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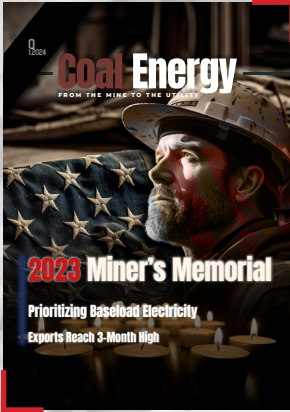
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LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER



Dear Esteemed Readers,

As we kick off Issue 1, 2024 of **Coal Energy**, it is with a heavy heart and utmost respect that we honor the memory of our beloved coal miners who have tragically passed away while serving in our industry. Our feature for this issue focuses on the 2023 coal miners memorial, a solemn tribute to those whose unwavering dedication and sacrifice will forever be etched in the annals of our industry. **Coal Energy's** most significant honor annually is to pay tribute to the fallen miners who have given their all in the pursuit of powering our world. Their legacy lives on in the hard work

and resilience of every individual who continues this noble tradition.

We extend our deepest appreciation to the sponsors of this section, whose generosity and support have made this memorial possible. Their contributions have helped us create a meaningful tribute that reverberates with the values of solidarity, remembrance, and progress.

In addition to honoring our fallen miners, we are pleased to announce that **Coal Energy** has updated its membership lists for the major coal associations, reflecting our commitment to fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing within the industry. We believe that by strengthening these connections, we can collectively work towards a sustainable and prosperous future for all stakeholders.

To our loyal readers, we express our sincerest gratitude for your continued support and engagement with our publication. Your feedback and dedication inspire us to strive for excellence in every issue we bring to you.

Last but certainly not least, we extend a warm thank you to our advertisers, whose partnership and trust have been instrumental in enabling us to deliver high-quality content and valuable insights

to our readers. Your support is invaluable, and we look forward to continued collaboration in the future.

As we embark on this new chapter of **Coal Energy**, let us remember the past with reverence, embrace the present with purpose, and march towards the future with determination.

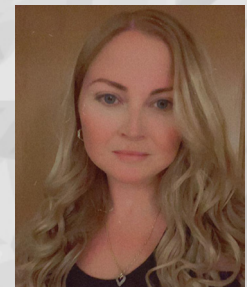
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Mission:

The NMA's mission is to build support for public policies that will help Americans fully and responsibly benefit from our abundant natural resources. Our objective is to engage in and influence the public process on the most significant and timely issues that impact mining's ability to safely and sustainably locate, permit, mine, transport and utilize the nation's vast resources.

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- Promoting the safe production and use of coal and mineral resources
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Prioritize Baseload Electricity; NOT ALL ENERGY SOURCES CREATED EQUAL

Philosophers refer to the chasing of unrealistic dreams as “building castles in the air.” To be sure, there is a place for dreams, but they must be built on the firm foundation of reality. With each passing day, it becomes more evident that renewable energy sources are not able to provide the reliable, affordable energy our nation and world requires. The promises that they can also continue to crumble to dust.

Every winter and summer peak season, our traditional baseload power generation facilities — coal, natural gas, and nuclear — are inevitably asked to step up and meet the increased demand. Were those dispatchable sources not available, the harsh reality is we would face widespread shortages and possible grid failure.

Our political leaders refuse to face this reality in spite of all the warning signs. Instead, they continue to build our economic house on the sands of irrationality and their perceived constituents' preference.

During this winter's outbreak of extremely cold weather across the Mid-Atlantic, the

nation's remaining coal-fired power plants were called upon yet again to come to the rescue of the Carolinas' grid, increasing their generation by 172% to keep the lights on and heat available.

During the cold snap, coal-fired electric generation increased 63% in eastern and New England states. The increase in coal power allowed power to continue flowing at reasonable prices and allowed electricity to be supplied to chronically power-short neighboring regions and grid operators. Nationally, coal-fired generation increased 43% during this time, providing an additional 41,000-megawatt hours of electricity to a strained national power grid.

What would have happened had those coal-fired power plants not been available to shoulder the load? The cold hard truth is that the nation's electric grid would likely have collapsed, resulting in needless and unspeakable human tragedy.

This isn't the first time this has happened. Each year that passes, the numbers of these critical events grow as traditional power plants

are forced to retire. These events serve as stark reminders of the significant importance of prioritizing traditional baseload energy sources over renewables in ensuring grid stability and in meeting the ever-growing energy needs of society.

To be clear, there is nothing wrong with developing renewable sources, but we must recognize their limitations. Supporters claim these technologies are a panacea — enabling us to mitigate climate change and achieve energy independence. The reality, however, is far from a panacea. It is, instead, the Sirens' call, leading us to disaster.

One of the primary challenges associated with wind and solar power is their intermittent nature. Unlike traditional baseload sources like coal, natural gas, and nuclear, which provide consistent and predictable electricity output, renewable sources are heavily dependent on weather conditions. Wind turbines require a steady breeze, and solar panels need sunlight to generate electricity. These conditions are not constant, though, and can fluctuate unpredictably, leading to dramatic variability in energy production.

The intermittency of renewable energy poses significant challenges for grid operators working to maintain grid stability. Fluctuations in supply strain the grid as well as baseload-generation units, leading to potential brownouts and blackouts.

Another critical consideration related to the intermittent nature of renewable sources is that it can lead to market distortions and volatility in electricity prices. During periods of high renewable output, electricity prices may plummet, impacting the profitability of traditional baseload generators and potentially undermining their financial viability. Periods of low renewable output — summer heat often comes with less wind, and winter cold is usually accompanied by cloudy conditions that reduce both solar output and wind generation — result in skyrocketing prices for the electricity available.

In contrast, traditional baseload sources benefit from economies of scale and established infrastructure, resulting in relatively stable and predictable operating costs. While concerns about carbon emissions and environmental externalities exist, advancements in clean-coal technologies and carbon capture and storage offer pathways to reduce the environmental impact of traditional baseload generation.

Furthermore, traditional baseload sources contribute to energy security by reducing dependence on intermittent renewable sources and imported energy. Maintaining a diversity of

energy sources — including coal, natural gas, nuclear, and hydroelectric power — enhances energy resilience and reduces vulnerability to supply disruptions or geopolitical tensions. Recent blackouts, brownouts, and energy shortages have served as stark reminders of the need to prioritize traditional baseload energy sources over the vulnerable, unreliable renewables. The reliability, resilience, and energy security provided by traditional baseload sources are indispensable for ensuring grid stability and meeting the energy needs of society, especially during periods of high demand or adverse weather conditions.

While renewable energy plays a crucial role in decarbonizing the energy sector, its intermittent nature and dependence on weather patterns necessitate a more balanced approach that prioritizes the dispatch of traditional baseload sources into the energy mix. By recalibrating priorities and embracing a diversified energy portfolio, policymakers can safeguard grid reliability, enhance resilience, create more predictable and affordable pricing for the consumer, and ensure energy security for generations to come.

Dreams may someday become reality, but we must always be aware that dreams not bound by reality can turn into nightmares. Let's make a concerted effort to save our fossil-based plants from their continued retirements and use them to benefit our society.



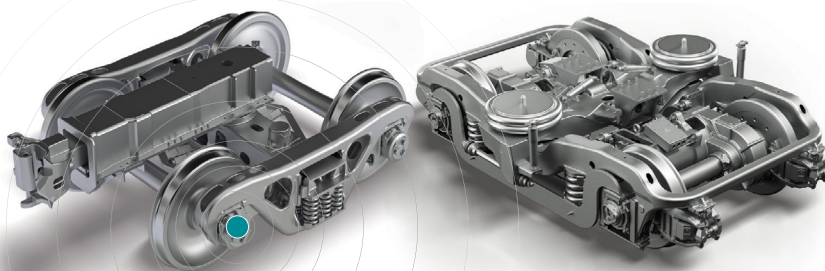
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American Coal Council rebrands **“We Are the American Coal Council, Proud to Be American, Proud to Be Coal”**

WASHINGTON — The American Coal Council has unveiled a rebrand that emphasizes that coal has and continues to be a keystone feature in the American success story. Coal is a symbol of industry, production, prosperity, and innovation. Coal has a significant past, present and a future — an environmentally-sound future based on innovative solutions, advanced use cases and technological advances.

Central to the rebrand is the ACC’s new logo, which features a multi-layered, three-colored triangle that represents the organization’s upward movement while highlighting its commitment to the environmental sustainability of our planet and the economic viability of coal.



“The logo symbolizes harmony, continuity, cohesiveness, motion, synergy and resourcefulness,” said CEO Emily Arthun, “and the simple, bold logo font represents our strength, durability, resolve, determination, notability and timelessness.”

The rebrand also encompasses the establishment of the Council’s Five Pillars, which are the building blocks required for the organization to solidify coal’s stake in an evolving global market. They include:

- **Serve Our Members, Stakeholders & Communities**

Support the supply chain with relevant educational options to promote viability and engage with all constituents to build a prosperous future for the industry.

- **Champion Rigorous, Full Value-Chain Support**

Ensure sustainability along the ecosystem to ensure and encourage progress in coal communities as they fight for sustainable, family-supportive employment.

- **Promote Ongoing Viability & Sustainability**

Foster responsible business methods via innovation while preserving the industry’s heritage by working in harmony with viable energy supply chains and local governments while achieving the

industry’s potential.

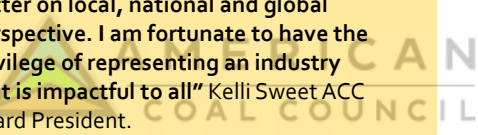
- **Advocate Awareness, Education & Policy**

Advocate for the industry and build the supply chain via facts and data in the face of inaccuracies and collaborate to educate, promote and preserve its place as a cornerstone of our nation’s economy for the industry’s various stakeholders.

- **Encourage Advancements, Innovation & Cooperation**

Build a future where coal maintains its integral role in a broad global economy while facilitating data-based solutions to issues and investing in modern methods of production while inspiring continued innovation.

“The rebranding further demonstrates that coal is a valuable commodity impacting our daily lives for the better on local, national and global perspective. I am fortunate to have the privilege of representing an industry that is impactful to all” Kelli Sweet ACC Board President.



Hallador Energy restructures Sunrise Coal Division



Hallador Energy Co. has announced a restructuring of its Sunrise Coal Division, designed to strengthen its financial and operational efficiency and create significant operational savings and higher margins.

Brent Bilsland, Hallador's CEO, commented: **"As we transition Hallador from a coal production company to a vertically integrated independent power producer, we will idle production at our higher cost Freelandville and Prosperity Mines, reduce our capital reinvestment for coal production in 2024 by approximately US\$10 million, and focus our seven units of underground equipment on four units of our lowest cost production. We will further improve the cost structure of these units by increasing their run time from five and a half days per week to seven days per week. We expect our coal production to generate 4.5 million t annually."**

As part of the initiative the company will reduce its workforce by approximately 110 employees. The workforce reduction will be based on job category and personal performance ratings and will primarily affect Sunrise Coal employees.

"We value the contribution of all of our employees and recognise that these actions, while the right thing to do for the company, are also very hard for many of our employees and their families," Bilsland continued.

"We are very excited about the future of Hallador – especially our Hallador Power subsidiary. We continue to see strong demand for capacity and energy in future years and a growing interest from our customers to secure longer term opportunities," Bilsland concluded.

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Alliance Resource Partners reports record FY23 revenue and net income

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Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. has reported financial and operating results for the quarter and full year ended 31 December 2023. This release includes comparisons of results to the quarter and year ended 31 December 2022, as well as the quarter ended 30 September 2023.

FY23 saw total revenues increase US\$146.7 million to a record US\$2.6 billion primarily due to higher coal sales revenues. Coal sales prices and coal sales revenues during the FY23 were higher by 8.6% and 5.1%, respectively, compared to FY22. Increased revenues and lower income tax expense were partially offset by higher total operating expenses in FY23, resulting in record net income of US\$630.1 million, or US\$4.81 per basic and diluted limited partner unit, for FY23, compared to US\$586.2 million, or US\$4.39 per basic and diluted limited partner unit, for FY22, a 7.5% increase.

Total revenues in the 2023 Quarter decreased to US\$625.4 million compared to US\$704.2 million for the 2022 Quarter primarily as a result of lower coal and oil & gas prices and reduced coal sales volumes, partially offset by record oil & gas royalty volumes and higher transportation and other revenues. Lower revenues and higher total operating expenses reduced net income for the 2023 Quarter to US\$115.4 million, or US\$0.88 per basic and diluted limited partner

unit, compared to US\$216.9 million, or US\$1.63 per basic and diluted limited partner unit, for the 2022 Quarter. EBITDA for the 2023 Quarter was US\$185.4 million compared to US\$296.9 million in the 2022 Quarter.

Compared to the sequential quarter, total revenues in the 2023 Quarter decreased 1.7% primarily as a result of lower average coal sales prices of US\$60.60/t sold compared to US\$64.94/t sold in the sequential quarter, partially offset by higher coal sales volumes, which increased 1.9% to 8.6 million tons sold in the 2023 Quarter. Lower revenues and higher total operating expenses contributed to a reduction in net income and EBITDA of 24.9% and 18.5%, respectively, compared to the sequential quarter.

Joseph W. Craft III, Chairman, President and CEO, comments:

“For the 2023 Full Year, we once again delivered record revenues and net income, relying upon the strength of our well-contracted coal order book and the resilience of the entire ARLP team who persevered through volatile market challenges and difficult mining conditions.

“Our strategic relationships with our long-standing customers were evident in the

2023 Quarter as we contracted an additional 12.0 million t for domestic deliveries over the 2024 through 2028 time period at attractive, escalating prices, bringing our committed and priced order book for 2024 to over 90% of expected shipments.

“We believe the worst of the adverse geological conditions, which delayed development of a new district at Mettiki, idling the long-wall there for essentially the entire second half of FY23, are behind us. With the long-wall at Mettiki resuming production in late December 2023, we are expecting production in 1Q24, for our Appalachia operations, to compare favourably to 1Q23.

“Our Oil & Gas Royalty business completed US\$24.8 million in oil & gas mineral interest acquisitions during the 2023 Quarter and US\$110.9 million for FY23, resulting in record BOE volumes. We plan to continue allocating capital to grow this business line in 2024. Combining the stability of our heavily contracted coal order book with continued growth in our Oil & Gas Royalty business, we are well-positioned for another record year of revenues in 2024.”

CONSOL ENERGY RECEIVES ROBERT E MURRAY AWARD AT SME 2024



Thousands of mining professionals gathered in Phoenix for the annual conference of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME).

The theme of the keynote session was Energy is Everything and it kicked off with a video from CONSOL Energy's NotSoFast campaign, followed by a presentation from Alex Epstein, an advocate for continued fossil fuel use.

Epstein moderated a panel discussion that included Bradford Crabtree, assistant secretary for the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management; Jimmy Brock, CEO, CONSOL Energy; and Jimmy Staton, president and CEO, Santee Cooper.

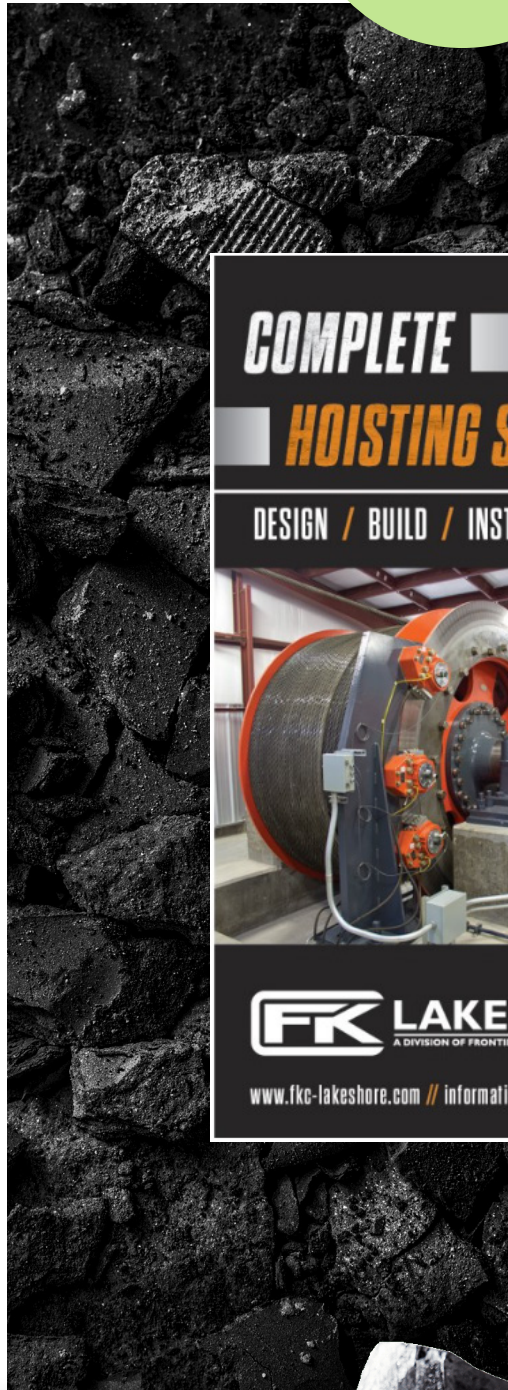
Arizona is copper country and many metal miners have embraced the green transition and the goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. At times, the discussion became contentious as one would imagine. Grid reliability has become a concern as electricity demand climbs and permitting delays prolong timelines for transmission lines, natural gas pipelines and even renewable energy projects.

CONSOL Energy said its NotSoFast campaign underscores the importance of a measured approach to the energy transition, emphasizing the continued relevance of coal and fossil fuels in a balanced and realistic energy strategy.

Brock explained that, while the 2050 goal is admirable, the U.S. needs to take a pragmatic approach to the energy transition that doesn't put reliability at risk.

Daniel Connell, senior vice president for CONSOL Innovations and Jacqueline Fidler, vice president-environmental and sustainability for CONSOL Energy co-presented, NotSoFast: The Continuing Role of Coal in a Sustainable Future, which they said aligned with the conference's theme of innovation and sustainability.

For their collective efforts in this regard, the SME Coal Division presented CONSOL Energy with the Robert E. Murray Innovation Award, which recognizes a company or a person for its contributions to the mining industry through technical innovation and the advancement of coal's role in a sustainable energy future.



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NMA APPLAUDS END TO UNLAWFUL COAL MORATORIUM



The National Mining Association (NMA) applauded a ruling from the Ninth Circuit vacating a prior, unprecedented ruling from the district court, which manufactured a nationwide injunction against federal coal leasing unless and until the Bureau of Land Management completed an unnecessary programmatic environmental impact statement. The Ninth Circuit agreed with the NMA, as well as the states of Wyoming and Montana, that the case should have ended once the challenged Department of Interior Secretarial Order was rescinded in 2021.

“This is a victory for American-mined energy and we are pleased with the court’s recognition of the need to dismiss this irreparably flawed ruling,” Rich Nolan, NMA President and CEO said. “With this ruling, important projects can once again advance and support the production of affordable, reliable power to the grid, while creating jobs and economic development across the country, helping federal, state and localities with necessary funding by contributing hundreds of millions each year in revenues to state and local governments.”



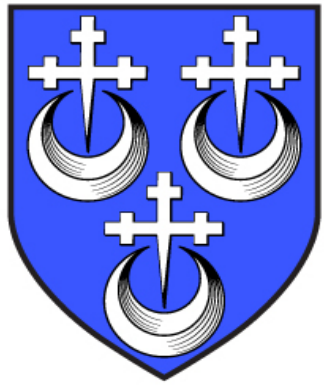
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SOUTH AFRICA WON'T DITCH COAL ANYTIME SOON

If you're expecting South Africa will make a quick shift away from coal-fired power in favor of green energy, prepare to be disappointed.

Expecting South Africa to quickly give up on coal-fired power would be "very wrong," South Africa's energy minister Gwede Mantashe told Bloomberg this week.

Instead, South Africa will continue to rely on coal and other fossil fuel-generated power, even as richer nations push the country towards greener forms of energy, because it is less intermittent than green energy, Mantashe said, and the country is already grappling with electricity shortages.

"This belief that you can leave coal and move to renewables: there's a technical mistake, very wrong, it will never work," Mantashe told Bloomberg.

South Africa's coal-fired power isn't without problems, however. It's state-run electric company, Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd, is already struggling with electricity outages because the country's coal-fired power stations aren't all operating 24 hours a day like they could be. Breakdowns and extended impromptu maintenance have put a serious crimp in the country's power generation thanks to load shedding for as much as 12 hours a day in some cases.

Nevertheless, coal-fired power will have a long life in South Africa, Mantashe has vowed.

Mantashe acknowledged the errors the country has made in its power industry, citing delays in building out new power plans and a critical design flaw in the current plants.

"That is one of those mistakes and we are learning out of it," Mantashe explained.

South Africa has been reluctant to jump onto the green energy transition train for quite some time, saying last October that the country had no plans to curtail its oil and gas operations in favor of green energy, and even announced plans to boost its oil and gas exploration activity in the future as it tries to shore up energy security and reduce its energy imports.

Coal currently accounts for roughly 80% of the country's energy mix and is the world's fifth-largest coal exporter.



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Billy Mapes, 73 (1950 - 2023)

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William Mapes, of Freeburn, KY, died February 26, while working as a contractor for LSM Contracting near Central Appalachian Mining LLC's Grapevine South Surface Mine, located in Mingo County. Mapes was 73 years old and had 53 years of mining experience.

Billy was born on February 13, 1950. A son of the late Ira Sr. and Ada (Blankenship), Billy departed this life on Sunday Evening, February 26, 2023. In addition to his parents, Billy is preceded in death by brothers Ira Mapes, Jr. and Danny Mapes; nephew Delaney Mapes; brother-in-law Curtis Harris and sister-in-law Linda Kay Mapes.

Billy was a coal miner having worked within the mining industry for over 53 years. During his tenure as a coal miner, he held various positions and was proficient with each job he held. Billy was not one to sit idle for he liked to be productive and busy. He was proud of his career in mining coal.

When not busy, Billy loved to hunt and fish. Actually, anything that involved being outside, that is where you would find him. He was also skillful when it came to gardening. He not only enjoyed gardening but loved to share his harvest with his friends and neighbors. Billy's laughter and personality were contagious, he loved people and people loved him. He will indeed be missed.

He is survived by his son Kevin Mapes; daughter Heather Fields and her husband Joseph; brothers Randy Mapes and his wife "Doe" and

Robert Mapes and his wife Rose; sisters Bonnie Harris, Susie Grossl and her husband Ron, Kaye Hurley and her husband Benny, Penny Hager and her husband Gary, Ellen Charles and her husband Jimmy and sister-in-law Judy Mapes; grandchildren Cayden and Holden Fields, Cory Galloway and his fiancé Brianna Preston. Billy is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, loved ones and a community of friends including special friends, Don Wolford and Orville Wolford.

Cameron R Fourez, 41 (1982 - 2023)

Alliance Resource Partners LP



Cameron Randall Fourez, 41, of West Frankfort, Illinois, passed away Saturday March 18, 2023 at 2:00a.m. According to the report he died when a section of roof fell while he and other miners were building cribs during the recovery of longwall shields underground.

Co-workers reached Fourez and attempted resuscitation while transporting him to the surface of the mine. Unfortunately, Fourez was pronounced dead just over an hour later at Hamilton Memorial Hospital in McLeansboro. An autopsy showed Fourez died from closed chest injuries.

Fourez's regular job title was Roof Bolter. He had just over 8 years of mining experience and has worked at the Hamilton County Coal facility for about a year and a half.

Cameron was born January 26, 1982 in DuQuoin, Illinois to Randall Fourez and Terri (Newsom) Fourez.

He was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Frank and Lawanda Fourez; maternal grandparents, John Newsom and Imogene Billyard; Uncle Larry Fourez; and Uncle Dave Newsom.

Cameron is survived by his wife, Brianna Fourez; sons, Drake Fourez and Cale; daughter, Emma; parents, Randy Fourez and Terri Rollins; one sister, Amy and Mike Johnson; mother and father-in-law, Terrah Odam and Daniel Graves; niece and nephews: Hunter Johnson, Cameron James "C.J." Johnson, and Micah Johnson; longtime friends, Jason Powell and Travis Hood; several aunts, uncles, and cousins; as well as his brotherhood of coal miners.

Cecil "Junior" Lawrence Barker, 62 (1960 - 2023) Century Mining LLC



Cecil (Junior) Lawrence Barker, age 62, a resident of Philippi, died March 22, 2023, due to a coal mining accident.

Junior was born on October 6, 1960, in San Francisco, CA, to Gisela and Cecil Barker (deceased). He was united in marriage on October 5, 1980 to Mary Darlene (Weese) who survives at home.

Surviving are sons Steven L. Barker and wife Amanda, and Nathan W. Barker, all of Philippi, and two grandchildren, Stefanie, and Noah. He also has 3 sisters and 3 brothers, one deceased.

He graduated from high school while living in Virginia, class of 1978. For many years he held the position of County Surveyor and Mapper until he went to work in the coal mines as a bolter and surveyor. He spent over 18 years working for different coal companies, Sago, Arch, Mettiki and Allegheny Metallurgical.

Besides his family and spending time with his grandkids many people were special to Junior, especially Cathy Newman, his sister-in-law. Also, John and Mary "Mack" Mosessa, Joe and Georgia Beymer and a surveying mentor, Rev. Jim Fogg.

Junior loved the outdoors and outdoor activities, including hunting, fishing and especially camping at Teter Lake. He collected mining stickers and enjoyed listening to music by the legendary Elvis Presley.

Philip Heymann, 59 (1963 - 2023) Peabody Energy



Philip Heymann, 59, of Washington, Indiana, passed away Thursday, April 20, 2023 at Bear Run Coal Mine.

He was born July 19, 1963 to Robert Heymann and Beverly (Chaffman) Heymann. Phil married Sandy Wise on October 27, 1983 and she survives.

Phil was a 1981 graduate of Washington High School. He was a United States Army veteran and was a member of the American Legion Post 121. Phil owned and operated Sugar Ridge Apparel and Graphics. He worked for 38 years in the coal mining industry, primarily for Black Beauty Coal and Peabody Energy. Phil was currently employed by longtime friend and coworker, Shannon Winingier, at Tri-State Maintenance Solutions. He had a very special relationship with his grandchildren and father-in-law. Phil enjoyed spending time with them and was always there when they needed him.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy Heymann of Washington, Indiana; children, Clayton Heymann and Andrea (Robert) Criswell, both of Washington, Indiana; grandchildren, Isaac, Porter, and Beau; parents, Robert (Toni) Heymann of Florida and Beverly Chaffman of Florida; biological mother, Susan Accivatti; siblings, Mike (Carolyn) Heymann of Indianapolis, Indiana, Debbie (Brad) Verker of Michigan, Karen Holdridge of New York, Andrea (Allen) Brown of Washington, Indiana, Tami Santiago of Florida, Theresa (Andy) Poligo of Florida, Ron (Karyn) Tuscany of Arizona and Gary Tuscany of Illinois; father-in-law, Fred Wise of Washington, Indiana.

Abel Calvillo, Sr., 64 (1958 - 2023) North American Construction Group, LTD



Abel Calvillo Sr. of Charlotte, Texas, went to be with the lord on May 16, 2023. Abel Calvillo Sr., 64, was found buried under mud after the walls of a 100-foot dug out mining road collapsed on a bulldozer he was operating at the mine operated by North American Construction Group.

According to reports, Calvillo was reported missing on the evening of Tuesday, May 16 as mine crews were unable to locate him. Atascosa Sheriff's deputies and emergency services from Jourdanton Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to the scene shortly after 4 a.m. on Wednesday.

He was born on July 11, 1958, to Juan and Isabel Calvillo. Abel was a very hardworking man who loved being outside, hunting, fishing, and working on his house and vehicles. He would always lighten people's day by making jokes and making everyone laugh. He was respected by many, not only for his work ethic but his character, he always made time to be around his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Juan Calvillo.

He is survived by his mother, Isabel Bermea Calvillo, his son, Abel Calvillo Jr., brother, Lloyd Calvillo and wife Angie of Charlotte, Texas, sisters, Juanita James and husband Robert of Jourdanton, Linda Garcia and husband Julian of Pleasanton. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He also had many great friends.

John T Hillard, 35 (1988 - 2023) NEV LLC



On May 7, 1988, a beautiful set of twins were born to David and Dorianna (Peterson) Hilliard. The eldest, John Thomas Hilliard, was named after his Great-Grandfather, and Joshua (Josh), his twin, was born soon thereafter. Throughout much of their lives the twins were inseparable, and each had the other's back. John accepted Christ, as Lord of His life at an early age under the pastorate of his Grandfather, the late Rev. Clarence L. Hilliard, Senior Pastor of Austin Corinthian Baptist Church (ACBC), who also baptized him.

John (a.k.a., "Just John"), was well-liked by those who knew him because of his genuine zest for life! He also maintained a positive attitude throughout his short time with us, and despite very challenging health issues. During his teen years he developed serious gastric problems which kept him in and out of the hospital, but he refused to be handicapped by these setbacks and persevered! His persistence was inspirational to others who faced their own struggles, including his grandmother, Annie Hilliard, who calls him today, "Her favorite Grandson" which he also nobly reminded her of since he telephoned "Granny" regularly. Last month on Memorial Day, John and his family, for the first time in many years, chose to spend that holiday at "Granny's" house, and she is grateful to God for allowing her to see him one more time before calling him home!

John was a natural athlete and wrestling was his primary sport. Since he and Josh were close in size, they had ready-made wrestling partners, which only made them better. He participated in Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation (IKWF) events, and took 2nd place in a tournament while in 7th grade. He and Josh also wrestled for Proviso East and John earned trips to the state wrestling tournament in his Senior years. He and Josh

also wrestled for Nassau Community College on Long Island, NY, before ultimately retiring.

John and Josh had a passion for trucks and at a very young age they had a dream to start their own trucking firm. This dream became a reality in 2014 when David Jr. (another brother), his Dad, and his Uncle Phil began operating under the name, Da Boyz Trucking LLC. Unfortunately, and due to circumstances beyond their control, the firm was forced to close. John remained a trucker until his untimely death and was an active member of the 2doornation Trucker's Club.

John loved his family, and many thought of him as the glue that held them together, as well as the bridge that connects his generation with previous generations. Many also looked at him as big-hearted, supportive, funny, and the life of the party. He had a penchant for making his immediate family, as well as, nieces and nephews, feel special. To know him was to love him, so the void he leaves behind will be felt by many!

John met his soul-mate Shawanna Powell while in high school, and they were eventually married, September 7, 2018. God blessed them with four lovely children: Xyla, Xolie, John Jr., and Jordynn, and because of God's grace, another child to be named Xuri, is due in August.

Just John departed this life on June 9, 2023 due to a tragic accident while unloading a truck, and leaves to mourn his lovely wife and children; his parents: Rev. David Hilliard (Sharon), and Dorianna Hilliard; Grandparents: Annie Hilliard and Beverly Peterson; Siblings and their spouses and children: David Hilliard Jr. (Susana) and Dalila, Laila, and Jady; Daniel Hilliard (Lavett) and Semiya, Daniel Jr., Jeremiah, Jasmine, Taylor, Starr, Elijah, and Noah; Joshua Hilliard (Chante) and Joshua Jr., Ja'leah, Jayla, Jias, Jyiah, and Jace Thomas (who is due to be born next month); and Caleb the baby of the family; In-Laws: Nancy V. Smith, Vincent Smith, Roman Venson, and Yvette Powell; Sibling Cousins and their children: Qianna Foster and Tyanna; and Morelle Foster and Mariah, Molivia, and Maleah; and a whole host of aunts, uncles, cousins, god-brothers and sisters, and countless relatives in his extended family.

Christopher R Finley, 39 (1983 - 2023) Twin State Mining, Inc.



Christopher "Finbob" Finley, 39, of Princeton, West Virginia went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on August 18, 2023.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory after his unexpected passing; his wife Adrienne Finley; together they had four precious children: Skylar 7 who loved fishing and eating dinner with her daddy. Madison 4, has her daddy's love for music and his spunk. 20-month-old twins Willow and Landon; Willow had her daddy wrapped around her finger and melted his heart with her laugh. Landon was his daddy's pride and joy, his only son, who he looked forward to being fishing buddies with. He was a beloved son to parents Roger and Pamela Finley of Princeton, West Virginia. He leaves behind his paternal grandparents Harold and Wanda Finley. He was a cherished son-in-law to Brad and Tammy Bailey of Montcalm, West Virginia; and brother-in-law to Austin & Tara Harris, Jared Bailey, Lakyn Bailey, and Cassy Bailey.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Verlin and Hilda Jones.

He graduated from Princeton Senior High School in 2001. He worked for Cleveland Cliffs as an underground section boss. He loved working with fellow brothers in coal, and took pride in his job... "Take it to the gap!"

Chris was a Christian and part of the family of Memorial Church of Christ, who grieve alongside his family. He was baptized on June 20, 2021. Chris was a loving father and husband who did everything for his family and led his children to Jesus by example.

He enjoyed bass fishing in his free time and taking his boat out. He spent his free time taking his family to church and enjoying Sundays together.

His passing has affected so many people, he was loved by all, and always willing to help a friend.

Aaron W Haley, 34 (1988 - 2023) Warrior Met Coal Mining, LLC



Aaron William Haley, age 34, of Northport, Ala., passed away August 30, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Carol Nelson; and paternal grandparents, Ron and Connie Haley. Survivors include his wife, Stacey Rebecca Haley; daughters, Madilyn Grace Haley and Elliana Jane Haley; son, Cohen William Haley; sister, Rachel Nelson-Green of Wheeling, WV; brother, Andrew Haley of Wheeling, WV; parents, Timothy Haley (Cynthia Caldwell) of Wheeling, WV and Becky L. Haley of Wheeling, WV; grandfather, Larry Nelson of Valley Grove, WV; father and mother-in-law, James and Terry Magro of Amelia Island, FL; sister-in-law, Kathryn Magro of West Palm Beach, FL; as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Aaron was born on September 13, 1988 in Wheeling, WV. He and Stacey were married September 7, 2013 and would have celebrated their 10-year anniversary this month. He worked for Warrior Met Coal, where he will be greatly missed by his fellow miners. Aaron loved spending time with his family.

He loved his wife and kids more than anything in this world. He was the hardest worker and everything that he did, he did for his family. Aaron was kind, loving, generous, funny and would give the shirt off his back to anyone. He loved teaching Cohen baseball, football, fishing, and just "guy" stuff. His two baby girls, Madilyn and Elliana had him wrapped around their fingers. He loved playing kitchen, restaurant and pushing them on their swings. Aaron loved his wife, Stacey, dearly and took the best care of her. He was the absolute best husband, father, son, and an all-around wonderful man.

Brandon J Frederick, 37 (1985 - 2023) LCT Energy, LP



Frederick-Brandon J., 37, of Johnstown passed away Oct. 2, 2023 as a result of a mining accident. He was born Nov. 18, 1985. He was the son of Albert "Bud" and Judy (Meilus) Frederick. He was preceded in death by his father, brother Albert Frederick, and Aunt Cindy Meilus. Brandon is survived by Mother Judy (Elmer Westover), Brother of Tracy Frederick (Joe Caruso), Bobby (Susan) Frederick, Timmy Frederick, Nicole (Jay) Jacobson. Girlfriend Rae Ann McMinn and her daughter Serenity Cartwright. Nieces and nephews Brittany, Andrew, Savannah, Cody, Jacyie, Mackenzie, and Miah, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Brandon worked for for LCT Mining Company. He loved to ride his Harley Davidson and fish with his mother.



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JANUARY US STEAM COAL EXPORTS REACH 3-MONTH HIGH

US thermal coal exports jumped in January to a three-month high, led by shipments headed to India, Morocco and South Korea soared. A total 4.47mn short tons (4.05mn metric tonnes) of steam coal and anthracite departed US ports in the first month of this year, up from 3.09mn st in the same month of 2023, preliminary data released by the US Commerce Department today show. The last time US thermal coal exports were higher was in October 2023.

Shipments rose on the year prior to every continent except Europe, reflecting efforts in the back half of 2023 to find other buyers for US coal as a confluence of market fundamentals kept inventories at European ports elevated and limited interest in spot coal purchases. The largest volume increases were in exports to India, Morocco, South Korea and China.

Exports to Canada, Brazil, South Africa and Honduras also were substantially higher than they had

been a year earlier.

Spain was the only country in Europe to have significantly more US steam coal heading there in January when compared with a year earlier. Census data show US thermal coal exports to that country tripling to 79,634st in January. But that was not enough to offset a more than 150,000st decline in exports to the Netherlands and other European countries, including France, the UK and Germany.

Logistics also played a role in US steam coal exports being higher in January than they had been a year earlier, with some shippers loading volumes in January that were delayed in late 2023 by low water levels on inland US rivers as well as longer transit times for dry bulk vessels moving through the Panama Canal.

Rail service also has improved since early last year.

Steam coal exports out of the New

Orleans, Louisiana, Census Bureau district in January were the highest since March 2023 and topped year-earlier levels by 6.5pc, rising to 1.15mn st.

Thermal coal exports out of Norfolk, Virginia, nearly doubled on the year prior, to an almost four-year high of 896,148st from 471,908st in January 2023.

In addition, steam coal exports out of the Seattle, Washington district – a throughway for Wyoming and Montana coal exports heading to Asia out of terminals in British Columbia, Canada – were more than double what they had been a year earlier, climbing to 460,730st from 216,196st. That at least partly reflects improved rail service in western North America. Major western coal shippers were still contending with delays in early 2023. Both bituminous and sub-bituminous coal exports out of Seattle in January were higher than a year earlier. Sub-bituminous coal shipments climbed to 358,738st from 215,162st.

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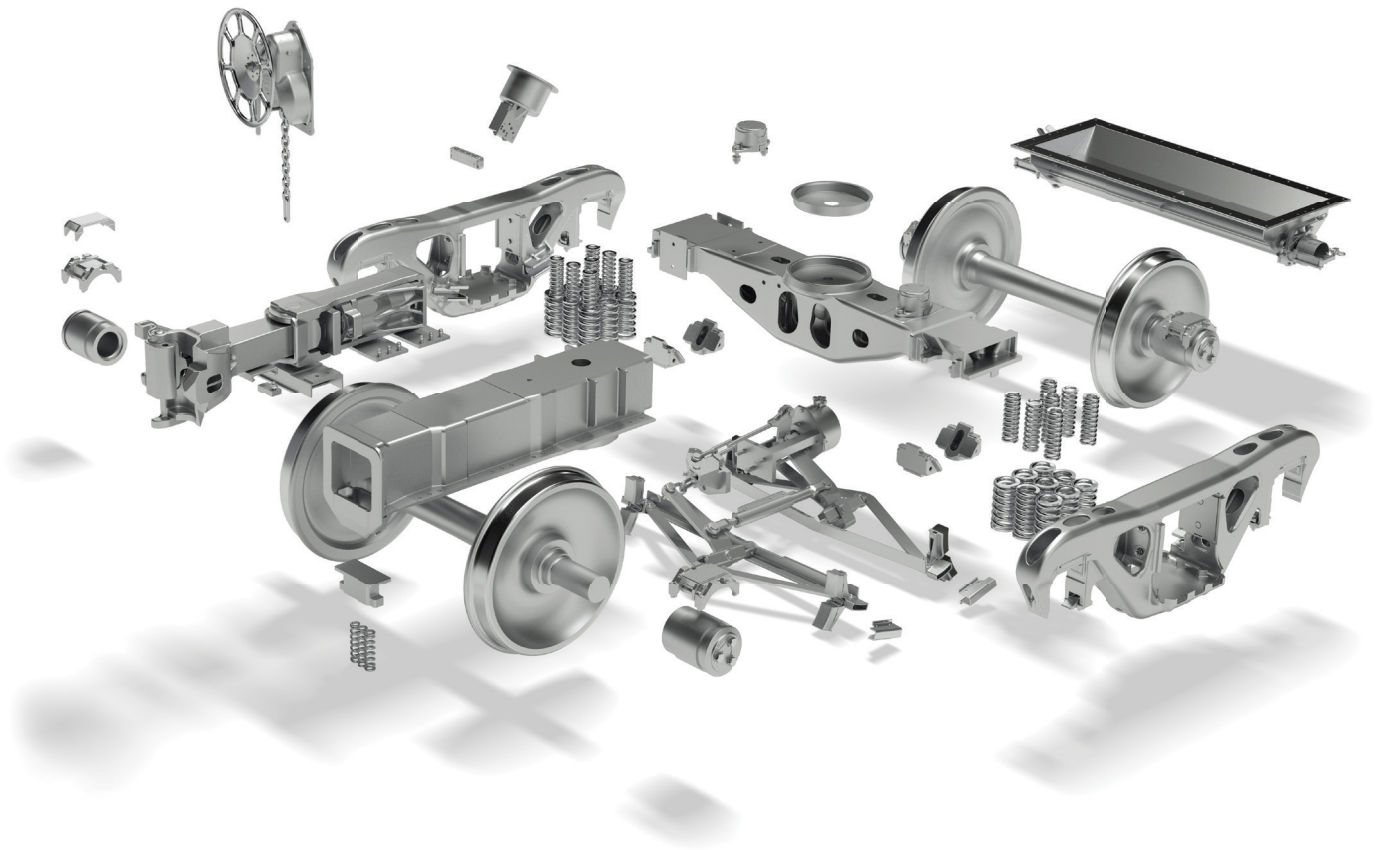


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