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*To say, my fate is not tied to your fate, is like saying,
your end of the boat is sinking.* Hugh Downs

Welcome New Faculty!... We welcome our two newest faculty members to begin the fiscal year. **Dr. Geoffrey Denny**, Assistant Professor for Commercial Landscape Management, comes to us from Texas A&M where he has been working as graduate teaching assistant and finishing his PhD degree in Horticulture this year. Born in El Paso, Texas, he attended Texas A&M where he received his BS in Horticulture, then received his MA from the University of Texas in Plant Biology. Geoff has found a good place to enjoy his hobbies of gardening and fishing. We welcome you, Geoff to our research team!

Our other new faculty member, Assistant Professor for Tomato Breeding, is a familiar face to those who have worked at the Center since 1993! **Dr. Jeremy Edwards** first found his interest in horticultural research in his junior year of high school (Southeast High School) in 1993 when he started working summers at the Bradenton Research Center, first on the farm crew and then under the guidance of Dr. Jay Scott in the Tomato Breeding program. He continued his pursuit in horticultural studies at the University of Florida where he earned his BS degree. He earned his PhD in 2005 at Cornell University, majoring in Plant Genetics. He has been working at the University of Arizona in Tucson as a research associate before accepting the Assistant Professor in Tomato Breeding position here at GCREC. Welcome home, Jeremy!

July **BIRTHDAYS**

- 13.....Cora Sanders
- 16.....Sara Hutchinson
- 17.....Rosa Ayala
- 21.....Arie Markus
- 23.....Pat Jones (ret.)
- 29.....Natalia Peres

Special Dates This Month:

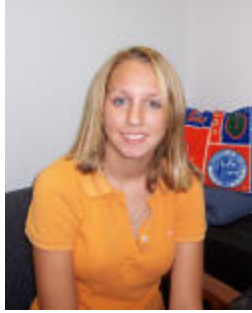
**Independence Day,
July 4th**



**Retirement
Lunch
July 24th
for
Brent
Harbaugh**



We will be celebrating Brent's retirement in July with a Pot-Luck Luncheon. Please join us!



Welcome New Staff...Joining us in June is new OPS, **Sara Hutchinson**, who is working in Dr. Shober's program. Sara is a student at Newsome High School in Lithia. 4-H and agriculture have always been a big part of her life and has given her a good background for the assistance she is giving to the research



program.

We also welcome back again this year, our Visiting Professor, **Dr. Arie Markus**, who is doing cooperative research this summer with Dr. David Schuster's entomology research program.

This past month we hosted two student tours, Kinder Care and the 4-H Swine Club. These student tours bring with them a lively exchange, interest and a multitude of questions from young minds that are opened to a new world of science in agriculture that we sometimes take for granted. After a presentation and "hands-on" tour, they are taken to the field where they get to pick their own tomatoes. A special thank you to Dr. Jim Price and Dr. Jim Mertely, who always generously give their time to instruct and answer questions and also to Christine Cooley for her presentations, preparation and coordination of activities that make these tours especially fun and educational for the kids. Kinder Care (below)



4-H Swine Club

