

## Sharp Mountain

Six young people out for a fun evening of off-road riding on Sharp Mountain on April 28, 1984, encountered mining's legacy with fatal consequences when the Chevrolet Blazer in which they were riding went down an abandoned mine shaft.

Two days later, one of rescuers looked into a mine shaft and saw the rear tires of the Blazer. An intensive effort followed over the next five days to recover the victims' bodies. This task was not only grim, but dangerous and complex because of the instability of the site and the difficulty in transporting equipment used in the rescue. Steel rods were put over the shaft and concrete poured.

The six victims were Mark Bluis and his wife, Connie, Branchdale; Steve Meza and his wife, Patrice, Llewellyn, and Thomas Frew and Sheryl Bluis, both of Minersville.

1984 04-28 Blazer crashes into abandoned anthracite shaft

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