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United Way Campaign Successful!

In our recent United Way campaign Peterson Farms experienced a 263% increase in contributions that totaled more than \$31,000 in contributions from our employees. As a result, the company was selected as the "Gold Industry Leader for Benton County". What an outstanding accomplishment!! In addition, the Petersons Committee received the much coveted President's award. *Members of the committee are pictured here: Saida Rivera, Carlos Briones, Luis Sandoval, Marisela Martinez, Charlene Newell and David Sutton.* Congratulations and thanks to all of our employees for making a heartfelt difference in our community. Together, much is possible!



New Plant Work Schedule!

On March 19, 2007 the processing plant made a major change in its operation schedule. This change was made to meet the current needs of the company. Rather than the current graveyard shift and day shift, we now operate a day shift, followed immediately by an evening shift. Sanitation then works the graveyard hours to clean the plant. **Carlos Briones**, Plant HR Director, is optimistic that this new schedule will be beneficial to most of our employees and improve their quality of life.

New Plant Schedule...

<p><u>Day shift Evisceration schedule</u></p> <p>Days of operation: Mon-Fri. Live dock: 04:51AM Start: 05:00AM Company Break: 07:30AM - 08:00AM Lunch: 10:30AM - 11:00AM End: 2:00PM</p>	<p><u>Night shift Evisceration schedule</u></p> <p>Days of operation: Mon-Fri Live dock: 1:51PM Start: 2:00PM Company Break: 4:30PM - 5:00PM Lunch: 7:30PM - 8:00PM End: 11:00PM</p>
<p><u>Day shift 2nd Processing schedule</u></p> <p>Days of operation: Mon-Fri. Start: 07:00AM Company Break: 9:30AM - 10:00AM Lunch: 12:30PM - 1:00PM End: 4:00PM</p>	<p><u>Night 2nd Processing schedule</u></p> <p>Days of operation: Mon-Fri Start: 4:00PM Company Break: 6:30PM - 7:00PM Lunch: 9:30PM - 10:00PM End: 01:00AM**</p>

**May be required to work past the scheduled end time to meet production requirements.

Employee Anniversaries

25 Years

Judy Holman

15 Years

Roger Jenks

10 Years

Bobby Woods

David Austin

Maria S. Carranza

Jerrie Childers

Mark Nichols

5 Years

Blanca Barrera

Lonnie J. Ross

William L. Grayson

Joseph Gunter

Dennis F. King

Leobardo Regalado

Gina Salazar

1 Year

Abel Aguilar

Luis Alaniz

Johnny Alva

Floyd Smith

Valerie Tenorio-Mendiola

Eleno Tobias

Jose Valadez Jr.

Luis J. Villarreal

Matthew Walker-Slagley

Perla L. Segovia

Clint Smart

Jose Batres-Crispin

Rick Baughman

Lucinda Bazan

Tammy Bernard

Maria Borrego

Rudy Bosquez

Jennifer Bresette

Jinok Briones

Angelica Bustamante

Beverly J. Cantrell

Nicolas Cantu

Linda Coronado

Jesus Cruz-Torres

Jack G. Daugherty

Courtney Dodd

Lorenzo Euresti

Carlos F. Gauna

Agapita t Garcia

Miguel A Garcia

Osmin G. Garcia

Rafael S Garcia

Jose G Gomez

Aquileo Hernandez

Rosa E Hernandez

Samuel Hernandez-Cortez

Sotero Hernandez

Mario R Hutson

Veronica Jimenez-Barragan

Julia J Keener

Trevella A Loyd

Rosa I Lozano

Salomon Maron

Carmen Martinez-Quinones

Manuela Martinez De

Regalado

Yvette Martinez

Erica Meza

Leopoldo P. Mora

Jesus Olivarez

Roberto Perez-Maysonet

Amber Pittman

Sandra Quiroz

Billie J Reece

Ronald G Richardson

Adelita Rios

Shane C. Roberts

Miguel A Rodriguez

Hector R. Rosales

Sergio A Rosales

Douglas Ruiz-Vega

Heriberto Sandoval



Lex Meigs, Feed Mill Manager, presents Clay Taylor, Mill Day Dispatcher, with his 10 Year Certificate. Congratulations Clay!



Jacob Davis, Feed Mill Day Maintenance, received his 1 year Anniversary Certificate from Peterson Farms.



Celebration

Surprise! Rebecca Spencer was touched by the staff's thoughtfulness and Surprise Party. We celebrate with you on the return of your husband, Sgt Jason Spencer, from Iraq.

A terrific celebration was held at the corporate break room for **Rebecca Spencer**, who works in the IT department. The cause was the much-awaited return of her husband, **Sgt Jason Spencer**, from Iraq. He was deployed December 2005 for 15 months. He is in the Charlie Battery, 142nd Field Artillery out of Rogers, Arkansas. His mission was in Security/Military Police in Iraq, just outside of Baghdad.

We celebrated his return with a surprise party for Rebecca. The theme was Red, White, and Blue. **Charlene Newell**, Employee Relations, sang "God Bless America". We are so proud of Rebecca for her steadfastness and her ability to stay positive at work and at home while her husband was at war. Welcome home Sgt Spencer!

RETIREMENTS



Wilma Linn



Phillip Tenney, Plant Superintendent, enjoys a good laugh with Wilma Linn at her 32 years Retirement Party held at the Plant. Wilma Linn displays the beautiful watch she received..

Wilma Linn was honored recently at a retirement party after 32 years with Peterson Farms. Her husband, **Dale** (from Hatchery 4) and youngest son, **Willie Christie** attended, along with Wilma's sisters, **Marsha Miegs** and **Sherry Wakefield**, and many other friends and co-workers. Wilma's 4 brothers and 5 sisters have all worked for Petersons at one time or another. They truly are a "Peterson Family!"

Everyone enjoyed the beautiful cake, along with Wilma's sense of humor and terrific smile. Wilma enjoys going to the casino, so her cake pictured a pair of dice. **Phillip Tenney**, from the plant awarded her a beautiful retirement watch, a certificate of appreciation, some chocolate roses and a red motorized toy car (she often mentioned she really wanted a car). **Linda Waeltz** also presented her with a lovely tablecloth that was handmade by Wilma's fellow employee and friend, **Helen Perez**. We all enjoyed the surprises and camaraderie. Wilma plans to stay busy attending her grandchildren's sports and working in her garden. The love of family is of the utmost importance to her. We will sure miss you Wilma – Happy Retirement!

Frances Keenom



A Peterson Family! Frances Keenom with daughter, Trish Smith and son, Jamie Keenom celebrate Frances' Retirement Party.

Sometimes we don't realize the importance of a particular job, but at Petersons, every job has a purpose. **Robert Smith**, R&D Manager, described Frances Keenom's position as vital for Bio-Security purposes; "She washed 150-200 coveralls daily in a certain way, disinfected them and folded them properly. Her memory was phenomenal. She knew everyone's size and their place for pickup. Frances cared about everyone and treated them as her own children. Likewise, we treated her as our "grandma". Many times, we would just go visit her for the simple pleasure of being around her. We were lucky to have her and we will miss her."

Frances has two children that work at Petersons, **Trish Smith** (IT Department) and **Jamie Keenom** (Plant Maintenance). A retirement party was held in her honor at the R&D department for her 11 years of dedicated service. **Derrick Auffet**, Vaccination Manager, presented Frances with a beautiful retirement watch and a gift certificate. The cake was awesome! You will be missed Frances. We wish you a wonderful retirement!

Babies... Welcome to the world!

Grady Warren Caldwell. Born February 5, 2007 at 8:55 am to **Kristi** (Credit Dept-Corporate) and **Brian Caldwell.** He weighed 7#1oz and 19 inches in length. Congratulations Kristi! You should be proud, he is a handsome one!!

Kade Weston Cheney. Born January 10, 2007 at 1:22 pm to **Kathy Cheney** (Director of Quality & Technical Services) and Tommy Cheney. He weighed 7#12oz and 20 1/2 inches in length. Kade joins brother, Trapper, and sister, Savannah. We are excited to see if he has his mama's beautiful auburn hair. Congratulations Kathy! Welcome little one!



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