

National Mine Rescue Contest Set This Weekend

The Labor Department's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) will hold its biannual National Mine Rescue and First Aid Contest for the coal mining industry on September 15, 16 and 17 at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, Louisville.

The 1987 contest will be the 31st in the history of the coal mining industry. The first was held in Pittsburgh in 1911, with President William H. Taft in attendance.

The contest, known as the "World Series of Safety," will

put the top mine rescue and first aid teams of the mining industry against each other to select the finest teams in the nation. The contest's purpose is both to sharpen the skills of all of the teams that may be called upon to locate and remove injured miners after a mine accident and to select the most effective mine-rescue team in the industry. An individual contest for "benchman" also will be held to test skills in maintaining and repairing equipment used by mine-rescue teams.

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contests, 20 teams will be selected for the finals, and from these teams the champion team will be chosen. For both the first aid teams and the benchman, one test will determine the winner.

Participants will pay entry fees to help defray the costs of the contest which are shared with MSHA. The fees are: mine rescue contest --\$400; first aid contest--\$200; the benchman's contest--\$100.

More than 1,000 contestants are expected to enter the various competitions. Winning teams in each category will receive trophies, to be presented at a banquet after the contest. Other awards donated by MSHA, the states and equipment manufacturers include a \$5,000 scholarship presented by the Ansul Corporation, manufacturer of fire-suppression equipment. MSHA and state mine safety agencies will provide the judges.

J. D. Brendon, District Manager, District 10, Madisonville, Mine Safety and Health Administration announced that Western Kentucky will be well represented by the following teams: Peabody Coal Company, Camp Complex Team A and Team B of Morganfield, Peabody Eastern Division's Blue Team and Grey Team, Graham, and Pyro Mining Company's Team, Sturgis, all of which are combination teams which participate in both Mine Rescue and First Aid Contests. A newcomer this year is Webster County Coal Corporation's Retiki Team, Henderson, which is participating in Mine Rescue. These teams have won National honors in the past and are expected to repeat again this year.

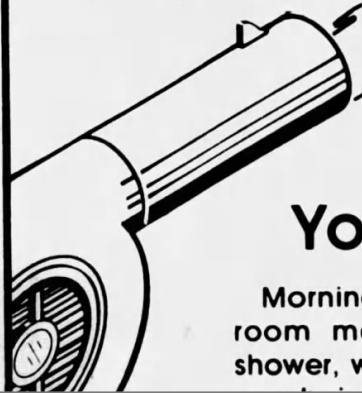
HOMECOMING AT NEW HOPE SUNDAY

The annual homecoming at New Hope Church near Slaughters will be held Sunday, September 10. There will be an all day service and potluck dinner.

The Turner Family from Owensboro will be the featured singers in the afternoon.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Morning rush hour in your bathroom may seem routine. You shower, wash your face and dry



Proudly displaying the Scotia team's runner-up trophy are, front row from left, Mike Halcomb, Dale Jackson, John Richardson, Mike Sparks, (back row) trainer Ronnie Biggerstaff, Blue Diamond mine manager Everett Kelly, Mike Pease, Bob Childers, Randy Watts and Joey Yonts.

Scotia Mine rescue team second in national meet

Years of hard work has finally paid dividends to a Letcher County mine rescue team.

The team representing Blue Diamond Mining Co.'s Scotia Mine at Ovenfork finished second last week in a national mine rescue contest held in Louisville. The team finished first in statewide competition held as part of the same event.

Scotia finished in front of 96 other teams from across the country. Ironically, just one week earlier Scotia beat the team it finished behind — Jewell Smokeless of Vansant, Va. — in the Big Sandy Mining Institute contest in Floyd County.

The national contest was held over three days inside the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. Scotia qualified as a top 20 finalist by scoring perfect in one of the two 49-team opening rounds.

Scotia was declared the Kentucky champion because it finished in

front of all the state's other teams during the national competition.

The Louisville contest was the Super Bowl of mine rescue competition for 1987, and marked the end of competition for the season.

For the year, Scotia competed in eight contests and finished in the top three trophy positions seven times.

Team trainer Ronnie Biggerstaff said the second-place finish was a huge reward for a season of hard work.

"It makes it all worth it," he said. "What are the odds of beating 97 of the nation's best teams?"

Biggerstaff said the size of the crowds attending the contest "was unreal."

In addition to Biggerstaff, members of the Scotia team are Bob Childers, Mike Halcomb, Dale Jackson, Mike Pease, John

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Accompanying the team to the contest were Blue Diamond Mines manager Everett Kelly and Blue Diamond safety director Frank Durbin.

Competition between mine rescue teams will begin again next May.

The contests are conducted in simulated coal mines. Teams are graded on how quickly and accurately they are able to recover victims of a mock mining disaster.

UP&L mine rescue team takes fourth

The Utah Power and Light Mining Division B-Team, Huntington, placed fourth in the First Aid Competition part of the National Mine Rescue Contest held in Louisville, Ky. in September.

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The Jewell Smokeless Coal Corp. A-Team, Vansant, Va. won first place in the competition's Mine Rescue Contest.

In placing fourth, the Utah team received a near-perfect score in the five-problem test

with only four points deducted. Only one point separated it from the second and third place teams which were tied with three points off, and the first place Peabody Coal Co. Eastern Div. Blue Team, which missed a perfect score by one point. The last place team had 59 points deducted.

Other top finishers in the first aid competition were: Pyro Mining Co. "Pyro" Team, Sturgis, Ky. (2nd); Peabody Coal Co. Camp Complex Team-B, Morganfield, Ky. (3rd); and Peabody Coal Co. Robin Hood Team, Twilight, W. Va. (5th).

Drunk Driving

-More than 40 percent of all teenage deaths result from motor vehicle crashes-more than half of these involve drinking.

Peabody Wins First In First Aid Contest

The Jewell Smokeless Coal Corp. A-Team, Vansant, Va., placed first in the 31st biennial National Mine Rescue Contest held in Louisville, and the Peabody Coal Co., Eastern Division Blue Team, Graham, Ky., won first place in the competition's First Aid Contest.

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The winning Jewell Smokeless team, composed of six members and two alternates, received a near-perfect score, based on its skill in safely and efficiently locating and rescuing "victims" of a simulated mine disaster under "hazardous" conditions, and on results of a written test on rescue procedures.

Other top finishers in the mine rescue competition were: (2nd) Blue Diamond Coal Co., Scotia, Cumberland, Ky.; (3rd) Peabody Coal Co., Eastern Division Gray Team, Graham, Ky.; (4th) Amax Coal Co., Wabash Mine Gray Team, Keensburg, Ill.; and (5th) Leeco, Inc. Leeco Team, London, Ky.

Following the winning Peabody Coal Co. team, the order of finish in the first aid contest was (2nd) Pyro Mining Co. "Pyro" Team, Sturgis, Ky.; (3rd) Peabody Coal Co., Camp Complex Team (B), Morganfield, Ky.; (4th) Utah Power and Light B Team, Huntington, Utah; and (5th) Peabody Coal Co., Robin Hood Team, Twilight, W. Va.

The total scores of teams in both the mine rescue contest and the first aid contest were added to provide a Combination Team Contest. Top company in this contest was Peabody Coal Co., Eastern Division Blue Team, Graham, Ky., followed by Peabody Coal Co., Camp Complex Team (B) and Peabody Coal Co., Eastern Division Gray Team, Graham, Ky.

Team is fourth in mine rescue

Amax Coal Co., Wabash Mine at Keensburg's Gray Team placed fourth in the 31st biennial National Mine Rescue Contest in Louisville, Ky.

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Each of the winning teams received trophies, Congressional medallions, and other awards, while the winning team received a \$5,000 scholarship which may be used by one or members of the team or the children of the miners.

National mine rescue

Local teams competing

Coal mine rescue teams from Colorado, Utah and Wyoming are competing in the 31st bi-annual National Mine Rescue and First Aid Contest for the coal mining industry now through Friday at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, Louisville, Ky.

Teams from MSHA District 9 which are competing are: Carbon County Coal Company, Hanna, Wyo., Carbon #1/Rescue Raiders; Cyprus Plateau Mining Company, Price, Star Point #2/Plateau Orange; Cyprus-Empire Energy Corp., Craig, Colo., Eagle #5/Gold; Utah Power and Light Mining Div., Huntington, Wilberg, Deer Creek and Cottonwood/A & B teams.

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Downtown business association dance to raise Christmas funds

In an effort to raise funds for thier annual Christmas program, the Price Downtown Business Association is sponsoring an alley dance Saturday evening.

The dance will be held in the parking lot between 100 West and Carbon Avenue behind Main Street businesses on the south side of the street.

Dancing to the music of Night

Vision will begin at 8 p.m. and run until midnight. Cost of the dance will be \$5 per person.

The Downtown Business Association every Christmas season sponsors various programs beginning with Santa Claus on the day after Thanksgiving. This dance will be to provide funds for those holiday programs.