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Energy West teams win rescue contests

Honing the skills that may be needed one day to save lives, Energy West Mining Co.'s two mine safety and rescue teams took top honors in recent competitions.

At the National Mine Rescue, First Aid and Benchman Competition Sept. 9-12, the company's Blue Team placed first overall. This national competition is held every year in Louisville, Ky. In other events, the Blue Team took third in the first-aid portion and ninth in the mine rescue event. They competed against more than 80 other teams from across the country.

The Silver Team competed Aug. 29-30 in the Southern W. Va. Mine Rescue, First Aid and Bench Contest, taking first-place overall honors and second place awards in the first aid and mine rescue events.

Energy West Mine Co., a subsidiary of PacifiCorp of Portland, Ore., operates the Cottonwood and Deer Creek underground coal mines in Emery County, which supply fuel to Utah Power's Hunter and Huntington power plants nearby. Utah Power is a division of PacifiCorp Electric Operations.

"Our two mine rescue teams have traditionally done very well in these competitions," said Dave Lauriski, director of health, safety and training at Energy West. "We're proud of their accomplishments and the work they do to stay prepared to deal with an emergency."

While team members typically enjoy these competitions, Lauriski said they serve a vital purpose: to hone rescue and first aid skills for a time when they may be needed for real.

Blue Team members are: Jim Behling, captain; Darrell Stewart, Forrest Adison, Russ Labrum, Robert Davis, Harold Sorensen, Merrill Jewkes and Harman Nava.

Silver Team members are: Gary Christensen, captain; Lloyd Huntington, Ray Guymon, Rudy Madrigal, Gordon Larsen, Steve Crawley and Robert Hill.

In the mine rescue competition, a simulated mine layout is sketched onto a field, complete with simulated hazards and "victims." Each team is given information about the disaster and the victims. The goal of each team is to explore the mine, account for missing miners and rescue the living victims.

Other competition elements test the ability of team members to solve first aid problems quickly and correctly. Also, the skill of the benchman, who troubleshoots problems with mine rescue breathing equipment, is tested.

Results of these individual elements are added together to produce a combined score.

OBITUARIES

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Maria Fazzio Perri

Maria Giuseppa Fazzio Perri, age 97, died Sept. 18, 1991 at Price.

Born May 23, 1894 in Decollatura, Italy, daughter of Rosario Fazzio and Filomena Bonacci. Married Dominic Perri March 1, 1910 at Sunnyside; he died Feb. 8, 1965. Member of the Catholic Church, St. Anthony Altar Society. Resident of Spring Glen since 1908. Member Sorrella D'America, Italian Lodge. A mother of four generations, the love she shared with them is an inspiration to all.

Survived by four sons, three daughters and spouses, Bill and Francis Perri, Tony and Ann Perri, all spring Glen; Ross and Emida Perri, Helper; Venice (Vannie) Lami, Florence and John Buckovich, Emma and Tony Beacco, all Price; Mike and Ellen Perri, Green River, Wyo.; daughter-in-law, Irene Perri, Spring Glen; 18 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; one brother and four sisters, Joseph Fazzio, Theresa Ori, Vera Marston, Filomena Bonacci, all Spring Glen; and Martha Lacey, Castle Dale. Preceded in death by her parents; children, Angelo, Domenic, Peter and Viola; two brothers and one sister.

Funeral Mass was Saturday at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial at Mt. View Cemetery at Helper. In lieu of flowers family suggest contributions to Notre Dame Regional School, Price, Utah 84501.

Gladys Abernathy

Gladys Mae Abernathy, loving mother, grandmother and friend passed away Sept. 17, 1991 at Salt Lake City.

Born June 30, 1917 in Marshall, Minnesota the second eldest daughter of John Arthur and Enda Isabell Rask. She married Ray Abernathy in the courthouse at Eureka, Utah. She was preceded in death by her husband, a sister, Gloria, and parents.

Survivors include her sister, Mrs. Joe (Thelma) Sacramanno, Helper; son, Gerald W. Abernathy, Salt Lake City; four grandchildren, Steve, Tucson, Ariz.; Lori, Boise, Id.; John, Santa Barbara, Calif.; and Jennifer, Livermore, Calif.

Funeral services were Saturday, Sept. 21, at Larkin Mortuary Chapel. Burial, Salt Lake City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, family requests a donation to: National ALS association (through Cindy Whitehead), 1st Security Band, 381 East Broadway, SLC, UT 84111.

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