

Old Ben Coal team places ninth in national mine rescue contest

A team from the Old Ben Coal Co. at Benton took ninth place in the National Mine Rescue Contest held Sept. 24 and 25 in Louisville, Ky.

The Red Team from Old Ben, trained by Old Ben Manager of Corporate Safety E.B. Layne, took ninth place in the national event and received the Illinois Governor's Trophy as the top team from the state.

By placing ninth among the 112 teams, the Old Ben squad broke a string of 53 consecutive years in which an Illinois team did not place high in the standings.

Members of the Old Ben Red Team are Phillip W. Long, captain, Richard Helcher, Harry Wilcox, Steve Willis, Jack Logsdon, Gary Brandon, Bruce Harris and Jerry Conner.

The contest is held once very two years, sponsored by the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration, in cooperation with the United Mine Workers, the coal companies, the Department of Mines and Minerals and the Mine Rescue Association.

The contest includes a two-hour mine emergency problem, a one-hour emergency problem and a first aid contest.

The National Mine Corporation team from Pineville, W. Va., won the two-hour problem, the Leeco Team from London, Ky., the one-hour problem, and the Pyron Mine Co. team from Sturgis, Ky., the first aid contest. The combination trophy was won by Emergy Mining corp. team from Huntington, Utah.

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authorized Water and Sewer Commissioner Earvin Simpson to install a \$4,500 device at the sewage treatment plant to make use of methane gas produced during the treatment process.

Zoning changes were granted to allow Guy Reed to place a mobile home on Burkett Street and Ralph Smith to have unrestricted use of his land east of Benton.

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