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WIPP readying for manned entries





Local church shows appreciation for WIPP employees

When Pastor David Prell of the Blodgett Street Baptist Church stood before his congregation and said he'd like to do something in support of WIPP employees, the response was great. Members of the church baked cookies and got together vegetable trays and fruit to give to WIPP employees.

With everything going on at WIPP since the underground vehicle fire and then the radiological event, Prell said he and his wife, Jody, were talking and decided they needed to do something to help.

"We just want you to know that people are thinking of you and appreciate all you are doing," he said.

He estimated that about 50 members of the church were involved in the effort. Prior to a prayer gathering at his home, several of those involved were on-hand to present the snacks to Brenda Kirkes, Dana Dorr and Mike Antiporda, who accepted them on behalf of all WIPP employees. The snacks were put out at multiple locations in-town and at the site in an effort to reach as many employees as



WIPP recovery is moving forward and all eyes are on us as we ready for manned entries to the WIPP underground. Inspections of the Salt and Air Intake Shafts have been completed and the next step will be entry into the underground by an eight-member team, which will survey the area between the two shafts and establish a work area in the underground. Subsequent entries into the underground will involve establishing staging areas, decontamination areas, setting up portable continuous air monitors and testing communication and safety equipment further into the mine.

Once those steps are completed, the next critical step will be proceeding to the disposal area, specifically Panel 7 and possibly Panel 6, to attempt to identify the contamination source and location.

These activities will be done very deliberately to ensure the safety of all involved. Among the steps taken to get ready was a dry run of sorts, using full protective gear. Since they wanted to simulate WIPP's underground mine environment as closely as possible, the practice was held at nearby Mosaic Potash (see photos above and below).

The team from WIPP, which included some experts from South Carolina, identified changes that could make the actual re-entry into the WIPP underground more safe and efficient. For example, when wearing the gear, it was difficult to identify who was who, so names will be added to the exterior of the suits.

We thank everyone involved for their diligence in planning and training.

possible.

"David and Jody Prell launched an effort that has touched just about every WIPP employee," said Kirkes. "This act of giving is humbling and deeply appreciated."

Prell also gave us a thank you note that offered kind words for the men and women who work at WIPP.

WIPP Family,

Too seldom do we thank those who do so very much for us. Please accept these small gifts as an expression of our gratitude for your innumerable contributions to our nation and especially our local community. Our prayers are with you and your families; and we believe that you will move through this crisis with dignity and grace.

The members of Blodgett Street Baptist Church would like to encourage you to continue to do the great work that each of you does to make our lives better. We certainly commend you for all that you mean to us.

Sincerely,

Pastor David W. Prell

The generosity of all members who participated is greatly appreciated.

NWP Service Awards

Congratulations to the following NWP employees on achieving employment milestones:

5 Years
Joshua Anderson
Nancy Morgan
Jeri Miles
Spender Pattee

15 Years



Safety & Wellness: Are you getting enough sleep?

The answer for many here at WIPP is probably no. Recent events have resulted in long work hours and some of our colleagues may be getting less than the recommended amount of sleep each night. According to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute Web site, adults should get between seven and eight hours of sleep each night.

If you routinely lose sleep or choose to sleep less than needed, the sleep loss adds up. The total sleep lost is called your sleep debt. For example, if you lose two hours of sleep each night, you'll have a sleep debt of 14 hours after a week.

Some people nap as a way to deal with sleepiness. Naps may provide a short-term boost in alertness and performance. However, napping doesn't provide all of the other benefits of night-time sleep. Thus, you can't really make up for lost sleep.

How to find the WIPP Family Page

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To find the WIPP Family Page, type wippfamilypage in the address bar of your browser. A new announcements section is added that may have useful information for all of us!

Also on the WIPP Family Page is a link to the current training calendar for those who need to sign up for classes. Photos of the recovery efforts are also being included in the rotating slideshow.