

At New Bethlehem Man Trapped In Mine Rescued After 4 Hours

NEW BETHLEHEM — Harry Noerr of Middle Run was rescued by New Bethlehem firemen after being trapped for four hours in a cave-in at an abandoned strip mine last night.

Mr. Noerr was not injured. He was rescued by two firemen, Bill Willson and Vern Pence.

MR. NOERR, 39, had entered a hole in the highwall at the mine to dig out coal. He had traveled approximately 20 feet when the cave-in occurred. The mine is located one mile north of New Bethlehem on Route 66.

When the walls caved in, Mr. Noerr fell another 15 feet and was trapped in the hole.

Accompanying Mr. Noerr were two unidentified youths, who attempted to rescue him with a rope. When the rope broke, the youths went to the home of a neighbor, who contacted the New Bethlehem Fire Department.

Thirty-four men and two trucks responded to the call at approximately 5:30 p.m. The two firemen were lowered into the cave with a light and a rope. They fastened a rope around Mr. Noerr and firemen pulled him up.

After the rescue, Mr. Noerr was able to walk around. Firemen said he seemed to be in a state of shock but refused medical treatment.

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