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## From the President



**Jack Kerney**

Would like to thank David Israel, Jim Parker, and District 10 for a great annual meeting and convention. I would like to thank all of the IVFA vendors that helped us financially during the convention. Without you we could not provide some of the events that we participate for our members.

We crowned a new Miss Flame, Amanda Gulgsell representing District 18 and Schnellville Volunteer Fire Department and Miss Flame runner-up Ashley Blagg representing District 15 and Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department. I also want to congratulate the Ollie Sandburgh award winner, Sherri McFarland from Lewis Township Volunteer Fire Department, the Angel Award winner Bridget Blanton from Wright Township Volunteer Fire Department, Mr. IVFA Buz Koehler from Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department and the Lois Boaz award winner, Carolyn Zeeks from Marion Rural Vol-

unteer Fire Department. Now is the time to be thinking about whom, in your department that would deserve one of these awards. It was a pleasure to give this year's President's Award to Chief John Buckman of German Township Fire Department. John was very instrumental in helping the IVFA with our summits.

I would like to thank the following officers that have decided to leave the Board of IVFA over this past year: Jack Harker for his efforts as treasurer. Jack will be leaving at the end of 2005; Mike Mackin for his efforts as Public Relations Northeast. Mike will be leaving at the end of 2005; Larry Petro for his efforts as District Chairman 8B; Jack McFarland for his efforts as District Chairman 11A; Tim Martin for his efforts as District Chairman 13A; Ron Melton for his efforts as District Chairman 16; Beverly Harker for her efforts as District Chairman 17A. She will be assuming the duties of IVFA treasurer. I also would like to thank Al Mendel for serving as the IVFA games chairman. Al was responsible for conducting and bringing the games equipment to each convention.

Please keep your meeting and fund raising notices coming. Barb and I will attend as many as possible.

The weather has been extremely hot for the month of June, and does not seem to have an easing for the summer months. Please be careful and protect yourself from the extreme heat on your emergencies. Be SAFE.

In the next few weeks we will be putting together our legislative agenda for 2006. If you have any suggestions or ideas give me a call or send me an e-mail or contact your district chairman. We will be some of the bills that did not make it through the 2005 session.

### 2005 Ollie Sandburg Award winner



*Sherry McFarland*

### 2005 Angel Award winner



*Bridget Blanton - District 11A -  
Wright Twp. VFD*

### 2005 Mr. IVFA Award winner



*LeMoyné 'Buz' Koehler*

### 2005 Miss Flame



*Amanda Gulgsell  
District 18*

### 2005 Lois Boaz Award winner



*Carolyn Zeeks*

### 2005 Miss Flame 1st Runner-Up



*Ashley Blagg  
District 15*

(Photos submitted by Linda Spurling, District 10)

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We were granted the special plate and 1991 was the first year of issue.

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After close monitoring of the postage and printing costs, it was decided to use any fees left over to assist in the maintenance of the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

We have continued that each year to present and in 2002 we added approximately \$10,000 to the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

Our members deserve to be recognized by everyone and we are proud to offer this special plate to our members.

Please support this program by continuing to purchase the I.V.F.A. plate.

## 2006 Convention to be held June 28-July 1

Make plans to attend the 2006 IVFA convention to be held June 28 through July 1, 2006 in Indianapolis.

Look for the registration form in this issue of the paper.

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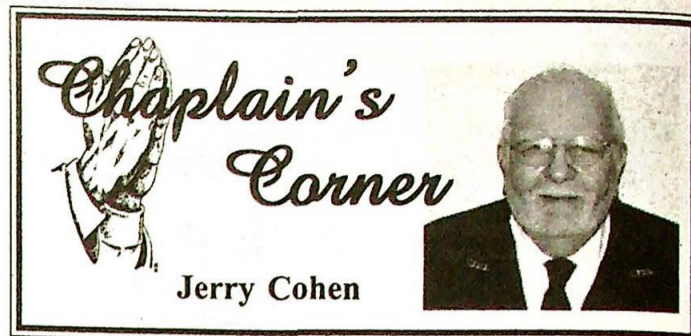
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**Chaplain's Message:**

Blessed is he who has regard for the weak. The Lord delivers him in times of trouble. The Lord will protect him and preserve his life. He will bless him in the land and not surrender him to the desire of his foes.

Psalm 41:1-2

As the IVFA Chaplain, I would encourage those departments that do not have a chaplain to strongly consider getting one.

The job of chaplain can be important for the well being of your firefighters.

Volunteer firefighters have a lot more tension to deal with than we had back a few years ago when you add the normal stress of living and the additional burdens of being a firefighter, and officer, or a chief.

Changing jobs or working two jobs to make ends meet and keep the bills paid can be very stressful.

Sometimes it is nice to have someone you can confide in, someone who you can trust not to gossip.

So, if your department is lucky to have a clergyman or a lay person who is willing to take on the job of chaplain, they can be a big help at the fire scene or at a bad accident to comfort those who need someone to talk to and help them find housing through the Red Cross or Salvation Army. Sometimes they can even help someone who had been in an accident find transportation to get home.

I can help with information about starting a chaplaincy and the duties of a chaplain. The Federation of Fire Chaplain is a very good resource for training to become a chaplain. Please visit their website at firechaplains.org for more information.

Jerry

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**From the Vice President**

**Hand carved clock presented to 2005 Midwest Award winner Buz Koehler**

**Joe Mika earns Governor's Meritorious Service award**



Larry Ketchem

With the writing of this article, another annual convention has come to pass. I would like to thank David Israel, Jim Parker and their convention committee for a job WELL DONE! Thanks you all.

Congratulations to all of the award winners:

- L.E. 'Buz' Koehler - Mr. I.V.F.A.
- Carolyn Zeeks - Lois Boaz
- Bridget Blanton - Angel Award
- Sherry McFarland - Oliver C. Sandburg Mental Attitude Award
- Amanda Gulgsell - State I.V.F.A. Miss Flame

Chief John Buckman - The President's Award

All of you are very deserving of your respective awards.

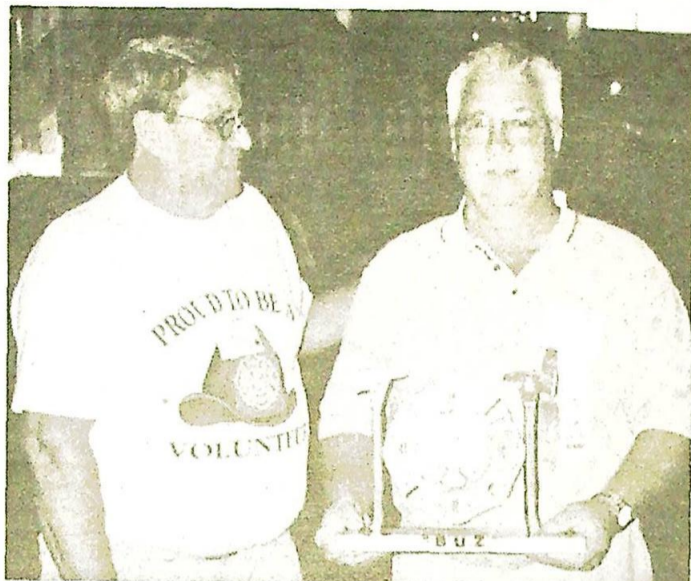
Myself, being the awards chairman for the I.V.F.A., I want to encourage each of you to recommend more firefighters from your respective departments for these prestigious awards. You can send your recommendations to me by using the addresses provided in this paper of forward them to the Central Office. PLEASE, identify on the envelope in the lower left hand corner which award the letter is for. This will prevent them from being opened before they go to the committees. Remember - there are power in numbers, let's get the letters in and put the committees to work.

The deadline for these awards is February 1, 2006. Right now that sounds like a way down the road, but it will be here before we know it.

Many of you may or may not know that when I was elected as your Vice-President in June of 2004, that I didn't take office until January 2005. The past six months have been very busy. I am looking forward to working with all of you this year and I want to thank the convention delegation for allowing me to be your VP again this year.

My wife, Barbara, and I are looking forward to working with all of you in the months to come. Thank you for your support.

Larry D. Ketchem  
Vice-President



Ron Bell (left) and Buz Koehler

BOARD CHAIRMAN L.E. 'Buz' Koehler is shown with his firefighter's clock that was hand carved for him by Ron Bell, a close friend.

Buz also received an old aluminum Cairns & Bros. fire helmet. This special clock and helmet were given to Buz during social time at the 2005 IVFA convention in conjunction with the other awards he received that week.

Congratulations to Buz on receiving the Midwest and Mr. IVFA awards.

(submitted by Malinda Bell, corresponding secretary, IVFAA)



JACK ESKRIDGE, chief of the Lowell VFD, presents Joe Mika, retired member of Lowell VFD with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award.

(submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

**Harrison members presented 25 year pins**



FOUR MEMBERS of the Harrison Twp. Fire Department were presented with 25 year pins at their April meeting.

Pictured from left are Greg Freed, district chairman, Randy Homes, Kent Weatherston, Scott Markham and Karry Yaw.

(photo provided by Greg Freed)

**November deadline is October 10, 2005**

**Associate Chaplain Position PRNW**

Due to the death of Chaplain Patrick Gallagher there is an opening for Associate Chaplain PRNW.

Requirements are: presently serving as chaplain of your fire department; recommended by the chief of your department; be a member in good standing of your church or temple; recommended by your pastor, priest or rabbi or bishop of your denomination if you are ordained.

Duties consist of attending district meetings when possible; conducting IVFA Memorial Services in the absence of the state chaplain; be willing to take Critical Incident Stress Management training; council firefighters in time of need or stress.

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# District Meetings

## DISTRICTS 1 & 2

Tom Orrell  
District 1  
Chairman



Dale Hensley of Five Alarm, Dale Smith of Southwestern Fire/Safety, and Chub Hall, founding member of the Shelby Fire Department (1948).

Chief "Zip" Cross gave a brief history of the Shelby Fire Department.

No program.  
Bob Szot made a motion, seconded by Jake Thomas to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes. Passed.

Buz Koehler announced SB56 and HB1580 passed, advised the website is up and running. Reminded everyone of the Fire Summit in Rensselaer on Saturday, April 23rd starting at 9 a.m. Mitch Parish advised the newspaper should be out within the first week of May and to contact him if you're not receiving the newspaper.

Treasurer's report: \$1,654.07.  
No old business.

No new business. Two deaths in District 1. A moment of silence was observed for Maurice Keilman of Dyer, David Keith of Schererville, Elmer Kender, former chief of Lowell, Paul Watland's mother, Chief Cross's brother.

Kim Perry announced Jake/Martha Thomas's 50th anniversary and Jake's 79th birthday. Congrats! Lake Dale hosting a chicken/noodle dinner on Saturday, April 23rd from 5-8 p.m. Washington Fire hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 24th from 7-11. Lions Club in Shelby hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 24th. Liberty FD celebrating its 50th anniversary. Hosting a pancake breakfast on May 15th, and street dance and other activities on August 20th.

Next meeting will be at Ross Township FD on Wednesday, May 18th.

Travis Cross of Shelby FD won \$83 in the 50/50 drawing, and a mug donated by Southwestern Fire/Safety. Kenny Nagel and Matt Mader of Shelby FD won gloves, and Melody Jackson of Lake Ridge FD won a mug, all donated by Southwestern Fire/Safety. Jackie Steiner of Shelby FD

Auxiliary won a sweatshirt donated by Five Alarm (to be sent to her).

Mike Schilling made a motion, seconded by Billy Howe to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Passed.

Diana L. Orrell,  
IVFA Secretary  
Districts 1 and 2

Ross Township Fire Service #4  
May 18, 2005

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m. Buz Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 52 members of 13 departments in District 1 with Lake Ridge as the trophy winner, and by 13 members of five departments in District 2 with Lincoln Township as the trophy winner.

Guests included: Past presidents Buz Koehler and Mitch Parish, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1-2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1-2 secretary Diana Orrell, Chaplain Jerry Cohen, former District 1 chairman Billy Howe, former District 2 chairman Larry Stott, District 2 IVFAA chairperson Ann Moss, Districts 1-2 IVFAA secretary Marge Baumgardner, IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, District 2 Miss Flame Megan Lambert, John Kierzkowski of the Fire Marshal's office, Rick Perry of Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies, Jim Daley of Hoosier Fire, Dale Smith of Southwestern Fire/Safety, and Pinkie Douglas of the American Red Cross.

Chief Mike Sneiderwine gave a brief history of the department.

Detective Rosenbaum of Merrillville PD, and Detective Sgt. Copper of Lake County SO (both assigned to the Lake County Drug Task Force gave a presentation on "Meth Labs".

Bob Szot made a motion, seconded by Bub Wise to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes. Passed.

Buz advised HB1580 passed, forms on the website.

Jim Bradford advised everyone would need to be NIMS certified to be eligible for FEMA grants.

Fire Marshal's grant for \$1000 a year. 07-10-05 is deadline for next paper. Convention on June 15 through 18th in Columbus, next year in Indianapolis. 07-01-05 is visitor's day at the burn camp, still needing hats and T-shirts. The training office will no longer accept the 24 hour firefighter forms, need to call down for paperwork and course number, will also need an Instructor 2/3 to proctor the testing. Driver's video mandatory (however, still not available). Mitch advised went to Nation Volunteer Fire Council in Vegas, coming up with more/new standards and now has five more committees.

Treasurer's report: \$1,729.67.

No old business to report.

New business: Billy Howe made a motion, seconded by Melody Jackson to present Miss Flame with her \$200 check. Passed. Paul Watland presented the check to Megan.

Paul advised Lake Hills ex-fire chief, Don Perusich passed away today. Buz advised Sgt. Heister of Bluffton FD was killed in the line of duty in Iraq. A moment of silence was observed.

Good of order: Crown Point having a golf outing on June 11th at Summertree, starting at 8 a.m., and a pancake breakfast on June 18th starting at 7 a.m. Beverly Shores fireman's ball on July 9th. Liberty FD 50th anniversary, having a street dance on August 20th. Four Seasons having an open house for their new station on August 20th.

Next meeting will be in Wheatfield on July 20th (no June meeting due to convention).

Dale Morgan won \$51 in 50/50 drawing.

Melody Jackson won a T-shirt donated by Hoosier Fire, Kim Perry won a knife, and Perry Herzog won a knife

and a book, all donated by Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies.

Diana Orrell made a motion, seconded by Melody Jackson to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Passed.

Diana Orrell,  
IVFA Secretary  
District 1 & 2

## DISTRICT 3

Pam Kaufman  
District 3 Chairman

May 19, 2005  
Coolspring Township VFD

Chairman Pam Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. State chaplain Jerry Cohen opened the meeting with a prayer. Past president Buz Koehler led the pledge.

Guests present were: past president Buz Koehler, past president Mitch Parish, state chaplain Jerry Cohen, PR NW Jim Bradford, Bruce Yonkers, District 1.

Roll call was taken with seven members representing five departments present.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as published. Motion carried. Treasurer's report was given and approved with a balance of \$140.64.

Training/Program: Jim Bradford showed a video that was made for the 1996 IVFA convention. Pam Kaufman presented a video from Onstar developed for Dispatch Centers. The video gave an insight into the capabilities of Onstar and how they interact with emergency personnel.

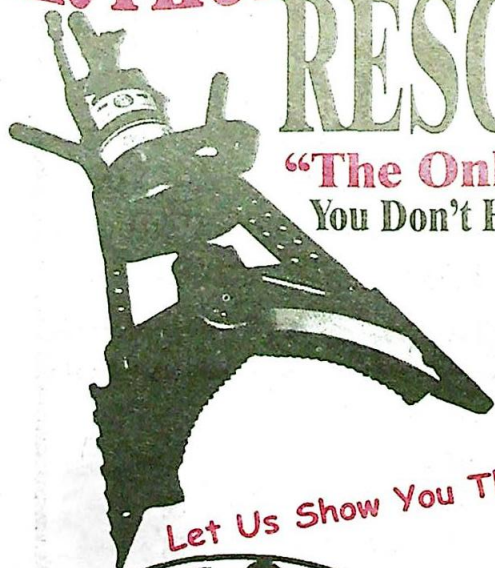
Communications: Comments from past president Buz Koehler: 1. gave a legislative update; 2. gave a report on the Summit held in Rensselaer on April 23rd; 3. announced that the website has had its one millionth hit already; 4. announced that a soldier killed in Iraq was an IVFA member. Comments from

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# District Meetings

## DISTRICT 3

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PR director Jim Bradford: 1. reminded everyone that the haz mat books have been distributed. Contact your local EMA office if you have not received them; 2. reminded everyone that the convention is in Columbus this year and will be hosted by Warren Township in Indianapolis next year; 3. reminded everyone that NIMS training is required for all departments; 4. announced that the Burn Camp is June 1st and they still need donations of shirts, camps, etc.; 5. announced that the 24-hour paperwork is no longer being accepted for training. Comments from past president Parish: 1. gave a brief report on the National Volunteer Fire Council.

Committee reports: None.  
Unfinished business: None.  
New business: 1. Chief Dave Kaufman of Lincoln Twp. announced that the LaPorte County Fire Chief's Association has adopted the county numbering system as well as MABAS. He gave a brief explanation of the systems and the advantages they offer. He also announced that the Chief's Association adopted "plain English" radio traffic. This change is being made in order work toward NIMS compliancy.

Good of the order: 1. Lincoln Twp. will be having a pork chop dinner on May 28th; 2. LaCrosse Fire Department building dedication will be June 20th.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. after a motion and second.

Next meeting: July 21, 2005, 7:30 p.m. (local time). Food served at 7:00, Center Township (LaPorte). Election of officers.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Kaufman  
Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer*

## DISTRICT 7

**Maurice Sorg**  
District 7  
Chairman



May 16, 2005  
Guest was Michael "Mike" Mackin, Public Relations Director Northeast.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Sorg at 8:07 p.m. with those present reciting the pledge of allegiance.

The first roll call was answered by 28 members from 12 departments.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Sorg announced the IVFA will not be using telemarketing to raise funds.

Chairman Sorg clarified the IVFA license plates will remain at \$5.00 for application.

Related by Chairman Sorg that four deaths have occurred since the last meeting, those being Belson Laur of Bippus, Ronnie Morningstar of Geneva, MSC Michael T. Hiester of Bluffton, and Dale House of Monroeville.

Chairman Sorg gave a brief report on the Fire Caucus in Washington D.C. and advised the IVFA website receives 2200 hits per day from all over the world.

Mike Mackin reminded members the IVFA dues are due by July 31, 2005, and to review members for any changes such as address and beneficiary.

Becky Sorg gave information on the upcoming Indiana Burn Camp slated for June 1, 2005, near Lafayette.

Second roll call was answered by 28 members from 12 departments.

The next meeting will be held at Monroe on July 18, 2005. This will include the election of officers.

*Gary L. Markley  
Secretary*

## DISTRICT 8A



**E.W. Pape, Jr.**  
District 8A  
Chairman

Well, it's that time again. By the time you read this summer will be over again.

I hope everyone got their dues paid on time.

This district has taken on the job of "Convention 2006" hosts. We have had a couple of meetings in Indy and it seems that it will be a good convention. We can always use some help so please "volunteer" to this convention.

The man that needs some thanks for the convention coming to mid-state is Dave Marshall from Center Twp. in Marion.

I guess that is all for now.  
P.S. Don't forget to get onto the I.V.F.A. website to download your forms for response to H.B. 1580.

Thanks,  
See you at the district meeting  
*Bill Pape*

## DISTRICT 8-B

**Lloyd Wright**  
District 8B Chairman

The District 8B meeting was held on May 11, 2005 at the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department/Cowan at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the chairman Larry Petro and incoming chairman Lloyd Wright

There were three departments in attendance.

The group talked about different training, death benefits, grave markets, and Bibles. They also discussed different things that were going on in their communities.

There are two people from the Monroe Township VFD that have 25 or more years in the fire service. We will be going to their meeting to present them with their pins in July.

The Pennville Volunteer Fire Department new tanker was delivered to them on April 17, 2005. It was on display at the FDIC show that was held in Indianapolis in April.

The next district meeting will be held at the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department on July 13 at 7:30 p.m. Please plan to attend.

*Lloyd Wright  
District 8B chairman*

**November  
deadline:  
October 10, 2005**

## IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

The following districts have been appointed to the Logo Committee.

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**District 18 Term: Jan. 1, 2006 to Dec. 31, 2008**

Anyone interested in using the IVFA Logo should contact one of the above District Chairmen for information

## DISTRICT 10

**David Israel**  
District 10  
Chairman



By the time you read this summer will be almost over.

The 2005 IVFA convention is another chapter in the history of annual IVFA conventions.

I would like to thank the departments that helped with any of the 2005 convention. That made it a good time for all. I know that Saturday afternoon was the best part - it was over.

The 2005 Midwest Award winner for District 10 is Chief Larry Kephart of the Whiteland Fire Department in Johnson County. Congratulations, Larry.

Several happenings going on in District 10 - fish fries, festivals, fairs and other events - make sure and get them on the IVFA website.

There have been two fire departments celebrate their 50 year anniversaries in the district. Nineveh Fire Department in Johnson County and Clifford Fire Department in Bartholomew County.

I have presented three 50 year IVFA Gold Cards - one to Unie Brooks of the Nineveh Fire Department and one to Harold Capper of the Clifford Fire Department and one to Maurice Maze of the Franklin Twp. Fire Department in Marion County.

Congratulations on 50 years in fire service.

District 10 officer elections will be at the August meeting.

See you at meetings.  
*District 10 chairman  
David Israel*

## DISTRICT 11-A

**Jack McFarland**  
District 11A  
Chairman



Greetings from District 11-A:

Another successful convention has come and gone. Thanks to Dave Israel and Jim Parker and all of the people who made the convention a success. Sherry McFarland, West Central PR Diane Harrison and District 17A chairperson Beverly Harker held an auction Wednesday evening with the proceeds going to the Hoosier Burn Camp. Thanks to all that helped out and thanks to all of the bidders, enough money was raised to send one child to camp I have been a supporter of the Hoosier Burn Camp and I hope the auction will be an annual event. District 11-A took home their share of awards. Bridget Blanton from the Wright Township Fire Department won the Angel Award. Sherry McFarland from the Lewis Township Fire Department won the Ollie Sandburg and the Midwest Awards. Congratulations to District 11-A Miss Flame Mackenzie Watson from the Cory Fire Department for winning the essay scholarship.

Thanks to District 11-A vice chairman Dave Phelps for standing in for me at the May meeting. The meeting was held at Linton Township (Mr. President that's in Pimento, Indiana and yes, you can all call Hawaii by cell phone). Thanks to Bill Nicoson and the guys for hosting our meeting. Our next meeting will be at the Lewis Township Fire Department in Coalmont. This will be our election of officers.

This will be my last column. I have decided not to run for district chairman. I have enjoyed serving district 11-A and being your voice at the state meetings. I want to thank the officers of district 11-A, without their help I would not have been able to do the job. Vice chairman Dave Phelps: Dave was a working vice chairman, he got the

meeting sites, stood in for me on several occasions when I was unable to make meetings. I could not have asked for anyone better. Bridget Blanton, secretary-treasurer: Bridget dig a great job of keeping the minutes and keeping the check book straight and getting the meeting notices sent out on time. Chaplain Pete Taylor: Pete has used as many vacation days as I have in doing his duties as chaplain. District 11-A has had a chaplain ever since I can remember. I hope whoever takes the chairman's job will not let the state change that. Pete has gone far beyond what is required to see that the service is proper and the family is comforted. Thanks to our Sergeant at arms Steve Downing for having the flags at all of the meetings.

Until we meet again, brothers and sisters, be careful out there.

*Jack McFarland*

## DISTRICT 17B

**Tim Deckard**

District 17B  
Chairman



Marshall Vol. Fire Dept.  
May 11, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bush, the pledge to the flag was led by Secretary Davies. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Roll call was taken with 11 members from four departments and four guests present.

Vice president Ketchem announced that HB 1580 goes into law on 7/01/05. He explained the mechanics of this bill in assisting the volunteer firefighter. Vice president Ketchem then introduced John Davies as the new Association historian. He also mentioned that the National Volunteer Fire Council has a new website new calculator, a good tool for every department to use. He also spoke on the upcoming convention at the Holiday Inn located in Columbus.

State Sgt.-At-Arms Bill Bush

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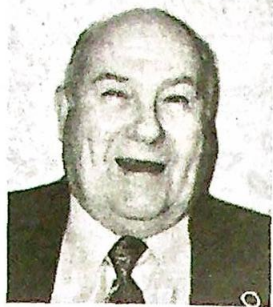
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# From The Treasurer



**Jack Harker**

It has been a very fast summer. It seems like the convention was just last week but yet it is almost time for schools to start back up.

I had a great time at the convention. Things seemed to fall in place just as they should. Thank you to all who worked so hard so we could enjoy it.

Since our May meeting I have attended 10 district meetings, three fundraisers and two memorials.

Don't forget to send in your form for your IVFA license plate in time to get it before your plate expires.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I hope to see some of you as I travel around.

Your treasurer,  
Jack Harker

## DISTRICT 11-B

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spoke about all of the awards that the Association has to offer. He went into detail on each of the awards explaining just what each represented. Auxiliary chairperson Patty Miller talked about the upcoming picnic at the park in Brazil on Sept. 11th.

Chairman Bush presented the host certificate to Chief Kenny Ryan. Vice president Ketchem gave an updated medical report on district chaplain Connie Mankin who was under the weather and could not be with us tonight.

The next district meeting will be held on July 13th at Greencastle.

Having no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned with the benediction given by district auxiliary chaplain, Maxine Davies.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Davies,  
Secretary

## DISTRICT 14



**Al Williamson**

District 14  
Chairman

Greetings to all, I hope everyone enjoyed and recovered from the 2005 convention.

Congratulations to David Israel, Jim Parker and their committee for a great job. I know how hard it can get making everything come together.

No one can say Indiana isn't raising some of the most pretty young ladies in the country because our Miss Flames more than qualify. Congrats to the winners and all the Miss Flames that participated. Congratulations to all the new IVFA and IVFAA officers, also.

We are looking forward to Indy next year for the 2006 convention.

Hope to see you all there.

Mr. Sweet & Low Roy Richardson is home from the hospital now, but had to miss this year's convention due to being in the hospital. Roy says he is doing O.K., get well, Roy.

Congratulations to District 14 Miss Flame Courtney Miller on being named the 2005 Ms. Congeniality. Courtney was honored by her hometown by being the Grand Parade Marshal at Charlestown Founder's Day Parade.

The meeting site for the next District 14 meeting has not yet been selected but will be on the website as soon as a selection is made.

Submitted by  
District 14 chairman  
Al Williamson

## DISTRICT 15



**Steve Anderson**

District 15  
Chairman

Hello, fellow firefighters, I want to start by thanking District 10 for hosting this year's state convention. Congratulations to everyone who helped make it a success. Special congratulations go out to all award winners, including Tom Anderson, District 15's Midwest Award winner, Amanda Gulgsell, Miss Flame 2005 (District 18) and Ashley Blagg, Miss Flame runner-up (District 15).

Next, I would like to challenge each

department to send at least one representative to every district meeting. There are several topics coming to the forefront with the new Governor that will affect every department in the state.

I need to thank this year's convention delegation for trusting District 15 with the planning and hosting of the 2007 state convention. We plan to continue the tradition of having another "Fine Time" (1989) as we "Come Alive" (1995) to provide an atmosphere of excitement for "Evansville and You" (2002) just like we have done in our three previous conventions. And don't worry; we still plan to save a few things up our sleeves to make it the best convention ever.

Before closing, I would like to apologize to all departments in my district with new apparatus. I did not get around in time to get pictures of them all. I will try to get that into the next issue.

Until next time, be safe!  
Steve Anderson  
District 15 chairman

## DISTRICT 17A

**Beverly Harker**



District 17A  
Chairman

Since my last article in the newspaper I have held two district meetings.

The first one on May 24th at Johnson Twp. in Decker. There were seven departments represented by 21 members. There were also nine guests present. Three 25 year pins were given to William Holscher, Carol Ferrell and Jeff Holscher.

The next meeting was held on July 7th at Eastern Greene County Fire Department in Solsberry. It was a joint meeting with District 17B. From my district there were six departments represented by 29 members. Also there were eight guests present. Guest speakers were Eddie King, vice president of IN Fire Instructor's Association and Drew Dailey with DNR. The Midwest Award was given to Ed Michaels of Highland Township Fire Department. Two 25 year pins were given to Jeff Combs of Eastern Fire Department and Debi Ockerman of Richland Taylor Fire Department. District elections were held. Sam Emery was elected district chairman Jack Harker as vice-chairman and Debi Ockerman as secretary.

At the convention in June I had the pleasure of presenting John Johnson with a 50 year Gold Card. It is quite an

honor for someone to be with the fire service for 50 years.

I want to thank everyone in District 17A for their help over the past two years. I have enjoyed the time spent with you wherever I went.

Beverly Harker  
District 17A chairman

## DISTRICT 17B

**Tim Deckard**



District 17B  
Chairman

Greetings Fellow Firefighters,

Our last meeting was held jointly with District 17A at the Eastern Fire Department in Greene County. Thanks to Fire Chief Jeff Combs and members of the fire department for the meal and great hospitality. Elections were held and I would like to thank District 17B for having faith in me to carry on another year as your chairman. Congratulations to Sam Emery from Richland-Taylor as being the new elected District 17A chairman, as Beverly Harker will be our newly elected state treasurer. Our hats go off to Jack Harker who is stepping down as our state treasurer. Many thanks to them both for the ongoing support they have given District 17B. The meeting program guests were Drew Daily from DNR Fire Headquarters and Eddie King from the Indiana Fire Instructors' Association. Both gave very good information to those in attendance.

Big thanks go to chairman David Israel and Jim Parker and District 10 for a GREAT convention. I know everyone had a good time. District 17B sends congratulations to all award winners this year and especially to Carolyn Zeeks from Marion Rural Fire Department in Mitchell, recipient of this year's Lois Boaz Award, again many thanks to all for the hard work who helped make this year's convention great and enjoyable.

District 17B sends sympathy to the firefighters of Versailles Volunteer Fire Department in the recent loss of Fire Chief Richard Purvis, our prayers go out to them and his family.

Reminder to everyone to take advantage of the upcoming annual New Albany Fire School held in August 13, 14, 20 and 21. Upcoming events in the district: Bean Blossom Township Fire Department in Stinesville will be holding their annual Hog Roast on Saturday August 20, Van Buren Township Fire Department invites everyone to be a part in the Poker Run in Memory of Jon Fillippo on Saturday August 20, registration is 10 -11 a.m. More info can be obtained by calling 812-825-9500 or web site www.vanburenfire.org

Hope to see everyone at our next meeting in Lawrence County in September. Have a safe summer.

Tim Deckard Chairman  
District 17B

## DISTRICT 18

**Charles Parker**



District 18  
Chairman

The January 20, 2005 meeting of District 18 was hosted by the Jasper Fire Department at the VFW Hall and was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by chairman Chuck Parker. One hundred members answered roll call, representing 22 departments.

Eighteen guests were also in attendance, including state officers Jack and Barb Kerney, Jack and Bev Harker, Larry Ketchem, and Jim and Stella Abrams. Special guests were Mike and Victoria Bigler from the State Fire Marshal's office. District 18 Miss Flame Amanda Gutgsell (Schnellville) and her "Royal Court" Amanda Dicus (Haysville) and Whitney Hochgesang (Jasper) were in attendance.

Donald Couts, a member of the

Lockhard Township Volunteer Fire Department, was remembered in a memorial service prior to the start of the business meeting.

President Jack Kerney gave a legislative report on what the Association hoped to accomplish in this session of state legislature. John C. "Bull" Smith, Huntingburg VFD was presented his 25 year pin by his father.

Mike Bigler, ISFM office, presented Richard R. "Dick" Schmitt of the Haysville Community VFD the Fire Marshal's Governor's Meritorious Service Award for 36 years dedicated service.

March 17, 2005 meeting of District 18 was held at the Schergens Center in Tell City and hosted by the Tell City Fire Department. Called to order at 8:00 p.m. by chairman Chuck Parker. Merton Murphy, Central Perry, was remembered in a prayer and memorial service.

Eighty members answered roll call from 19 departments. Fourteen guests were present including state officers Jack and Barb Kerney, Jack and Bev Harker, Jim and Stella Abrams. District 18 Miss Flame Amanda Gutgsell was in attendance: Linda Lau, Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, was present and had forms and information available for state and federal grants. District secretary Kenny Lau presented information on a program for Line of Duty Deaths. The "Fallen Firefighters Dress Uniform Program" makes available a Class A uniform for burial, at request of the immediate family, at no charge. The cost of shipping is billed to the deceased's fire department. The program is sponsored by the Lighthouse Uniform Company of Seattle, Washington, phone 800-426-5225.

President Jack Kerney gave a legislative update and report on the IVFA Summit Program.

Chairman Chuck Parker, along with help from President Kerney, Tell City Fire Chief Dennis Kessans and Tell City Mayor Gayle Strassell, presented Dennis Howard of Tell City VFD, his 25 year pin.

District secretary gave the meeting attendance report for 2004. Six meetings held as scheduled with an average attendance of 70 members from 18 departments.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Air Evac Life Team did a fly-in and presented an informational program on their services and gave everyone a chance to inspect their air unit.

The May 26, 2005 meeting of District 18 was held at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation Center and was hosted by the Haysville Community VFD. Chairman Chuck Parker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Sixty-five members from 15 departments answered roll call. Guests included state officers Jack and Bev Harker and Jim and Stella Abrams. District 18 Miss Flame Amanda Gutgsell was also present.

Donald Buford, Birdseye Fire Department, was remembered in a prayer and memorial service. Donald was honored as the 10,000th member of the IVFA in 1969. Associate State Chaplain, Pat Gallagher, was also remembered in our service.

Public Relations Director Jim Abrams gave the legislative update. Chairman Parker gave a brief report on the trip to Washington, D.C. for the Fire Service Caucus. Chairman Parker also appointed a nominating committee to conduct the district elections in July.

Congratulations to District 18 Miss Flame, Amanda Gutgsell, for being chose as the new state Miss Flame at the IVFA Convention 2005. Amanda is the daughter of Brett and Kris Gutgsell, Schnellville Fire Department. District 18 is very proud of Amanda!

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**DISTRICT 19**



**Ed Scheele**  
District 19  
Chairman

I thank District 10 for hosting the state convention this year. You do a great job hosting the conventions.

I also thank Ashley Hountz for representing District 19 in the Miss Flame contest.

Congratulations to all the award winners at the convention. Congratulations to Jim Yankirk, Morris V.F.D., on receiving the district Midwest Award.

All departments need to be thinking about names for next year's awards and be thinking about a candidate for the district Miss Flame on November 17th at Moores Hills V.F.D.

We are in the hot summer months now. Everyone needs to be extra careful not get overheated and drink plenty of liquids.

*Ed Scheele*  
District 19 chairman

## New officers elected for 2005-2006

Officer elections for the Cordry Sweetwater Fire Department were held at the monthly meeting on June 16, 2005.

Elected to serve for the coming year are as follows:

Fire Chief Vernon (Bernie) McGaha, Assistant Fire Chief Corey McGaha, Secretary Teresa Bennett, Treasurer Sheryll Durbin and Ambulance Captain Paula York.

All officers elected will serve in their respective positions for the next 12 months.

If you would like to join the department as a firefighter or EMT and live in the Cordry Sweetwater Lakes area, you may do so by contacting any officer or by calling and leaving your name at the fire station at 933-2224.

Your community needs you!

## E.M.S. Week observed

Cordry Sweetwater Volunteer Fire & Ambulance, Inc. celebrated Emergency Medical Services (E.M.S.) Week May 15-21 in Brown County.

Statistical data provided by the State Fire Marshal's Office indicate there are more than 7,000 First Responders, 15,000 EMT's and 2,500 Para-Medics that serve Indiana residents each year. In Brown County alone there are more than 95 EMT's that reside in the community.

If you know of persons that work for a paid fire/ambulance service or who are members of the volunteer fire and ambulance services, please take a moment to say: "Thank You".

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# FROM THE HISTORIAN'S CORNER . . . .

*John Davies*

The convention is over for another year. My congratulations to the host for a wonderful time in Columbus during the Convention. To those who will lead our Association for the upcoming year, we wish them success and good fortune and may all of their goals come true.

The convention team for next year is busy at work planning for the 2006 festivities. Have you seen the money maker they have available. I have seen many magnets on cars and trucks and now there is a new one added to the

list being sold by the '96 convention group. If every firefighter in the State of Indiana would purchase at least one of these magnets, I am sure Mr. Cushman would smile for a long time.

I learned at this convention that several of the supporting members of the Association have decided it was time to "move on". I for one, will miss them at the officer's meetings and at future conventions. Al Mendel has been supporting the games at the convention for 31 years. We will have a new chairman next year. To Al, I say "Thank

You" for a job well done. I am glad to remember all of the successful years he has chairing the games committee.

I will try to have an article in each issue of the paper. Maybe in years to come, someone will read about what this Association has done during certain years. I will do my best to see that this is accomplished. If you department has something coming up that you would like to have me present, just drop me a line or send me an e-mail. I would like to be there. The official photographer of the convention and

I have struck an agreement where I will get some of the pictures that were taken at the convention. These will be part of the files for future reference.

I look forward in serving the Association as the new historian. My ears are always open for any suggestions or comments that you might want to make, feel free to contact me. Have a good and safe year. Until the next time.

*John Davies*

## Michael Orsburn receives 25 year service pin



DISTRICT 2 chairman, Paul Watland (left), awards Keener Twp. Vol. FD assistant chief Michael Orsburn his 25 year service pin. Buz Koehler, IVFA past president and board chairman looks on. (submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

## Alex Esyenyi earns 25 year pin for years of fire service



PRNW Jim Bradford presents Alex Esyenyi of the Lowell VFD with his 25 year service pin. Jack Eskridge, chief of Lowell VFD, looks on. (submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman)

## Andy Benton newest member of Huntingburg VFD



At the June 1 meeting of the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Dept. (Dubois Co., District 18), Fire Chief Glen Kissling introduced Andy Benton to the membership.

Benton, while a junior at Southridge High School this past year, documented the 120 year history of the department. Benton researched local newspaper archives, and conducted interviews with both current and retired department

members.

Benton documented information such as the Department's beginnings and first members, as well as the procurement of equipment in the early days of firefighting.

Benton's efforts also highlighted some of the most major fires in the City of Huntingburg over the past 120 years.

Chief Kissling (left) is pictured pre-

sending a plaque to Benton recognizing his efforts in helping to preserve the department's history.

Benton, 17, plans to study medicine after his graduation from Southridge. He is the son of John and the late Liz Benton of Huntingburg.

(Photo and article courtesy of the Huntingburg VFD)

## Department hosts pancake breakfast

Cordry Sweetwater Fire and Ambulance Inc. hosted a pancake breakfast on Sunday, July 10, 2005 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Cordry Sweetwater Clubhouse, located at the main entrance to the lakes at 8751 Nineveh Road.

Proceeds from this event will go to help pay for new equipment that the department hopes to purchase in the future.

The department is still offering Free Smoke Alarms at the Conservancy Office any day of the week.

Remember for any emergency Call 911!

## Announces calendar of events

The Cordry Sweetwater Fire and Ambulance Department hosted its annual garage sale on April 30, 2005 and would like to thank everyone for their support of this event.

This annual event kicked off the fundraising events for the coming year.

The Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians are on duty 24 hours a day to serve the Lakes and Brown communities. Monies raised keep the personnel, trained and provide the members with the proper equipment and medical supplies as they continue to provide the best fire and medical care to the area.

Following are the 2005 fund raising events. Please cut out the article and keep it handy for future reference:

- August 14: Pancake breakfast 7am-11:30am
- September 3-4: Ox roast 11am-6pm
- October 8: Fire station open house (Fire Prevention Week) 2pm-5pm
- October 28-29: Haunted Forest 7pm-11:30 pm
- October 31: Trick or Treat Hay-ride 6pm

Thank you to everyone for supporting our fun events at Cordry Sweetwater.

# IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

## From The IVFA Secretary



Larry Bartlow

QUARTERLY MEETING  
APRIL 30, 2005  
HOLIDAY INN  
COLUMBUS, INDIANA

President Jack Kerney called the meeting at 2:05 p.m. He called on Chaplain Jerry Cohen for the invocation. Vice president Larry Ketchem led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

President Kerney introduced the new district chairmen that are present. They are: Pam Kaufman, District 3; Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B and Carol Thrawley, District 13B. The new district chairman for District 16 is Mike Holcomb.

President Kerney called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting by secretary Bartlow. PRNW Jim Bradford made a motion to accept the minutes as written. District 8B Larry Petro made the second. Motion passed.

President's Report: Jack Kerney - attended eight district meetings, seven Fire Summit meetings, two Board of Firefighters Standards and education meetings, one memorial service, Indiana Fire Services Institute Dinner, the National Fire Caucus Dinner, the FDIC Conference, and the Fire Marshal's Associations meeting.

Vice president report: Larry Ketchem - attended the Fire Chief's Orientation in Greencastle, District 11B Miss Flame dance, the Fire Services Institute dinner, the National Fire Caucus dinner, seven Fire Summit meetings, two district meetings, two memorial services and the Tri-County

Firefighters meeting.

Chaplain's report: Jerry Cohen - held five memorial services, using assistant chaplains when necessary. He had information about the Lighthouse Uniform Company in Seattle, Washington that will provide a Class "A" burial uniform to any line of duty death free of charge.

Secretary's report: Larry Bartlow - attended two district meetings, one firehouse dedication, one memorial service and the Indiana Fire Caucus dinner.

Treasurer's report: Jack Harker - traveled 1196 miles attending five district meetings, three fundraisers, one memorial service, one Fire Summit meeting and the Indiana Fire Caucus dinner. He presented the financial report for the quarter and explained the profit and loss statement. A motion by Jim Parker to accept the report as presented. Larry Bruner made the second. Motion passed.

Sergeant-at-Arms report: Bill Bush - attended several meetings. Gave inventory of supplies. Needs to purchase Ollie Sandberg trophies and dedication clocks.

Chairman of the Board: Buz Koehler - due to work schedule has not attended many meetings. President Kerney presented Buz his past president's gold card.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PRNW: Jim Bradford - attended five district meetings, one IVFAA meeting, three memorial services, four fundraisers, one awards banquet, one newspaper meeting, and two fire marshal's meetings.

PRNE: Mike Mackin - made all meetings except District 5.

PRWC: Diana Harrison - made all meetings. Worked FDIC booth.

PREC: Don Cushman - attended one convention 2006 meeting, four district meetings and one fundraiser.

PRSW: Jim Abrams - attended 4 district meetings and had three memorial services.

PRSE: Bob McKinzie - attended two district meetings and two memorials services.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS: Past presidents Koehler, Kerney, Zeeks, Glant, Bruns, and

Parker all passed.

**DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORTS:** District 1: Tom Orrell - absent. District report given by Paul Watland, District 2. District 1 held meeting March 16, 2005 at Burns Harbor fire department. The program "Trauma" was presented by South Bend's "Air Angels". District 1 had 48 members from 12 departments and District 2 had 14 members from six departments. There were two deaths in the district. The next meeting is May 18, 2005 at Ross Township #1 (Lake County). PRNW I.V.F.A. Fire summit was held at Rensselaer fire department on April 23, 2005. August 20, 2005 Liberty Township Fire Department (Porter County) will hold their 50th anniversary celebration.

District 2: Paul Watland - held meeting February 16, 2005 at Lake Twp. Voluntary Fire Dept. The program was presented Russ Schanlaub, who spoke about "meth labs". District 1 had 17 members representing eight departments and District 2 had 45 members representing nine departments. The next meeting was held at Shelby Vol. Fire Dept. on April 20, 2005 with district having 21 members representing nine departments and district having 58 members representing nine departments present. The next meeting will be July 20, 2005 at Wheatfield Vol. Fire Dept.

District 3: Pam Kaufman - held meeting March 17, 2005 at Westville Fire Department with 15 members representing eight departments. The next meeting will be May 19, 2005 at Coolsprings Fire Department.

District 4: Greg Freed - held meeting at Jefferson Township Fire Department. He has presented three "Gold Cards". The next meeting is July 27, 2005 at Harrison Township Fire Department.

District 5: Don Kissinger - held last meeting March 10, 2005 at Claypool Fire Department. Representative Bill Ruppel talked about what was going on at legislature. They had 23 members representing nine departments present. The next meeting is May 12, 2005 at Bremen Fire Department.

District 6: Dave Elick - had meeting March 22, 2005 at Corona Fire Department. The next meeting is May 24, 2005 at Shippshewana Fire Department.

District 7: Mort Sorg - had three deaths in the district this past quarter. Had the last meeting March 21, 2005 at Liberty Center Fire Department with 42 members representing 14 departments. The next meeting is May 16, 2005 at Markle Fire Department.

District 8A: Bill Pape - held meeting March 9, 2005 at Pipe Creek Fire Department. They had 25 members representing 10 departments. The next meeting is May 11, 2005 at Pleasant Township Fire Department.

District 8B: Larry Petro - held meeting March 10, 2005 at Selma Liberty Twp. Fire Department. They had 21 members representing seven departments. The next meeting is May 11, 2005 at Cowan Fire Department.

District 9A: Jon Randle - held last meeting at Onward Fire Department. The County EMA Director talked on the 800 Mhz radio system. The next meeting will be May 26, 2005 at Pipe Creek Fire Department in Bunker Hill.

District 9B: Randy Denton - Absent.

District 10: David Israel - held meeting February 16, 2005 at Amity Com-

munity Vol. Fire Dept. with 50 members representing 15 departments present. The program was presented by Randy Wood on the mandatory training. Plymovent Exhaust Systems also made a presentation. The next meeting was March 16, 2005 at Marion Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. with 30 members representing 11 departments present. Assistant chief inspector Debbie Frye with the fire marshals presented a program on Tent Laws and Festivals. They had one death in the district. The April meeting was held at Clay Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. on the 20th with 45 members representing 15 departments. Fire Marshal Roger Johnson and IVFA president Jack Kerney spoke on the IVFA Fire Summit that is being held around the state. The East Central Area meeting is May 21, 2005 at Greensburg. The next meeting is May 18, 2005 at Posey Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. (Rush County).

District 11A: Jack McFarland - last meeting was March 20, 2005 at Jackson Twp. Fire Dept. with 24 members representing six departments. LEPC president Stan Frank presented the program. The next meeting is May 15, 2005 at Linton Twp. Fire Dept. The July meeting is at Lewis Twp. Fire Dept. on the 17th.

District 11B: Brent Bush - held meeting March 13, 2005 at Kingman Fire Department with 24 members representing nine departments. Had one firehouse dedication on March 19, 2005 at Marshall Vol. Fire Dept. Had two deaths in the district. The next meeting will be May 11, 2005 at Marshall Vol. Fire Dept.

District 12: Larry Bruner - held meeting January 17, 2005 at Gregg Twp. Fire Dept. Held one memorial service. The next meeting will be May 16, 2005 at Stilesville Vol. Fire Dept.

District 13A: Carol Thrawley - held meeting April 19, 2005 at Dunreith Fire Department with 11 members representing five departments. Thanked everyone for helping him get started. The next meeting is May 11, 2005 at Shirley Fire Department.

District 13B: Dennis Spears - held meeting March 23, 2005 at Centerville Fire/Rescue with 19 members representing seven departments. They had one death in the district.

District 14: Al Williamson - held meeting April 14, 2005 at Charlestown Vol. Fire Dept. with 12 members representing five departments present.

District 15: Steve Anderson - held meeting March 15, 2005 at Lynnville Fire Department with 22 members representing nine departments. They had report/discussion on the fire summit. The next meeting is May 17, 2005 at Oakland City Vol. Fire Dept.

District 16: Absent.

District 17A: Beverly Harker - held meeting March 23, 2005 at Harrison Twp. Fire Dept. with 18 members representing eight departments present. The program was a film and discussion on a local church fire. The next meeting is May 25, 2005 at Elnora Fire Department.

District 17B: Tim Deckard - held meeting March 15, 2005 at Marion Twp. Fire Department with 18 members representing 11 departments present. The next meeting is May 25, 2005 at Fruitdale Fire Department.

District 18: Charlie Parker - held meeting March 17, 2005 at Tell City Fire Department with 75 members present. The next meeting will be May 26, 2005 at Haysville Fire Department.

District 19: Ed Scheele - held meeting March 24, 2005 at Lawrenceburg Fire Department with 63 members representing 17 departments present. The program was about the new mandatory training that started January 1, 2005. The next meeting will be May 26, 2005 at Dillsboro Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 21: Don Fultz - held meeting March 29, 2005 at Attica Fire Department with 18 members representing five departments. The next meeting will be May 31, 2005 at Clarks Hill Fire Department.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Convention Guideline: David Israel - the committee needs information on who's bidding on the 2007 convention.

Insurance: Jack Kerney - Trying to get another company to offer insurance for our members. Will have the company make a presentation to the insurance committee this quarter.

Bridgeport: Carl Bruns - The three winners for this year have been selected. There were 30 eligible applications this year. Need to follow rules of the Bridgeport Scholarship program. The forms for the application are available on the website.

Editor's Assistant: Jim Bradford - The May issue of the paper is 40 pages. The deadline for the August paper is July 10, 2005.

Clothing Claims: Jim Bradford - had four claims this quarter. All claims must be submitted within 60 days.

Ad-Taker: Mitch Parish - needs letters for the convention books.

Awards: Larry Ketchem - all awards for this year have been selected. We need to start right now for next year. Also need to decide on the Board meeting if we want to continue the Ollie Sandberg Award as this is the last year of the original agreement.

Fire Schools: Larry Ketchem - explained some of the things that had been discussed in the fire summits that have been held around the state. Much discussion on the present training standard and the problems that are happening around the state.

Legislative: Jim Parker - H.B., 1580 Disciplinary Action for Volunteer Firefighters late for work. Bill was passed and signed by the governor and will take effect July 1, 2005. A letter must be on file with the employer stating that you are a volunteer firefighter/EMS. A statement from the department stating type, time of emergency and time the event ended. Volunteer firefighter can be allowed to leave if approved beforehand by their supervisor. Essential employees are not excused. Employer must tell employ that he is essential. A very successful year in the legislature.

By-Laws and SOG: Jim Parker - This is the second reading of the proposed language changes and update of the SOG's. A motion was made by Larry Bruner to accept the changes as presented. Dave Elick made the second. Motion passed. Update terminology in Bridgeport Committee rules and regulations to read as the Committee is doing them. The committee recommended these changes. Past president Koehler made a motion to accept these changes as read. Chaplain Cohen made the second. Motion passed. Article VI of the SOG's Sergeant at Arms: add Item (2). The Sergeant at Arms shall destroy all articles of damaged clothing submitted to the Clothing Claims Committee for reimbursement. Motion to accept change made by past president Koehler. Larry Petro made the second; District 8A. Motion passed on first reading.

Meeting recessed at 6:00 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 1, 2005.

Morning message presented by Jerry Cohen.

Historian: Vice-president Larry Ketchem presented the need of the organization to have a historian to keep information about the IVFA organized. John Davies was asked to be the historian. He is past recording secretary of the IVFA. John gladly accepts the job

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## BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

**MARCH 1, 2006**

**DEADLINE**

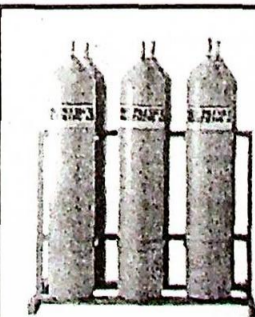
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and his address is: 5 Brookside Drive, Fillmore, IN 46128-9622.

Logo: Charles Parker - Pass.

Membership: Steve Anderson - We have 17,502 members in 2004-2005. License plate sold for 2004 is 3903 and for 2005 sold 1720 plates. Dues packets for 2005/2006 have been mailed.

Public Education: Larry Ketchem - would like to get more training to the PR areas around the state.

Games: Al Mendel - Everything is ready. The entry forms are in the paper. Al will retire after this year's games.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Jack Kerney - the Council is meeting this weekend. The Fire Council website has a very useful program that all departments needs to use. It is the cost calculator that shows your department value to your community. This site is [www.NVFC.org](http://www.NVFC.org) then click on the cost savings calculator.

Board of Firefighting Standards and Education: Jack Kerney - The February meeting had eight board members present. Approved five variances, denied seven. Fire Marshal stated EMS will be reporting to him. The Fire Marshal will be Deputy Director of Homeland Security. The Bureau of Training will report to the Fire Marshal and include all training. Board officers were elected with Pat Donahue was elected chairman. Derrick Scott was elected vice-chairman and Jerry Nulliner was elected secretary. A Motor Sports task force was put in place. The April meeting had seven board members present. They approved nine variances. Fire Marshal reported S.B. 56 was moving and that the Board of Firefighting Standards and Education would stay in place. Looking at five regional training sites. John Buckman appointed contact person on training sites. Monies to come from Homeland Security funds.

Fire Services Institute: Buz Koehler - working on next year's dinner. It will be held at the Hyatt.

FDIC: Jack Kerney - the conference was a success with good attendance. We did sign-up for next year. The FDIC wanted a membership list so they could mail each member information. Jim Parker made a motion that we would only supply a department list. Mike Mackin made the second. Motion passed.

Convention 2005: David Israel - be sure to get convention registration and room reservations in. Everything is ready.

Convention 2006: Bill Pape/Don Cushman - The contract is signed for the Indianapolis location.

Web Page: Buz Koehler - need to send dates of meeting to Web Master. Central Office will notify Web Master of officer changes or addresses. Mike Mackin made motion to pay one night's lodging and registration for the Web Master at convention. Dave Elick made the second. Motion passed pending board action.

Central Office: Jack Kerney - The office has developed a certificate to present for special event. After much discussion on making the certificate,

Bill Bush made a motion to have central office to continue making the certificate and mailing to the district chairman as needed. Bill Pape made the second. Motion passed. Had a request for support of a Fire Code change - to require all new home construction to have a main disconnect outside of a structure ahead of the meter. A motion was made by Jim Parker to support this change. Carol Thrawley made the second. Motion passed. Need to check the list of those members died this past year for corrections or names that are missing, as this is the list of names that will be printed for the convention memorial service. Jim Parker made a motion for the district chairman to poll their district as to whether we continue to sell Bibles and Grave markers for non-members. Larry Bruner made the second. Motion defeated by show of hands. Chaplain to monitor this. Officer's room rate for convention is \$50 and food allowance is \$25.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The contact with **CIVIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP** for fundraising was sent to our lawyer. She recommends that we not approve this contract. At this point we will not sign this contract.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Next quarterly officer's meeting will be August 13 & 14, 2005. Jim Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Elick made the second. Motion passed.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MAY 1, 2005:** Chairman of the board Buz Koehler called the meeting to order. He called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Don Cushman made a motion to accept them as printed. Dave Elick made the second. Motion passed.

(1) Request to allow the expenses of the Fire Summits. Dave Elick made motion to pay these expenses. Jack Zeeks made the second. Motion passed; (2) Continuation of the Ollie Sandberg Award. Jack Zeeks made motion to continue the award under the same name and guidelines. Larry Petro made the second. Motion passed; (3) Jim Bradford made motion to maintain an inventory of clocks not to exceed 15. The second was made by Jack Zeeks. Motion passed; (4) FDIC 2006 motion by Jim Parker to attend the conference. Dave Elick made the second. Motion passed; (5) Dave Elick made a motion to pay the expenses of Web Master for one night lodging and convention registration. Mike Mackin made the second. Motion passed; (6) Motion by Jack Zeeks to purchase a new IVFA flag, single sided for \$650. Dave Elick made the second. Motion passed; (7) Request for \$500 for the Miss Flame program. The motion to support this program was made by Jack Kerney. The second was made by Dave Elick. Motion passed.

Having no other business to come before the Board, Don Kissinger made a motion to adjourn. Bob McKinzie made the second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry L. Bartlow,  
Secretary

## Convention officer's meeting minutes

CONVENTION OFFICER'S MEETING  
JUNE 16, 2005  
HOLIDAY INN  
COLUMBUS, IN

President Jack Kerney called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Chaplain Jerry Cohen gave the invocation.

Vice president Larry Ketchem led the pledge to the flag.

President Kerney called for the reading of the minutes of the last convention officer's meeting. PRNE Jim Bradford made a motion to accept them as printed. PREC Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed.

### OFFICER'S REPORT

President Jack Kerney - will hold his report until the opening meeting; Vice President Larry Ketchem - committed on the Board of Firefighter Standards and Education meeting held this morning. Also details of presenting the Midwest Awards at the banquet; Chaplain Jerry Cohen - reported he has 51 Protestant Bibles, 33 Catholic Bibles and 48 grave markers; Secretary Larry Bartlow - pass; Treasurer Jack Harker - reported that delegate mileage for convention would be 49.5 cents a mile; Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Bush - checked if everyone was receiving the dedication clocks on time.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS:** PRNW Jim Bradford, PRNE Mike Mackin, PRWC Diane Harrison, PREC Don Cushman, PRSW Jim Abrams and PRSE Bob McKinzie all passed.

**PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS:** Past president Buz Koehler - pass; past president Jack Zeeks - pass; past president Richard Glant - pass; past president Mitch Parish - pass; past president Ivan Nevil - pass; past president Carl Bruns - pass; past president Jim Parker - pass.

**DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORTS:** Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8A, 8B, 9A, 10, 11A, 11B, 12, 13A, 13B, 14, 15, 17A, 17B, 18, 19 and 21 all pass; District 9A and 16 absent; District 5 - Don Kissinger, retiring after this meeting; District 8B - Larry Petro, reported that this is his last meeting as district chairman. Thanked for their support and friendship during the past several years; District 11A - Jack McFarland is stepping down after this meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Convention David Israel - need to have committee meeting at the August meeting; Convention 2006 Bill Pape - early registration will be until noon Saturday, June 18, 2005. Late registration will be after June 1, 2006. "Race to Indy in 2006". Budget Jack Harker - pass; Bridgeport Carl Bruns - have three scholarships to award; Editor's assistant Jim Bradford - deadline for August newspaper is July 10, 2005; Ad-taker Mitch Parish - pass; Audit Jack Harker - committee meet this afternoon and approved the audit report; Games Al Mendel - everything is ready. Al is retiring from the games after this

year; Board of Firefighter Standards and Education Jack Kerney - had meeting this morning. Still working on total funding for training; FDIC Jack Kerney - signed up for next year.

All other committees passed.

Old business - nothing.

New business - nothing.

Jim Parker made a motion to adjourn. Don Kissinger made the second. Motion passed.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING:** Chairman of the Board Buz Koehler called the board to order.

Asked if there was any old business. Hearing nothing he called for new business.

New business: Jim Bradford, PRNW, asked that the contract for the Central Office is up for renewal in August and are we going to put the contract out for bid. Mitch Parish made a motion to open the contract for the Central Office up for bid. Jim Bradford made the second. Much discussion was held on the topic. The motion was called for. A show of hands vote was taken. Thirteen "yes" votes, 19 "no" votes. Motion defeated.

Having no other business to come before the body, a call for adjournment was requested.

Jim Bradford made a motion to adjourn. The second was by Jim Parker. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry L. Bartlow  
Secretary

## Hoosier Burn Camp auction held

Let's offer a special "thank you" to the convention committee who allowed the first (hopefully of many) auction to support Hoosier Burn Camp.

I want to thank all those who generously donated: Southwestern F&S, WSF - Jack Kerney, Wright Twp. FD, Lewis Twp. FD, Bill Pape/District 9A, Dan Keller - New Market FD, Greene County FF Association, Diane and Harold Harrison, Jack and Sherry

McFarland, Jim Carrier/Femo.

We couldn't have done this without the hard work of those who helped with the event: Auctioneer Tony Farrer, cashiers Bev Harker and Sherry McFarland, along with all of our great Miss Flames! We would also like to thank all of our bidders and buyers, we couldn't have done it without all of you!

We were able to raise \$1,314.00 that

will more than send a young person to Hoosier Burn Camp. In 2004, 63 kids enjoyed the week long camp. If you haven't attended on "Visitor's Day" you might try to join the FF's, staff and kids next year. It is a heart-warming experience.

Thank you,  
Diane Harrison

## Accepts check for Hoosier Burn Camp



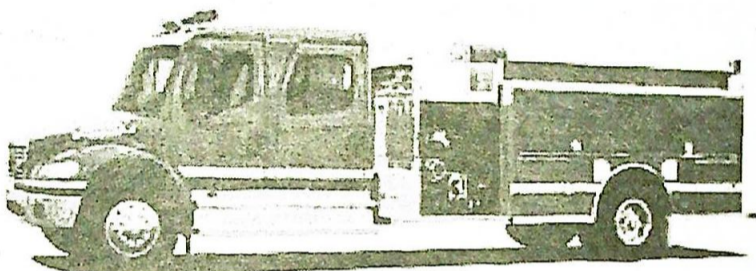
WEST CENTRAL PR Diane Harrison presents Mike Bigler with a check for the Hoosier Burn Camp.

(submitted by  
Jack McFarland,  
District 11-A chairman)



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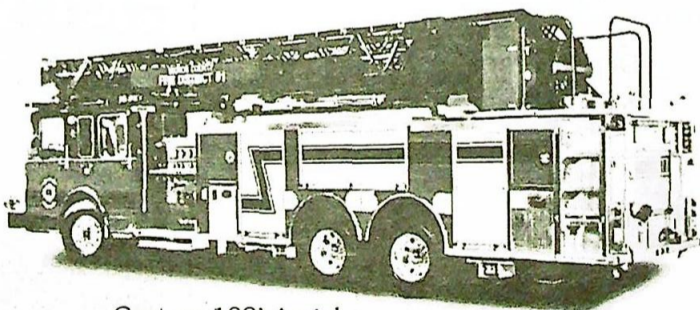
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# IVFA SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

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The State of Indiana provides Special License Plates to qualified members of organizations such as the IVFA. This program is administered through the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The IVFA Central Office coordinates the program for members of the Association. You will not be able to obtain license plate request forms unless you complete the following instructions. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

### To Obtain Your License Plate(s) You Must:

1. Be a **paid-up member** of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
2. Return your **Individual Plate Requests** to the IVFA Office - P.O. Box 4797 - Evansville, IN 47724 no later than 30 days before the month you wish to receive your license plates. This form must contain the **number of plates you are requesting, and the year of the plate; along with \$5.00 for each license plate requested.**

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Feb. 28: Bf - Bz	June 30: Kn - L	Oct. 31: Wl - Z
March 15: C	July 15: Ma - Me	
March 31: D	July 31: Mf - O	
April 15: E - F	Aug. 15: P - Q	
April 30: G	Aug. 31: R	
May 15: Ha - Hn	Sept. 15: Sa - Sn	

3. The application contains a space to write the number of license plates requested, making necessary to fill out **only one application per person, not per license plate.**
4. You only need to send **\$5.00 per each license plate requested.**
5. The license plate form(s) will be sent to each individual at their home address.
6. This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year!
7. See additional instructions for BMV procedures.

## BMV PROCEDURES

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1. Submit or mail one (1) license plate request form to the BMV for each license plate requested.
2. Must be an original form (with the raised seal on the bottom right hand corner).
3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of \$12 for each plate requested in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.
5. Follow all directions supplied to you by the BMV.

This is a general outline of the steps needed to renew Special License Plates. The IVFA only supplies the necessary authorization form(s) to obtain the IVFA Special Recognition License Plates.

Upon receiving the form(s), members must follow and complete all BMV regulations in order to receive the plates.

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# Two earn rank of Firefighter I/II



Josh (Jack) Morrison



Scott (Gomer) Thompson

As part of the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Department's (Dubois Co., District 18) continuing education program, Huntingburg Fire Chief Glen Kissling announced the certification to the rank of Firefighter I/II for two of the department's members.

Scott (Gomer) Thompson is completing his fifth year as a member of the department. He and his wife, Amanda, are parents of a son, Cody.

Josh (Jack) Morrison is completing his second year as a member of the department. He and his wife, Samantha, are the parents of a daughter Isabel, and a son, Owen.

*(article and photos courtesy of Huntingburg VFD)*

# A little humor story

One dark night outside a small town in Wisconsin, a fire started inside the local chemical plant and, in a blink of an eye, it exploded into massive flames. The alarm went out to all the fire departments for miles around.

When the volunteer firefighters appeared on the scene, the chemical company president rushed to the fire chief and said, "All of our secret formulas are in the vault in the center of the plant. They must be saved! I will give \$50,000 to the fire department that brings them out intact."

But the roaring flames held the firefighters off.

Soon more fire departments had to be called in as the situation became desperate. As the firemen arrived, the president shouted out that the offer was now \$100,000 to the fire department who could bring out the company's secret files.

From the distance, a lone siren was heard as another fire truck came into sight. It was the nearby Norwegian rural township volunteer fire company composed mainly of Norwegians over the age of 65. To everyone's amazement, that little run-down fire engine roared right past all the newer sleek engines that were parked outside the plant.

Without even slowing down, it

drove straight into the middle of the inferno. Outside, the other firemen watched as the Norwegian old timers jumped off right in the middle of the fire and fought it back on all sides. It was a performance and effort never seen before!

Within a short time, the Norske old timers had extinguished the fire and had saved the secret formulas. The grateful chemical company president announced that for such a super human feat he was upping the reward to

\$200,000, and walked over to personally thank each of the brave firefighters.

The local TV news reporter rushed in to capture the event on film, asking their chief, "What are you going to do with all that money?"

"Vell," said Ole Larsen, the 70-year-old fire chief, "Da first ting ve gonna do is fix da brakes on dat dere truck!" -- submitted by R.R. Pence, Swayzee V.F.D., IN

# Farmland to build new rescue truck



The department purchased this 1999 Ford chassis and have ordered a supreme body for the back. The truck was to be finished by the end of March.

The bed was being installed in Goshen, Indiana and it should have been back in Farmland about the middle of March. The department will finish the truck.

*(submitted by Billy Sunday)*

# Pam Cothorn receives Firefighter 1 & 2



PAM COTHERN received her Firefighter 1 & 2. Pam has been an extra on the department and now is a member of the team. Good job, keep up the good work!

*(submitted by Billy Sunday)*



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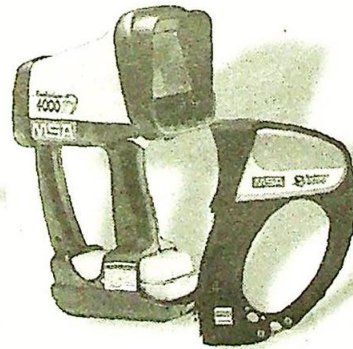


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# IVFAA President



Joann Hays

July 7, 2005  
Hello,

As you new IVFAA president, I would like to say "thanks" to all of you who attended the annual 2005 convention in Columbus.

It was a nice convention and I know

they worked very hard to show all of us a good time. A big "thanks" goes out to the Parkers and Israels and their committees for making it all possible. Congratulations to all of the award winners. I know you were all very deserving of them.

Thanks to Barbara Kerney for all of her hard work as president for the last three years. You did a good job for the organization and it will be hard to fill her shoes, but I'll try my best.

A big "thank you" to Diana Gray for a wonderful job as our recording secretary. You did a fantastic job. We will miss you but wish you and Dale the very best on your retirement and good luck traveling.

To all of the officers I wish you the very best and I know you will do a fine job for the organization.

Officers for 2005 - 2006: President Joann Hays, vice president Martha Thomas, recording secretary Tammy Hungate, corresponding secretary Malinda Bell, treasurer Dorothy Reiter, chaplain Beth Caudill, Sgt.-at-Arms Mariam Schackel, Immediate

past president Barbara Kerney.

Committees haven't been assigned yet as some of the districts haven't had their meetings. They will be assigned by the time we have our August meeting.

Congratulations to Jack Kerney and his officers. Have a good year all of you.

Until we meet in August at Columbus, all of you take care of yourselves.

I forgot one more thing. Thanks to Faye Sallee for serving as our Immediate Past president. Faye, you did a good job. I wish you the very best of everything.

Love and prayers,  
Joann Hays,  
IVFAA President

P.S. As your past vice president for three years I would like to say to all of you for your help with V.P. projects. It would have not been a success without all of you. A big thanks to all of you and good luck to Martha Thomas, our new vice president and her projects this new year.

## STATE OFFICER'S MEETING



Martha Thomas  
Corresponding Secretary  
IVFAA

Columbus, IN  
May 1, 2005

President Barb Kerney called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Prayer was given by Chaplain Beth Caudill followed by pledge to the flag by Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schackel.

roll call was given by Diana Gray with 22 members and seven guests present.

Minutes were read by Diana with changes as follows: Richard Mackin was sick and doing better, E.J. Smith was not ill and a change of address for Crystal Armbruster, District 19 chairman.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter gave her report:

Balance on hand Feb. 6, 2005.....	\$19,090.98
Income:	
Dues.....	\$210.00
Interest.....	6.51
V.P. Project.....	1476.00
Unrelated Inc.....	112.00
((\$55.00 MM Acct.)	
Total Income:	+ 1,804.51
Disbursements:	
Operating Exp.....	340.00
Phone & Postage.....	9.25
Awards & Gifts.....	312.31
Total Disbursements:	-661.56
Balance on hand May 1, 2005.....	\$20,233.93

Martha Thomas stated that she had no correspondence at this time.

Diana Gray gave her report of the membership as follows: 2004-2005 has 61 departments, 52 Ind., 15 life, 656 paid by departments, with a total of 708. 2005-2006 has three departments, nine ind., 15 life, 47 paid by departments, with a total of 56 members at this time.

Beth Caudill stated she has sent out five sympathy cards, nine get well and thinking of you and read her list of deceased members as they have to have the list in time to be printed by convention. Phyllis Vargo made a motion to have more Bibles bought with a second by Patty Miller and passed by membership.

Marilyn Dever stated that she had to have the applications for the games by June 1st so that that will have enough for the drawing.

Miss Flame Patty Miller says that we will have 15 young ladies this year. She has received \$100.00 donation from the Dana V.F.Dept. for the Mary Mackin fund and \$200 donation from Bliss McKnight of Ind. Co.

Joann Hays stated that she has \$820.00 more from the cookbooks and she needs the tickets that have not been sold returned to her so that the Miss Flames can sell them at convention.

Toni Sorg has no by-law changes at this time.

E.J. Smith says that she will have her jewelry ready by June 7th.

Susie Stout and her committee will have a slate ready before convention and if you would like to run for an office or nominate someone please let her know as soon as possible. She will also be calling ladies to be put on the slate.

E. J. Smith states that they have selected a Lois Boaz winner and it was

hard to do and wants more letters from deserving ladies for next year.

A question was raised about the winners from the Chinese Auction and Barb Parker states that she always keeps a list of winners and what they won. She wants to have the items in plenty of time for the start of convention.

Lucille Cohen had quite a setup for the Saturday afternoon meeting with her homemade goodies. It was very tasty and she had a drawing and Dorothy Reiter won. Thanks again and the ladies that were not there missed a good time.

Barb Parker says that the convention is going along just fine.

Diana Gray wants everyone to know that she will not be running for the recording secretary office as she and Dale are both retired and they will be traveling quite a lot. She will be greatly missed and we wish them lots of fun.

President Barb adjourned the meeting with a losing prayer by Beth Caudill. We hope everyone has had a safe Memorial Day. See you at convention in June.

Submitted by,

Martha Thomas  
Martha Thomas  
Corresponding Secretary

## DISTRICTS 1 & 2



Phyllis Vargo  
District 1  
Chairwoman



Ann Moss  
District 2  
Chairwoman

May 5, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Ann Moss, chairman of I.V.F.A.A., District #2 at 7:25 p.m.

Followed by pledge and prayer. Meals provided by Cedar Lake Auxiliary.

Ann introduced the guests in attendance, which were Jim Bradford, P.R. Northwest, Tom Orrell, District #1 chairman, Ike Rench, Lowell F.D., Clarence Moss, I.V.F.A.A. District #1 treasurer, Dennis Wilkening, Cedar Lake Fire Chief, Bill Missel, Cedar Lake Fire Department, Megan Lambert, District #2 Miss Flame.

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### COMMITTEES FOR 2004 - 2005

<b>AUDITING</b> Faye Sallee - Chm. Phyllis Vargo Jane Ferro Lou Bartlow	<b>V. PRES. PROJECT</b> Joann Hays - Chm. Eula Asbury Ann Moss Linda Johnson	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b> Phyllis Vargo - Chm. Diana Gray Lee Cohen Tammy Hungate Pat Fultz
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<b>PARLIAMENTARIAN</b> Toni Sorg	<b>HISTORIAN</b> Ann Moss	<b>SCHOLARSHIP FUND</b> Eula Bush - Chm. Jean Randle E.J. Smith Barb Kerney

Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary was formed at Hartford City, Indiana in June, 1952. Mrs. Ridgeway of Hartford City acted as Chairman.

**DISTRICTS 1 & 2**

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Department history was given. Minutes were read from March 3, 2005, passed with correction. Attendance was taken with four departments present and one individual. Treasurer report was given, passed as read for audit.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Marge talked about the district fundraiser. Start date will be 9/1/05, to end 10/22/05 with delivery of Butter Braids on November 3rd at LOFS, which is our district meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion on the floor regarding attendance at district meeting. It was asked if we could have department R.S.V.P. to someone a week before the meeting so departments are not over preparing food for the meeting. All departments are to R.S.V.P. to the district secretary one week before meeting.

Department announcements. Departments are asked to stop by or send letters to Viola Rose who was in St. Anthony Assisted Living, Room 206.

Motion was made by Barb Wilkening, seconded by Patty Esserman to adjourn. Motion passed.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Marge Baumgardner,  
Secretary, District 1 & 2*

**DISTRICT 3**

*Lucille (Lee) Cohen*

**District 3  
Chairwoman  
IVFAA**



May 18, 2005

The District I.V.F.A. auxiliary meeting was called to order by chairperson Lee Cohen at 7:00 p.m. on May 18, 2005. The host department was Coolspring Twp. Vol. Fire Department. A prayer was led by chaplain Jody Brinckman. The pledge to the flag followed.

The secretary-treasurer, Kim Krueger, was not present and chairperson Lee Cohen asked Leona Uryga from Michiana Shores to take the minutes.

Roll call was answered with 19 members present. Coolspring Twp. nine, Springfield Twp. five, Michiana Shores, five.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

Lee announced that the convention pins were not ready because of the name change from firemen to firefighters, but should be ready by convention.

Lee stated that seven women from District 3 will be attending the convention this year. The convention is in Columbus, June 15 thru the 18th. She asked that there should be a report of the convention by the seven who are attending the convention at the July meeting.

Lee stated that a law was passed down state to protect the firefighter from leaving or returning work.

The Chinese auction basket was delivered. She thanked Bonnie Smith for doing a fine job on it.

Lee read who were on the state committees.

Lee informed us that our Miss Flame has a new baby brother.

We have changed banks and went to Centier bank.

Lee asked for a secretary-treasurer to be appointed for the July meeting. A motion was made for Bonnie Smith by Jeanette Lane from Springfield Twp. and seconded by Mary Nowatzke from Coolspring Twp. Motion passed.

Lee passed out the State Auxiliary tickets. She asked for a volunteer to take care of the tickets. She informed

us that Miss Flame Kayla Wallace, has sold her 25 tickets.

Lee handed out cards to the ladies and asked them to write a note to the veterans at the Veterans Home in Lafayette, IN.

The winner of the Miss Flame raffle was won by Harriet Macudzinski from Michiana Shores with a \$97.00 prize. The treasury made \$98.00. The 50/50 raffle was won by Evelyn Lind and Mary Nowatzke at \$5.00 each. The treasury made \$10.00. The bake sale made \$62.25 and the proceeds will be given to the State Auxiliary for the Mary Mackin Fund.

A drawing was held and Dawn Boles from Michiana Shores won a cooler donated by Lee Cohen.

The chaplain, Jody Brinckman, reported that no cards were sent out since the last meeting. Dorothy Moffitt from Coolspring Twp. thanked the auxiliary for the card sent to her on the death of her son.

A closing prayer was recited by Chaplain Jody Brinckman.

The host department gave out flowers and gifts with a meal to follow the meeting.

The next meeting will be July 20, 2005. The location will be announced in the near future.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Leona Uryga  
Sec. Pro-Temp*

**DISTRICTS 11-A**

*Eula Asbury*

**District 11-A  
Chairwoman**



On May 15th our district meeting was held at the Linton Twp. Fire Department in Pimento. We enjoyed a delicious meal and then adjourned to have our own women's meeting. We discussed the State Convention to be held in Columbus in June. Auditing and nominating committees were appointed for the election of officers in July to be held at the Lewis Twp. Fire Dept. in Coalmont on July 17th at 1 p.m.

State convention in Columbus was an enjoyable time to see old friends again and meet new ones. Looking forward to seeing more District 11A members next year at our convention in Indianapolis to be held June 28th thru July 1st, 2006.

Congratulations to our new state president from District 11A, Joann Hayes. Many thanks to Barb Kerney, our immediate past president. Congratulations to our District 11A Miss Flame, MacKenzie Watson or a job well done. MacKenzie was one of the four scholarship essay winners.

Please plan to attend the combined 11A & 11B district picnic at Forest Park in Brazil on September 11th at 1:00 p.m. Bring your family and a covered dish and enjoy the day.

*Eula Asbury  
District 11A chairman*

**DISTRICT 11B**



*Patty Stephens*

**District 11B  
Chairwoman  
IVFAA**

Another fiscal year for the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary has come to a close and the 2005 convention is history. Congratulations to all of the award winners this year, they were good choices. We would also like to say how proud we are of our Miss Flame, Ashley Doan for representing our district in the state contest.

The District 11A-11B picnic will be hosted by 11B this year. It will be held at Forest Park on Sunday, Sep-

tember 11, at 1:00 p.m. in Brazil, IN. Bring a filled picnic basket and lawn chairs. It will be a great time visiting and of course, eating. Everyone is invited to come.

Our next district meeting will be July 14 at Greencastle. Then our next business meeting will be November 13

at Reelsville. Plan to bring the family and have a great Thanksgiving dinner and get involved in the district activities.

Auxiliaries, the 2005-2006 dues need to be paid. They will be delinquent September 30. Dues are \$5.00 per member. If you have any questions

or need help organizing, just give me a call at 812-208-1927.

Well, have a great summer. Please be safe!!

*Patty Stephens  
District 11B IVFAA Chairman*

**IVFAA Officer's meeting minutes**



*Martha Thomas  
Corresponding Secretary  
IVFAA*

**IVFAA OFFICERS MEETING  
COLUMBUS, IN  
JUNE 16, 2005**

President Barb Kerney called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with the opening prayer by chaplain Beth Caudill followed by the pledge to the flag led by Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel.

Roll call was given by Diana Gray with 27 members and two guests present.

Diana read the previous minutes with the correction of a \$100.00 donation to the Mary Mackin fund from the Dana V.F. Dept. Auxiliary.

Treasurer's report by Dorothy Reiter is as follows:

Balance on hand May 1, 2005.....	\$20,233.93
<b>INCOME:</b>	
Interest.....	2.22
V.P. Project.....	986.00
M/M Fund.....	975.00

Total Income.....	+ 1,963.22
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
Operating Exp.....	214.00
Phone & Postage.....	57.06
Total disbursements.....	- 271.56
Balance on hand May 31, 2005.....	\$21,925.59

Martha Thomas had no correspondence at this time.

Diana stated the membership is as follows: 2004-2005 has 62 departments paid, 52 individual, 15 life, 665 paid by department, total 717 members. 2005-2006 has six departments paid, 10 individual, 15 life, 89 paid by department, total of 99 members at this time.

Beth read the list of deceased members as she would like to make sure it is correct for the memorial service.

Marilyn Dever stated that she only has one waterball and one cart race teams who are the same department for both. She would like to have more or they would not even set up the waterball or cart race.

Barb Parker states that she and Faye Sallee are ready for the installation.

Eula Bush is standing in for Patty Miller for the Miss Flame contest as Patty could not attend this year even though she has everything set up for the judging.

Eula has done a good job before so it just comes back to her naturally. They have 14 Miss Flames this year. The judges had a hard time picking the

winners for the essay contest as they were all good.

V.P. Project by Joann Hays is going along good. She states that she is turning in (1) raffle \$754.00, (2) Chinese auction \$587.00, (3) cookbooks \$420.00 at this time so let's sell, sell, sell. Rosie Johnson just raved about the cookbooks and the hard work of all who helped out them together.

E.J. Smith stated that she just received the items of jewelry June 8th in time for convention and has sold \$200.00 so far.

Susie Stout and her committee says that they are ready with a slate of officers and will receive nominations from the floor.

E.J. Smith and the Lois Boaz committee are ready with their selection for the opening meeting this evening.

Parliamentarian Toni Sorg says everything is just fine. She also wants everyone to know of the festival in Fort Wayne sponsored by Great American Spice Fest to have all proceeds go to the Hoosier Burn Camp held in June. This year they had 68 children there and Toni's daughter, Becky, worked with them and it was a rewarding experience for her. They could use stamps and cards to send home so that their families could know how well they are doing at camp.

President Barb adjourned the meeting with a closing prayer by Beth

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# IVFAA Officer's meeting minutes

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Submitted by:  
Martha Thomas  
Corresponding Secretary  
IVFAA

IVFAA CONVENTION  
COLUMBUS, IN  
JUNE 17, 2005

President Barb Kerney called the 53rd convention to order at 8:30 a.m. with a thought for the day, a quote by Helen Keller. Chaplain Beth Caudill gave the opening prayer followed by the pledge to the flag by Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schackel.

Diana Gray called the roll call with 26 officers, 35 members, 11 ind., and four guests with a total of 77 present and 73 able to vote.

Diana read the minutes from the 2004 convention and stood as read.

Treasurer's report by Dorothy Reiter is as follows:

Balance on hand June 1, 2004.....	\$10,648.27
<b>INCOME:</b>	
Dues .....	\$3,775.00
Interest .....	13.72
Jewelry.....	400.00
V.P. Project .....	11,235.00
Unrelated Income .....	98.62
Mackin Fund .....	1,450.09
Total Income June 1, 2004 to May 31, 2005.....	16,972.43
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
Operating Exp. ....	692.16
Annals .....	200.00
Phone & postage .....	157.73
V.P. Project .....	3,803.10
Awards & Gifts .....	542.12
M/M Fund .....	300.00
Total Disbursements June 1, 2004 to May 31, 2005.....	5,695.11
Balance on hand June 1, 2005.....	\$21,925.59

Martha Thomas had no correspondence at this time.

Membership by Diana is as follows: 2004-2005 - 62 departments, 52 ind., 15 life, 665 paid by department, a total of 717 members. 2005-2006 - six departments, 10 ind., 15 life, 89 paid by department, a total of 99 members at this time. Barb also gave out a 50 year Gold Card for Betty Johnson from Lake Station, District 1 and several 25 year certificates.

Chaplain Beth sent two sympathy and read of two deaths recently. She will be ready for the memorial service.

Marilyn Dever has four men's teams and a Miss Flame team as of now.

Barb Parker and Faye Sallee will be

ready for the installation.

Lou Bartlow as chairman of the financial study states that she is proud of the hard work everyone has done to get the auxiliary back on track.

Eula Bush says thanks to all for their help as Patty Miller could not be at the convention. Eula introduced the 2005 Miss Flames. Miss Flame 2005 is Amanda Gulgsell, District 18 and runner up is Ashley Blagg, District 15. The judging must have been very hard just by looking at the young ladies for this year. Photo albums presented to the Miss Flames were donated by Jack and Barb Kerney. The essay award winners will be announced at the banquet this evening.

Joann states that her V.P. Project is still bringing money. At this she has turned in \$916.00 for the raffle, \$704.00 for the Chinese Auction, and \$470.00 for the Cookbooks. We still have some time left to buy more tickets and cookbooks.

Toni Sorg has no by-law changes at this time.

E.J. Smith has sold \$235.00 in jewelry and has some left.

Ann Moss as the Historian would like to have more items for the scrapbook if possible so let her know if you have any.

Faye Sallee as president's advisory states the everything is okay.

Barb also introduced Carolyn Zeeks as the Lois Boaz winner and presented Carol Koehler, wife of Mr. IVFA winner, Buz Koehler, with a corsage.

Toni Sorg also spoke again about the Great American Spice Festival to be held in Fort Wayne with the proceeds going to the Hoosier Burn Camp.

Barb called for a small break before finishing the meeting. After the break it was decided to continue with the

meeting with the elections to be next. After asking the Parliamentarian and she approved to continue Susie Stout was asked to present the slate for the elections.

President: Barb Kerney and Joann Hays. After a secret ballot, Joann was elected.

Vice President: E.J. Smith and with a nomination from the floor of Martha Thomas and closed. A secret ballot was taken and Martha was elected.

Recording Secretary: Tammy Hungate was elected.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Angel and with a nomination from the floor of Malinda Bell and closed and after a secret ballot, Malinda was elected.

Treasurer: Dorothy Reiter with no other nominations, she was elected.

Chaplain: Beth Caudill elected with no other nominations.

Sgt.-at-Arms: Miriam Schackel elected with no other nominations.

It was getting close to the Memorial Service and we had to move to another room so the installation had to be held off until after the Memorial.

We continued on with the meeting with the installation of the new officers by Barb Parker and Faye Sallee. After wishing all with our support and help in any way possible and thanking Barb for all her hard work, Barb Wilkening made a motion to adjourn with a second by Jackie Rench and passed by all present. We hope all will be well for everyone and hope to see all of you at the 2006 convention.

Beth Caudill gave the closing prayer and the next officer's meeting will be August 13th and 14th in Columbus.

Submitted by,  
Martha Thomas  
Corresponding Secretary  
IVFAA

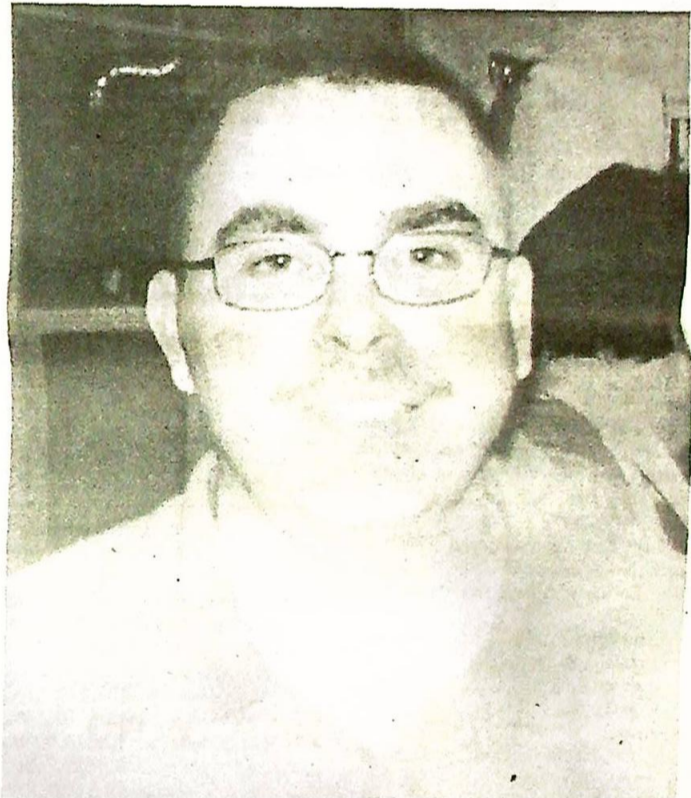
## Farmland hosts extrication class



FARMLAND hosts class on, well, it's supposed to be extrication, but I think after the extrication it was a demonstration of destruction.

This really shows just how much damage can be done with the right tools.  
(submitted by Billy Sunday)

## Farmland gets new fire chief



JEFF WILEN is Farmland's fire chief. Jeff is a 17 year veteran of Farmland Fire Department and has been deputy chief for two years.

Jeff is married to Dawn and they have twins, Page and Jordan.  
(submitted by Billy Sunday)

## Betty Johnson receives 50 year Gold Card



BETTY JOHNSON received her 50 year Gold Card from the IVFAA, presented to her by Mary Klym, Lake Station Vol. Fire Department ladies' auxiliary, District 1.

Betty Johnson is the third Lake Station auxiliary retired member to receive a Gold Card for continued membership in the IVFAA.

Hattie Bell Mayer and Betty Sonntag received theirs in June 2002.  
(submitted by Jim Bradford, Public Relations Northwest)

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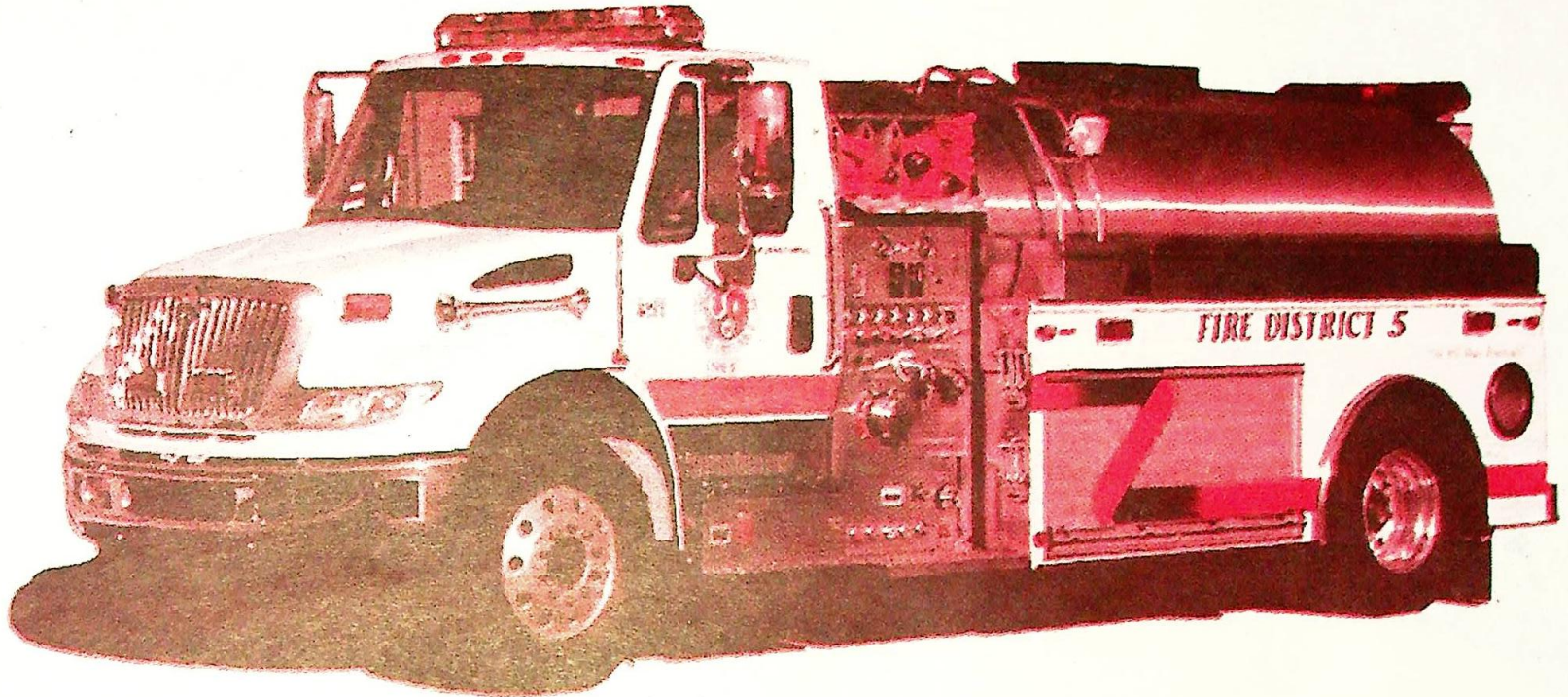
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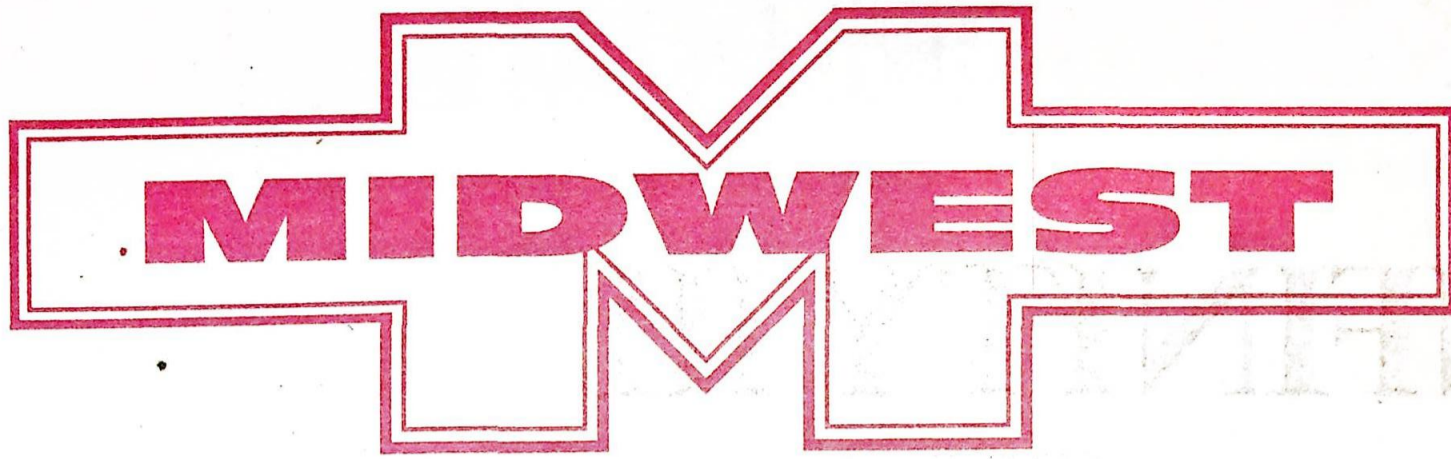


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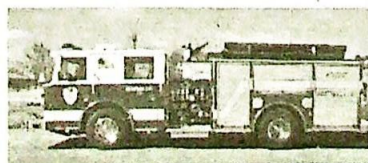
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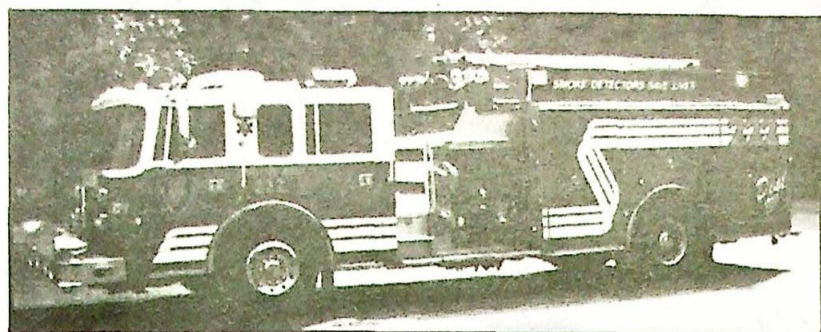
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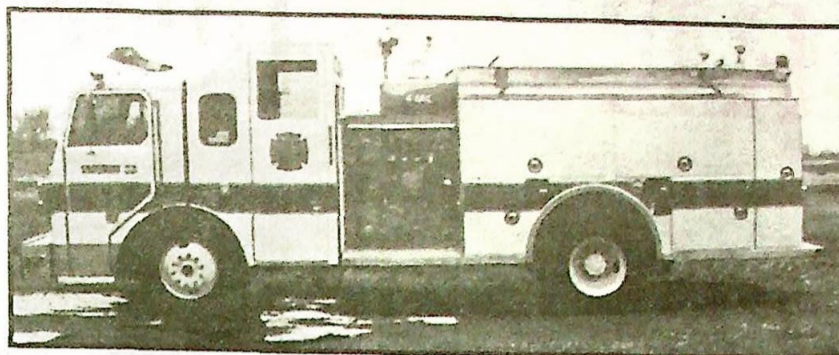
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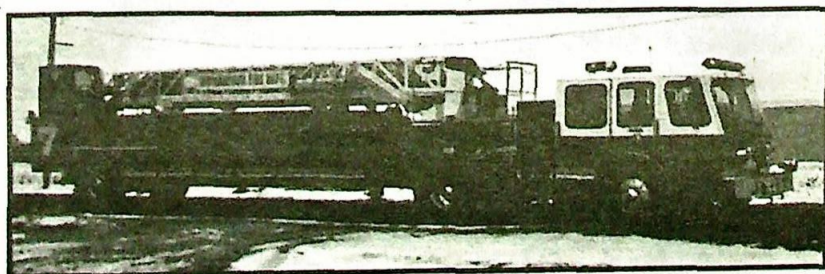
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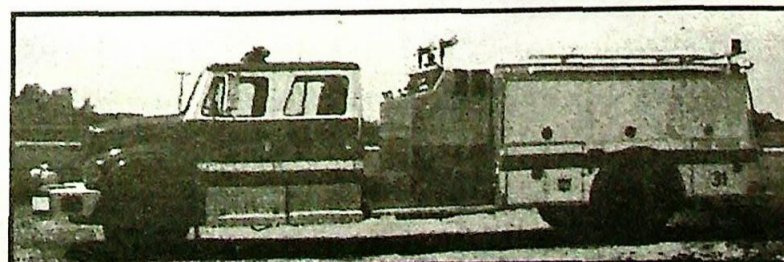
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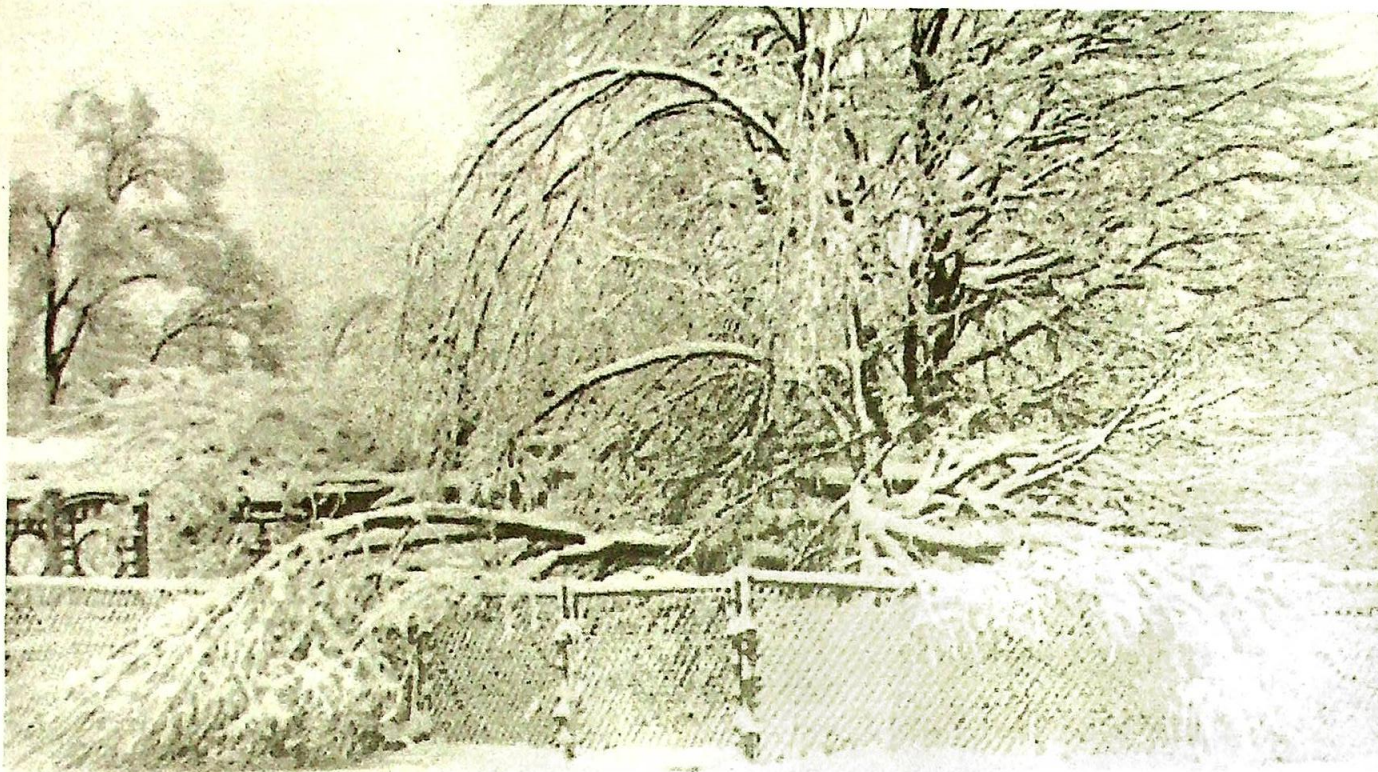


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# Farmland hit with ice storm



The fire department spent three to four days pumping basements, setting up shelter for people who needed somewhere to go. They also fed several people at the fire station until Red Cross set up shelter at the high school.

*(submitted by Billy Sunday)*



It took city workers, firefighters and lots of residents to clean up for two weeks after the ice storm.

*(submitted by Billy Sunday)*



Firemen take a short break between runs during the ice storm. Farmland has had 19 fire runs in the month of January. Most were related to the ice storm, high water, and most were transformer or light wires and a few homes caught fire also.

*(submitted by Billy Sunday)*

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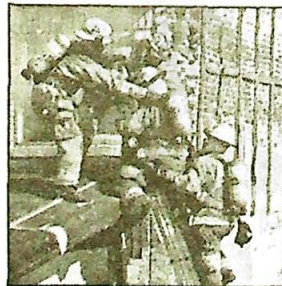
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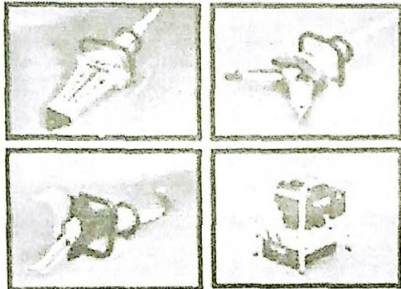
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Smokey Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog

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The two day event attracts over 3000 children, and every year it grows.

Joe and Joyce Peden have been hosting the festival on their farm for 10 years.

Joe's parents started inviting children to their farm in the 50's and continued it for 40 years.

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Sparky the Fire Dog is shown here with Stinesville Elementary School children at the Peden Farm Festival on May 10, 2005.

(photos and article submitted by Vicki McGlockin - District 17B)

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# Ridgeville VFD receives new clock for new station

# Jim Tharp presented 25 year pin



ON MARCH 14, 2005, Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department received a new clock for their new fire station. Tom Friend proudly accepts the clock presented to the new Ridgeville Fire Station by IVFA District 8B chairman, Lloyd Wright. (submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman)



ON MARCH 14, 2005, Jim Tharp was presented by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman, his 25 year pin from the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association for 25 years of service for the Ridgeville Volunteer Fire Department. Also receiving a 25 year pin but was unable to attend was Dennis Henissey. (submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman)

## In Memoriam

### 2004 - 2005 Deaths

Name	Department	District	Name	Department	District
Walter L. Pliske	Chesterton Vol. Fire Dept.	1	Kyle Ray Arnett	Sullivan Vol. Fire Dept.	11A
Donald N. Austgen	Dyer Vol. Fire Dept.	1	Dale E. Leclair	Cayuga Vol. Fire Dept.	11B
Maurice F. Keilman	Dyer Vol. Fire Dept.	1	Harold L. Donovan	Hillsboro Vol. Fire Dept.	11B
Troy D. Saylor	Lake Station Vol. Fire Dept.	1	Donald M. Gossett	Kingman/Millcreek Fire Dept. VFD	11B
Charles G. Lenker	Merrillville Vol. Fire Dept. #1	1	Chet L. Stiles	New Goshen Vol. Fire Dept.	11B
Robert C. Nowaczyk	Munster Vol. Fire Dept.	1	Jack List Sr.	Decatur Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. #4	12
Carl Randler	Porter Vol. Fire Dept.	1	Sylvan J. Salsman	Hazelwood Vol. Fire Dept.	12
David E. Keith	Schererville Vol. Fire Dept.	1	James R. Bruner	Mooreville Vol. Fire Dept.	12
Elmer C. Kender	Lowell Vol. Fire Dept.	2	Charles F. Kinder	Centerville Vol. Fire Dept.	13B
Allen E. Redlin	Bass Lake Vol. Fire Dept.	3	Jerome E. Davis	Hagerstown-Jefferson Twp. VFD	13B
Orlo M. Strahm	Hanna Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	3	Patrick W. Murphy	Campbell Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	14
Ralph D. Fritz Sr.	LaCrosse Vol. Fire Dept.	3	George A. Morgan	Charlestown Vol. Fire Dept.	14
John J. Hagen	Lincoln Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	3	Joseph B. Brown	Fair Play Vol. Fire Co. 1	14
Vernon G. Gaw	Springfield Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	3	Paul Paul Kuester	Perry Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	15
Dennis R. Overmeyer	Burket Vol. Fire Dept.	4	Charles O. Frantz	Yankeetown Vol. Fire Dept.	15
Fred D. Culp	Nappanee Vol. Fire Dept.	4	George A. Durbin	North Washington Vol. FD	16
Mentzer A. Cripe	New Paris Vol. Fire Dept.	4	Ray M. Wyne	Petersburg Vol. Fire Dept.	17A
Herman G. McCan	Plymouth Vol. Fire Dept.	5	Jerry W. Hasler	Richland/Taylor Vol. Fire Dept.	17A
John T. Ford	Albion Vol. Fire Dept.	6	Forrest E. Western	Union Community Vol. Fire Dept.	17A
George B. Walker	Arcola Vol. Fire Dept.	6	Harold Hembree	Shoals Vol. Fire Dept.	17B
Kevin R. Kreisler	Concord Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	6	Donald L. Buford	Birdseye Vol. Fire Dept.	18
Neal E. Evard	Noble Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	6	Merton H. Murphy	Central Perry Vol. Fire Dept.	18
Jerry Wayne Mynhier	Salem Center Vol. Fire Dept.	6	Donald E. Coutts	Lockhart Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	18
Raymond L. Adams	Thorncreek Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	6	Anthony J. Hasenour	St. Anthony Vol. Fire Dept.	18
Robert G. Michel	Washington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	6	Reynold H. Lanvermeyer	Dillsboro Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	19
Nelson E. Lauer	Bippus Vol. Fire Dept.	7	Harold E. Seamon	Dillsboro Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	19
Randy A. Brickey	Bluffton Vol. Fire Dept.	7	Raymond W. Highman	Hogan Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	19
James F. Grice	Bluffton Vol. Fire Dept.	7	Paul Alexander	Napoleon Vol. Fire Dept.	19
Michael Thomas Hiester	Bluffton Vol. Fire Dept.	7			
Ronnie L. Morningstar	Geneva Vol. Fire Dept.	7			
Dale E. House	Monroeville Vol. Fire Dept.	7			
Werner Hoffman	Preble Vol. Fire Fighting Assoc.	7			
Roy A. Bollett	Van Buren Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	8A			
David G. Betzner	Pipe Creek Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	9A			
Isaac A. Hollingsworth	Russiaville Vol. Fire Dept.	9A			
Jerry J. Tiede	Francesville Vol. Fire Dept.	9B			
Craig G. Blann	Morocco Vol. Fire Dept.	9B			
Steven W. Gulley	Morocco Vol. Fire Dept.	9B			
Billy Gene Caffee Jr.	Adams Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	10			
William M. Cooper	Clarksburg Community VFD	10			
Noble R. Purvis	Harstville & Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.	10			
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Donald E. Tribby	Jasonville Vol. Fire Dept.	11A			
Samuel Ruddock	Nevins Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.	11A			

IVFAA Deaths		
Name	Department	District
Lucille Tyskie	Springfield Township	3
Gladys Peterson	Individual Member	4
Barbara Bristow	New Haven/Adams Township	6
Ann Teter	New Haven/Adams Township	6
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## Public Relations Northwest



**Jim Bradford**

July 10, 2005

Thanks to Jim Parker, David Israel and their committees for another fine convention. They can all relax now.

I want to thank the members of Districts 1, 2, 3, 9A & 9B for their confidence in me by re-elected me their PR Director and congratulations to all of the state officers elected for the year 2006.

A reminder for the new district chairmen on board: All articles and pictures for the paper must be sent to Rensselaer Printco. Photographs from newspapers or faxed pictures will not be accepted. E-mail from a digital camera or a good black and white or colored picture is required. You will be notified of the cut-off date when articles are due.

Have a safe summer.

*Jim Bradford  
PRNW*

## An open burning fact

It is always against the law for citizens to open burn trash such as household waste, plastic, batteries, rubber, disposable diapers and painted or stained wood.

In general, businesses may not open burn anything.

**November deadline:  
October 10, 2005**

# Miss Flame contest a huge success

There were 14 Miss Flame contestants this year. What a great group of young ladies. I was sad to have missed the convention this year, but I have sources that tell me these young ladies were a joy to be with. Each parent, district, and fire department has so much to be proud of.... I wouldn't have wanted to be in the judges' shoes. They told Eula that each one would have been a great choice, but their job was to pick only one. Each and every one of the ladies was very cooperative and made Eula's job easy. I only hope each young lady came away with many memories and lasting friendships.

Aarika Murphy of Richland, IN returned to crown our 2005 Miss Flame. She is Amanda Gutsell of Birdseye, IN, District 8 and the daughter of Bret and Kris Gutsell. The 2005 Miss Flame runner-up is Ashley Blagg,

District 15 of Newburgh, IN. She is the daughter of James and Deana Blagg. Miss Congeniality (voted on by her peers) is Courtney Miller, District 14, Charlestown, IN. Her parents are Charlie and Rhonda Moon. The Miss Flame court and the district and department they represented are as follows: District 2 Megan Lambert - Crown Point Fire & Rescue, District 5 Holly Farrer - Bremen Vol. Fire Dept., District 6 "Ty" Mary Pierce - Johnson Township Fire Dept., District 7 Sarah E. Bultemeier - Hoagland Vol. Fire Dept., District 8B Lee Ann Blumenhorst - Dunkirk Vol. Fire Dept., District 10 Michelle Hargett - Hartsville Vol. Fire Dept., District 11-A Mackenzie Watson - Cory Vol. Fire Dept., District 11-B Ashley Doan - Dana Vol. Fire Dept., District 12 Jeanan Joseph - Lizton Union Twp. Vol. Fire

Dept., District 14 Courtney Miller - Charlestown Vol. Fire Dept., District 15 Ashley Blagg - Newburgh Vol. Fire Dept., District 17-A Kelsie Murphy - Montgomery Vol. Fire Dept., District 18 Amanda S. Gutsell - Schnellville Vol. Fire Dept., District 19 Ashley Hountz - Sunman Rural Vol. Fire Dept.

I could not have gotten through this year's convention without the help of my committee: Miriam Schackel, Barbara Kerney, EJ Smith and Jean Randle. I also want to say a special thanks to Eula Bush for stepping in as chairwoman for me at the last minute. I know she did a great job!

I would like to thank the following for their contributions to the Miss Flame contest this year: Larry and Barbara Ketchem, trophies; Jim and Barbara Parker, Miss Congeniality plaque; Carolyn Curl for the sashes, Jack and

Barbara Kerney, photograph albums; and the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Assoc. necklaces; and the I.V.F.A.A., convention charms, crown, flowers.

I encourage local fire departments and districts to invite the girls to fundraisers and parades. Let them know that you appreciate their participation in the contest.

I would like to encourage each district to find a candidate for next year's convention, you and your candidate will not be sorry. It is a learning experience not soon forgotten. If you have any questions about the contest or how to go about getting a Miss Flame.... don't hesitate to call.

*Patty Stephens  
Miss Flame Chairwoman*

## IVFA FIRELINE

~ www.ivfa.org ~

WOW! When it decided to get hot, it did so in a hurry. From a cool Spring right in to the frying pan of Summer, all within about two day's time it seems.

Welcome to this Quarter's Edition of the IVFA *FireLine*. This column will provide you information on current happenings with the IVFA's web site, www.ivfa.org.

**Convention News:** I was able to attend this year's annual convention in Columbus and a great time was had by all who attended. Dave Israel, Jim Parker, and the District 10 convention committee put together an outstanding program. And the weather - wow, even it was fantastic, too. I was especially moved by the Memorial Service conducted by Chaplain Jerry Cohen and his Associate Chaplains. I wish everyone in the association could attend one of these services and fully appreciate and celebrate the lives of our deceased members.

I was also asked to give a short update on the status of the web page. One item that I mentioned was that we have surpassed the 1,000,000 "hit" mark in May, and are averaging about 60,000 "hits" a month. However, on the other side of the coin, we have only about 10% of our membership actually using the site. So while the "hit" numbers are really good, we need to do more to get other members using the site. I also mentioned that I have been seeing regular access activity from military email addresses, and I believe that some of our members who are currently serving in the armed forces are access-

ing the site to keep abreast of what is going on within the association and "back at home".

From a personal standpoint it was nice to finally be able to put some "faces to email addresses". I received many nice comments and compliments about the web site, and I thank everyone again for those. It's nice to know that the web site is being well received.

Convention 2006 will be held in Indianapolis and as soon as some "early registration" information is available I will get it posted.

**Focus Section:** Our focus segment this quarter is the "Memorial Section" page. At the annual memorial service held as part of the convention, those deceased members from the previous year are recognized by having their name read. My part of this process is ensuring that these members' names are correctly entered into the memorial section on the web page.

**Legislative Section:** As a result of House Bill 1580 being passed, two new forms were created for our members. House Bill 1580 went into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and allows volunteer emergency personnel to be either late for work, leave work early (with supervisors approval) or miss work all together, without being disciplined or reprimanded, due to their involvement with an emergency incident as a member of their Fire/Rescue/EMS Department.

The **Notification Form** is for volunteers to complete for notifying their employer of being a member of a Fire/Rescue/EMS Department BEFORE

the first occurrence of being late for work, missing work, or leaving early happens. Failure to make such notification could void the requirements of bill 1580, and put the status of the volunteer's employment at jeopardy based on the employers absenteeism policy.

The **Activity Form** is for when times arise that the volunteer is late for work, misses work all together, or leaves work early - the volunteer **must** have the ranking officer of the department complete the form, and the volunteer then presents the completed form to their employer. This form is the official notification that the volunteer member was involved in an emergency that resulted in him being late for work.

**PLEASE** get the Notification Form completed ASAP and forward a copy to your employer. This Bill is an important step in protecting the volunteer member, but you must also do your part in notifying your employer.

**Department Information #1:** As of the beginning of July we had 401 of the 814 volunteer fire departments/companies in the State listed on the site. We are closing in on the 50% mark. If your department isn't listed, please feel free to fill out the form on the web page and get it submitted. Also, as your department information changes, such as the name of the contact person who is listed, phone numbers, email addresses, etc., **please remember to send me an update.**

**District Chairmen:** Are you taking advantage of listing your District Meetings on your District's page? You should be. Help remove some of the "I didn't know when the meeting was", or "I didn't know where the meeting was being held at" excuses. A couple of District Chairmen have their meet-

ings listed clear into 2006.

**On the Drawing Board:** There are some planned improvements forthcoming. One will be a redesigned of the web page coloring scheme to match up with the new IVFA logo which was unveiled at the convention. The new logo is the same layout as the "old" one, but has a different color scheme.

The second improvement item I am working on is the ability to add pictures to the For Sale items. This section has really expanded over the past few months, and I believe that the ability to add one to two pictures of the items being sold will help our members sell items easier and maybe more quickly.

The last item in the plans is working with Officers and other committee heads to try and provide you more information. One example is a report compiled by the State Fire Marshal's Office from summit meetings held earlier around the State, between the Fire Marshal's Office and the IVFA. That report is due at any time, and may be posted by the time this article gets to you in the August Newsletter. I am working with President Kerney on drafting up on-line survey form related to the annual convention. Surveys on other topics specific to the IVFA and/or our members may be in the future as well.

In closing, this is your site and is intended to promote the IVFA and provide you the member with the information you need and want. Have an idea, suggestion, other item, gripe, whatever....email me at webmasters@ivfa.org and let me know what it is. Enjoy your summer, and be safe!

*See you "on-line"!  
Smoke Eater  
IVFA Web Master*

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When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is strange with its twists and turns,  
As everyone of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about,  
When he might have won had he stuck it out;  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow,  
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out,  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you can never tell how close you are,  
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So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,  
It's when things seem worst  
That you must not quit.

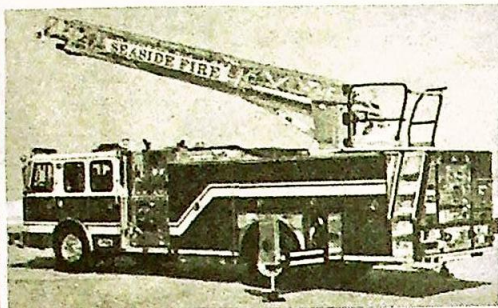
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## Patriot hosts Fourth of July parade



This year Patriot hosted their annual Fourth of July parade and picnic on Monday, July 4th.

There were over 30 entries in the parade, with seven emergency agencies represented.

Fire departments with truck entries were: Patriot, Posey Township, East Enterprise/Florence station, Jeff-Craig, Moorefield and Rising Sun, with Switzerland County EMS squad and Paramedic vehicle, Moorefield and Rising Sun both had antique fire engines.

This year was special because we had Army Specialist Rusty McKay home on leave serve as Grand Marshal, riding on Patriot Pumper Truck #631, driven by Patriot volunteer fire department member Barb Miller.

*(submitted by the Patriot Volunteer Fire Department)*



## Belden retires from fire service

Van Buren Township Fire Department of Monroe County Assistant Chief Charlie Belden recently retired from the fire service on April 26.

Charlie, a 31 year firefighter, started his volunteering at the Indian Creek Volunteer Fire Department in southwestern Monroe County in 1973 and later joined the Van Buren Township Fire, and to later become Assistant Chief.

An open house was held on Sunday, April 24 at the Van Buren Township Fire Department with his friends and family present.

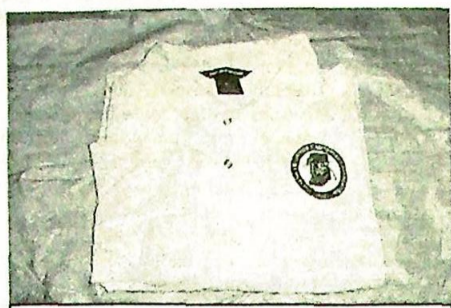
Charlie was recognized for his years of service and dedication to the fire service and his community.

In the above photo is shown Mike Bigler with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Division of Fire Safety Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal's & Fire Emergency Services director presenting Charlie with the Governor's Meritorious Award.

Peggy Welch, Indiana State Representative, District 60, presented Charlie with the Distinguished Hoosier Award on behalf of Governor Mitch Daniels.

*(submitted by District 17B chairman, Tim Deckard)*

# IVFA offering shirts, caps and jackets for sale



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	Golf Shirt Blue with Pocket - \$20.00			
	Golf Shirt - White with Pocket - \$20.00			
	Golf Shirt - White with Red/Blue Trim - \$28.00			
	Tee Shirt - Blue - \$10.00			
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## Public Relations Southwest



Jim Abrams

We had a wonderful time at convention in Columbus. Thanks to convention committee for a great time!

I attended District 15's meeting hosted by Oakland City Vol. Fire Department on May 17th. Duane Caldwell was the speaker from Homeland Security & Emergency Response.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Paul Kuester of Perry Twp. Vol. Fire Department on his passing.

District 15's next meeting will be July 19 at Mount Vernon Vol. Fire Department.

District 17A's meeting was hosted by Johnson Twp. Vol. Fire Department in Decker on May 24th. Twenty-five year pins were presented to Bill Holscher, Carol Farrah, Chief Jeff

Holscher.

District 17A & 17B will have a joint meeting July 7th at Eastern Vol. Fire Department.

District 17B's meeting was on May 25th hosted by Fruitdale Vol. Fire Department.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Harold Hembree on his passing. He was a member of Shoals Volunteer Fire Department.

District 18's meeting was hosted by Hayesville Vol. Fire Department at Jasper Outdoor.

July's meeting will be July 21st at Grandview Volunteer Fire Department.

Richland-Taylor Volunteer Fire Department lost firefighter Jerry Hasler. I attended with Jack and Beverly Harker. Beverly presented a Bible and grave marker to the family.

Bloomfield Vol. Fire Department lost B. David Workman. I attended with Beverly and Jack Harker. They presented the family a Bible and grave marker.

Congratulations to Bridget Blanton, Angel Award winner, Sherry McFarland, Ollie Sandburg winner, Buz Koehler, Mr. I.V.F.A. winner, Carolyn Zeeks, Lois Boaz winner, Ed Michael 17A Midwest Award, Jason Lewis, 17B Midwest Award, Thomas Anderson, District 15 Midwest Award, Myron DeKemper, Midwest Award for District 18, Johnny Johnson got a 50 year Gold card for service to the department and finally, Edward Yochum for receiving American Legion Firefighter of the Year Award from state of Indiana. He is a member of Vincennes Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

Jim Abrams  
P.R.S.W.

## Three receive 25 year pins for years of service



ON MAY 24TH, District 17A chairman Beverly Harker presented William Holscher, Carol Ferrell and Jeff Holscher of Johnson Township Vol. Fire Department, Decker, Indiana, 25 year pins for their years of dedication to the fire service. (submitted by Beverly Harker, District 17A chairman)

## John Pielmeier awarded 25 year service pin



ON MAY 12TH, District 17A chairman Beverly Harker presented John Pielmeier of Vincennes Township Fire Department a 25 year pin for his years with the fire service. (submitted by Beverly Harker, District 17A chairman)

## 2005 Chinese Auction winners told

The 2005 Chinese Auction winners, their district, prize won and the district donating the prizes are as follows:

Theresa Smith, District 10, bath towel set, District 1 donating; Debi Ockerman, District 17A, inspirational print, District 1 donating; Eula Bush, District 11B, inspirational print, District 1 donating; Ed Flynn, District 14, inspirational print, District 1 donating; Eula Asbury, District 11A, inspirational print, District 1 donating; Robin Harget, District 10, inspirational print, District 1 donating; Beth Caudill, District 19, gardening basket, District 2 donating; Leona Uryga, District 3, jelly basket, District 3 donating; Martha Thomas, District 1, wax/spa treatment, District 4 donating; Lou

Bartlow, district 11B, garden sculpture, District 4 donating; Tammy Hungate, District 15, dancing/singing bear, District 6 donating; Buz Koehler, District 9B, fireman sculpture, District 6 donating; Gene Goddard, District 4, lighthouse candle, District 7 donating; Matthew Randle, District 9A, fireman bauble figurine, District 9A donating; Pam Gerdowsky, District 19, fire boot silk flower arrangement, District 10 donating; Randy Merkel, District 19, Mary Kay bath set, District 10 donating; Toni Sorg, District 7, fire angels, District 10 donating; Ann Moss, District 2, garden angels, District 10 donating; Barb Wilkening, District 2, hand-woven rug, District 11A donating; Jean Randle, District 9A, fire em-

blem wind chime, District 11A donating; Patty Miller, District 11B, candle lamp, District 11B donating; Robin Harget, District 10, fire bear, District 12 donating; Joann Hayes, District 11A, afghan, District 12 donating; Leona Uryga, District 3, light bulb, District 12 donating; G. Kile, District 5, lighthouse lamp, District 15 donating; Tom Asbury, District 11A, Fire Assoc. garden plaque, District 17A donating; Suzie Stout, District 7, bear/candle basket, District 17A donating; Beverly Harker, District 12A, travel bag with accessories, District 19 donating.

Barbara J. Parker, chairman

## 2005 Miss Flame speaks of her experience at the 2005 convention in Columbus

July 10, 2005

My experience at the 2005 IVFA State Convention June 15-18 was four days that I will never forget. I had a wonderful time meeting new people and being with all the candidates. Although us girls were busy every minute and didn't get much sleep, it was all worth it.

Aarika Murphy, the 2004 IVFA Miss Flame, greeted everyone kindly and made us feel welcome at the picnic Wednesday evening. She let us know what to expect for the days ahead and tried to put everyone at ease. Aarika's outgoing and friendly personality was so helpful throughout the whole convention.

After the long day of interviews and impromptu questions on Thursday, it was finally the time we were all waiting for. I was crowned the 2005

IVFA Miss Flame that evening. I was overwhelmed with excitement and joy just as the 18th District, the Schnellville VFD, any my family and friends who came to support me. Friday was filled with meetings and a memorial service for deceased firefighters. That evening, we got to relax and enjoy the banquet as we listened to speakers and awards were handed out. Then, on Saturday morning it was time to go home.

Saturday evening, Mark Fischer, the Schnellville VFD Chief, organized an 18th District parade in my honor. Departments from Dubois, Ferdinand, and Celestine joined in by bringing their trucks. 18th District representatives Charles Parker and Kenny Lau were among the many of people who came to show support. Everyone had a wonderful time at the celebration.

On Sunday, I made my first official

appearance as IVFA Miss Flame at the Ferdinand Heimat Fest Parade. It was an enjoyable time, and I am looking forward to many more activities.

Although the State Convention is past, it is just the beginning for an adventurous year as IVFA Miss Flame. I am proud to represent all the firefighters across Indiana. Please feel free to contact me about any upcoming events at kgutgsell@psci.net or my mailing address is 1734 S 820 E, Birdseye, IN 47513 and my home phone number is (812) 389-2299.

I am very thankful to the 10th District and the IVFAA for sponsoring the event. I especially appreciate all the support from District 18, Schnellville VFD and Ladies' Auxiliary, and Fire Chief Mike Fischer.

Amanda Gutgsell  
IVFA Miss Flame

## From the editor:

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## Public Relations West Central



**Diane Harrison**

Hello, fellow firefighters and friends,

All those who were able to attend the 2005 convention saw the results of tremendous efforts from David Israel, Jim Parker and all of the great folks in Columbus.

Everyone enjoyed a great convention!

I am very excited about representing District 11A & B, 12 & 21 again this year! If there is anything I can do to support your department this year, please let me know. I'll do my best to attend fundraisers as well.

Congratulations to all of the 2005 Convention award winners, your dedication to the fire service is applauded.

The convention committee allowed a new project to be pursued this year. We held an auction for Hoosier Burn Camp. Many people, businesses donated items for the auction. We would like to thank everyone who supported this effort; businesses, firefighters, bidders and buyers. I hope we can continue this great event that raised \$1,314.00 to help sponsor children attending Burn Camp.

I have been fortunate enough to be able to attend our district's meetings and some great fundraisers, too.

I want to encourage all firefighters to write a letter of support for one of our many awards. There are hundreds of hard-working, deserving firefighters in our great state who make a difference in the lives of those we serve. Many different types of recognition are available such as the Mr. IVFA, Angel, Midwest, Ollie Sandburg and Lois Boaz. Contact your district representative for details about each of these and write your letters soon. Nominate that person who arises to the call or goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Stay safe out there.

Diane Harrison  
WCPR

## New township fire station now open at industrial park

By JENNIFER EARLES, staff writer

Vincennes Sun-Commercial  
MAY 6, 2005 - Business owners and employees of businesses in Vincennes' U.S. 41 Industrial Park might feel a little safer now that a new neighbor has moved in.

The Vincennes Township Fire Department recently opened a new location at 3279 S. Keller Road, near businesses like Vincennes Ford, Futaba Indiana of America, Indiana Department of Transportation and Con-Way Central Express.

"What a great neighbor to have," said Tom Betz, general manager of Vincennes Ford, 3467 S. Keller Road. "Not only will it help cut down on the cost of insurance for our businesses, but it will absolutely improve public safety for our employees."

Prior to the completion of the new Industrial park fire station in mid-April, the closest station was at 1265 S. Hart Street Road.

"Having the new station will literally cut our response time to that area down to seconds," said Chief Tim Smith. "It really was a joint effort between the city and us to improve the safety of residents."

Smith said construction on the new fire station began last year. It has three bay doors and living quarters. Two trucks and one trailer are housed at the station, and although no new trucks were purchased, Smith said one truck was recently replaced.

Two new firefighters were also welcomed to the team, including Richard Dillon and Paul Stark, both of Vincennes. Smith has been with the department since 1980. He became

township fire chief in 1989.

Smith said the department is planning an open house sometime in the next few months. No date has been set.

The township department now claims four fire stations in Knox County, including the Old U.S. 41 North and Ft. Knox Road location; the station at 1465 S. School House Road; the Hart Street and Felt King Road location; and its latest addition at the U.S. 41 Industrial Park.

Smith said the department now has nine trucks, eight career firefighters and approximately 75 volunteer firefighters.

(Article courtesy of the Vincennes Sun-Commercial and submitted by Beverly Harker, District 17A chairman)

## Certificates presented for years of dedication



DISTRICT 17A chairman Beverly Harker presented Jack Harker and Jim Schlomer of Vincennes Township Fire Department a certificate on May 12th from the IVFA for 42 years and 40 years of dedication to the fire service.

Jack joined in 1963 and Jim joined in 1965.

The Mayor, Terry Mooney, also presented them both a Proclamation from the City of Vincennes. (submitted by Beverly Harker, District 17A chairman)

## A firefighter's final call



Patrick Gallagher

By Ken Kosky, The Times  
May 28, 2005 - VALPARAISO - Volunteer firefighter Patrick Gallagher took one last ride on the polished red firetruck with which he once responded to calls.

The 55-year-old Gallagher, whose life was cut short when he was run over last weekend in front of his Shorewood Forest home, went out in a celebration of life befitting a man who gave so much to his community.

More than three dozen firetrucks, police motorcycles and other emergency vehicles joined Friday's funeral procession, surrounding Gallagher as he rode atop the Union Township Fire Department's 1997 Ferrara, a rig draped from front to back in black bunting.

The procession through Valparaiso passed under a large American flag hoisted high in the air by two aerial firetrucks. The flag is a memento from the military service of Gallagher's son, Frank, who also is a volunteer firefighter. The somber wail of bagpipes filled the air.

During Friday's funeral Mass at St.

"(Patrick Gallagher) did a lot for the department. He was always willing to help out. He was very knowledgeable. He will definitely be missed."

- Kristin Runion of the Union Township Fire Department

Paul Catholic Church in Valparaiso, the Rev. Joseph Pawlowski shared reading about lives that ended too soon. But he reminded the more than 200 gatherers that "you don't have to be old to be wise or worthy of God."

In addition to being with God, Gallagher's mark on the world continues through the donation of his organs, Pawlowski said.

Gallagher, who volunteered with the fire departments in Union Township and Porter Township, also served as associate chaplain for the Indiana Volunteer Fire Association.

Union Township Deputy Fire Chief Carol Linzy, a black band across her fire badge, said it brought tears to her eyes to see so many firefighters show up to share Gallagher's final call.

Union Fire Chief Tim Beach retired Gallagher's firefighter No. 1107. "He was just one dedicated fireman ... He believed in what he was doing," said Jack Runion of Union Fire.

Porter Township Fire Chief Scott Mann said Gallagher "would be there for any of us" if the roles were reversed.

The driver accused of running over Gallagher, 24-year-old Stephen H. Fleming, of Crown Point, has been charged with leaving the scene of a fatal accident, a felony punishable by up to eight years in prison. Police said he was speeding when he struck Gallagher and fled the scene. He later contacted police.

(Article courtesy of The Times and submitted by Jim Bradford)

## Carolyn Zeeks 2005 Lois Boaz winner



Carolyn Zeeks - 2005 Lois Boaz Winner

Carolyn is an IVFA Auxiliary member in good standing. She has served her local auxiliary for 25 years. During this time she has held various offices.

She volunteers much of her time to her community. She is a member of a social sorority locally. When there is a fundraiser or benefit dinner at her fire department, she is the one who coordinates the food and the activities.

Her husband, Jack, is also involved in the local fire department and the IVFA. They are the proud parents of two children who are likewise involved in the fire department. Their son, David, is a volunteer and a paid firefighter. His wife, Courtney, is an active member of the auxiliary. Their daughter, Tracy, is also an active auxiliary member. Jack and Carolyn have three granddaughters. They all have learned from this special lady the meaning of volunteering and helping others.

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# Dana Cotton receives 25 year pin for service



DANA COTTON, Hogan Twp. Volunteer Fire Department, near Aurora, is shown receiving a 25 year pin from District 19 chairman Ed Scheele. (submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)

# Cohen presented 50 year Gold card



DISTRICT 3 chairman Pam Kaufman is pictured with state chaplain Jerry Cohen at the Convention in Columbus. Jerry was presented with his 50 Gold card during the banquet.

(submitted by Pam Kaufman, District 3 chairman)

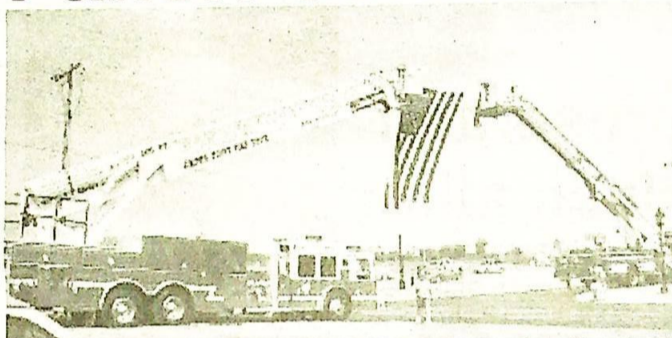
# Bridgeport Scholarship winners announced



BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP winners are: Britni Jo Bailey, daughter of David and Amy Bailey, Star City, Indiana is a graduate of Winamac High School and will be attending the University of Indianapolis to study physical therapy; Britani Shayne Hollis, daughter of Harold and Lisa Hollis, Attica, Indiana, is a graduate of Seeger Memorial High School and will be attending DePauw University to earn a degree in social work. Kurtiss Todd McKissick, the son of John and Deborah McKissick, graduated from Pendleton High School and will be attending Ivy Tech State College to study fire science.

(submitted by Linda Spurling, District 10)

# Fallen soldier honored



CROWN POINT Fire Department honors a fallen soldier from Crown Point by displaying the United States flag with the assistance of Merrillville Fire Department on June 29th at the entrance of Burns Funeral Home in honor of Nick Isalski who was killed in the line of duty in Iraq on June 21, 2005.

(submitted by Marge Baumgardner, District 1-2)

# Enjoying Crown Point July 4th parade



MEGAN LAMBERT, District #2 Miss Flame, rides on the tower in the Crown Point 4th of July parade. (submitted by Marge Baumgardner)



TIM FERCIK, Kevin Peterson, Dirk Delor ride on the front engine for the 4th of July parade. (submitted by Marge Baumgardner)

# Jim Vankirk District 19 Midwest Award recipient



JIM VANKIRK, Morris Volunteer Fire Department, was District 19 Midwest Award recipient.

Jim does very much to help the fire department and the community. Jim was former captain on the fire department for many years.

(submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)

# Jim Hall District 3 Midwest Award winner



DISTRICT 3 CHAIRMAN Pam Kaufman presenting the Midwest Award to Jim Hall of LaCrosse VFD.

Jim received the award at the convention in Columbus but was re-presented the award in front of his department during the dedication of their new fire department on June 20th.

(submitted by Pam Kaufman, District 3 chairman)

# McFarland Ollie Sandburg winner



SHERRY MCFARLAND, firefighter with the Lewis Township (Clay County) fire department won the Ollie Sandburg award.

(submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman)

# Ed Michael, District 17A Midwest Award winner



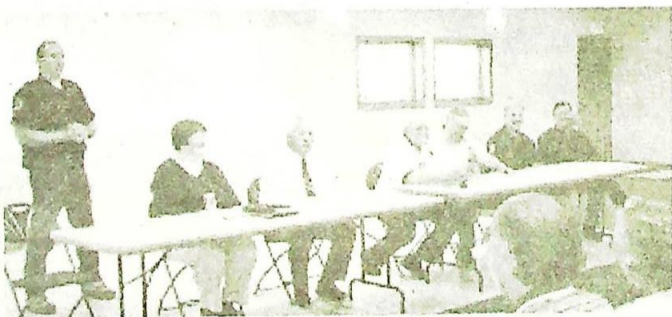
PICTURED IS District 17A chairman Beverly Harker presenting Highland Twp. Assistant Chief Ed Michael with the District 17A Midwest Award. (submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman)

# Two from District 17A receive 25 year pins



RECENTLY TWO firefighters in District 17A received their 25 year pins from chairman Beverly Harker. From left to right: (left) Debbie Oeckerman from Richland Taylor Fire, (center) district chairman Beverly Harker and (right) Fire Chief Jeff Combs from Eastern Volunteer Fire Department. (submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman)

# New fire station dedication held



LACROSSE FIRE DEPARTMENT (District 3) dedicated their new fire station at a ceremony held June 20th. Several members of the Fire Department, IVFA and community were present. After a brief ceremony and clock presentation, pizza and fellowship was enjoyed by all. (submitted by Pam Kaufman, District 3 chairman)

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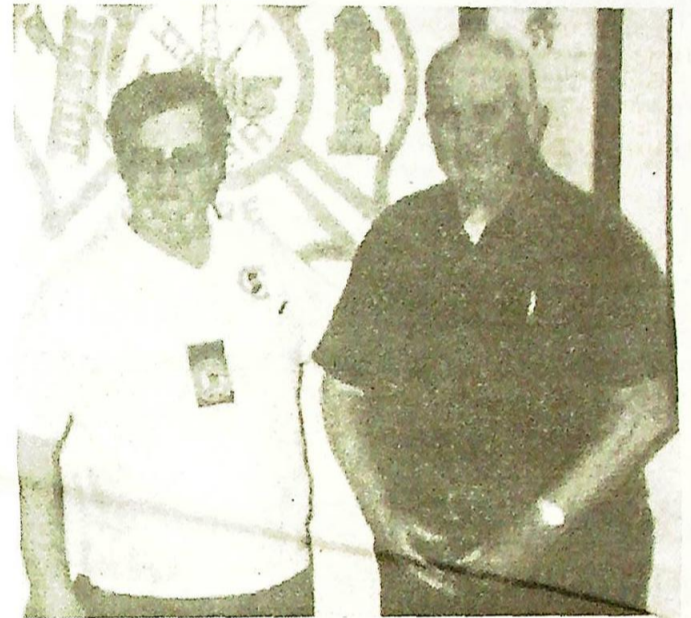


# Members receive 50 year cards

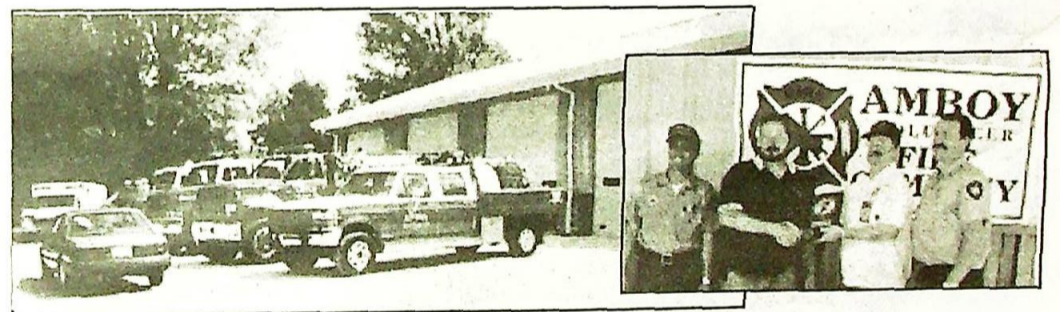
District 13B chairman Dennis Spears presented two members of the Fountain City - New Garden Township fire department with 50 year Gold Cards at the department awards dinner. The members receiving these Gold Cards were Dave L. Himelick and James L. Miller. The photo is of Dave Himelick receiving his Gold Card from District 13B chairman Dennis Spears on right and Fountain City Fire Chief Jeff Himelick (son of Dave). James Miller was unable to attend and was presented his card by Chief Himelick.

# Bob Banks receives 50 year Gold Card

BOB BANKS, District 8A, was recently presented with his 50 year Gold Card.



# Amboy new station opening and dedication held



AMBOY NEW STATION (District 8A) opening and dedication was recently held.

# Ned Kemper receives 50 Year Gold Card



NED KEMPER, District 8A, from Madison Twp. Tipton Co. is shown receiving his 50 year Gold Card from District Chairman and past president Buz Koehler.

# Blanton, Angel award winner



BRIDGET BLANTON, firefighter with the Wright Township (Greene County) fire department won the Angel Award. (submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman)

# Presented with a new tiara



2004 DISTRICT 14 Miss Flame Cindy McKenzie presented 2005 District 14 Miss Flame Courtney Miller with a new tiara.

Cindy elected not to run again but asked and was granted permission to purchase and present the tiara to Courtney with her own money.

Thank you, Cindy, and also thank you for being such a great young lady and Miss Flame for District 14 over the past years.

(submitted by Al Williamson, District 14 chairman)

# Western Fire Co. members presented pins



P.R.S.E. Director (on left) and District 14 chairman Al Williamson (on right), presented Western Fire Co. #3's (from left) Robert Dirsch, Brent Catram, Bill Jenner, and Lary Harrod 25 year pins.

(submitted by Al Williamson, District 14 chairman)

# Miss Flame honored at parade



DISTRICT 14 Miss Flame Courtney Miller is honored as the Grand Parade Marshal for Charlestown's Founder's Day Parade.

(submitted by Al Williamson, District 14 chairman)

# Morris firefighters retire



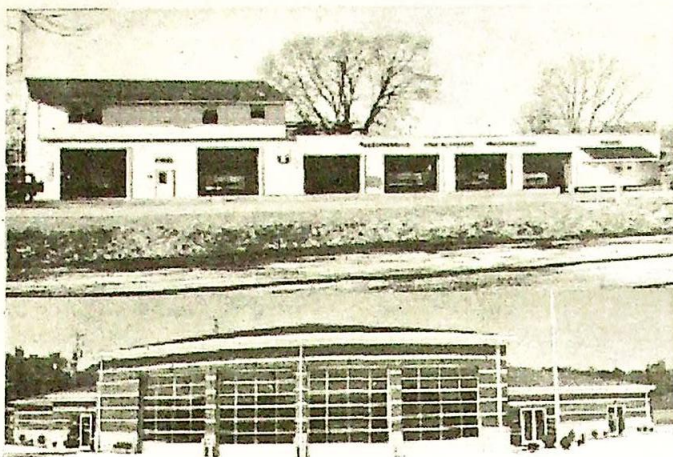
TWO LONGTIME Morris volunteer firefighters retire from the fire department. Frank Martin (left) retired after 55 years of service to the fire department and Tony Moster (right) retired after 40 years of service to the community.

Both members are former Ollie Sandburg award recipients and Midwest Award recipients.

They both were former chiefs of the department. They have done a lot for the community.

(submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman)

# Ellettsville FD holds open house dedication



On Saturday, May 14, Ellettsville Fire Department held an open house new station dedication. The new fire station constructed by Strauser Construction was built with a 2 million dollar bond issue in nine months and houses seven individual bedrooms, living quarters, four administration offices, large state of the art training and meeting room, and large apparatus bay.

The Ellettsville Fire Department

was established in 1888 and currently provides fire, rescue and EMS to a population of 17,000 in 36 square miles in Richland Township which includes the town of Ellettsville, along with providing backup ambulance to Bloomington Hospital Ambulance Service.

In 2004 they responded to 1200 incidents. Currently they have a staff of 10 full time, and 33 volunteer/part



DISTRICT CHAIRMAN Tim Deckard presents the IVFA new station clock to Fire Chief Jim Davis.

time firefighters.

Pictured in the photo is the old downtown fire station and now the new fire station on the edge of town.

Recently, IVFA District 17B chairman Tim Deckard awarded four members 25 and more year's service pins. Those receiving pins were Jack Baxter, Chief Jim Davis, Richard Landgrebe and Roy Wever. (submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman)

# Liberty Twp. VFD annual awards banquet held



FRONT ROW (left to right): Bryan Albright, Tom McCormick, Bib Litteral, A.J. Lubelski.

Second row: John Blosser, Gene Patrick, John Dooms, Allen Albright.

Back row: Paul Williams, Josh Albright, Jerry Knepp, Dave Lubelski, Chuck Pritchett, Ryan Taylor, Brandon Patrick, Steve Snyder and Todd Matthys.

did an excellent job.

First Assistant John Dooms was recognized for the excellent job he had done at the recent Welco Restaurant fire in Walkerton. He was presented a picture of himself inside our rescue rig that night, dressed in full turn out gear, covered completely in ice. Chief Patrick presented this to him as a token of appreciation for taking command of our department that night at the scene for him, and a job well done.

The dinner was a "thank you" for each firefighter and their wives, for the time given to our department. We are proud to say that we have worked hard these past two years to train and work together to get our department where it is today.

We hope to continue to grow, to be an outstanding group of firefighters that the community can be proud of. We would like to send a special thank you to the appreciation committee, 1st Asst. John Dooms, 2nd Asst. Paul Williams, and Lt. Bryan Albright, for organizing the dinner and awards. Thank you.

(article and photos submitted by Chief Patrick's wife, Norma)



NEW MEMBERS: (left to right) Josh Albright, Steve Snyder, Brandon Patrick, Ryan Taylor, Bob Litteral.

Seventeen members of the Liberty Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., their guests, and wives attended the second Annual Awards Banquet. Special guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Greg Freed, 4th District chairman of the I.V.F.A., Liberty Twp. advisory board members Jeremy Obenchain and Sarah Williams.

The dinner was held at the Maidens Sweet Shop in North Liberty, where an Amish style dinner was served.

The awards this year were to honor our new members who had completed their Firefighter 1 and 2 schooling. Our new lieutenant, Bryan Albright, had written an oath, for the swearing in ceremony of the new members. Sarah

Williams, Twp. Board member, was asked to hold the Bible for the ceremony. Chief Gene Patrick then read the oath to each of the new members. It was a nice ceremony that will become a custom of the department. The new members were then presented their new uniform shirt with new badge, and a plaque holding their State certification certificate, Department patch, and certification rockers. It was a beautiful presentation that the men deserved, for all the hours of training they went through to be certified.

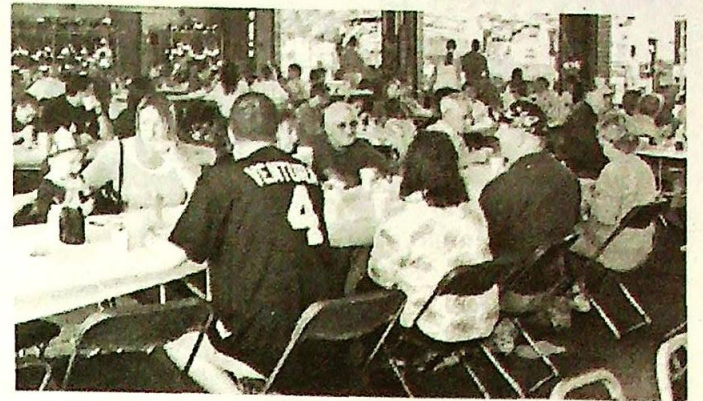
Lieutenant Albright's wife, Tonia, was presented a beautiful centerpiece for her work in designing and printing all the invitations for this event, she

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# Pancake breakfast a huge success!!



CROWDS fill the bays of the Crown Point Fire Station for the 11th annual ladies' auxiliary pancake breakfast. With the help of the firemen, the crowds waited in line to see them flip the pancake in the air! The ladies served over 800 breakfasts! With the community support the event grows every year. The ladies would like to thank everyone who helped and supported this great event. *(submitted by Marge Baumgardner)*

# Crown Point VFD holds annual golf outing



*in the top photo . . .*

CROWN POINT firemen Scott Abraham and T.J. Maddox help with the 11th annual golf outing for the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department at Summer Tree Golf Course in Crown Point on June 11th. *(submitted by Marge Baumgardner, District 1-2)*

*in the bottom photo . . .*

LINDA ABRAHAM, Marge Baumgardner and Kathy Huys were part of the ladies' auxiliary that help with serving hot dogs to the golfers during the event. Thanks to all who participated, it was again a great success! *(submitted by Marge Baumgardner, District 1-2)*



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# 2005 Convention Waterball results



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Submitted by Marilyn Dever, 6th District IVFAA Chairwoman, and Games Committee Representative

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# Mackenzie Watson chosen essay scholarship winner



DISTRICT 11-A chairman Jack McFarland and District 11-A Miss Flame contestant Mackenzie Watson are shown above. Mackenzie won the essay scholarship.

(submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman)

# Oolitic Fire Chief Midwest Award recipient



OOLITIC FIRE CHIEF Jason Lewis (right) is shown receiving the IVFA District 17B Midwest Award, from Tim Deckard, IVFA District 17B chairman.

(submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman)

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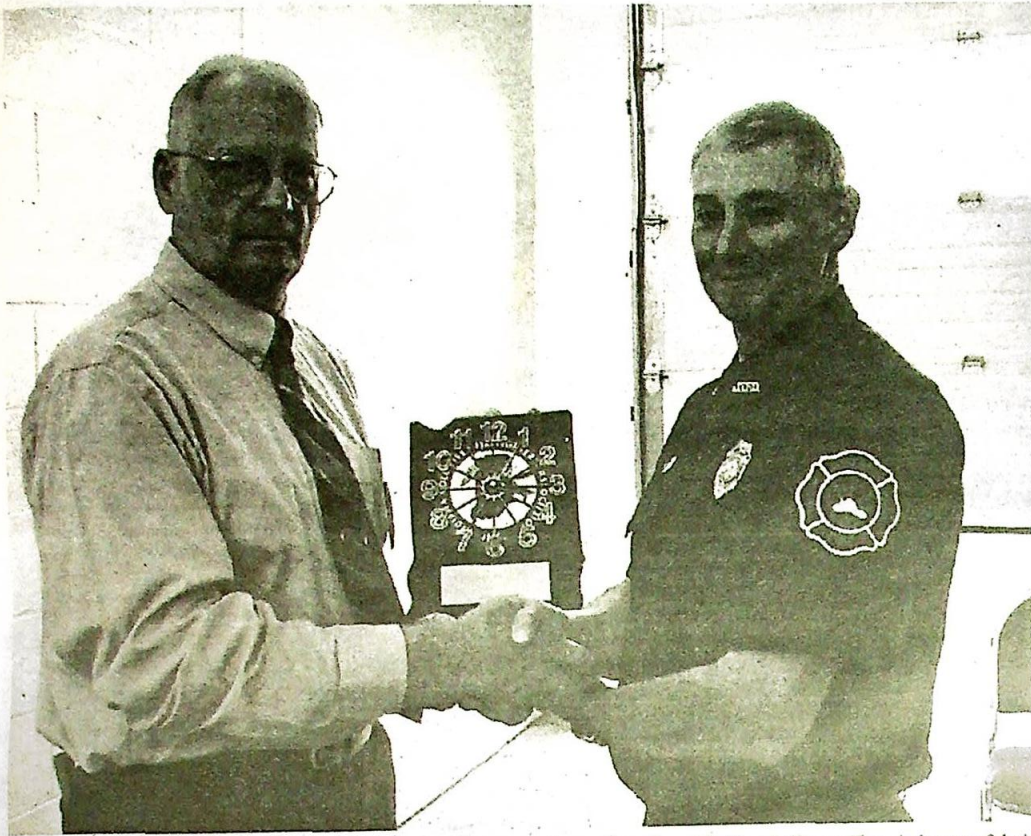
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# Miller presented clock in honor of new station



ERNEST MILLER (right) is presented a clock by district chairman Greg Freed (left) at Jefferson Twp. in honor of their new station (photo submitted by Greg Freed)

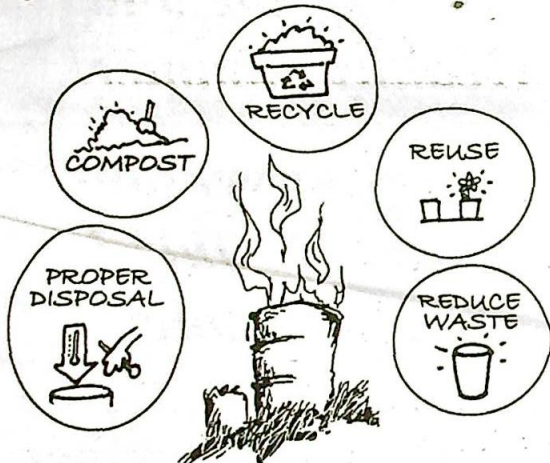
# God's Love Has Painted The Summer's Refreshing Colors

The blooms of spring have gone away,  
 And warmer breezes fill the air;  
 While sunlight heats each longer day  
 And life is teeming everywhere.  
 So let's postpone those humdrum chores  
 That we have done throughout the year,  
 And let's be moving out doors;  
 The time for having fun is here,  
 With swimming, picnics, barbecues  
 And every kind of outdoor sport;  
 Whatever brand of fun you choose,  
 At home, or at some posh resort.  
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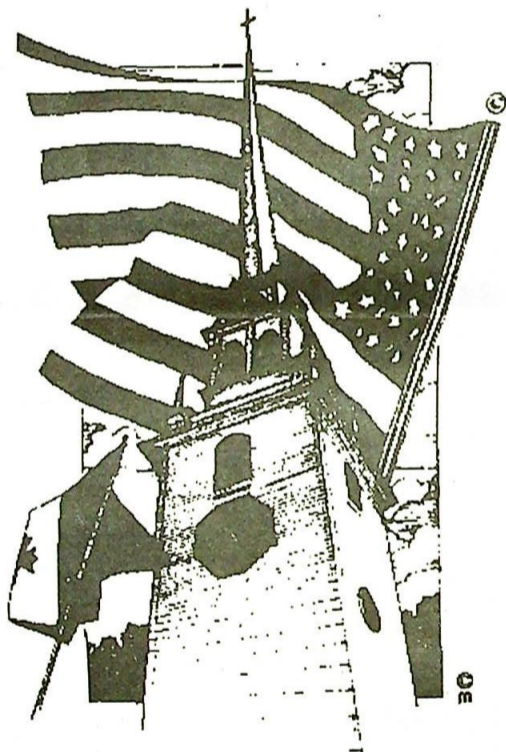
# Keep a lookout for these waterfront safety hazards

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1. Always wear a life jacket when fishing, boating or waterskiing. Remember that even the best swimmer is in danger if knocked unconscious or injured.
2. Don't go it alone. always have someone keeping watch from the shore, or better yet, use the buddy system.
3. Don't swim for up to one hour after eating.
4. If lightning occurs, get out of the water as quickly as possible.
5. NEVER swim or operate boat while under the influence of alcohol.
6. Don't overdo a good thing.

Use a waterproof sunblock while swimming and avoid over-exposure to the sun's burning rays between the hours of 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.



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 When we're teaching our children what they signify,  
 Of the lives that were given when men had to die  
 To preserve all the freedoms on which we rely;  
 And the blessings they bring, which we cannot deny,  
 At the place where we worship, the lessons imply  
 We should pray to our Father, whom we glorify,  
 That the flag of our nation, that's waving on high,  
 Will forever in freedom be able to fly.*

-- Gloria Nowak

*A thoughtful mind .... sees not the flag only, but the nation itself.*  
-- Henry Ward Beecher

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-- Psalm 20:5*

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3. Never pick up a "dud" until you KNOW it is not going to go off.
4. Never shoot or throw fireworks in the direction of others.
5. Adults should be sure to keep children a safe distance from the shooting area.

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