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# Labor Day pits locals in contests of 'labor'

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John Lutz, a member of the Squaw Creek Union Local 1189 team, watches sand fly off his shovel and toward a 55-gallon drum 10 feet away during the sand shoveling contest at the Labor Day Battle in Boonville, Ind., Monday. The object of the event was for two team members to fill the drum with sand faster than the other two teams. Squaw Creek finished third.

In another contest, Willy Condol, rear at right, heads for the finish line pushing a wheelbarrow loaded with teammates Tim Johnson and John Maikranz, front, during the events at the Warrick County Fairgrounds. Representing Wabash Union Local 1791, they won this race and the Wabash team won all eight events of the afternoon, the first time that has happened in the eight-year history of the Labor Day Battle. Lynnville Union Local 9926 came in second for the day and Squaw Creek came in third.

In the obstacle course contest, Mark Pemberton of Lynnville Union Local 9926 pulls himself through a barrel.

The contests were part of the Labor Day Association picnic organized by members of the United Mine Workers of America.

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