the whole Twins club. The day of the trip was really long, but worth it! I had a lot of fun.”

Ian: “It was cool, being on a mountain, looking down (Describing our seats). It was a great day! So little innings, so little time!”

Brandi: “I had fun! The Twins lost.”

Ashley: “We had our rally caps on, and they still didn't pull it off Koo-bie Doobie Doo!”

## Welcome to Orientation

Every Orientation each new employee is greeted with a one of a kind welcoming card. This is not a small task, learning new names, and coming up with different designs every time. Each card is made for new employees by

Josh Aderhold. Josh is working in the HR department before and during orientation to help make all new employees feel a little more welcome. He has learned how to use the card making program pretty well and comes up with some great

cards! After he makes the cards he personally goes into orientation and gives the cards to every new employee—he is Awesome at remembering names. Make sure to congratulate Josh on the new job & the great cards!



## Randy & Rose Fishing

By: Rosalie Ramirez

During the summer months, Randy expressed how he truly enjoyed fishing. He said that he likes to see the waves move up and down and how the water would hit the shores. He said it is quiet place and that the best thing he likes about fishing he quotes "I get to catch and bring them home and Eat'em Up!!" ending with a soft giggle.

One fishing trip in particular I discovered how vigilant Randy was when he was fishing. I was fixing his fishing pole from being tangled when he notice my fishing pole was bobbing. It had only been in the water for about 5 minutes and It was rather windy that day and the fishing poles normally do that when its windy as explained to him. However, he said "Rose, you have a fish".

I continued fixing his pole and he said it's not the wind this time. I said well if you think there is a fish on the hook bring it in buddy. He began reeling it in fast and then we heard a huge splash, and Boom what do you know, a fish on the hook. He struggled to bring it in reeling as quickly as he could. The fish jumped once again to get away and snapped there went the line. Sadly to say, We did lose the fish and the next thing Randy said was "I told you Rose there was a fish on the line". We both laughed and he said "silly girl, now we don't have any supper. ". He is an amazing fisherman and I can't wait till our next fishing trip!

"A bad day's fishing is better than a good day at work." --Anonymous



## Jillian Gibson



We talk about becoming leaders in our field and enhancing the world in which we live, and now one of our very own will be doing just that. Jillian Gibson will be traveling to Italy to work with people with disabilities. Jillian has been a staff at Advance since 2006

working at almost every component within the agency. Some people may remember the Taco Feed Advance sponsored on Sept 30th—this feed was to help Jillian fund her humanitarian trip. Jillian will not only be work-

ing in Italy, but she will be keeping in contact with Advance and letting us know about what she is doing, and possibly helping us to make new contacts with people in Italy. Thanks for the years of dedication Jillian & good luck in Italy!

## Fun in the Water

Day Services had a very fun summer- getting out into and on the water. Here are some pictures from trips

they took to Wild Water West and on a Pontoon ride by Montevideo MN.



Top Left: Stephanie & Tony get ready to hit the water  
Top Middle: Jason & Connie are ready for a pontoon ride!  
Top Right: Tony, Stephanie, Tawnya, Alexis, & Les head out on their tubes  
Right: Tony, Les, Marv & Tawnya get ready for a ride down the river!  
Bottom Left: Morgan, Stephanie & Connie enjoy the open water  
Bottom Middle: Randy, Lisa, Connie, Doug & Jason take time to say Cheese  
Bottom Right: Lisa & Doug get ready to get out on the water



## United Way Day!

Imagine the Possibilities when a Community Lives United. That is the Slogan for this years United Way. United Way partners throughout the Brookings Area to address specific needs through 38 programs. ADVANCE & Career Advantage, Boys & Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, Brookings Area Special Olympics, BATA, East Cen-

tral Mental Health & Chemical Dependency Center, G.A.P., Harvest Table, STARS, The Dolly Parton Imagination Library—these are a few of the programs that United Way helps make possible. Advance will once again be having a United Way Day to help this organization help programs located around Brookings. On

October 21, 2009 at the center the "2009 Live United" Video will be shown every hour on the hour from 9AM- 6PM. Remember this is an organization that partners throughout the Brookings Area to address specific needs right here in Brookings, make sure to come check out the video on Wednesday Oct 21.

**“ By giving today, you are increasing opportunities for children and families tomorrow”**

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### Looken for adventure!

By: Jami Selleck



Top: Tammy, Josh & Jamey ready to hit the road!

Bottom: Josh & Jamey with some new Harley buddies

This summer, Jamey, Josh, Tammy and I hit the road to Sturgis. We left on a Thursday and came back on Friday. We got to experience the sights, sounds and tastes of Sturgis. The guys met people from all over the world, saw lots of different bikes and ate food from the vendors.



Top: Jamey, Jami, and Josh  
Bottom: Watch out Sturgis here comes Josh!

This trip was a dream of Jamey's and Josh's first time there too. Way to go guys and thanks for the memory.

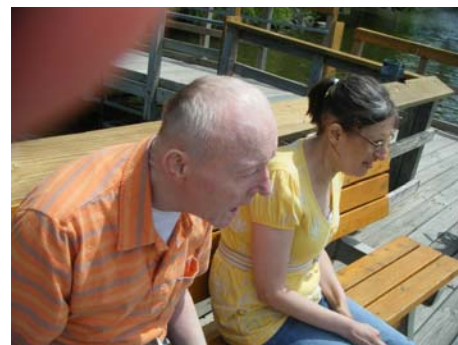
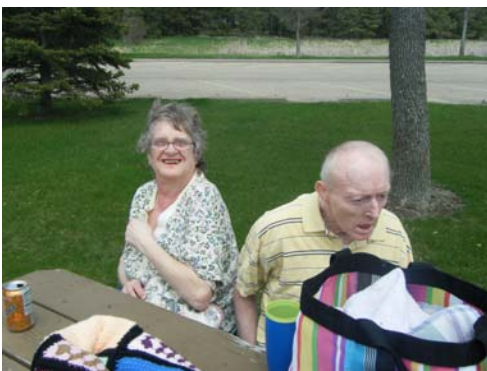


### Lake Fun with 905

By: Jen Hansen

We were able to get out to the lake at least every week and we had 5 overnight camping trips. We had a great time and everyone loved being outdoors!

Left: Mary Ann & Stanley enjoy a picnic  
Top Right: Linda & Myria enjoy take a break on a bench by the lake  
Bottom Right: Stanley and Linda check out





Top: Myrtle milking a cow

Bottom: Jeff Dunham and Peanut



### Myrtle's Summer

Myrtle had quite an eventful summer! Not only did she go to the pow-wow in Flandreau (and had a wonderful time), she also trekked down to

Sioux Falls for the Sioux Empire Fair! She started out the evening by enjoying some of the fair's famous junk food. Myrtle ran into some old staff and had fun chatting and reminiscing. Her friends even brought their new puppy! Myrtle was not comfortable getting on the Scrambler, but had fun watching other fairgoers get an adrenaline rush. One of the highlights of the trip was

By: Myrtle First & Kathryn Strandell

a fair staple: Old McDonald's farm. Myrtle was able to see pygmy horses and donkeys, big noisy turkeys, and calves! Her favorite part was petting a kitten that looked just like her old cat Midas. Old McDonald's farm had an exhibit showing how chicks were born from eggs. Myrtle the animal expert already knew all about how chicks hatch! Another fun thing Myrtle was able to do at Old McDonald's farm was milking a "cow." She had a blast!

Myrtle also got to see Jeff Dunham at the fair. If you're not familiar with his show, it is a must see. Jeff

combines stand-up comedy with ventriloquism and is very good at both! She was a little bit worried about how high up we were seated, but forgot all about it when the show started. She clapped along to Jeff's opening act: Guitar guy. Jeff's first act was with his puppet Achmed the dead terrorist. Then Myrtle's favorite character appeared: Peanut. Peanut is a purple-skinned "woozle" with white fur covering most of his body, a tuft of green hair on the top of his head, and one red sneaker on his left foot.

Myrtle had a great time at the fair and she is looking forward to going again next year!

## Advance Excellence Nominees

### June

Gennell Boesen  
Jean Hoekman  
Glady Masia  
Lynn Errickson  
Marvin Bahr  
John Speakman  
Izzy Altermatt  
Sarah Flatten  
Brandy Johnson  
Sarah Thaler  
Chelsey Johnson

### July

Pat Isler  
Eugene Westness  
All of 717 Staff  
Matt Jones  
Nicky Courchaine

### August

Richard Z  
Amy M  
Marissa Murphy  
Rose Ramirez  
Kathryn Strandell  
Macey Deslauriers  
Ashley Kling  
Free Werede  
Erica Lloyd

### September

Jeri Manzanares  
Ashley Hintz  
Liz Bergen  
Rose Ramirez  
Steph Nelson  
Sarah Gentry  
Danielle Cronkhite  
Paul Ulrich  
Michelle Bunker  
Jackie Rempfer  
Mandy Novotny

# Upcoming Events

## Orientation Dates

October 12 & 13th  
November 2nd & 3rd

## Fall Celebration

Thursday November 5th 4:30p-8p

## All Agency Meeting

Thursday November 5th 3pm

## Med Course Dates

**October:** Wed 7th 4p-8p  
Fri 9th 4p-8p  
Sat 10th 8a-4p  
Test Tues 12th 5p-7p

**November:** Fri 6th 4p-8p  
Mon 9th 4p-8p  
Wed 11th 8a-4p  
Test Fri 13th 4p-6p



## Omaha Trip

During the entire trip to Omaha, it rained and rained some more, but Sherry and Donna still had some fun at the Omaha zoo. We first went to see the butterfly garden where the butterflies would fly freely around us. Then we walked into the rain to see the giraffes and penguins. We also visited the Desert and the Rainforest, which both were very hot and humid

so on a cold rainy day it was nice to be in a warm area. As we headed to see the Tigers, it began to rain very hard, so we took a long break in the lions cave. We also met the friendliest gorilla, as Sherry and Donna would look through the window of the exhibit, the gorilla

By: Christina Bemis

would come up and put his hand on the window as if he was saying "HI". After a long day walking in the rain, we drove home with sun and not a cloud in the sky. Overall, we will never forget this wonderful experience.

