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MSHA Announces 2016 National Mine Rescue Competition Winners

Winners. Mine rescue teams in 2016 national mine rescue competition.

ARLINGTON, Va. — A team from Central, Nev.-Mexico, bested 35 teams from 16 states nationwide to finish first at the 2016 National Metal and Nonmetal Mine Rescue Contest in Reno, Nevada.

This year's winner, the Youngs Valley Mine's "Blue Team," beat second-place finisher, Vicksburg, Miss.-Alabama's "Blue Team" from Bartlett, Miss., and Nevada Mining's "Caitlin Team" from Central, Nev., which finished on the top three at the four-day event held in Reno, July 25-28, 2016.

Co-hosted by the U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration and the Nevada Mining Association, mine rescue competitions prove the readiness of teams and their individual members' emergency response skills and testing their knowledge in a series of simulated emergency scenarios, such as a mine fire, explosion or rock collapse.

Rockley, West Virginia.

At the 2016 event, Newsum Mining Corp.'s "Caitlin Team" from Elko, Nevada, finished in first place in the final competition. The winners also went to Doc Roe Company's "Grey Team" from Vicksburg, Miss., and Blarick Gold's "Tennessee" Regulatory" from Goldens, Nevada.

In the technical team competition, and Morton Salt's "Team Texas" from Grand Saline, Texas in the team rescue competition.

Newsum Mining's "Caitlin Team" finished first in overall standings.

In the field competition, five member teams are required to search and account for all missing miners following simulated mine rescue procedures. The two-man technical team must remove their multi-gas and self-contained breathing apparatuses in a proper working condition. In the final competition, teams must be prepared to deal with medical emergency techniques, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation and control of bleeding, as well as the treatment of physical shock, wounds, burns and musculoskeletal injuries. The team trainer test consists of multiple-choice and true/false questions.

GIRDNER CHURCH

Janice Pierce

This last week we lost a couple that will be missed by so many. Heaven has surely gained some good ones. Bernice Huchison, went to be with the Lord Thursday evening. Ruth Wickman, went to be with the Lord on Friday. Please remember my sister, Lena Mae, she will miss Bernice so much. Remember Ruth's family as well, it is never easy giving up our loved ones, even though we know their eternal home is so much better than this world. Still missing those who aren't feeling like coming to church with different health issues. I believe Naomi Stephens is back in the rest home for a Bill Dohls is doing better and out in a room now. Let's all pray remember him in prayer for a quick recovery and he will get to some home soon. Today I spoke with a gentleman on the phone and he said his health wasn't good, another obstacle he had to go through. He knows the Lord, it is a good Christian man. However, I would like everyone to remember this gentleman, God knows who he is & He knows his needs. My prayer is for God to be ever so close to him and bless him with some healing power that only God can give, and be so never present in his life.

Our Bible School was well attended this last week. They said they had from 32-44 kids attending each night with 10-15 adults helping each night. Our teens were great to come out and help as well, with games and going to classes with the Bible class. Our men & women cooked some great meals each night and were enjoyed and appreciated by all. The ones who put forth all the efforts to put our Bible school all together, were rewarded greatly when 7 of the kids expressed their love for their hearts to Jesus during Bible school. The best news yet! Our Bible school program Sunday night was well attended by Monica, Deb, Grandparents and friends. 2 of the 7 kids actually went to the altar that night so we had some happy parents and grandparents that night. God is so blessing us at Girdner! Monday evening, they had a pizza party at the pavilion and swimming party at the pool for our after Bible school fun time. Today, the teen class, with their teachers and a couple other adults took the teens to Brownson to have some fellowship and fun with parents and I'm not sure what else I do think it is important for our kids to be with one another and learn to fellowship with each other. This is our very first church here in those teens, and I feel they are in good hands with this group, leading them in the ways God would have them be. I can't say enough, how much I appreciate those who take the time to work with the kids.

Sunday our message was from Ephesians 4:1-6. Dealing with "baggage" Sin. Marlene brought this out so good. She said we need to recognize we have baggage, and be willing to get rid of it. In the 31st verse it names some things we must put away: Bitterness, wrath, anger, and clamor; a evil speaking. As Christians we must put these away, honor this "baggage." We are his ambassadors, we represent God to all those we see each and everyday. We must forgive freely, forgive fully, and forgive finally. (Is not something we need to forgive someone for and then the next time they are a little shaky we pick that old wound up and want to lash it over again, we gotta forgive finally, never to be thought on again. I have said before, I am so thankful God forgave me of my sin, never to be remembered by him again! In verse 32, it says, "Love as God for Christ's sake love him again!" Our sin has been erased and made clean! Is that not a wonderful thought and promise! Hope everyone had a great week, and may God truly bless each and everyone.



The Douglas County Community Foundation presented a check Tuesday evening to the Douglas County Fire Chief's Association in the amount of \$400 to pay the association's expenses in becoming a not-for-profit tax-exempt organization. Accepting the check on behalf of the Association were Chris Hammett and Mike Carter (center). Representing the Community Foundation are (at left) Judge Elizabeth Book, Betty Ridenour and Janice Lorman; and at right, Jennifer Horn and Darryl Lettinger.

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First Ladies of America

Few first ladies have been so misrepresented in history as Eliza Johnson for over a century. She was dismissed as a sickly woman who lived as a recluse in the White House.

Contemporary research, however, shows that Mrs. Johnson, who suffered from tuberculosis, played an active if limited social role in the White House and steadfastly assisted President Johnson during the difficult days of his impeachment.

Mrs. Johnson was the first of the five first ladies born into poverty. Her father was a cobbler and an innkeeper in Greeneville, Tenn. Her mother insisted she go to school, and some evidence suggests she continued to attend Rice Academy after she married.

The love of learning remained with her throughout her life, and she made certain her daughters, just as her sons, were well educated.

Andrew Johnson had also grown up in poverty. He had no formal education, having been apprenticed to a tailor at age 10. The Johnsons met when he came to Greeneville looking for work. Six months later, when Johnson opened a tailor shop, they married. He was 18, and she was 16, the youngest married of all the first ladies.

In some accounts, Mrs. Johnson reportedly taught her young husband to read, write, and speak well in public; in others, she is credited with building upon his education and refining his rhetorical skills. Whatever her role, Johnson credited his wife with making him a well-educated man.

Andrew Johnson Administration, 1865-1869

Throughout his career, she clipped newspaper articles she thought he should read. When her husband was sworn in as vice president in March 1865, Mrs. Johnson, now ill with tuberculosis, did not attend President Lincoln's assassination the following month filled her with great fear for her husband's life. She arrived at the White House four months after President Johnson took the Oath of Office.

Because of her precarious health, Mrs. Johnson asked her daughters to assist with her duties as first lady. Mrs. Johnson supervised, entertained at formal White House dinners, and received heads of state, but she did not make public appearances.

During her tenure as first lady, Mrs. Johnson ordered that African-American servants in the White House receive financial aid and medical care, and she publicly raised funds in a campaign to build a large orphanage in South Carolina for children left without parents during the Civil War.

Several members of the Johnsons' immediate family, including five grandchildren, lived with them in the White House. Mrs. Johnson's sitting room became the center of family life. She frequently spent time with the President, especially when he was angry or upset by the day's events. She exerted some influence on Johnson's decisions, followed the impeachment proceedings carefully, and felt great relief when he was not convicted.

Mrs. Johnson occupied the White House during the tumultuous time when the country was recovering from years of civil war and bloodshed. She met obligations graciously, in spite of debilitating illness. To Mrs. Johnson, returning to her home in Greeneville at the conclusion of her tenure as first lady was a blessing.

Eliza McCordle Johnson

Born: October 4, 1810, in Leesburg, Tennessee
Education: The Academy, Greeneville, Tennessee
Marriage: 1827 to Andrew Johnson
Children: Martha (1828-1901); Charles (1830-83); Mary (1832-83); Robert (1834-69); Andrew, Jr. (1852-69)
Died: January 15, 1876, in Greeneville, Tennessee

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