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From The President

Tim Deckard



We love what we do!

There is something special to watch when people put their all into something and it shows as they work at it and show they love what they are doing, working for a purpose or a cause they have that passion.

Do you have that passion? Of course we do or we would not be doing this. It is sad that there are leaders in the first service that are burned out of doing their jobs and it shows at every level as it trickles down the ladder affecting everyone. It destroys the department as they hold the department back from growing or even meeting the needs of those who depend on us the most, the ones we serve to protect.

We can sit and think of many people in this world who have shown their love for their job, shown

us the passion they have for the cause. Spent many countless hours for the mission and core values. It is what drives us to press on and keep going. As we show passions others see it and want to be a part of it, it draws others to that love and that mission. Remember to look at the aspects of what you're doing and don't focus on the negative parts of the job, because it will become all you see as it drags you down. Do you appreciate what you have? Are you inspiring others? One thing to remember we are in charge of our attitudes and how we react to everyday life.

I have talked about respect before. Respect should be given in any fire department. Unfortunately we have some bad habits. Volunteer fire departments can be liable if the lack of respect creates a hostile work environment, discriminates and/or leads to sexual harassment. Membership and promotion within a department should be solely based upon the ability to do the task. The main key is not to make assumptions about ability based on surface features. What it boils down to - everyone is treated equally. Respect is very, very cheap, but very important.

Have you thought about wiping your feet lately? If not let's do it the next time. Customer services goes a long way in our field. Our job is to save lives and protect property. We do a great job at saving lives and to some point protecting property. Remember to wipe your feet when going into that house next time on the EMS call or CO run before entering onto that clean carpet with

our dirty boots and shoes. Remember, customers have a choice. Those we serve provides our funding and publicity. Negative experiences can mean lasting and long ones with negative publicity, budget shortfalls. They can even bring in another department in to serve them do to bad customer service. Just remember the next time you need to up the budget to plan for a new truck, gear or station needs, customer service is what determines

if they come out in force to help or stop your plan. They pick their department by choosing to provide support and fund it or not. Let's truly stand by our word when we say "We are neighbors helping neighbors."

Thanks for our GREAT convention. Thanks to Districts 4 & 5 for the many long hours to put this on. Congratulations to Kaylea Konger - Miss Flame, Larry Bartlow - Mr. I.V.F.A., Bev Harker - Angel Award, Dorothy Reiter - Lois Boaz, Jim

Abrams - President's Award and Larry Curl - Ivan Nevil Leadership Award winners.

We welcome our new leadership in office for 2012.

Stay safe. Have a great summer. Life is short so enjoy it, live and laugh as much as you can.

Thank you for all of your dedication to serving your communities and being a volunteer firefighter with passion and pride.

Tim Deckard, President

Indiana farmers grow their communities one donation at a time



Rural communities are important to farmers. Farmers throughout Indiana and specifically in Clinton County had the opportunity to win \$2,500 awards for their favorite nonprofit organization if their name was drawn in Monsanto's Fund America's Farmers Grow Communities program. Kevin Price of Price Farms, chose to donate his prize to the Kirklin Fire Department as his name was drawn for Clinton County's winner.

The program's first two pilots provided nearly 500 farmers in 10 states with \$2,500 awards to direct to their favorite nonprofit organization. That totals nearly \$1.2 million invested since the first pilot program began in January. The program has now expanded to more than 1,200 counties across 38 states.

Kirklin Fire Department Fire Chief Mark Clements was ecstatic to hear that his department would be the recipient of the award money. "We will be using it to purchase colored fire hose sections to be placed at the beginning of each hoseline." Chief Clements explains that the color of the hose matches the same color of the outlet at the pump panel making them easier to tell apart. For instance, when a firefighter pulls a pre-connected hose off the engine and runs towards the fire, the pump operator is setting up the pump and may or may not

notice where each hose is going so by color coding the hoses he is more aware of which hose is where on the scene. That way he is more likely to charge or discharge the right hose at the right time.

The check was presented to the Kirklin Fire Department at April's monthly meeting. KFD would like to express their sincerest thanks to Monsanto for sponsoring this wonderful program. As well we would like to thank Kevin and the

entire Price family for keeping the needs of the Kirklin Fire Department in mind when selecting his community selection.

Pictured are the following individuals (L to R): Fire Chief Mark Clements, Kirklin Township Trustee Carolyn McQuinn, Ann Price, Jackie Price, Kevin Price (grant winner), Co-Alliance Agronomy Salesman - Ken Lee, and Monsanto district representative Joe Virgin. -- submitted by Diane Harrison

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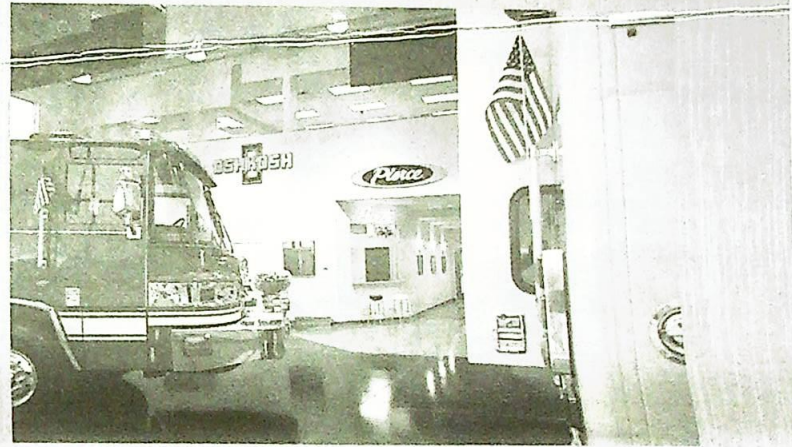
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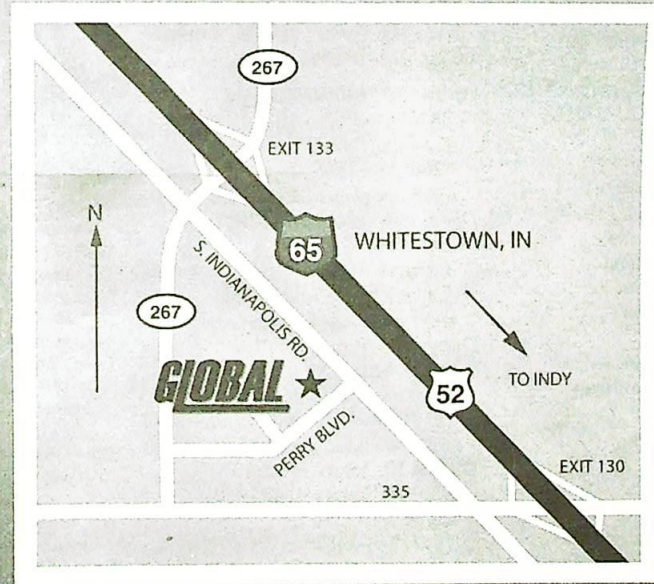


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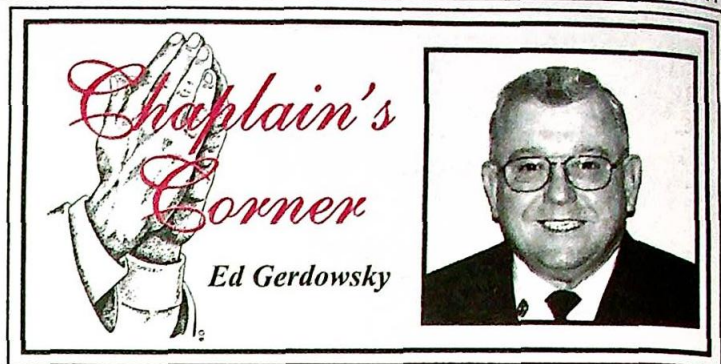
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God's blessings to all of you. Hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather. The last State meeting in Indy at Crowne Plaza went well as we were looking forward to the upcoming Convention in South Bend. Many issues were discussed and upcoming elections will be made in June at convention.

The 2011 Firefighters Convention was held in South Bend where we all had a very good time. The committee did a great job making sure everything went well and all enjoyed the many events of the day with vendors and tours going on so everyone had something to do. Thank you again for re-electing me your State Chaplain. I will try to make sure I am representing the organization well while keeping others involved as needed. Without my associates I could not make this all work as it should. I thank all who helped me with the Memorial Service, Marlene and Carroll Thrawley for the beautiful Power Point, Joann Hays for the Rose ceremony and beautiful crosses she made for everyone, Brent & Bill Bush for the Cross setup & tear down, John "Bull" Smith for his wonderful Bagpipes, for the South Bend Honor Guard, Linda Baker for her beautiful music, my associate Chaplains, Charlie Baker, Pete Taylor, Tom Sellmer, Robert Kulesa, George Buck, Ushers Dave Erlick, Mike Dzuba, Terry Smith, Ron Davenport for passing out the programs Pam Barlow puts together for us, the Miss Flames for placing roses, and the Marriott for all their hard work in making the accommodations accessible for our use. Thanks also to all who attended the ceremony as it is one way we can all pay tribute to our fallen brothers and sisters. Thanks to those who do many behind the scenes work not always recognized. I hope I haven't missed anyone but if I have please know you were appreciated. I do apologize for the Balloon Launch but was told they would be there. We are not sure what happened.

If I can do anything to help you out in any way please feel free to contact me. Also if you have any concerns or questions please let me know. I appreciate all of you for your willingness to help out so all Districts may be covered when Chaplains are needed. Have a great day with God's many blessings each and every day. See you at next State meeting in August.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. -- 1 Chronicles 16:34
Chaplain Ed "Ski" Gerdowsky 6-20-11

~ "God's love has painted the summer's refreshing colors"
- Gloria Nowak
~ "Warm summer sun, shine friendly here"
- Robert Richardson
~ "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord."
- Isaiah 54:13

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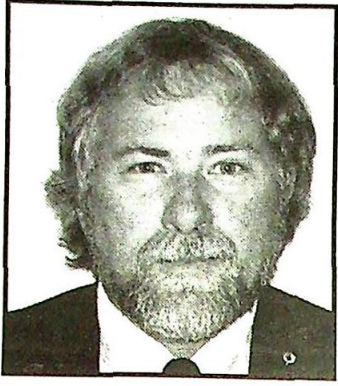
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From The Vice President

David Israel



It's been a busy past quarter. The 2011 IVFA Convention at South Bend was a good time by all that attended. Judy and Terry Smith and Tony and Diane Farrer and the rest of their committee - they did a super job putting on a great Convention this year. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARDWORK.

Plan now on attending the 2012 IVFA Convention at New Albany at the Horse Shoe Casino. Paul and Rick are ready to make your stay there a memorable one. They are set and ready to go.

There were several bills that took effect July 1, 2011 that affect the fire service. We have tried to get the word out as to some of them. One important one is the Insurance Billing Bill that makes the Fire Chief responsible to sign off on the invoice being sent out. The Fire Marshal and I did a webinar on this and it can still be watched on the (I think it's on) Marshal's website. There are several good training webinars on there to be watched;

take time and look at them. Another Bill 1004, has the Audit limit in it where it was raised from \$100,000.00 to \$200,000.00.

I hope this summer you took the time to invite your Legislators to your fund raisers and thanked them for their support in the fire service. If you haven't PLEASE do so or ask them to attend one of your fire meetings. Tell them your concerns and problems trying to maintain a good level of service to your community on a volunteer basis. We need their help in the Battle of Local Government Reform which will be back strong in the next session.

Remember to attend your Twp. or Town Board Budget Public Hearing meeting this fall. Hopefully you listened to me the past two issues of the paper and contacted them about possible contract raises if they have the funds. But with tax laws changes (circuit breakers and tax cuts and other cuts) don't be surprised or upset if they can't give you a raise.

We are trying to get the IVFA website back up and functional again. Please bear with us, I know it's frustrating - but hang on, we will make it.

You have read at some point in the paper of the new IVFA officers for 2012 that take effect January 1, 2012. I will be the President, Steve Anderson Vice Pres., Diane Harrison Secretary, Bev Harker Treasurer, Brent Bush Sergeant at Arms, Ski - Chaplain.

There is a Fire Marshal or Fire Alliance Survey coming out to the Fire Chiefs; please take the time to fill it out. We need this information to see what direction you as the fire service wants to go and what your needs are to help you.

Thanks for your support.

Attend your local district meeting - hope to see there.

Be safe,

David Israel

Larry Curl receives first Ivan Nevil Award

"An award", says Wikipedia, "is something given to a person or a group of people to recognize excellence in a certain field; a certificate of excellence." The American Dictionary says the noun award is prize of some kind that indicates you've done well and achieved an honor.

Well, in my case the *Ivan Nevil Fire Service Leadership award* that I received at the 2011 IVFA convention means all of that and more. First as we all know, Ivan Nevil was just a common type guy not looking for anything special, not wanting anything special and that is the reason he was special. Ivan was special to his family as we heard during his funeral service, his community as we saw by the crowds of folks who attended his funeral both inside the firehouse and outside lining the sidewalks, the closing of the streets, and the flags that waved in the march to the cemetery, to his fire department as members of his department shared his legacy, and to the state as he always wanted us to be the best in our service to others, trainings we received, leadership we provided, and dedication we shared.

To have the honor bestowed upon me to say that I in any way represent any of the things Ivan stood for is very humbling and awesome. During my many years devoted to the serving of others I have been very fortunate and always grateful for all the awards that have been bestowed or presented to me but when the "first" Ivan Nevil Award was being talked about at this year's convention I sat in my chair thinking what an honor someone will receive when a name is called out as the recipient of this newly-created award. Just to think that a committee was able to select someone to be named to receive this prestigious award is within itself a significant accomplishment in one's life achievements and then my name was called out, it was like I was not really hearing what I thought I had heard. I must be dreaming and wishing I could be that person, then the reality came home as I got out of my chair and walked up to the stage to receive what seemingly was the greatest accomplishment that I could possibly have been given, the 2011 IVAN NEVIL Fire Service Leadership Award.

To those that chose me, my heartfelt thank you, to those who congratulated me, each of you are just as deserving, to those who surround me, in faith, my wife Carol, family, and friends I love you.

Yes, Ivan will be sorely missed and that we cannot change, but to carry on his legacy in an award named after him for all that he did, the honor of this award is really in honor of him.

Thanks and may each of you be so fortunate as to someday in your life be recognized, honored, blessed, and surprised, and yes, shed a tear as I did when given the IVAN NEVIL Fire Service Leadership Award, an award I will honor, hold in high admiration and esteem for the rest of my fire service career.

Blessed am I while serving with high honor, admiration and pleasure.

Larry W. Curl

DEATHS

Keith Edward Hoover

Keith Edward Hoover, District 4 firefighter and Twelve Mile firefighter of 25 years, passed away Monday, April 11, 2011 at his residence.

Keith was a member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church, a seven year veteran of the United States Marine Corps. and a 25 year veteran of the Twelve Mile Fire Department.

Keith retired as the postmaster of the Macy Post Office in January of 2011.

He was a lifelong volunteer of many organizations and a mentor in the fire service.

Funeral services were held at the church and burial at the Skinner Cemetery near Twelve Mile.

Keith is survived by his wife, two daughters, a son-in-law and three grandchildren, whom he loved deeply.

Full military services and Last Call were performed at the burial site.

The IVFA assisted in presentation of the Bible, grave marker and 25 year service pin.

(The article was submitted by Tim Cowell).

Lockhart Twp. FD members awarded 25 year pins

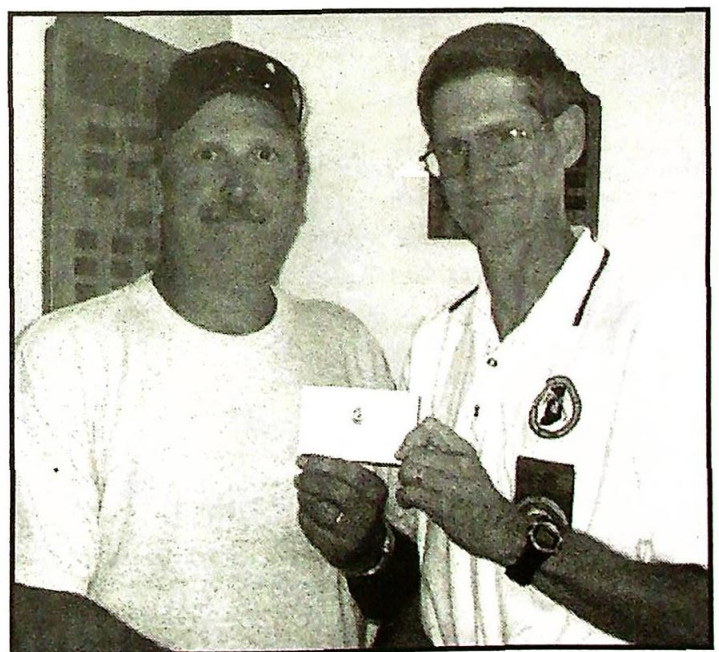


AT THE MAY 19 meeting of IVFA District 18, members of the Lockhart Twp. FD (Pike Co.) were presented with the IVFA 25 year membership pin.

Pictured are Lockhart Twp. fire chief Larry Riesenbeck (left) and firefighter Mick Houchin (right) along with District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith.

Also receiving the award but not present was LTFD firefighter William Caldemeyer. - article and photo provided by district chairman Smith.

David Smith receives 25 year membership pin



AT THE BIRDSEYE VFD (Dubois Co., District 18) meeting on June 6, 2011, Birdseye fire chief David "Smitty" Smith (pictured left) was presented with the IVFA 25 year membership pin from District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith. - article and photo provided by district chairman Smith.

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All are winners

Congratulations to all 22 young ladies who participated in the 2011 Miss Flame. Each of you are winners.

Thanks to Autumn Schumacher our 2010 Miss Flame for representing all of us during this past year. Her energies that were devoted to her reign were experienced by a number of us.

I take pleasure in announcing our Miss Flame for 2011 is Kaylea Konger from District 7 representing Berne Fire Department. The runner-up is Megan Kloeck from District 18 representing St. Meinrad Fire Department. Selected by her peers, Tatijana Marsce from District 19 representing Milan Fire Department was Miss Congeniality for 2011. We were honored to have Amy Hoefling from Haubstadt Fire Dept last year's Miss Congeniality to present Tatijana with her sash and trophy.

Please extend to each of these girls an invitation to participate in the activities of your district and state.

I personally want to say thanks to all who helped make our program a success, those who are generous donors, those of you who offered words of wisdom and support, those who worked and served on committees and the officers of both of our great organizations. Also thanks to those of you who have served as past chairman for laying the path for us to follow.

It has been another great year. Thanks for allowing me to be a small part in helping to present this program each year.

Barb Kerney

2011 Miss Flame Chairman

Plan now for 2012 cruise!

The first Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's cruise is history.

We had a wonderful time on Carnival Ship Destiny. We sailed to Key West and Cozumel. A great time was had by all.

The Membership and Marketing Committee is planning another cruise destination Alaska!

There will be more to come in the November issue.

We are looking at late summer, early fall 2012, so start making plans to come cruise with us.

Thank you,

Diane Harrison

DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 REPORT



Tom Orrell - Chairman

DISTRICT 2 REPORT



Paul Watland - Chairman

Independence Hill VFD
May 18, 2011
District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.
Pledge led by Buz Koehler, past president IVFA.
Roll call taken: District 1 - 8 depts., 34 members, District 2 - 5 depts., 14 members.
Chief Josh Carter, IHVFD, spoke about his department and introduced his members present.
Roger Carter gave a program on Fire Prevention and Safety.
Guests in attendance: 50 year Gold Card members: George Thiel - Griffith VFD, Bub Wise - CFPD, Pete Monix - St. John VFD, Jerry Miller - Merrillville VFD, Bill Casbon - Porter Twp. VFD, Buz Koehler - past president IVFA, Mitch Parish - ad taker/IVFA paper, Paul Watland - District 2 chairman, Tom Orrell - District 1 chairman, Diane Orrell - acting secretary, Jim Bradford - PRNW, Ed Morales - Porter Twp. trustee, Phyllis Vargo - District 1 and 2 chairman, Marge Baumgardner - District 1 and 2 secretary, Martha Thomas - past president IVFAA, Morgan Eastridge - District 1 Miss Flame, Rachel Stenger - District 2 Miss Flame.
Motion by Keith Austin, seconded by Bill Casbon, to dispense with reading of minutes. Passed.
Twenty-five year pins presented: Arturo Blanco, Joseph Shudick, George Valant, Larry Guitierrez, all from IHVFD, John Geary, St. John VFD.
Mitch Parish presented caps with 50 year lettering and IVFA patch to the 50 year members present.
Jim Bradford, PRNW, talked about Hoosier Burn Camp on June 1st, convention in South Bend - June 15-18, 2011 and on-line testing.
Buz Koehler talked about legislation and the need for support when Township Government Reform comes back in the fall legislation. Discussed website issues and problems.
Treasurer's report: \$929.73.
No old business.
New business: \$250.00 checks presented to Miss Flames' parents for expenses at convention. Voted to give \$300.00 donation from District 1 and 2 to Burn Camp.
Moment of silence held for Joe Mika, member of Lowell VFD and a 50 year member of IVFA who passed away May 18, 2011.

Good of the order:
Burn Camp Boot Drive - LOFS - Saturday, May 28, 2011;
Washington Twp. pancake breakfast, May 22, 2011, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.;
CPFD pancake breakfast, June 18, 2011 - 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. at CPFD Fire Station.
50/50 Drawing - \$35.00 to winner.
CPFD Golf Outing - June 11, 2011. Info available at CPFD.
Motion to adjourn by Bill Casbon, seconded by Jack Eskridge. Passed.
Next meeting, July 20, 2011 at Lowell VFD at 7 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Paul Watland, District 2 chairman

DISTRICT 3 REPORT



David G. Kaufman - Chairman

Lincoln Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept.
January 20, 2011
Program: The program for the month was presented by Dave Kaufman and was "On Deck" by Alan Brunacini.
Meeting: The meeting was called to order by chairman Kaufman at approximately 7:45 with the pledge led by Chief Kaufman, followed by a prayer led by district chaplain Ron Devenport.
First roll call showed 11 members present representing 5 departments.
The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.
The financial report showed the district having \$530.64.
Guests present: Jim Bradford, PRNW, Buz Koehler, past president.
Communications: Jim Bradford: Jim talked in depth about the following subjects:
The next IVFA newspaper deadline will be April 5.
There will be no Duneland Fire School this year.
2010 had 90 firefighter deaths and of them 39 were heart attacks.
The Fire Marshal still has smoke detectors for the hearing impaired.
Buz Koehler:
The legislature currently has in excess of 1000 bills and may end up with between 1100 & 1200.
32 bills have been filed for government reform.
Buz played excerpts from the governor's state of the state address on county government changes.
Old Business: None.
New Business: None.
Good of the Order: January 29 - Chili Supper benefit for Bill Dutlinger (Lincoln Twp.)
Door Award: Ron (Center Twp.) \$10.00.
Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 hours with 11 members present representing 5 departments. Chaplain Devenport gave a closing prayer.
Respectfully submitted
Tim Sandy
District #3 Secretary/Treasurer

March 17, 2011 Bass Lake
Program: Chaplain Ron Devenport presented a program on Fire Service Chaplaincy. He discussed in detail the duties of a fire service chaplain and the requirements that should be followed to become one.

Meeting: The meeting started at approximately 7:30 with the pledge led by the Bass Lake Chief. IVFA district chaplain, Reverend Ron Devenport gave the invocation.
The first roll call showed 19 members present from 8 departments.
Guests present: Autumn Shoemaker IVFA Miss Flame, Maggie Levendowski, District 3, Miss Flame, Mitch Parish - past president, Buz Koehler - past president, Jim Bradford - IVFA PRNW.

Communications: IVFA Miss Flame Autumn Shoemaker and District 3 Miss Flame Maggie Levendowski introduced themselves to the group.

Jim Bradford:
Talked about legislative items that are on the agenda.
GPS Coordinates are being taken to map the location of all fire departments within the state.
Mandatory seat belt requirements and the interlocks being installed in all new fire service vehicles to enforce usage.

NFPA 1582 covers heart physicals.
Hoosier Burn Camp - Visitors Day June 1, 2011 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Buz Koehler:
Can't get anything done with the legislature out.
Outlined the details for Ivan Nevil's funeral.
Use the Web Site.

Old Business: None.
New Business: None.
Good of the Order:
Coolspring raffle April 2
Hamlet pancake breakfast April 3rd
Lincoln pancake breakfast April 17
Kingsbury pancake breakfast April 24

Rensselaer pork chop dinner May 1
Springfield pancake breakfast May 15
50/50 Drawing: \$17.00 won by Rick Bradford.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 with 19 members representing 8 departments.
Respectfully submitted
Tim Sandy District 3 Secretary/Treasurer

May 19, 2011 Kingsbury VFD
Program: Kingsbury Chief Mark Ritter introduced Tom Stienler from FSA who presented a program on Paratech Stabilizers and Extrication Safety.

Meeting: The meeting started at approximately 7:10 with the pledge led by Chief Mark Ritter. IVFA district chaplain, Reverend Ron Devenport gave the invocation. First roll call found 16 firefighters present representing 7 departments. Treasurer's report showed \$507.64 in cash or in the bank account.

The first roll call showed 19 members present from 8 departments.

Chairman Kaufman introduced the guests present. Guests present: Maggie Levendowski, District 3, Miss Flame Mitch Parish, past president, Buz Koehler, past president, Jim Bradford, IVFA PRNW.

Communications: Miss Flame Maggie Levendowski introduced herself to the group. Secretary-treasurer Tim Sandy presented her with a check from the district for \$200 to help defray her expenses at the convention while serving as Miss Flame.

Buz Koehler:
Will be a test site in each county for taking fire fighting exams.
All EMS certifications can now be renewed on line.
Cost Recovery - Chief must sign all bills that are being sent out.
Handed out legislative data form - Need contact representative from each department.

Jim Bradford:
Standard firefighter physicals to check for heart now cost approximately \$520.00.

Fed is changing rules on how they are going to pay the death benefit.

Current Federal Death Benefit is \$295,000.00 for line of duty death.

No grant money if you don't send in NFIRS reports.
Use the Web Site

Mitch Parish: Just glad to be here!!
Old Business: None.
New Business: None.
Good of the Order:
Lincoln pork chop May 28
Coolspring Fireman's Ball July 15 & 16

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 with 16 members representing 7 departments.
Respectfully submitted
Tim Sandy, District 3 Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 4 REPORT



Terry Smith - chairman

The 4th District I.V.F.A. meeting was called to order by chairman Terry Smith which was held on February 17, 2010 at the Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department which began at 7:30 PM with the Pledge. Prayer was then given by Russell Peterson. The roll call consisted of 6 departments consisting of 16 members, and 1 guest.

PRNE Jean Smith informed everyone of last year's Legislation and the effect of the walkout by the Democrats, the fire and EMS had a fairly good year. With 608 House Bills and 602 Senate Bills, 437 of those bills had something to do with firefighters and EMS. House Bill 1393 was passed which certification tests will now be completed on computers. Also approved was House Bill 1082 regarding Off Road Vehicle Registration. Terry also stated that as of June 1, 2011, EMS Recertification and Firefighter Instruction Recertification will be accomplished on computers.

Chairman Smith informed the members that the I.V.F.A. was looking for a new webmaster and if anyone was interested, to contact the Central Office. Terry also informed the body that I.V.F.A. dues were due no later than July 31, 2011 in order to stay in good standing with the I.V.F.A. benefits.

Terry highlighted the 2011 I.V.F.A. Convention held in South Bend, the acknowledgment of the

new I.V.F.A. officers, and that the 2013 I.V.F.A. Convention was voted for in Muncie. Elton Shafer was in attendance at the meeting and Terry told everyone what a great job he did in organizing the vendors and apparatus vehicles at the convention. He also wanted to thank every department who donated towards this convention and how it helped to make a success of it.

PRNE Jean Smith ran the 4th District election of officers. Terry Smith from Penn Township Fire Department was re-elected chairman and Elton Shafer from Madison Township Fire Department was elected secretary.

A 25 year pin was given to Danny Casad and Todd Jacobs. The 50/50 of \$15 was won by Henry Krueger.

The next meeting will be held at Millersburg-Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Department on August 18, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Chairman Terry Smith District 4
NOTE: The 2011 I.V.F.A. Convention Committee would like to thank everyone that came to South Bend helping make it a success. We hope you enjoyed the food, tours, vendors, and convention. We again want to say "Thank You" and look forward seeing you at next year's convention.

DISTRICT 5 REPORT



Tony Farrer - Chairman

May 12, 2011

Lagro Fire Department, Lagro, IN

Refreshments were served by the hosting department prior to the meeting.

Guests: Jean and E.J. Smith.
The meeting was called to order by chairman Farrer at 1932 hours.

March 10, 2011 meeting minutes were read and approved as submitted.

Tony advised that he has raffle tickets and coins for the 2011 IVFA convention at the Marriott Hotel & Century Center in South Bend.

All activities will be under one roof and include a swap meet and antique fire truck show.

The antique fire truck show and swap meet are open to the public on Friday.

The chairman discussed the itinerary for the convention.

Jean Smith advised that our new insurance company is California Casualty.

Jean discussed the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center thru I.S.P.

He stated that John Buchman advised that on-line testing will begin in 2012. All departments will have access to testing without a charge. The test questions have been changed and recommend that FF1 test be taken one day and FF2 the next. E.M.T. re-certification can be done on-line.

Train the trainer webinar at 9 a.m. May 23.

The state fire academy is still in the works in Knightstown.

The I.V.F.A. website was discussed. Information is NOT getting posted in a timely manner.

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

There are lots of unhappy district chairmen.

Jean discussed a number of House bills that were passed this session.

He advised that the IVFA trailer is being reconditioned - RE: tires, paint, decals, etc.

Steak fry June 11 at 3:30 in North Manchester.

Motorcycle ride and benefit at Silver Lake May 14.

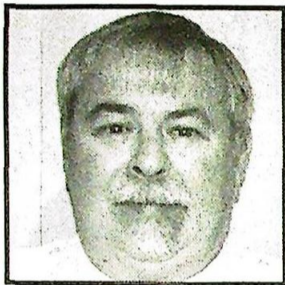
Bremen firemen's festival June 30 thru July 3.

Next meeting July 14 at Henry Twp. Akron.

Meeting adjourned at 2024 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Martin, secretary

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6,

Hello to all. It is summertime in northern Indiana and the hot weather is here.

Thanks to the Auburn FD for hosting our meeting in March. My sincere thanks to the men and women from Auburn for their hospitality. Also need to thank the Lagrange VFD for hosting the meeting held in May. Thanks to the guys and gals from Lagrange VFD for their hospitality. A big thank you goes out to Bob Sterling who represents Paul Davis Restorations for the food and refreshments they provided for these meetings. They were great!

Congratulations go out to Tianna Schuerman for being in attendance at our meetings and at most of the functions that I have been able to attend. She is doing an excellent job representing our district.

As always, it has been a busy time with attending fundraisers and fire department functions the last couple of months. Thanks to all of the departments in District 6 as well as all of the districts in Indiana for their work in contacting the legislators and getting the IVFA's stand on government reform known.

I recently had the opportunity to participate in escorting a beam from 911 from Angola to Elkhart to be erected into a memorial at the Osolo Fire Department. This was an experience that I shall never forget. As we entered the little town of Howe, we were met by what seemed to be several thousand people lining the streets waving the US Flag and giving us the victory sign. To say the least, it was a somber moment. There were also hundreds of people all along the route. What a sense of pride it gave me to be a part of this escort representing the IVFA and District 6 along with several hundred firefighters.

There are still four departments in District 6 that I do not have an e-mail address for. You know who you are and if you don't, here they are: Ashley VFD, Orland VFD, Spencerville VFD, and Washington Township VFD (Allen County). Please take the time to send your department's e-mail address to spralawn@ligtel.com.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 26, 2011 at 7:30

P.M. It is going to be held at the Laotto Volunteer Fire Department in Laotto. The Laotto VFD is located one block west of old State Road 3 on State Road 205. If any of the departments or individual firefighters in District 6 have problems or concerns, please call or e-mail me. I will do my level best to help you out. Better yet, bring them to our next meeting on July 26, 2011. Please visit the IVFA website as I am hoping the meetings for District 6 will be posted. (ivfa.org)

In closing I hope everyone had a good July 4th holiday. Please be safe out there!

E.G.H.

Jerry Sprague (Spook),
District 6 chairman

DISTRICT 8B REPORT



Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

Well, another convention has come and gone. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you to convention committee for a great convention.

On May 11, 2011 District 8B held their meeting at the White River Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 P.M. Chairman Lloyd E. Wright opened the meeting with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. A silent prayer was then held for all the fallen firefighters.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Roll call was taken with 20 members from 10 departments present.

Also there were three guests present, Cindy VanGorden, Larry Curl, and Jim Cash.

Larry Curl talked on government reform and the bills that were brought up in the Senate. He talked about the ones that passed and the ones that didn't. He also reminded the group to keep on their legislatures to vote "no" on government reform.

For the old business, Lloyd reminded them of the upcoming convention. He also reminded them about the raffle that was going to be held at convention.

New business was about the Miss Flame raffle coming up at the November meeting. He told them that the tickets were being printed up and that they would be ready for the July meeting. He also told the group to make sure when they sent their dues billing in that everything was correct on them.

The different departments told of their upcoming events that they were holding.

Second roll call was taken with the number of fire and EMS runs.

They were a total of 56 fires and 141 EMS runs.

The next district meeting will be at the Yorktown Volunteer Fire Department, Yorktown, IN on July 13, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. On September 14, 2011 the district meeting will be at the Albany Volunteer Fire Department, Albany, IN at 7:30 P.M.

A big thank you to the White River Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the district meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and a

50/50 drawing was held. A lite lunch was then served.

Submitted by Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B

DISTRICT 11A REPORT



Jack McFarland - Chairman

Greetings from District 11-A, Our last meeting was held at Nevins Twp. Fire Department. Thanks to Chief Bill Camp and Mark Newport for lunch.

Mark is the new trustee for Nevins Twp. and he talked about the plans he and Bill have to upgrade the fire department.

IVFA treasurer Bev Harker talked about the Bridgeport Scholarships and how important it is to have IVFA dues paid on time.

West Central PR Diane Harrison talked about testing that can be done at any location.

Diane is going to reserve the Plumbers and Steamfitters for the Miss Flame dance.

Dave Phelps has the shelter house reserved for the September picnic.

Our next meeting will be July 17, 2011 at the Thunderbird Fire Department in Farmersburg.

Our Miss Flame Amber Graham attended the Hoosier Burn Camp and presented them with a check for over \$1,300.00 from two fundraisers that she had. Good job, Amber. Amber has been making a lot of appearances in the district. To contact her: e-mail tomdrywall@yahoo.com.

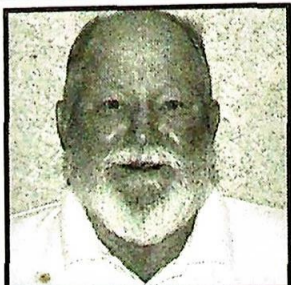
Our sympathy goes out to the Marvin Waldbieser family and the Center Point Fire Department. Marvin was a founding member of the Center Point Fire Department and a life member of the IVFA. Marvin still attended meetings and helped with fundraisers. Marvin will be missed.

On behalf of Diane Harrison and the Harrison and McFarland families, I want to express our thanks for all of the outpouring of care and support in Harold's death. I want to thank Wright Twp., Jasonville, Linton, Thunderbird, Highland Twp. and the Greene County Fire Fighters Association for everything they did. I especially want to thank the members of the Lewis Twp. Fire Department for going above and beyond the call of duty for making Harold's final request a reality.

Brothers and Sisters be careful out there.

Jack McFarland, Chairman
District 11-A

DISTRICT 11B REPORT



Larry Southard - Chairman

New Market Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.

May 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order by chairman Southard with the opening prayer given by district auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies. The Pledge to the Flag was led by past state Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush.

Chairman Southard introduced to those present the Montgomery County Emergency Services coordinator, Liz Thompson who spoke on what was available from her office in time of an emergency to those in need. Following this interesting presentation, there was a question and answer period.

Roll call was taken with 15 members from five departments answering the roll. Chairman Southard introduced the guests present then turned the introductions over to auxiliary district chairman Barb Ketchem for her guests present. Chairman Southard presented a 25 year pin to Kenny Rice of the New Market Comm. Vol. Fire Dept. Chairman Southard spoke about the three things a fire department must file annually with the state and the IRS. He announced that SB 526 was defeated at the last minute and other bills were discussed among those present. Dues and insurance problems were also discussed.

Chairman Southard stressed that recertifications were the responsibility of each member. He also spoke on the different methods of schooling and the applications you can use. This was followed by a discussion by those present. Fire certification report is available for review. Chairman Southard presented Chief Dan Keller with the host certificate. Having no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davis, secretary

DISTRICT 12 REPORT



Larry E. Bruner - Chairman

Greetings from District 12,

Our meeting of May 23 was hosted by the Jamestown VFD with 11 members present from 4 departments. Chief Jeff Beam from IDHS, District 5, spoke to us about the classes the district has to offer. Discussion followed to cover interest in the district and upcoming events.

A special thanks goes out to District 4 Terry Smith and District 5 Tony Farrer for the outstanding job done at this year's IVFA convention.

Our next meeting will be hosted by A&A Twp. Vol. Fire Department in Eminence at 19:00 hours.

Hope to see you at the next district meeting.

Chairman - Larry Bruner

DISTRICT 13A REPORT



Carol Thrawley - Chairman

Greetings!

Sorry it's been so long since I submitted a news article. Recent health issues have contributed a lot to that. I am doing better now. Thanks to all who have sent cards of encouragement and prayers.

District 13A has picked up two new departments: J. Evert Light Carrier Center and Navistar Fire Brigade, both in Indianapolis. Welcome them when you see them at our meetings.

Our most recent meeting of the district was held in May at the Henry County Emergency Services Training Grounds. Mt. Summit VFD hosted the meeting. A tour of the facility was conducted by Roy Willey, captain of the department. Larry Curl came and gave us a brief but detailed legislative wrap-up for the year. IVFA vice president David Israel and his lady, Peggy, stopped by as well.

Our next meeting is (or was) July 19th at McCordsville VFD. We will be announcing our Global Award winner at that time. Election of officers for 2012 will take place as well.

By the time this article is printed George Gard from Mooreland VFD shall have received his Gold Card. Pictures to follow in later editions. I have two more Gold Cards to present but have not been able to get in contact with the chief for the presentation dates at this time. More on them as well in future articles.

September 13th we will be at Navistar in Indianapolis for our September meeting. It will be at 19:00 Indianapolis time. This meeting will be our annual remembrance of lost members for 2010 as well as our 9/11 remembrance, too. Duane Booth, chief of the Fire Brigade at Navistar, has promised a special surprise for those who attend. It's a long way for some of you to travel but that's why we move around, so we can tour different stations and industrial brigades.

Many vendors come out to our district meetings. Carson Engineering and Hoosier Fire are two who attend and support us quite often. They are both in 13A's area. Support our vendors as they support us. Indiana State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson lives in our district as well and he drops by whenever time allows for him also.

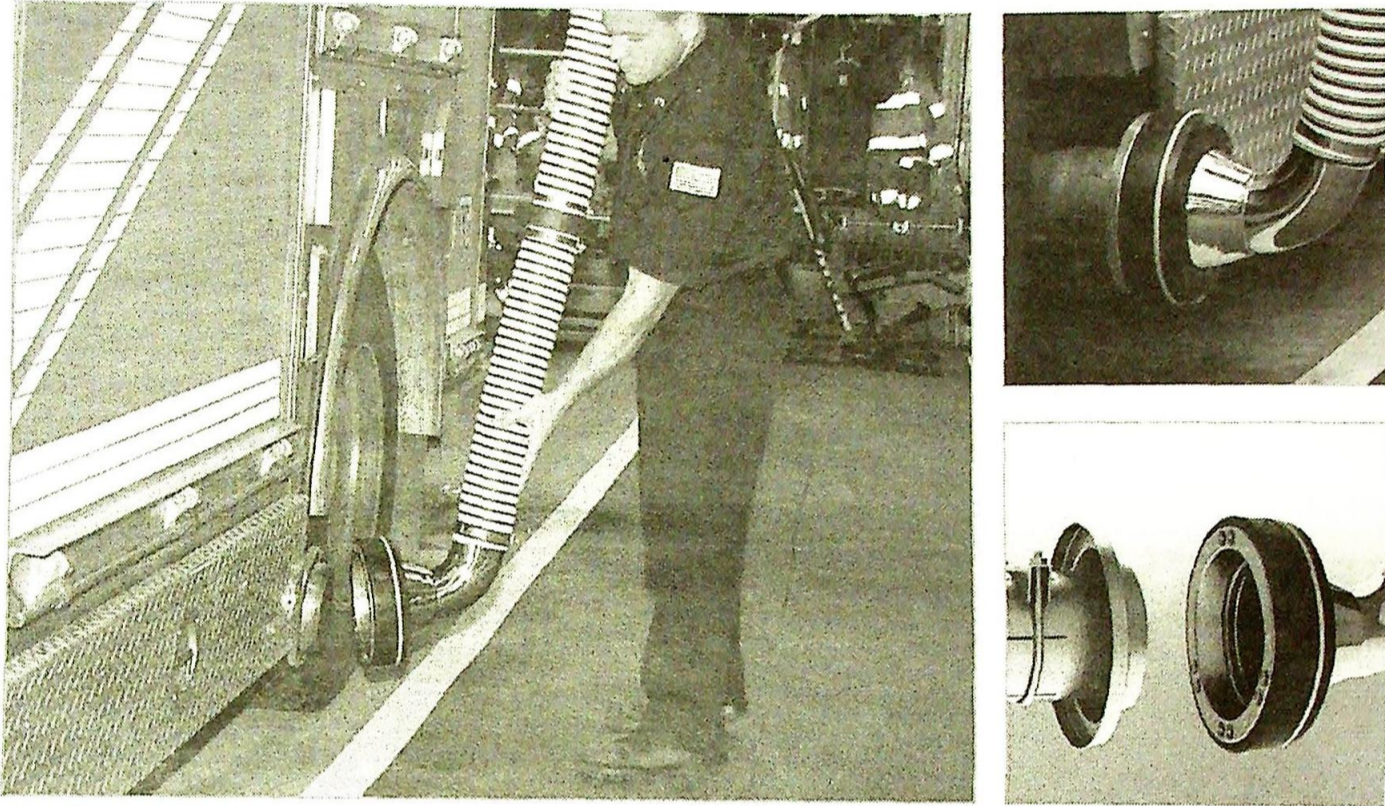
Anyone want to host a meeting, let me know or I may be drafting. Looking forward to seeing you all at the meetings in the future.

Carol Thrawley,
District 13A chairman

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October 5, 2011
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 13B REPORT



Jeff Biehl - Chairman

Greetings, Congratulations Tony Farrer, District 5 and Terry Smith, District 4 for hosting the 2011 convention at South Bend. I believe a good time was had by all.

Special thank you and congratulations to Emily Oberschlake from the West College Coroner Fire Department for representing District 13B as our Miss Flame.

Congratulations to Brad Crone of the New Lisbon F.D., winner of the 2011 Globe Award for District 13B.

I would like to congratulate the officers that were elected for the upcoming year and thanks to Tim Deckard for his past years of leadership for our organization.

District 13B meeting was hosted by Williamsburg Fire Department on May 12, 2011. Pledge was received by all. Guests present were Don Cushman - PR East Central, Carol Thrawley - District 13A chairman, Cindy Vangorden - sales rep from Donley Fire & Safety.

Minutes were read and approved from previous meeting.

Attendance was very low so discussion was held on legislative issues that did and did not pass that affected the fire service.

Next meeting to be held on July 7, 2011 at Glenwood FD.

Jeff Biehl
District 13B chairman

DISTRICT 14 REPORT



Richard Cannon - Chairman

Greetings from District 14, Just wanted to let everyone know what's happening in District 14.

Myself and your district Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon went to the hero's camp of junior firefighters and a fish fry at Campbell Township with the IVFA trailer.

We also went to the IVFA convention in South Bend where your Miss Flame won the Mary Mackin award for her essay.

We are getting ready for Convention 2012. Anyone wanting to help, let me know.

If you have any upcoming events, call me at 502-523-2665 or e-mail me at: rcannon3301@yahoo.com

Also I need to know if you have any 25 or 50 year IVFA members.

Rick

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DISTRICT 15 REPORT



Steve Anderson - Chairman

I have to start off thanking the 2011 convention delegates for all the support and encouragement I have received since the end of the annual meeting. I am honored to have this opportunity, and look forward to a new challenge starting Jan. 1. But I cannot do it alone, the executive committee cannot do it alone, and the state officers cannot do it alone. We have 18,000 members that can help make this great organization even greater. From Point Twp. to Freemont, or Whiting to Vevay, and everywhere in between, we have some outstanding people that have suggestions that need to be evaluated. I want to thank Mike Mackin for his comments given at the convention last month.

I would like to congratulate the following award winners from this year's convention: Angel Award—Bev Harker, President's Award—Jim Abrams, Lois Boaz Award—Dorothy Reiter, Ollie Sandberg Award—Roland Wise, Mr. IVFA Award—Larry Bartlow, Miss Flame winner—Kaylea Kongar (Dist. 7), runner-up—Megan Kloeck (Dist. 18), Miss Congeniality—Tatijana Marsee (Dist. 19), the first Ivan Nevil Award—Larry Curl, and Dist. 15 Global Award—Les Lantaff.

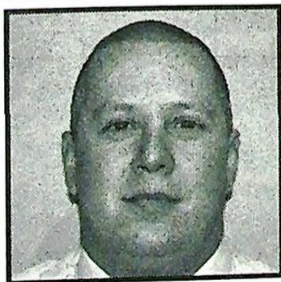
District 15 is so proud of our Miss Flame contestant Kassie Wallace. She represented this district with both grace and class. But most importantly, she had a lot of fun. The friendships she has made are going to last a very long time.

By the time this is published, we will have elected a new District 15 chairman. I wish you great luck, and offer you any assistance you may need. You will get to meet some very neat firefighters in your travels. Enjoy the ride.

Let me finish by giving a schedule update for the rest of 2011: Sept. 20 at Toyota FD
Nov. 15 at Newburgh VFD

S. Anderson
Dist 15 Chairman (outgoing)
Vice-President Elect

DISTRICT 16 REPORT



Paul Holcomb - Chairman

Greetings All,
With another great convention in the books I would like to take the time to remind everyone that our 2012 convention is being hosted next year by District 16 along with District 14 at the Horseshoe Casino in southern Indiana.

We have a lot of great things planned along with a few twists.

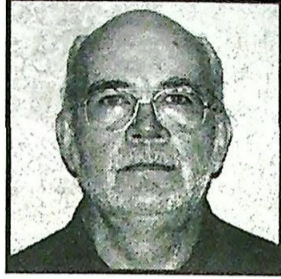
If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel

free to contact me at: 502-664-5736 or by e-mail: Convention2012@aol.com.

And remember it is never too early to start making plans to attend.

Paul Holcomb
District 16 chairman
2012 convention chairman

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

Hello to all,

April 2nd I attended a fire station dedication at Jasonville VFD. A nice program was presented and our tour of the station was great.

April 18th I attended the Greene County Firefighters Assoc. meeting at Jasonville.

April 18th I delivered a 50 year pin for Robert Showalter, Montgomery VFD, who had already received his 50 Year Gold Card - a half century of service.

April 21st I attended a Washington Twp. VFD meeting and presented 25 year pins to David Gray, Kim Murray, Dale Ficklin, Doug Terrell, and Steven Frette. Thanks for your years of service.

April 24th I attended a meeting at Oaktown-Busseron VFD and presented 25 year pins to Joey Brown, Richard Dillon, Stanley Hobbs, John Will and Robert Wolfe. Thanks for your years of service.

May 9th I attended the Greene County Firefighters Assoc. meeting at Highland Twp.

May 14th I attended Madison Twp. 5th annual fish fry at Raglesville. Good food and good job. Hope to be there again.

May 23rd I attended the IVFA Memorial Service for Lewis Twp. firefighter Harold Harrison. My condolences go out to Diana and the rest of the family for their loss.

May 25th our District 17A meeting was hosted by the Sandborn VFD. State officers in attendance included Bev Harker, IVFA state treasurer, Jack McFarland, District 11A chairman, Diana Harrison PRWC, Jim Abrams PRSW, Jack Kemey, past president and Barb Kemey from the Central Office. Remarks were made about items of interest pertaining to the fire service and our upcoming convention.

Thanks to the Sandborn VFD for hosting our meeting and what a great cake. Thank you.

June 13th I attended the Greene County Firefighters Assoc. meeting at Richland-Taylor VFD in Scotland.

June 15th-18th I attended the

IVFA 65th Convention held at South Bend. Elections were held and information on our new officers should be in this edition. Congratulations to the new ones and thanks to those who have served.

There were several fire service vehicles on display including older trucks from another time and one or two that were unusual.

Several vendors were also in attendance with items on display and information to hand out.

There were several good speakers who gave very interesting talks that were enjoyed by those in attendance.

I would like to say that the Miss Flame contestants represented their various districts well. Congratulations to our new Miss Flame and all those in the contest. They were all winners.

Again this year I attended the Memorial Service for those who are not with us. The placing of the roses on the Cross is always a touching ceremony.

I would like to send our condolences to Jean and EJ Smith for the loss of their family members.

Our next district meeting will be July 20 at the Loogootee VFD with elections to be held and several awards to be presented.

Sam Emery
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 17B REPORT



Steve Nolan - Chairman

We had five meetings this spring and our next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 10th at Shawswick Station 3 in Lawrence County. Food served at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7 p.m.

I urge as many departments that can, to attend as we will be having election of officers at this meeting. For directions you can call Bob Brown at 812-583-6845 or myself at 812-834-6384.

The convention at South Bend was a good one, great job to all those who worked hard in putting it on.

Our district was represented with 8 voting members from 5 departments. The 2012 convention will be held in southern Indiana and I hope our district will have more attendees.

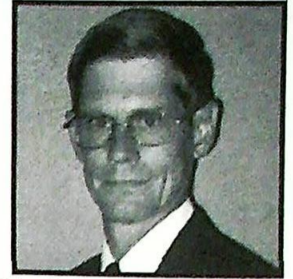
Please if you haven't done so yet, mail your 2012 dues in. They will be late after July 31st. If your department would like to host one of our meetings, please contact me.

Congrats to David Israel for being elected president, Steve Anderson - vice president and to all the other

elected officers for the coming year.

Steve Nolan

DISTRICT 18 REPORT



John C. "Bull" Smith - Chairman

Greetings from District 18,

Our meeting of 19 May was hosted by the Ireland VFD. 54 members, representing 19 Departments and 2 Individual members answered roll call. A total of 305 runs were reported answered.

My congratulations to Terry Smith and Tony Farrer and their committee members for a job well done at this year's Convention.

Congratulations to Kaylea Kongar for winning the Miss Flame, and to our own Megan Kloeck for first runner-up. My thanks also to State Chaplain Gerdowsky for allowing me to participate in this year's annual Memorial Service.

Some events coming up in the District 18 include: the annual district Memorial Service on Friday, 7 October at Carter Fire Headquarters in Dale. The annual District 18 parade and Miss Flame contest will be held on Sunday, 9 October with the Jefferson Twp. VFD hosting the events in Otwell.

Our next District 18 meeting shall be held on Thursday, 21 July beginning at 1930 hours Eastern. The meeting shall be held at the Spencer Co. 4-H building on Hwy. 231 south of Gentryville. The Jackson Twp. VFD of Gentryville will be our host.

Until next time-
"Keep the wet stuff on the red stuff".

John C. "Bull" Smith
Dist. 18 Chairman

Stay safe this summer!

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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



INDIANA VOLUNTEER
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INDIANAPOLIS, IN.

Meeting called to order by Vice President David Israel at 2:00 P.M. The invocation was given by Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Israel.

Vice President Israel called for the reading of the minutes of the February meeting. PRSE Al Williamson made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Sgt-at-Arms Brent Bush made the second. Motion passed.

Treasurer Bev Harker gave the financial report. At this time the income and expenses are about normal. Treasurer did have to open a raffle account in the IVFA's name as is now required by the Gaming Commission.

Jerry Sprague, District 6 made motion to accept treasurer's report as presented. John Ray, District 10 made the second. Motion passed.

California Casualty Insurance presents an update to their auto and household insurance program. They would like to partner with us to provide insurance to our members. There would be no cost to the IVFA.

The contract with California Casualty will be reviewed by our attorney before the officers proceed any further with this program.

Mike Mullineux with Indiana Division of Homeland Security presented a program on the newly formed Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center. The purpose of this program is to collect, evaluate, analyze and disseminate information and intelligence to support local, state and federal agencies in detecting, preventing and responding to criminal and terrorist activity.

Citizens have a duty to help protect our communities by reporting unusual behavior or events immediately.

To report suspicious activity contact: Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center toll free at 866-400-4432 or Email: iifc@iifc.in.gov.

John Buckman, Training Chief for IDHS reported on changes in training. On line will not happen until January 1, 2012 but a Beta trial testing will start in July of this year to test the system. If you would to help test the new system e-mail John Buckman and let him know. All firehouse computers can do the test during the trial period and it will be free.

EMS re-certification is now on

line. This randomly selects applicants for audit. If you are selected you have 72 hours to submit your documentation to the Certification Division.

By June 1 of this year they hope to have the Fire Instructor re-certification on-line.

Test questions are being re-evaluated this week for FF 1 and 2. The Training Division has evaluated over 400 FF 1 and 2 test and found that 74% pass the FF1 part of the test and 80% of those fail the FF2 part of the test the first time they take the test. They are recommending to take FF 1 test then study the FF2 and take the test May 10, 2011.

Train - the Trainer Webinars are available on line. You must register for them and then you can take them at a time that is convenient for you. No certificate at this time for completion; but the Webinar system will have a record of person taking course.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice President gave report on Convention monies after discussion with the attorney and the accountant. All excess monies left after convention expenses are paid shall be returned to the IVFA treasurer per the By-Laws.

This money can be donated back to the host committee for their districts. Any event held at Convention for a specific fundraiser must be identified as such (Auction for Burn Camp).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING - DIANE HARRISON - Looking at way to recognize retired IVFA members with Memorial Service.

The Cruise went well after problems with travel plans were corrected. Very good time was had by all.

Diane is looking into the 2nd annual IVFA Cruise for next year.

The committee looking to continue the Commemorative Coin project started by this year's Convention.

CENTRAL OFFICE - JACK KERNEY - The office has sent out several reports by e-mail this quarter. This seems to be working well. Sent out 16,086 Legislative Survey cards and had 1875 returned for about 11.6 % return, which is about normal.

Applications for Bridgeport Scholarships were down this year as only 19 applied.

Only 2 dues packets were returned for bad address this year. Also corrected 314 bad addresses from the newspaper. Thirty-five departments have renewed their membership at this time.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND EDUCATION - CAROL THRAWLEY - Attended FDIC and had several visitors at booth.

Thank you to Bill Camp for storing the trailer out of the weather and the Water Ball equipment is stored at Bill Camp's. The trailer is in Salem this weekend; going to Hero's Competition next weekend. Also scheduled for our Convention and Moreland Fair. If you want the trailer at your function contact Carol.

The trailer is in need of 4 new tires. Also they need a jack and wrench in case they need to change a tire.

They can use any handout material they can get.

WEBSITE - Send information

to webmaster not just an e-mail. Several people are having trouble getting information posted in a timely manner or correction to information already on Website.

LOGO - JOHN SMITH - Everything is OK.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT - JIM BRADFORD - This issue of paper is 40 pages. We mailed 16,861 with total run of 1718.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE - DAVID ISRAEL - Convention 2012 has a problem opening an account with our Convention Credit Card machine. The machine is outdated and retains more information than is now allowed and has a security problem. Paul Holcomb is working with the PNC Bank for a new machine at a very reasonable charge. This will be Board action.

Muncie is the only bid for 2013 Convention.

Convention 2011 Chairman Terry Smith asked for reimbursement for the 10 Commemorative Coins that were presented to our Legislators in Washington D.C. This is Board action.

For those that need pet friendly facilities the Ramada Inn is close by with a \$25 fee.

Parking fee at Marriot will be \$5.00 per day. School Bus Company providing transportation for tours, no Handicap Bus. A \$5.00 fee for bus transportation.

Convention 2012 Chairman Paul Holcomb stated they are moving along.

TRAINING COMMITTEE - STEVE ANDERSON - Suggested that in August we put together a committee to make recommendation to improve the State Training System.

BOARD FIREFIGHTERS STANDARDS AND EDUCATION - JACK KERNEY - Next meeting is Tuesday, May 10, 2011.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL - JACK KERNEY / WILLIE PARISH - No report.

LEGISLATIVE - LARRY CURL - The IVFA chose not to introduce any Legislation and spend our lobbying effort on Local Government Reform. Over 1200 Bills were filled by the House and Senate of those 437 contained in whole or part something regarding Fire Department or Emergency Medical Services. We ended tracking 20 bills and giving our undivided attention to 12 of those bills that gave us the to gain or lose.

With the help of many members who contacted their legislator at the last minute we were able to end the session in the win category, passing those bills that helped and killing those that did not. Bills that passed included: HB 1004 - raised from \$100,000 to \$200,000 the limit of a department's budget for certified audit, HB1365 Volunteer Fire Department recovery of costs (Billing for Fire runs), SB 006 Interstate mutual aid agreements, HB 1393 Firefighter certification tests (start Jan. 2012 local fire department and free to firefighters) and those that were defeated were HB 1022 - Nepotism, officeholder qualifications and public contracts and SB526 Government matters (Marion County Consolidation).

OFFICER'S REPORT
VICE PRESIDENT DAVID ISRAEL - Attended Supporting

Heroes Banquet, 7 District meetings, 2 County meetings, 3 Department meetings, 3 Chiefs meeting, 3 Legislative sessions, Chamber of Commerce meeting, Executive Board meeting, and the Washington D.C. for a total of 1657 miles. Also would like to thank all those who made phone calls or e-mailed their Legislator during this session. It did make a big difference.

CHAPLAIN ED GERDOWSKY - Attended 1 Legislative session, 1 Memorial and 1 Chaplain Training meeting.

SECRETARY LARRY BARTLOW - Attended 3 Memorial Services, Executive meeting in March. We have new forms for District Chairmen and PR Directors to use, please pick up your supply. Throw away all old forms for these reports.

TREASURER BEV HARKER - Attended 4 District meetings, 3 Memorials, Executive Board meeting and the Washington D.C. trip.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD LARRY KETCHEM - Pass.

SGT-AT-ARMS BRENT BUSH - Distributed 8 station clocks and the clock for FDIC.

PRNW JIM BRADFORD - Attended 4 District meetings, 2 Porter County meetings, 2 Memorial Services, 2 IVFAA meetings, 5 Fundraisers, the Fire Marshal's Seminar in Warsaw and one trip to Printco for the newspaper. Total of 1241 miles this quarter.

PRNE JEAN SMITH - Attended 5 District meetings, 3 Memorial Services, 4 Fundraisers, 3 Convention 2011 meetings and the Leadership Conference.

PRWC DIANE HARRISON - Attended Supporting Hero's Banquet, FDIC, IVFA Cruise, Washington D.C. trip and 6 District meetings.

PREC DON CUSHMAN - Attended 5 District meetings, 1 Fundraiser, 1 retirement party and helped move the Public Education Trailer.

PRSW JIM ABRAMS - PRSE AL WILLIAMSON - Attended 4 District, 2 Memorial Services and the Washington D.C. trip.

Dues packets are all mailed. Only 2 had bad address and they have been corrected.

Central Office guidelines are printed in the May issue of the newspaper. The deadline for submitting a bid is July 1, 2011.

SOG AND BYLAWS - The change to Article XI section 10 that were proposed at February meeting.

Now reads: 10. Lodging expense shall be reimbursed at the rate of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per night for officers and members required to spend twenty-four (24) hours or more away from home in the transaction of Association business, when authorized.

Proposed to read: 10. Lodging expense shall be reimbursed at the rate of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per night for officers and members required to spend twenty-four (24) hours or more away from home in the transaction of Association business when authorized, with the exception of two (2) nights at the annual meeting and officers will be reimbursed seventy-five (\$75) per night.

Motion made by past president Jim Parker to accept the change as presented. Past president Jack Zeeks made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP - BEV HARKER - Only 19 people applied for the Scholarship this. Of those 5 had to be disqualified because their dues had been paid late. One of the qualifications of the Bridgeport program is that dues must be paid on time for current year to be eligible.

LICENSE PLATES - BEV HARKER - Sales are up for this time of the year. We will have new plate next year.

INSURANCE - BEV HARKER - Met with California Casualty Insurance this morning look at their proposal. Our attorney has issues with a couple of items in the contract and will try to get them worked out. Should have vote on this program at convention officer's meeting June 16, 2011.

CLOTHING COMMITTEE - TERRY SMITH - Approved 3 glasses claims and denied a claim for duty boots.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

JIM PARKER - Pass.
CARL BRUNS - Pass.
RICHARD GLANT - They have about 100 convention coupons left. That will probably be all they have.

JACK ZEEKS - Pass.
JACK KERNEY - Pass.
LARRY KETCHEM - Pass.
Meeting reconvened at 8:30 A.M.

Invocation by Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky.

DISTRICT REPORTS
DISTRICT 1 TOM ORRELL - Next meeting May 18, 2011 at Merrillville Station #2 at 7:00 P.M.

DISTRICT 2 PAUL WATLAND - Next meeting July 20, 2011 at Lowell Vol. Fire Dept. at 7:00 P.M.

DISTRICT 3 DAVE KAUFMAN - Next meeting May 19, 2011 at Kingsbury Fire Dept. at 6:30 P.M.

DISTRICT 4 TERRY SMITH - Next meeting is June 23, 2011 at Lakeville Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 5 - Next meeting May 12, 2011 at Largo Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 6 JERRY SPRAGUE - Next meeting is May 24, 2011 at Lagrange Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 7 WALT REITER - Next meeting is May 16, 2011 at Bluffton Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 8A - E.W. PAPE JR.

DISTRICT 8B LLOYD WRIGHT - Next meeting is May 11, 2011 at White River Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 9A LEIGHANNE ELLIS - Next meeting is May 26, 2011 at Greentown Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 9B - Next meeting is May 12, 2011 at Remington Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 10 JOHN RAY - Next meeting is May 18, 2011 at Edinburg Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11A JACK McFARLAND - Next meeting is May 15, 2011 Nevins Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 11B LARRY SOUTHARD - next meeting is May 11, 2011 at New Market Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 12 LARRY BRUNER - Next meeting is May 23, 2011 at Jamestown Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 13A CAROL THRAWLEY - Next meeting at Williamsburg Fire Dept.

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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

DISTRICT 13B JEFF BIEHL - Next meeting is May 12, 2011 at Williamsburg Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 14 RICHARD CANNON SR. - Next meeting is May 19, 2011 at Lovett Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 15 STEVE ANDERSON - Next meeting is May 17, 2011 at McCutchanville Station #5.

DISTRICT 16 PAUL HOLCOMB - Next meeting is May 18, 2011 at Sellersburg Vol. Fire Dept. Station #5.

DISTRICT 17A SAM EMERY - Next meeting is May 25, 2011 at Sandborn Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 17B STEVE NOLAN - Next meeting is May 11, 2011 at Hamblen Twp. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 18 JOHN SMITH - Next meeting is May 19, 2011 at Ireland Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 19 ED SCHEELE - Next meeting is May 26, 2011 at Laurel Vol. Fire Dept.

DISTRICT 21 DON FULTZ - Next meeting is May 23 at Colfax Fire Dept.

Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky brought a different style box for our memorial Bibles. The Bible and case cost is about \$53. After some discussion it was decided to get more prices from different vendors.

Carol Thrawley had the drawing for the clock that the IVFA gave away at FDIC and the winner Chris West, German Twp. Fire Dept. in IVFA District 10.

Michelle Baxter with American Income Life Insurance - If your beneficiary on their policy is a minor child (under 18) the benefits go to the Guardian of the minor or a Trust for the minor.

Motion to adjourn this meeting and go to the Board of Directors meeting made by Past President Jack Zeeks. The second made by Past President Richard Glant. Motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 8, 2011

CROWNE PLAZA

INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT

Meetings called to order by Chairman Larry Ketchem.

1. Gifts for Miss Flames - Motion made by Past President Richard Glant we not exceed \$750 for gifts for the Miss Flame. District 1 chairman Tom Orrell made the second. Motion passed.

2. Request by Convention 2011 to be paid for the 10 Conventions coins. Were given to Senators and Representatives during Washington D.C. trip. Past president Jim Parker made a motion to reimburse them for the 10 Coins. Jerry Sprague, District 6 made the second. Motion passed.

3. Credit Card Machine - Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman and Convention 2012 chairman has information from PNC Bank that they will sell us a new Credit Card Machine for \$355 that meets all current security requirements. This machine will have 24/7 customer service and is compatible with any bank when reprogrammed. Past president Jim Parker made a motion we purchase the New Credit Card Machine not to exceed a cost of \$400. Carol Thrawley, District 13-A made the second. Motion passed.

4. Repairs to Public Education Trailer - Rust is still a problem on the roof and the paint on the sides is very chalky.

The roof needs sanded and repainted, sides need waxed or

Painted. Also need new Logo's after trailer sides are refinished. This work needs to be done in the off season. Will get prices for painting and have them at August meeting.

The tires' size and price will be checked and be available at June meeting. Also need a 2 ton floor jack and tire wrench now as a flat tire can happen at any time.

Steve Anderson, District 15 made motion to allow \$500 for repairs to the trailer. Paul Holcomb, District 16 made the second. Motion passed.

Motion Richard Glant made a motion to adjourn meeting. Second made by Jack Zeeks. Motion passed. Next quarterly meeting is August 5, 6 & 7, 2011.

*Respectfully submitted
Larry L. Bartlow, Secretary*

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION 2011 CONVENTION OFFICERS MEETING SOUTH BEND CONVENTION CENTER SOUTH BEND, IN JUNE 16, 2011

Meeting call to order at 3:10 P.M. by President Tim Deckard.

Roll call taken 40 officers present and 3 absent.

Announced the Mileage Committee. They are Bev Harker, chairman, Jack Kerney, Richard Glant, Don Cushman and Jim Bradford.

The Credentials Committee. They are Larry Bartlow, chairman, Larry Ketchem, Jim Parker, Jack Zeeks and Willie Parish.

The Audit Committee: Larry Ketchem, chairman, Tim Deckard, Terry Smith, Dave Kaufman and Al Williamson.

TREASURER BEV HARKER - Room rates for officers at Convention is \$75 for two nights and \$25 per day for meals for two days. All mileage is 40 cents.

SECRETARY LARRY - Minutes of last meeting. PRNW Jim Bradford made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. PREC Don Cushman made the second. Motion passed.

OLDBUSINESS

The contract with California Casualty is still being reviewed by our Attorney Shokrina Beering. She received a new copy today and still recommends that we not sign any contract at this time. She will review the new contract and see if the problem can be resolved. California Casualty has had this problem with other organizations. This issue will be resolved at the August officer's meeting.

Rules for voting was discussed at the May officer's meeting. According to our By-Laws only delegates to the Convention can vote on an issue. District chairmen and other officers cannot vote if they are not a delegate from their

department. Only 3 delegates per department are allowed to vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
CENTRAL OFFICE - JACK KERNEY** - Pass.

MARKET AND MEMBERSHIP - DIANE HARRISON - Had discussion with Humana Insurance about them partnering with the IVFA. Also talking about a cruise to Alaska. Carol Thrawley, District 13A chairman made a motion for the Committee to pursue the Alaska Cruise. Tony Farrer, District 5 chairman made the second. Motion passed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND EDUCATION - CAROL THRAWLEY - The trailer is here in the display area. It has new tires on it and the jack and small tools have also been put in the trailer. Still getting bids for painting the trailer. This will be discussed at the August officer's meeting.

WEB MASTER - The Web master has resigned. The Web page is down at this time.

LOGO - JOHN SMITH - Contact John if you need to use the Logo.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT - JIM BRADFORD - July 5 is the deadline for the August paper.

CONVENTION - DAVID ISRAEL - Thanked Terry Smith and Tony Farrer for a good job on this Convention.

TRAINING - STEVE ANDERSON - Pass.

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING STANDARDS AND EDUCATION - JACK KERNEY - Board meeting scheduled for IVFA was canceled because of a lack of a quorum. Meeting rescheduled for June 20 at Buck Creek Fire Department in Mount Comfort.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL - JACK KERNEY - Pass.

LEGISLATIVE - LARRY CURL - Pass.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS
SGT-AT-ARMS - BRENT BUSH** - Pass.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD - LARRY KETCHEM - Pass.

PRNW - JIM BRADFORD - Pass.

PRNE - JEAN SMITH - Pass.

PRWC - DIANE HARRISON - Thanked everyone for cards, calls and support at the loss of her husband, Harold Harrison.

PREC - DON CUSHMAN - Pass.

PRSW - JIM ABRAMS - Pass.

PRSE - AL WILLIAMSON - Pass.

Terry Smith and Tony Farrer reported the changes for Convention and what was going to happen.

*Respectfully submitted
Larry L. Bartlow, Secretary*

2011 AWARD WINNERS

**MR. IVFA
LARRY BARTLOW**

**OLLIE SANDBERG
ROLAND WISE**

**LOIS BOAZ
DORTHEY REITER**

**ANGEL AWARD
BEVERLY HARKER**

**MISS FLAME
KAYLEA KONGAR**

**MISS FLAME RUNNER-UP
MEGAN KLOECK**

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD
JIM ABRAMS**

BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

ELAINA M. VOSS
ANDREA M. TAPPY
KYLE DAVID SMITH

75 years of service



AT THE June 7, 2011 meeting of the St. Meinrad VFD (Spencer Co., District 18), three members were presented with the IVFA 25 year membership pin.

Pictured (L-R) Fire Chief Thomas P. Kloeck, firefighter Nicholas R. Dilger and firefighter Terry N. Scherzer. - photo and article provided by John "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman.

Verkamp presented with 25 year service pin



AT THE Schnellville VFD (Dubois Co., District 18) on June 13, 2011, Leonard "Lenny" Verkamp (left) was presented with the IVFA 25 year membership pin from District 18 chairman John "Bull" Smith. - photo and information provided by district chairman.

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From The Treasurer

Beverly Harker



Wow!! What a great convention. Thanks to the host convention committee that put it all together. They did a super job.

I was so honored to receive the 2011 Angel Award. Thanks to all that made that possible. There are so many women in the fire service that are deserving of the award. I hope if you have one on your department that you will nominate her in 2012. As I said before, I am very thankful to have received the award.

Congratulations to all the award winners and to the Bridgeport Scholarship winners. They were all very deserving of the awards they received.

We are well into summer, but the way time flies by it will soon be time to start on legislation again. If anyone has anything they would like brought before legislation in 2012, let us know. We will be working on our legislative agenda starting in August.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. I hope to see some of you at your district meetings.

*Submitted by: Beverly Harker
IVFA Treasurer*

Clock presentation held



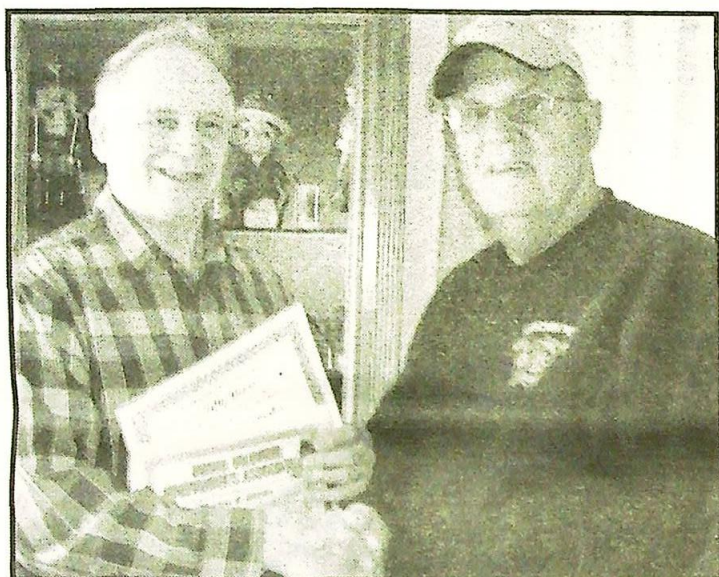
DISTRICT 6 chairman presenting clock to Chief Brian Garn of Laotto VFD. - submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.

Awarded 25 year pin



DISTRICT 6 chairman Jerry Sprague presenting 25 year pin to Tony Gienger. - submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.

Shroka presented 50 year Gold Card and certificate



NORBERT SHROKA, Cedar Lake VFD, is presented with his 50 year Gold Card and certificate of appreciation by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

Chinese Auction winners

Thanks to all who participated in the Chinese Auction for the IVFAA. The committee was Barbara Parker C/M, Heather Martin, Marlene Poling and a special thanks to helpers Lori Parker, Linda Fry and Carol Moody.

- The winner of each basket donated are as follows:
- Donated: District 10 - Lori Parker: Arbonne Shea Butter lotion and wash set - Winner: Earl Schosker.
- District 14 - Wine basket - Winner: Carol Thrawley.
- District 19 - Morris Auxiliary - American basket - Winner: Tanya Marsee
- District 3 - Knives kitchen basket - Winner: Sharon Wright.
- District 11B - Planters - Winner: Amanda Paulsen.
- District 6 - Towels basket set - Winner: Rench.
- District 17A - Tastefully Simple basket - Winner: Marie Emery.
- District 8B - Clock - Winner: Bill Stagge.
- District 7 - Kid's movies basket set - Winner: Mike Dzuba.
- District 19 - Sunman Auxiliary: Green towels bath set - Winner: Chelsey Gettinger.
- District 13B - Kid's coloring fun basket - Winner: Rachel Slener.
- District 12 - Carol Curl: Spa basket - Winner: Mitch Parish.
- District 7 - Mom and dad movie baskets - Winner: Ward Taylor.
- District 11A - Batsville food basket - Winner: Diana Farrer.
- District 10 - Barb Parker: Bird feeder - Winner: Harry Logan.
- District 4 - Kitchen set - Winner: Jann Ross.
- District - Faye Sallee: Cards basket - Winner: Denise Rautzahn.
- District 10 - Miss Flame: Photo Shop basket - Winner: Beth Caudill.
- District 15 - Money plant - Winner: Breman Hoover.
- District 5 - Snack basket - Winner: Randy Meerkel.
- 2011 Miss Flame - Fireman's basket - Winner: Janet Mathews.
- District 1 & 2 - Phyllis Vargo: \$50.00 gas card - Winner: Carol Moody.
- District 19 - Milan VFD: Popcorn basket - Winner: Karen Merket.
- District 14 - Rebecca Cannon: Blanket - Winner: Delorees Schosker.
- District 19 - Blooming Grove: Cooler and Lotto tickets - Winner: George Buck.
- District 12 - John Ross: Rocking chair - Winner: Gerard Abraham.
- District 13A - Pillow and albums set - Winner: James Vargo.



Collects for Crusade for Children

AT LEFT - Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon poses with her friend, Whitney, collecting on the road block for the Crusade for Children. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman

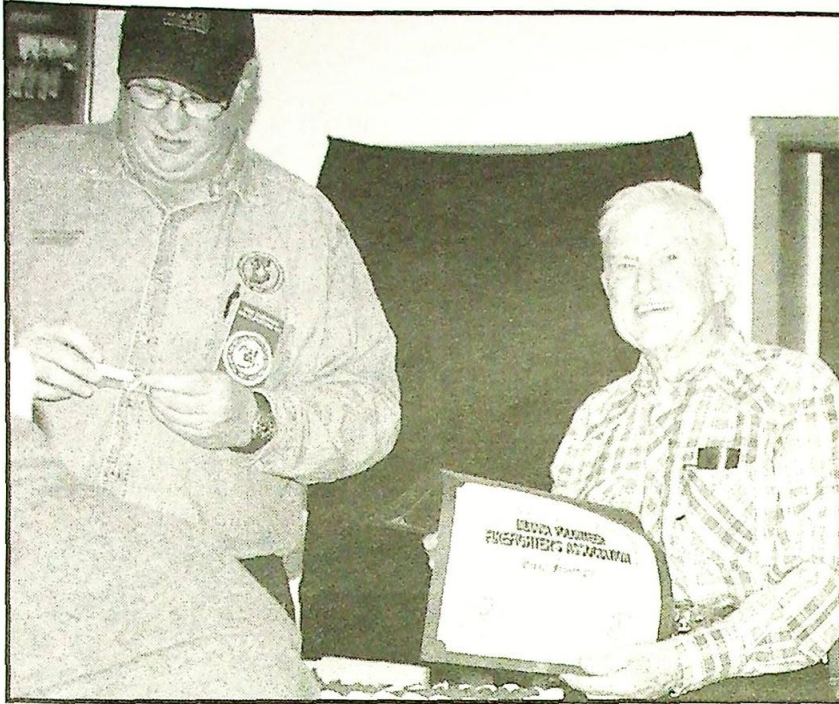
Barnickle awarded 25 year pins



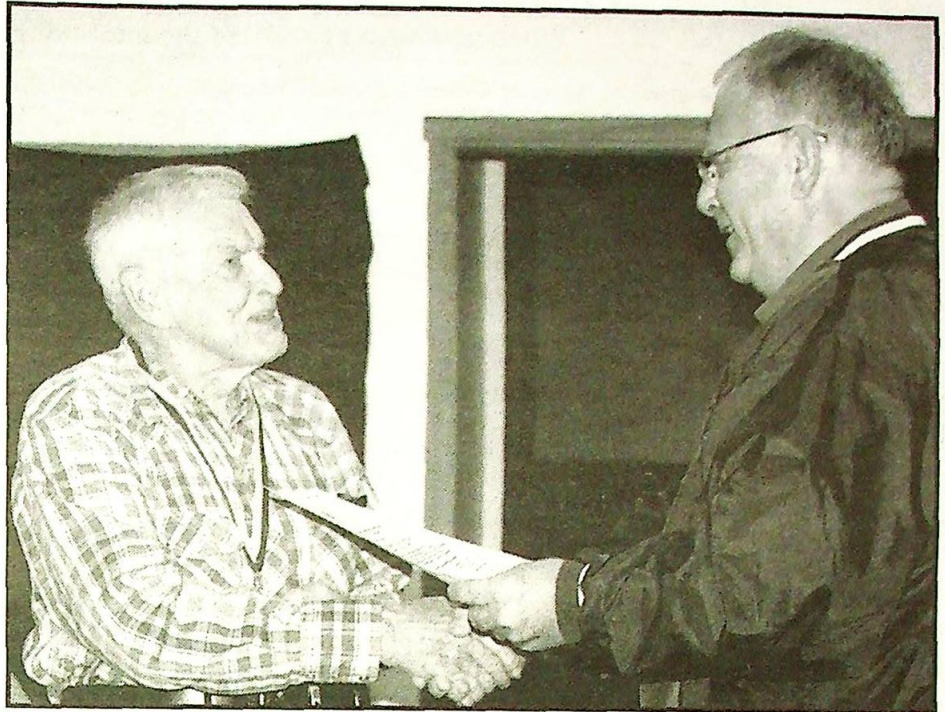
LANESVILLE VFD Chief Tony Combs along with District 16 chairman Paul Holcomb, presented Steve Barnickle with his IVFA and department 25 year pins at their annual picnic. - submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman.

2012 Convention June 13 to June 16

Gerald "Frosty" Foustnight's retirement party

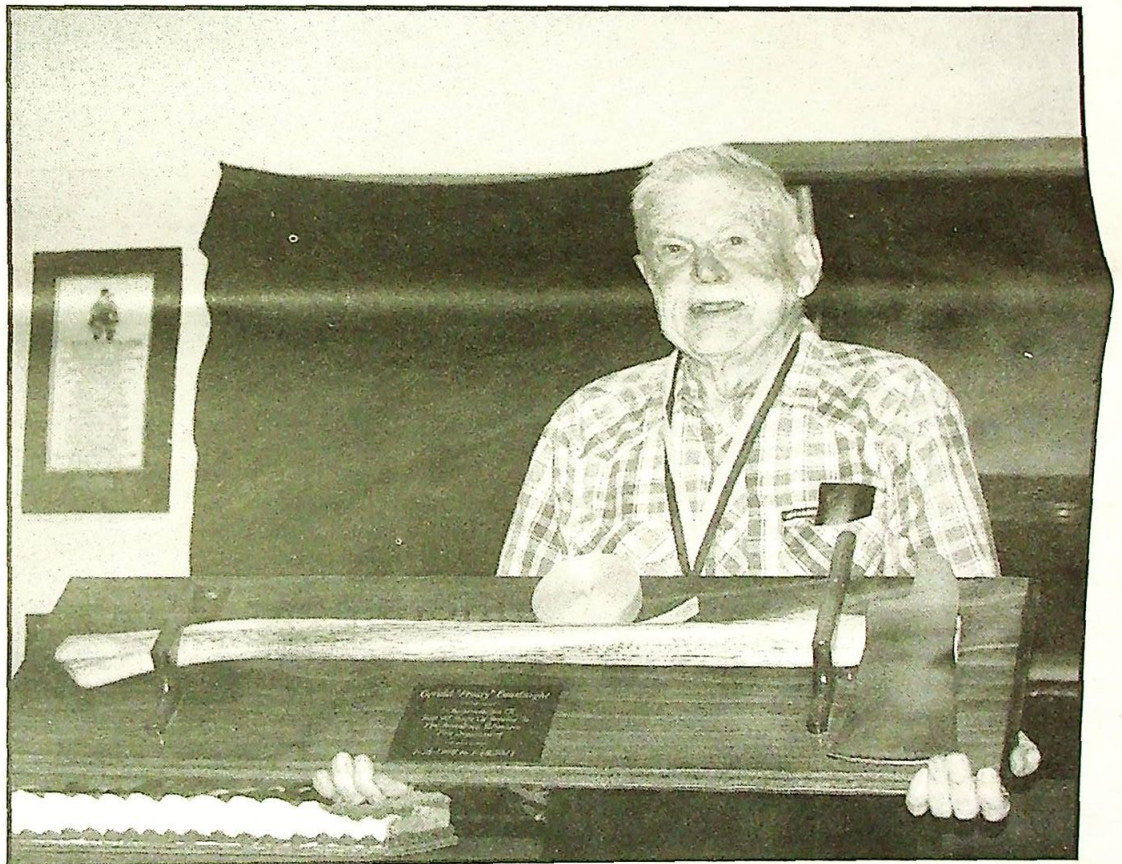
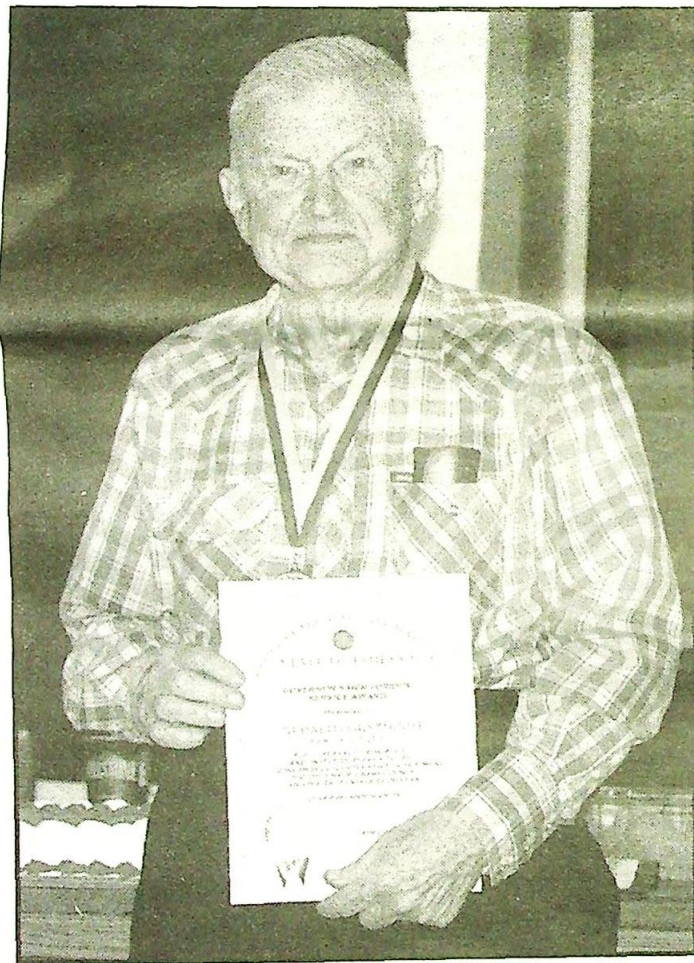


GERALD "Frosty" Foustnight being presented the 50 Year Gold Card by Don Cushman, Public Relations officer East Central.



GERALD FOUSTNIGHT being presented an appreciation certificate and medal by Gary Robison on behalf of the state of Indiana and the Indiana fire marshal.

photos submitted by Scott Harris, E.W. Pape, Don Cushman



GERALD FOUSTNIGHT pictured with his own Golden Axe that was presented to him by the Jonesboro Fire Department for his 45 years of service to the department.



Jim Parker awarded 50 year Gold Card

JAMES C. PARKER (center) from District 10, is shown receiving his 50 year Gold Card for his 50 years of service in the IVFA from John Ray (right). Also pictured is Jim's wife, Barbara Parker. - submitted by Michael Parker

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

"Aiming to foster and promote unity and harmony among volunteer fire departments throughout Indiana"

IVFA SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

When you have completed the information below, print this page.

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 Plates 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 Central Office 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, along with \$5.00 for each license plate requested.

Beginning	Ending	
Corporate fleet vehicles		Saturday, January 31
AAAA	ARNN	Saturday, February 7
ARNO	BATE	Saturday, February 14
BATF	BLAI	Saturday, February 21
BLAJ	BRID	
Rental fleet vehicles		Saturday, February 28
Heavy vehicles		
Trailers		
BRIE	BUSD	Saturday, March 7
BUSE	CHAN	Saturday, March 14
CHAO	CONN	Saturday, March 21
CONO	CURL	Saturday, March 28
CURM	DICE	Tuesday, April 7
DICF	EDDY	Tuesday, April 14
EDEA	FERG	Tuesday, April 21
FERH	FRYA	Tuesday, April 28
Personalized license plates		Thursday, April 30
FRYB	GLOB	Thursday, May 7
GLOS	GUMZ	Thursday, May 14
GUNA	HART	Thursday, May 21
HARU	HILE	Thursday, May 28
HILF	HUCH	Sunday, June 7
HUCI	JERR	Sunday, June 14
JERS	KEEL	Sunday, June 21
KEEM	KNUD	Sunday, June 28
KNUE	LAWR	Tuesday, July 7
LAWS	LOPE	Tuesday, July 14
LOPF	MART	Tuesday, July 21
MARU	MCKI	Tuesday, July 28
MCKJ	MILL	Friday, August 7
MILM	MUND	Friday, August 14
MUNE	NUNG	Friday, August 21
NUNH	PATT	Friday, August 28
PATU	PONT	Monday, September 7
PONU	REDM	Monday, September 14
REDN	ROBE	Monday, September 21
ROBF	SANC	Monday, September 28
SAND	SERM	Wednesday, October 7
SERN	SLON	Wednesday, October 14
SLOO	SPRI	Wednesday, October 21
SPRJ	SUCE	Wednesday, October 28
SUCF	THOP	Saturday, November 7
THOQ	VANO	Saturday, November 14
VANP	WALD	Saturday, November 21
WALE	WATT	Saturday, November 28
WATU	WILK	Monday, December 7
WILL	WRIG	Monday, December 14
WRIH	ZZZZ	Monday, December 21

3. The application contains a space to write the number of license plates requested, making necessary to fill out only the 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. Refer to the BMV procedures below:

BMV PROCEDURES

After you have completed and mailed in your license plate form application you will receive the number of license plate forms you ordered. At that time it is necessary to submit the form(s) to the BMV.

1. Submit or mail (1) license plate request form to the BMV for each license plate requested.
2. This form must be the '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 \$15 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 the 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. **Please do not send vehicle registrations to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, only to the BMV.**

**ATTENTION: IVFAA
AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

YOU MAY PURCHASE IVFAA SHOULDER
PATCHES FROM DISTRICT 11-B
PATCHES \$1.50 / PLATES \$10.00
CONTACT: MAXINE DAVIES
5 BROOKSIDE STREET, FILMORE, IN 46128
(765) 246-6220

Guidelines for submitting news articles

1. Permission/authorization needs to be obtained from the newspaper that the article is being submitted from.
2. This information will need to come from the editor/publisher of that newspaper stating that the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association has permission to re-print said article.
3. The authorization needs to be sent along with the article or can either be e-mailed to Rensselaer Printco: printco@rhsi.tv or faxed to: (219) 866-5000. Phone calls cannot be taken regarding the authorization - the information needs to be in writing.
4. The newspaper article being submitted will be held until the authorization has been received.
5. The authorization needs to be dated and signed by the person giving the permission to re-print.
6. The person submitting the article for publication is responsible for obtaining this information for re-print.

**NOVEMBER 5, 2011
DEADLINE IS
OCTOBER 5, 2011
12:00 NOON C.S.T.**

Top of Form

IVFA Individual License Plate Request Form Application (Print off and mail to the address below)

Name IVFA Membership #

Department #

Home Address

City State Zip Code

Month Your Plates Renew Choose Month

Day Time Phone Evening Phone # Plates Requested

County Of Residence Amount Paid \$ Check #

(\$ 5.00 Per License Plate Request)

Bottom of Form

Mail Checks to:
IVFA Central Office - Barb Kerney
P.O. Box 4797
Evansville, IN 47724
1-877-606-4832

*Indicate on the envelope you plate renewal date.

District 6 Miss Flame "flips" pancakes



DISTRICT 6 MISS FLAME Tianna Schuerman is shown helping out at the pancake and sausage breakfast at Ligonier VFD. - submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman and Jerry Hochstetler.



Firefighters receive pins

TWO ORANGE TOWNSHIP firefighters are shown receiving their 25 year pins.

On the left is Michael Meibers, center is District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague (Spook) and on the right is Pat Fox. - submitted by Jerry Sprague, District 6 chairman.

Lois Boaz Award letters due by February 1, 2012

It is time to think of a deserving lady in your district for the Lois Boaz Award. Decatur, IN 46733

Please send your letters to:
Sue Glant
619 S. East St.
Bremen, IN 46506

Lou Bartlow
P.O. Box 12
Montezuma, IN 47862

Dorothy Reiter
2935 E. U.S. Hwy. 224

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Public Relations Director Southwest Jim Abrams



I attended a meeting at Lewis Twp. Fire Department for Supporting Heroes.

I made the trip to Washington D.C. It was very educational. I thought at times I might need an ambulance because of all the walking, but I made it! I really did enjoy the trip!

I attended the district meeting in Indianapolis on my return from Washington D.C.

I attended District 17A's meeting at Eastern Vol. Fire Dept.

I attended District 15's meeting at Knight Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

I attended the memorial service and funeral of District 18's secretary Kenny Lau. Kenny was a good man and will be missed by his department and District 18. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Linda and family.

I attended District 18's meeting at Holland, Indiana.

I attended the I.V.F.A. convention held in Terre Haute, IN. I believe it was a wonderful convention. Congratulations to all the award winners. Congratulations to Courtney Hasler who won the Global Award for my District 17A.

I attended District 17B's meeting at Shawswick Vol. Fire Dept.

I attended 17B meeting at Hamblen Twp. on May 11th.

I missed District 15's meeting held at McCutchanville.

I attended District 18's meeting held in Sandborn, IN on May 25th.

I attended the I.V.F.A. convention in South Bend, Indiana on June 15th-17th. It was a wonderful convention. I want to thank Larry Bartlow for his outstanding dedication and service as secretary of the organization!

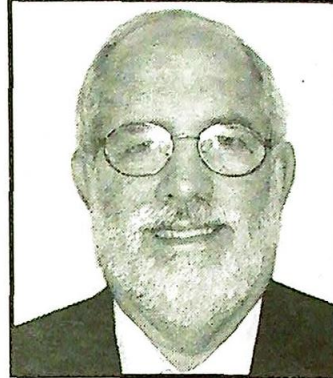
Congratulations to all those receiving awards!

District 15's meeting will be held July 19th at Poseyville Vol. Fire Dept.

District 17A will be held at Loogootee Vol. Fire Dept.
District 18 will be held at Chrisney Vol. Fire Dept.
See you at the meetings!

Sincerely,
Jim Abrams, P.R.S.W.

Public Relations Director Northeast Jean Smith



I just returned home from the 2011 IVFA convention held in South Bend, Districts 4 and 5 with the theme "Around the Bend in South Bend".

Congratulations to convention co-chairmen Terry Smith and wife Judy, Tony Farrer and wife Diane, and to all of their committees for holding a wonderful convention. If you didn't attend, you missed a good time and a lot of hospitality.

Congratulations to Kaylea Konger, 2011 Miss Flame, District 7 Berne Vol. Fire Dept., Megan Kloeck, 2011 Miss Flame first runner-up, District 18, St. Meinrad Vol. Fire Dept., Tatijana Marsce, 2011 Miss Congeniality, District 19, Milan Vol. Fire Dept.

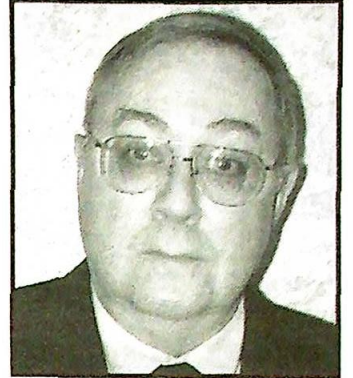
E.J. and I would like to thank you for all of the cards, e-mails, calls, and those that were able to spend time with us during the loss of E.J.'s father and my mother.

Hope to see you at your district meetings.

Have a safe summer.

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast

Public Relations Director Northwest Jim Bradford



Thanks to Terry, Tony and their workers for a great convention. I'm sure they are all taking a well deserved rest.

Congratulations to our new President David Israel, Vice President Steve Anderson and Secretary Diane Harrison. They all take office on January 1, 2012.

Thanks again to the members in Districts 1, 2, 3, 9A and 9B for re-electing me as PRNW.

By the time you read this article, most of the Districts have held elections for District Chairman and Secretary. Please give them your support.

It's not too early to start thinking about applications for the Bridgeport Scholarship. We now present (3) \$1500.00 scholarships.

Jim Bradford
PRNW

2012 Convention June 13 - 16 Elizabeth, IN

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116 N. Cullen St.,
Rensselaer, Indiana 47978-2644
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

NAME _____ IVFA # _____

OLD ADDRESS

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ - _____

PHONE _____ DEPARTMENT _____

NEW ADDRESS

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ - _____

PHONE _____ DEPARTMENT _____

IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

District 18 Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011

District 4 Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011

District 14 Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011

District 17A Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2010

District 11A Term: Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2010

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

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I.V.F.A. STATE OFFICER'S MEETING REPORT



*Malinda Bell
Corresponding Secretary*

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY QUARTERLY MEETING MAY 8, 2011

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Auxiliary, Inc. held their quarterly meeting May 8, 2011 at The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Indianapolis, IN.

President Beth Caudill called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. Chaplain Joann Hays opened the meeting with prayer and Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel, led Pledge to the Flag.

President Beth passed around a paper for everyone to sign that wants to take one of the tours at convention.

22 officers and 3 guests answered roll call.

The reading of the minutes was called by the president. Suzie Lewis made a motion to dispense with the reading. Janet Mathews seconded. Motion carried. There were no additions or corrections so they stand approved as written.

Dorothy Reiter, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report and it was approved subject to audit.

Recording secretary June Cahill gave the memberships as follows: 60 Departments paid; 120 individuals paid; 14 life members; 849 paid by departments for a total of 983 members.

We took time out to get the rest of the group's birthdays.

Correspondence was read by Lou Bartlow. Thank you cards from Barb Kerney, Helen Michl's family, Lou Bartlow and a note from Martha Thomas catching us up on her and Jake. She also gave a new address for Mary Stafford: 10890 Interurban Lane, Mooresville, IN 46158.

Chaplain Joann Hays said she has sent several cards and condolences since the last meeting. She said our flower fund is down to \$25.00 so we took up a collection. She has also cross-stitched 500 crosses to be given to each one that attends the memorial service at convention. Carol Thrawley had a pacemaker and defibrillator put in last week and it is good to see him

IVFAA COMMITTEES FOR 2010/2011

AUDIT Martha Thomas - Chm. Barb Ketchem Suzie Lewis Barb Kerney	PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY Martha Thomas Barb Parker	BY-LAWS Suzie Lewis, Chm. Leona Uryga Janet Matthews
BUDGET & FINANCE Toni Sorg - Chm. Dorothy Reiter Lou Bartlow Marie Emery	LOIS BOAZ Marie Emery - 2008 Sue Glant - 2009 Lou Bartlow - 2010	MISS FLAME Barb Kerney - Chm. Miriam Schaeckel Tammy Davis Debbie Vermillion
CHINESE AUCTION Barb Parker, Chm. Janet Woodfill Marlene Poling Heather Martin	NOMINATING Pam Gerdowsky, Chm. Laura Durbin Amber Farrer	JEWELRY Marlene Poling
PARLIAMENTARIAN Lou Bartlow	HISTORIAN Joann Hays Phyllis Vargo	MARY MACKIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND Phyllis Vargo, Chm. Barb Ketchem Pam Gerdowsky Marlene Thrawley
VICE PRESIDENT PROJECT Diana Gray, Chm. E. J. Smith Janet Matthews Heather Martin	INSTALLATION Toni Sorg, Chm. Janet Woodfill Debbie Vermillion	
	MEMBERSHIP Leona Uryga - Chm. Marlene Thrawley Tammy Davis	

here this weekend. E. J. Smith's daughter is having major surgery and she asked that we keep them in our prayers.

Suzie Lewis, By-law chairman, said they are ready to go to print.

Chinese auction chairman Barb Parker went through her list to see if everyone brought their gifts. If you are bringing them to convention, please have them there before noon on Wednesday.

Phyllis Vargo said they still need articles for the history books.

Installation chairman was unable to attend today.

Jewelry chairman was unable to attend today.

Mary Mackin fund chairman, Phyllis Vargo said the committee is ready to read the Miss Flame essays at convention.

Barb Kerney, Miss Flame chairman, said there are 22 girls in the contest this year. They will be receiving letters about their decorating their hotel room doors.

The nominating committee chairman Pam Gerdowsky said they are ready.

Lou Bartlow as Parliamentarian, said everything was doing fine.

President's advisory said Beth was doing fine.

Vice-President's project chairman Diana Gray, had the wooden fire truck on display. Dorothy Reiter's son-in-law made it. She has had \$180.00 turned in from ticket sales. Remember sell, sell, sell those tickets.

Marie Emery said the Lois Boaz committee is ready.

In old business, Carol Curl was here and gave out the new rolling briefcases to each district chairman and line officer. The old cases are to go to the district secretaries. The new cases were \$53.00 each including shipping and handling.

Michelle Baxter entered the room and spoke to us about American Life Income Life Insurance and underage survivors. If the child is the beneficiary on a policy and they are underage, the money goes to the guardian or to a trust until the child is of age.

Larry and Lou purchased a new computer and printer for our corresponding secretary. After it was delivered, we added a modem because she was on dial-up.

Marlene Thrawley gave a power point presentation about the state auxiliary. It was nice but she needs more information about the committees.

Beth warned everyone about an e-mail scam that is going around. Pay attention.

Janet Woodfill has a new e-mail address.

twelywoodfill@hotmail.com
The convention committee reported they have 350 registered. The \$9.00 a day parking fee has been lowered to \$5.00 a day. If you'd like to go shopping, University Park Mall is available. There are no handicap buses for the tours so you will need to drive yourself.

Beth asked that the chairmen of all the committees contact their members between now and convention so that everybody knows what they are to do and everyone is on the same page.

Phyllis Vargo said Ann Moss is in a nursing home. Her address is: 601 Sheffield Avenue, Dyer, IN 46311. She would appreciate hearing from old and new friends.

Joann went over the deceased member list. She also asked that all former Lois Boaz winners wear their white jackets to the memorial service.

Tammy Davis won the door prize.

The auditing committee will be auditing books at the next state officers' meeting which is on August 6 and August 7.

Faye Sallee was in attendance at this meeting. It was great to have her and visit again.

District 19 and 13 were thanked for the nice get-together last evening.

Pam Gerdowsky made a motion to adjourn. Phyllis Vargo seconded. Motion carried. Joann closed with prayer.

*Acting Corresponding Secretary,
Lou Bartlow*

CONVENTION 2011 AT SOUTH BEND, IN THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011 IVFAA AUXILIARY OFFICERS' MEETING

Call To Order: President Beth called meeting to order at 3:48 p.m.

Prayer: by Chaplain Joann.

Pledge: Sgt-at-arms Miriam led ladies in Pledge to the Flag.

Beth had Barb Kerney come up and she gave her a corsage and past president's pin.

Roll Call: June - 2 Guests and 24 Officers: total 26.

Minutes: motion by Barb Kerney to dispense with reading last convention minutes with a second from Lou. Was asked if any additions or corrections needed to be made; there were none. Minutes stand as approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dorothy read report; minutes stand as read. Approved subject to audit.

Correspondence Secretary: Malinda thanked everyone for the planter and cards while recovering from total right knee replacement, thanked Lou for filling in for her, read a thank you card from Mary Stafford, and gave new e-mail address: ivfaambell@gmail.com.

Still need Rosella Bousman's address and phone #. If you noticed in the newspaper was everyone's e-mail addresses and everything that was to be changed got changed. I sent it all in.

Membership: June 61-Depts., 838 Pd By Depts., 145 Individuals, and 14 Life for total members 997.

Chaplain's Report: Joann said that Phyllis Vargo has a death in her district; then Joann read a very nice poem. Joann talked to Martha and she misses us. We need to keep her and Jake in our prayers. Joann did count of Bibles district chairmen have.

Auditing: Barb Parker will be ready in August. Barb took Martha's place since she was absent.

Financial Report: Toni said doing

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DISTRICT 17A REPORT

fine.

Bylaws: Suzie said books at printers, will have at August meeting.

Chinese Auction: Barb Parker - she gave a report of amount we had taken in so far.

Historian: Phyllis and Joann have Book One but nothing was in it. Phyllis said she had some pictures turned in to her here at convention. Still would like to have articles and pictures.

Jewelry: Marlene talked about pins. Beth will give past president's pin to IVFA outgoing president Tim Deckard Friday night at banquet. Beth will need one to put back in her case for new IVFAA president when it comes time for her to give to next men's past president.

Mary Mackin Memorial Fund: Phyllis said ready for Friday.

Parliamentarian: Lou said okay.

Membership Report: Leona nothing.

Beth brought up about 25 year pins. We need to recognize them at convention, give the pins then. Malinda and I did this then pictures were put in newspaper and everyone got a picture. So it would be nice to give them the recognition they deserve. Beth wants all district chairmen to turn in any 25 or 50 year pins to Marlene so they can be presented to ladies at convention. If not present then have district chairmen give to them. Lou made a motion to give pins out first at convention if not present then give out to district chairmen to see they get them. Seconded by Faye. Stand approved. Then recognize them in newspaper. Barb Kerney made suggestion that the membership committee be responsible for this and getting information in newspaper and the certificates. Recording secretary should make all the certificates up. Malinda and I went through all and made sure we had correct years and certificates for 25 year and 50 year. June will make them up. Pam did put in paper about pins she gave. Lou said we did away with certificates and just went with pins. Starting at next convention give out pins. Beth named off ladies due to get 25 year and 50 year pins.

In the corresponding secretary's case is a list of all districts that had ladies who got their 25 year pins and also some who received 50 year pins.

V.P. PROJECT: Diane says keep selling; wants to pass amount raised last year.

President's Advisory: Phyllis says okay.

Lois Boaz: Marie Emery, chairman says all ready.

Old Business: None.

Nominating: Pam says ready.

Convention Report 2011: Amber said hopes everyone having a good time. No report from convention 2012.

New Business: None.

Miss Flame Report: Barb Kerney chairman says we had 22 beautiful girls.

REMEMBER DISTRICT CHAIRMEN TO TURN IN YOUR MEETINGS TO PRESIDENT AND TO CORRESPONDING SECRETARY. This is supposed to be done at every quarterly meeting.

Everyone to sit together at opening meeting tonight.

Beth said someone suggested to her for us to quit giving out Bibles and instead send wind chimes or something else; will discuss this in August meeting. Barb Parker said the Bibles are not going to be destroyed.

Barb Kerney gave Beth her past president corsage and past president

pin.

Get your receipt for your room and voucher from Miriam so you can get paid for your room.

Entertainment and next meeting: August 6th Saturday and our meeting will be August 7th on Sunday starting at 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment: motion to adjourn by Barb Parker with a second from (I did not get their name.) 4:40P.M.

Closing Prayer: Joann.

*Submitted by IVFAA
corresponding secretary
Malinda Bell*

2011 Convention IVFAA
at South Bend, IN
June 17, 2011 Friday
IVFAA AUXILIARY
MEETING

Call to Order: Beth called convention meeting to order at 9:21 a.m.

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Joann said that Sunday being Father's Day, she read a poem titled FOR ALL THE TIMES I NEVER SAID I LOVE YOU DAD.

Pledge: Miriam led the ladies in Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call: June - 2 guests, 27 officers total of 36 in attendance.

Miss Flame chairman Barb Kerney had all the Miss Flame contestants to come in and introduce themselves to the body, and the new 2011 IVFA Miss Flame and runner-up. Barb thanked the IVFAA for their support. Thanked Barb, she does a great job.

Beth introduced our new Lois Boaz 2011 Dorothy Reiter; we also have Mrs. IVFAA Lou Bartlow.

Minutes: Barb Parker made motion to dispense with reading of minutes with a second from Lou Bartlow, are there any additions or corrections that need to be done, there were none. Minutes stand approved.

Treasurer Report: Dorothy gave the report. Report attached. Usually starts May to May but now will be July 1st to July 1st. Stand approved, subject to audit.

Correspondence: Malinda gave new e-mail address again to those who were not in attendance on Thursday, had thank you card from Mary Stafford, Beth re-read it. Have e-mail for District 21 chairman Denise Routhahn: ivfaa.district21@comcast.net.

Membership: June - 61 Dept., 838 Pd By Dept., 145 Individuals, and 14 Life for total of 997 members.

Beth thanked Joann for memorial service; was really nice.

Chaplain Report: Joann said to please let her know of any deaths, sickness, births so she can send cards out. A lot of men belong now to our organization and they are entitled to same of what we get. All signing a Thinking of You Card for Martha and Jake. Phyllis has a death in her district; will have memorial service Saturday.

Auditing: books will be ready for August meeting; will hold a meeting in Barb Kerney's room on Saturday p.m. at 3:00 p.m. August 6th in her room.

Financial Report: Toni getting Rosella Bousman address.

Chinese Auction: Barb Parker doing okay, but keep buying.

Miriam passing out vouchers to ladies.

Bylaws: Suzie - books being printed.

Jewelry: Marlene has pins, remember district chairmen, turn in your 25 yr. pins to her. Need any pins, see Marlene.

Historian: Phyllis and Joann still need pictures and articles from

Book One, which would be 1951.

Installation: Toni all ready.

Membership Report: Leona says okay. Ladies get out there and get your husbands and others to join - dues only \$5.00 - can't beat that.

President's Advisory:

Parliamentarian: Lou says okay.

Mary Mackin: Phyllis said ready.

V.P. Project: girls doing really well selling tickets; will be selling more at Banquet.

Convention Report: 2011 Amber hopes everyone is, had or having fun. No report from the 2012 convention committee. Convention 2012 will be held down by Elizabeth Horse Shoe Casino, down around New Albany.

Old Business: District 21 Denise asked about picture for newspaper; has had it taken four times and still not in newspaper. This will be looked into.

New Business: None.

If you did not get your receipt for room you must get one and get a voucher from Miriam and fill it out and get it to Barb Kerney with your receipt attached to it then she will send it on to Dorothy who will write you a check.

Miriam said if not every one got a new briefcase that is supposed to get one to come to her, she has them.

Recording Secretary June said make sure have correct spelling of names and correct addresses.

Lois Boaz: The new 2011 Lois Boaz is Dorothy Reiter. Sue Glant will be Lois Boaz chairman now.

Ulua Bush received her 50 year pin and certificate.

Beth read off names of ladies who are entitled to 25 year pins this year and next.

Any happenings like fundraisers

or meetings -- Dana celebrating 41 years, Crown Point Pancake, and Van Buren Beverly Taylor having fundraisers.

Nominating committee: Pam, Carol passed out ballots due to two running for corresponding secretary.

New officers for 2011/2012:
New IVFAA president - Diane Gray.

New IVFAA vice-president - Suzie Lewis.

IVFAA recording secretary - June Cahill.

New IVFAA Corresponding Secretary - Heather Martin.

IVFAA Treasurer - Dorothy Reiter.

IVFAA Chaplain - Joann Hays.

Sgt-At-Arms - Miriam Schackel.

Beth thanked our outgoing correspondence secretary Malinda Bell for her service to the IVFAA and hopes she will come back and see everybody and Beth told her to take care of her knees. Malinda said "thank you".

Entertainment and next meeting: Leona will do the entertainment on Sat. August 6th; will be having a card shower for Tammy Davis who will be getting married. Heather Martin will be sending out invitations. Sunday, August 7th meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment: 11:10 a.m. Lou motioned to adjourn and a second Jaelyn Rench.

Closing Prayer: Joann - before she did the prayer she had a couple little things for two people, weren't gift wrapped; couldn't find any. These were given to Malinda and Beth. They were dalmatian dogs.

*Submitted by IVFAA
corresponding secretary
(outgoing)
Malinda Bell*



Marie Emery - Chairman

Greetings to all,

I would like to start this by saying, Thank you one and all for a good convention. I think it was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to our new Miss Flame and all the other Miss Flames, you all did a great job representing your district; and also all the new officers elected and the various awards winners.

I attended the IVFA/IVFAA memorial for Lewis Twp. firefighter Harold Harrison. We extend our sympathy to Diana and her family.

Our last district meeting was held at Sandborn VFD. A good meal and meeting were enjoyed by all who attended. Thank-you cards were read from Miranda Baker; also a gift was discussed for the burn camp auction at convention. Election for officers will be held at the next district meeting which will be held July 20th at the Loogootee VFD.

In closing I would like to extend sympathy to Jean and E.J. Smith for the loss of their family members. God bless you and your family.

Marie Emery
District 17A chairperson

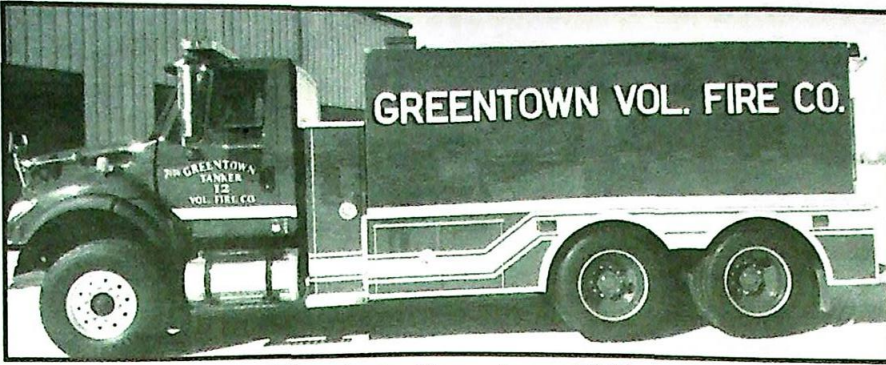
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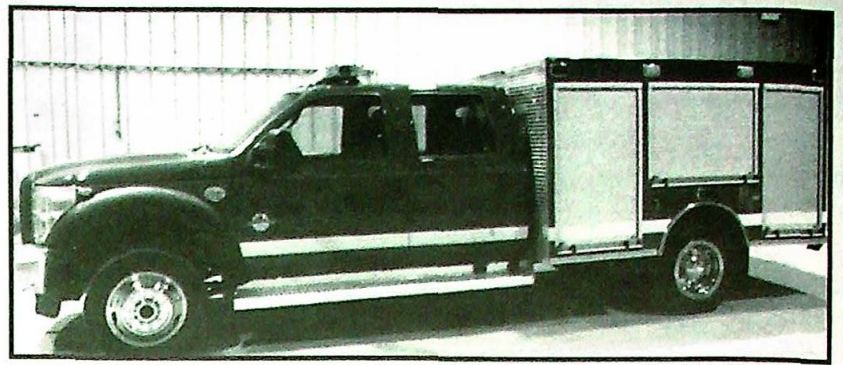
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DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

worked very hard and did a great job of getting a Class A hotel with great accommodations. Our district Miss Flame, Tatijana Marsee represented us very well and was a big hit with all the Miss Flames winning Miss Congeniality and the Mary Mackin Essay Award. We are very proud of her and know she will continue to work hard for our district. She is always ready to help out when and where she can.

Our district meeting in May was held at Blooming Grove with many tasty foods. The ladies did a good job. We all had a good time and talked about the upcoming convention and the next district meeting to be held August 9 at Morris Fire Dept. We also told of upcoming events from the different departments. We now have seven active departments in our district and are hoping for more.

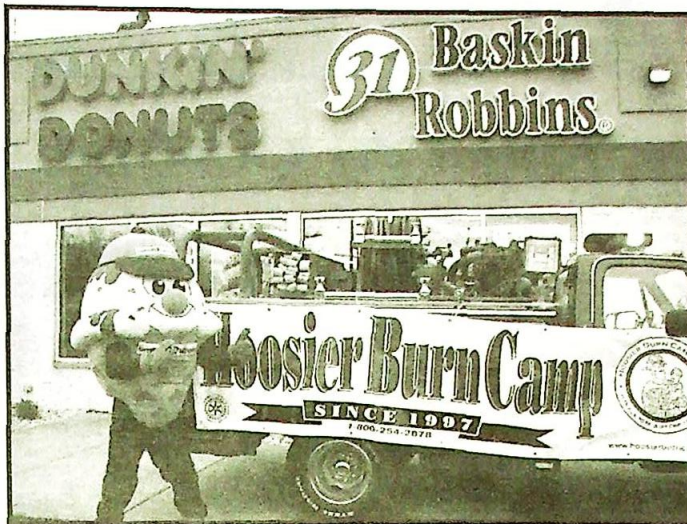
If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. Have a great day with God's many blessings!

District Chairman #19

Hi Ladies,
Hope you are all enjoying the summer and nice weather. Had a good state meeting in May at the Crowne Plaza in Indy. District chairmen got their nice pull cases with emblem Carol Curl put on them. The secretaries can now have the old ones. Thanks to the organization for buying them for us. Next state meeting will be in August after our 2011 Firefighters' Convention in South Bend.

Well, the South Bend convention went very well and we all had a great time. The convention committee

Crown Point VFD "Scoop Up for Hoosier Burn Camp" held



Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department member Aaron Wirtz, aka "Sprinkles" helped the department raise money for Hoosier Burn Camp.

This is the 3rd year Crown Point has participated in this event.

Despite the cool temps and rain, it didn't stop the community from coming out and supporting the department. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner

Expresses thanks to all

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who took part in making the 2nd Annual Hoosier Emergency Response Olympics such a great success. We hosted 115 competitors from all over the state of Indiana. Friday night was an evening of great food and fellowship at the Boone County fairgrounds where competitors played card games, football, corn hole and listened to music. Saturday morning started off with a great pancake breakfast provided by the Dunreith Volunteer Fire Department and preparation for competition. Opening ceremonies kicked off with a special presentation of colors by the honor guard from Pike Fire Department and escorted in by members of the Indianapolis Pipes and Drum Guard.

Competitors participated in events consisting of a Challenge Course, Search and Rescue, Ladders, First Water, CPR/AED and Bandaging and Splinting. While not competing in events, competitors could engage in interactive displays and meet with fire service vendors. The IDHS was on-site with numerous displays including the State Burn Trailer, Denver Dri and Sprinkler Trailer. Numerous other distributors from the fire service, local business members, and organizations also were on hand to distribute materials or provide educational demonstrations to the participants. After completion of the events, results were tabulated and results announced during closing ceremonies. The competition was fierce, but Fort Wayne Anthis Career Center was the overall champions of the 2011 competition. Second place overall went to J. Everett Light-A Team and third was Fishers FD Explorers. In the Challenge Course and Ladder Events, honors for first place went to J. Everett Light-B Team. Fort Wayne Anthis dominated in the PPE Event. J. Everett Light-A Team won First Water and Bandaging Events. Fishers cleared the way for a first place in the Search Event. Wayne Explorers won the CPR station. A big thanks to all of those who sponsored or donated awards for the competitors.

This event would have not been possible if it were not for the help of many individuals from throughout Boone County and also from around the great state of Indiana. We would like to thank our host department, Lebanon Fire, for allowing this event to take place and for all their

countless hours of service and support. Also special thanks to the IVFA and the Lebanon Fire Auxiliary who helped to provide food for all the competitors and support staff during the event. Also, special thanks to Chef Gonzo for the delicious grilled food preparation Friday evening. Numerous volunteers from surrounding fire departments and organizations were integral in making this day a reality. We could not have had such a successful event without the many sponsors not only locally but state and nationwide. We are looking forward to the 2012 HERO Competition again next spring, so mark your calendars for May 11-12, 2012! We hope to see even more new faces next year, not

only in competition, but also those assisting.

If you are interested in assisting with next year's competition or have questions, please contact Chief Hayes (317) 496-9625, jhayes@gmail.com, or another member of the HERO Competition Committee.

Again, thanks to all who participated in this year's event or provided materials or support! We will see you next year!

Bennii Weldy
Carol Thrawley, IVFA HERO Representative
Members of the HERO Competition Committee 2011

IVFAA President

Diana Gray

IVFAA Chaplain

Joann Hays



Thanks to the 2011 Convention committee for a good convention. I know you worked hard on it.

My dear members and friends, as you attended the memorial service on Friday, you were given a little cross in rainbow shades. These crosses were made in memory of my dear friend, Helen Michl of the Prairieton Auxiliary. (Her husband Toddy Michl and friend Butch McGill built the beautiful lighted cross so we would have it for our memorial service at all conventions). And I also would like for these little crosses be in remembrance of those members who have gone before us.

Thanks, Ski and your associate chaplains for their assistance and to the Miss Flames for helping with the roses at the memorial service.

Our sympathy goes out to (PRNE) Jean Smith and his family at the passing of his mother Viola Smith (she was E.J. Smith's mother-in-law).

Our sympathy goes out to Mike Mackin and EJ Smith and their families at the death of their father, Dick Mackin (husband of the late IVFAA past president Mary Mackin).

Take care everyone, praying for all of you. Thank God for His loving us all.

Love and prayers,
Joann Hays - IVFAA chaplain



I would like to thank the I.V.F.A. and the I.V.F.A.A., as well as the Miss Flame contestants for the great job of making the V.P. Project for 2011 a huge success.

Winners of the V.P. project were:
1st place: Scale model fire truck - Neil Brooks, Huntington, Markle V.F.D., District 7.

2nd place: Queen size quilt - West College Corner V.F.D., West College Corner, IN.

3rd place: \$200.00 cash - Steven Schott, Greensburg, IN.

4th place: \$100.00 cash - Amy Hargrove, Muncie, IN.

Congratulations to each of you!!

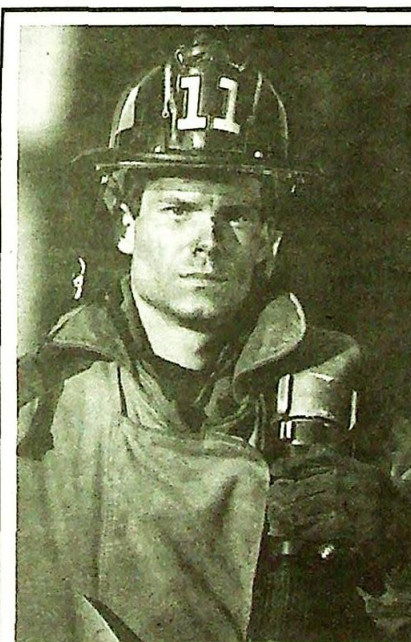
I would also like to thank all the I.V.F.A.A. members for helping to make this past year a very successful one.

The support of each and every one of you has meant a lot to me and am looking forward to being your president for the upcoming year.

It is a great responsibility and I will do the job to the best of my ability and with all the members to give me their input and any suggestions are welcome.

We want to make this a great year!

Thank you!
Diana Gray - V.P. IVFAA



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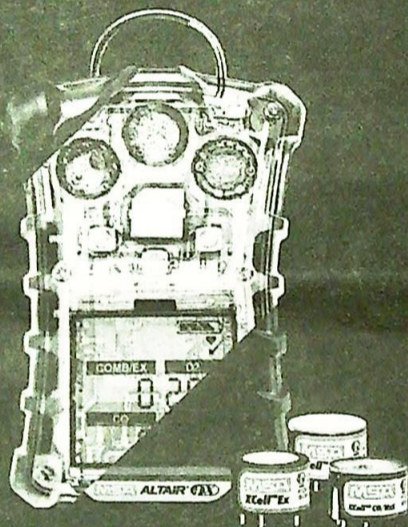
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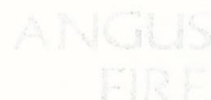
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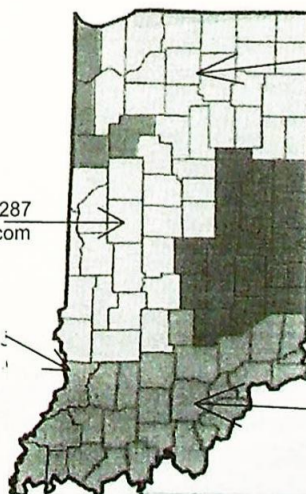
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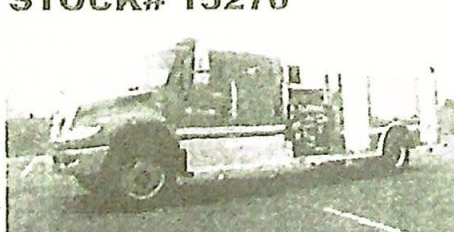
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**Public Relations
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Diane Harrison**



Fellow Firefighters and Friends,
This time my column is going to be a little personal instead of what I did in the past quarter.

As many of you know, I lost my loving husband Harold on May 19, 2011. Words can never express my appreciation to my personal family as well as my fire department family from all over the entire state, and our own fire department, Lewis

Twp. in which Harold had been a member.

Those firefighters stepped up and made sure Harold's last wishes became a reality. Not only the week of the 19th but 6 weeks later friends are still checking on me to see how I am doing, if I need anything. I have often sat on the other side of the fence, being one of the ones there to help plan your loved one's funeral, but now having sat this side of the fence I realize how important it really is and how much it means to me and Harold's whole family.

Honoring him for what he loved to be over 42 years a volunteer firefighter. As I said in the beginning of this column words can never express my appreciation to each and every one of you.

On the lighter side I would like to thank Districts 11-A, 11-B, 12 and 21 for allowing me to be your West Central Public Relations Director for the past 10 years. I have made a lot of great friends and memories.

I appreciate your confidence in me to be your next secretary. I know I have big shoes to fill. I promise to do the job to the best of my ability.

*Thank you,
Diane Harrison
West Central Public Relations*

**Public Relations
Director
Southeast
Al Williamson**



Over the past two quarters I have traveled a little under 2000 miles going to district meetings, memorial services, towing the IVFA trailer to

different sites, the convention, Washington DC, and as many FD events as possible. We have been dealing with flooding in the southern part of the state the same as other areas have been but with summer here things have improved.

By the time this paper is out Jeffersonville FD will have held a good training event. I hope several of you were able to make it.

If you would like to use the IVFA trailer at an event contact Carral, your district chairman or PR Director to make arrangements for it.

As it is summertime, remember to take breaks, hydrate with water often at training and real emergency events.

Be safe out there.
Great job, convention committee!

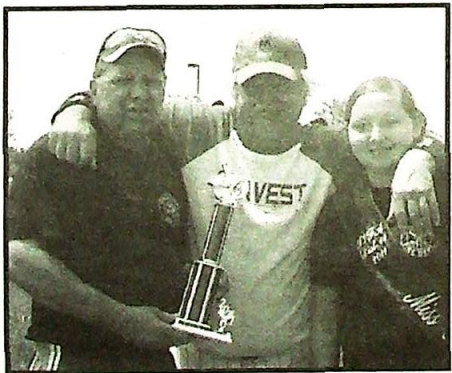
*Al Williamson
PRSE*

First annual Crusade for Children softball game held

Sellersburg Vol. Fire Department held its first annual Crusade for Children softball game.

In the top photo, district chairman Rick Cannon and Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon gives the first place trophy to Don Thomas from Lovett Fire Dept.

In the bottom photo, Miss Flame is pictured with all the teams. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.



**From the desk of the Historian
John Davies**



Let me start this article by saying congratulations to all of the newly elected officers for the coming year. Sometimes things just do not go the way we wish they are supposed to. Mother Nature has for the most part controlled our way of doing things all of our lives. Illness plays an important in our daily lives and on occasions disrupt our plans and schedules. Thus was the case of this year's convention for Maxine and myself. It has been a good many years since we missed an annual convention but we had to bow out this year. Hopefully we can return next year.

I would like to pass on some information about the fire service for the benefit of the newer members of our organization and be useful around the table at the local

coffee shop to pass the time away. Organized firefighting dates back to the ancient Egyptians where hand operated pumps were used to extinguish fires. The first Roman fire brigade was a group of slaves. In 1672, a Dutch inventor by the name of Jan Vander Heyden invented the fire hose. It was constructed of flexible leather and coupled every 50 feet with brass fittings.

The length and connections remain the standard to this day. The fire engine was further developed by Richard Newsham of London England in 1725. It was pulled as a cart to the fire, these manual pumps were manned by teams of men and could deliver up to 160 gallons of water per minute. In the United States on January 27, 1678 the first fire engine company went into

service. In 1736 Benjamin Franklin established the Union Fire Company in Philadelphia. George Washington was a volunteer firefighter in Alexandria, Virginia. In 1774 he bought a new fire engine and gave it to the town.

There is a lot of knowledge of the first fire companies that were formed in this country. Also to add to conversation, the first female firefighter in this country was Molly Williams who took her place with the men on the dragropes during the blizzard of 1816 and helped pull the pumper to the fire through the deep snow.

Let's keep it safe for everyone this year. Have a great summer for you and your families.

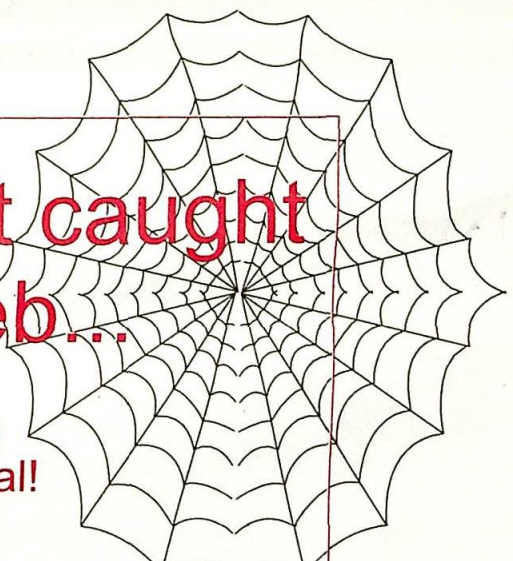
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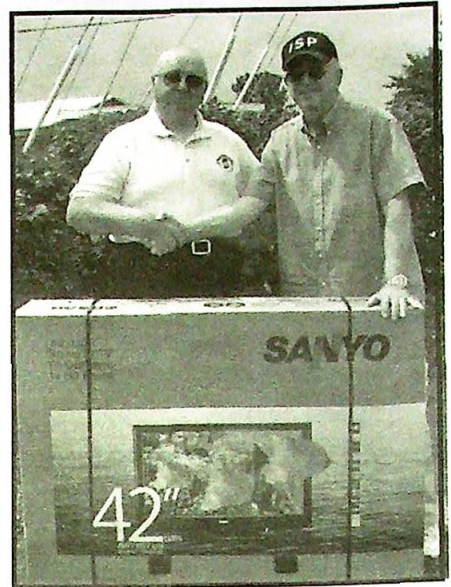
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2011 IVFA convention raffle winners told

Pictured at right is the 1st prize winner of a 42" LCD HD television.

District 4 chairman Terry Smith is shown presenting John Wheeler of Noblesville with the first prize.

Other winners were: 2nd prize - laptop with Windows 7 - Lee Baker, Bloomfield, 3rd prize - GPS 5" - Mitch Raider, Leesburg, 4th prize - portable D player 8" screen - Schmucker LP, Nappanee and 5th prize - \$100 cash - Steve Anderson, Evansville. - submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.



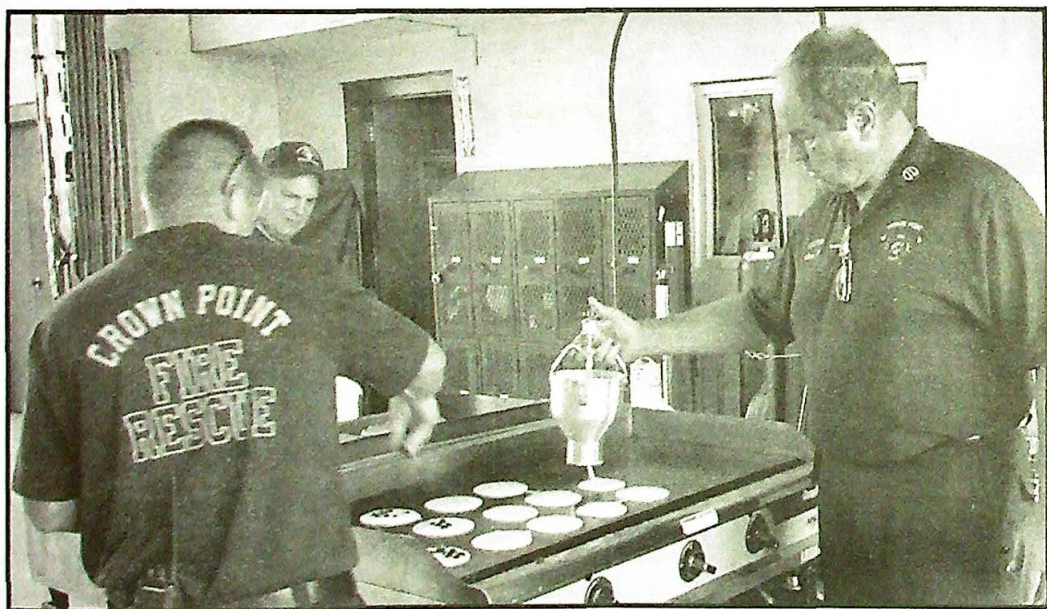
Fire departments hold mock crash



SELLERSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT along with Borden Fire held a mock crash for the Borden High School. The district Miss Flame Rebecca Cannon helps out with her fellow classmates. She poses here with two other junior firefighters. - submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman.

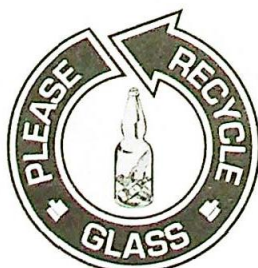


Crown Point VFD ladies' auxiliary holds pancake breakfast



CROWN POINT Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary hosted its 17th annual pancake breakfast. This event has become a community event for people of all ages! The ladies' auxiliary served nearly 900 people. The ladies' auxiliary could not put on this event if it was not for our men of the department. Pictured are just a few of the men who make this event such a success. Pictured dropping the pancake is Capt. Gary Huys, firefighter/EMS Mark Reed puts the blueberries on the pancake, as Capt. Steve Tobias flips pancakes on the other grill. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner.

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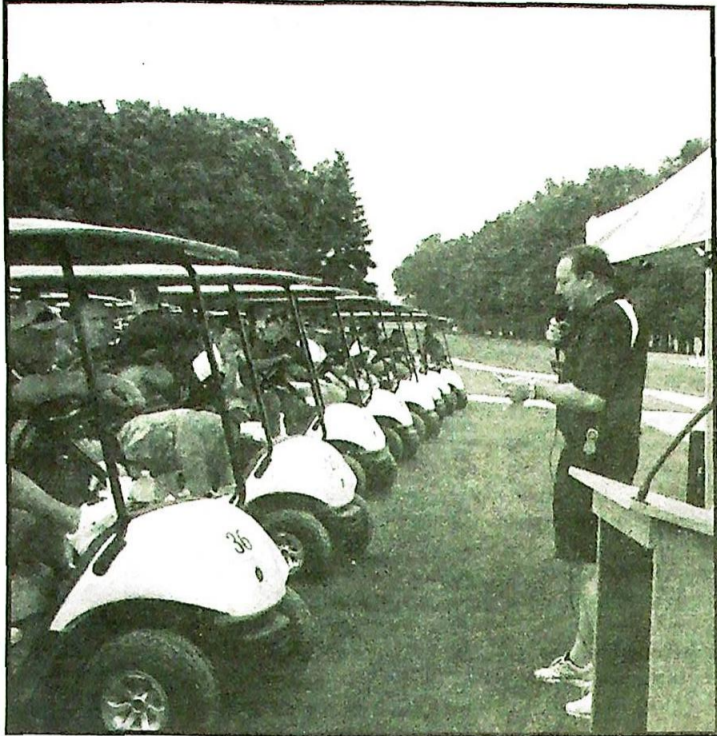
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Participate in July 4th parade



Annual golf outing held

MARK SCHWEITZER, chairman of Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department's 17th annual golf outing, gives final instructions to the golfers before the shot gun start. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner.



CROWN POINT Volunteer Fire Department members participate in the Crown Point's 4th of July parade. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner.

Caught in the act!!



I.V.F.A. District #2 chairman Paul Watland (pictured at right) is caught in the act of "sampling" the candy that the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary passed out during the parade!

Paul claims he was checking it for "quality control". - submitted by Marge Baumgardner.

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Of our grief and our love,
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We watch as each balloon floats upward
And realize love has no boundaries
And even though we are apart,
Our love for you will always be
Hidden in our heart.
We are grateful for the time we shared together
And look forward to the day when we will be together again.

Written by Donna J. Brown
3/14/07

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Hoosier Burn Camp celebrates 13 summers

Hoosier Burn Camp celebrated our 13th summer last month with a total population of 121 adolescent burn survivors and volunteer staff. Representatives from all across the state of Indiana gathered for Visitor's Day (took place on June 1st) to help with trash, parking, moving picnic tables, cooking food, and running a number of program areas for our campers and visitors amongst other jobs. There are so many examples of giving, compassionate, and dedicated volunteers I truly will not be able to do justice with the short space I have to share. I had the opportunity to see many people who have not only been vested with their time and treasure, but many have been involved from the early moments when working through the emotional trauma associated with burn injury was simply just an idea.

I have especially appreciated our intimate collaboration with the IVFA, because what organization understands the commitment of volunteering their time more than an organization with the word volunteer in it? For many of our counselors on staff they not only give hours that for some feels like a second job, but they do so graciously and without desiring anything in return. We have professionals that range from the fire service, medical experts, teachers, burn survivors, lawyers, business professionals, and students to name only a few. There are many tremendous professions that make up our volunteer network and the greatest reward is knowing that you have truly made an impact on another person's life that is not only enriching, but has the power to change lives for the better. The best

way to witness that is simply to view some of the many pictures and/or video on our web-site ~ www.hoosierburncamp.org or our Hoosier Burn Camp Facebook page.

A little over a week ago 4 volunteer staff and 19 teenage burn survivors made the trek out to the North Carolina and Tennessee border to battle the whitewater rapids of the Nantahala river. My body has finally started to recover as the teens stay the same age every year while I just continue to get older! We also got the opportunity to experience the Zorb in Pigeon Forge which is basically a human size hamster ball you can either strap into (dry Zorb) or slosh around in water (wet Zorb) as you roll down a hill on a straight or zigzag path. The next few months involve many more fun events for our campers and staff such as our Lake Monroe boating trip, Indianapolis Indians game, Fort Wayne Zoo outing, and King's Island for our teenagers.

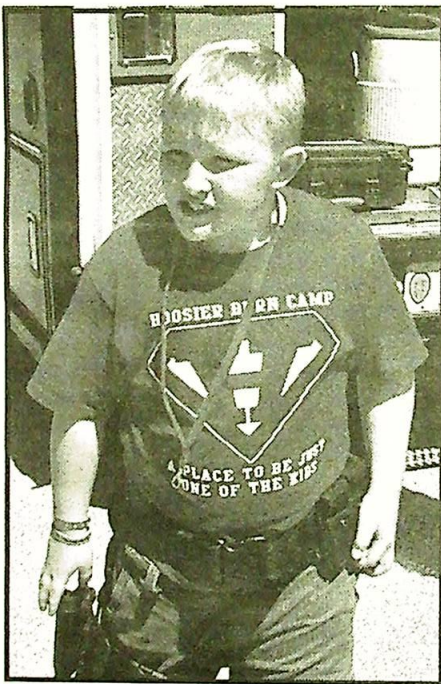
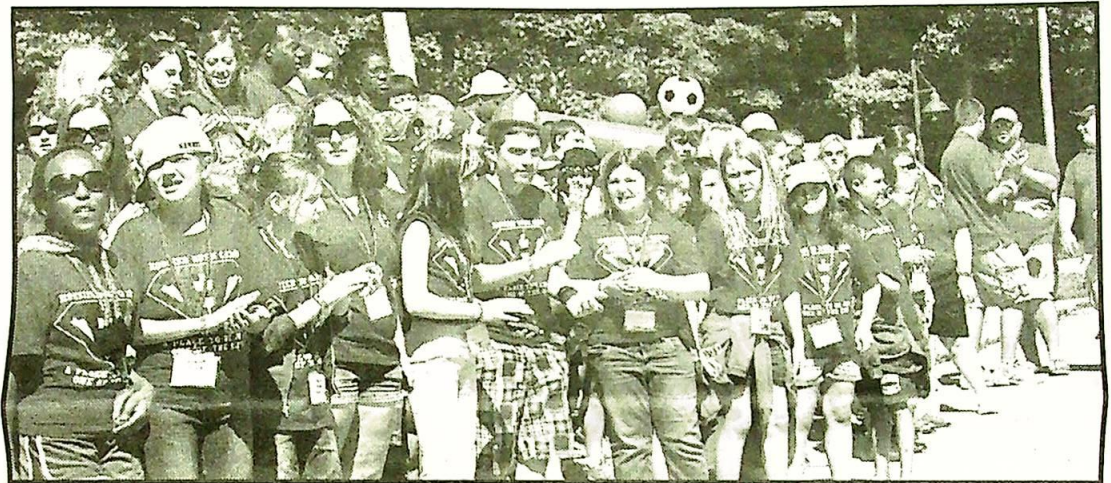
The Hoosier Burn Camp volunteer network numbers well into the 1000's of folks who work directly with our children as well as giving of their time and treasure. It is an honor to be a part of an organization that has the power to change lives. I have met countless people over the years that are some of the best this planet has to offer. I am humbled to call many of them my friends and grateful they have transitioned from good intentions to the reality of calling themselves volunteers.

Sincerely,
Mark J Koopman
Executive Director ~ Hoosier Burn Camp, Inc.



IVFA makes donation to Burn Camp

PRNW JIM BRADFORD and 2010 Miss Flame Autumn Schumacher presented the IVFA's \$1,000.00 donation to Hoosier Burn Camp Executive Director Mark Koopman and one of the campers at this year's Visitor's Day on June 1. - submitted by Jim Bradford, PRNW.



Visitor's Day



Photos submitted by Hoosier Burn Camp



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And to everyone who donated when the buckets were passed around.

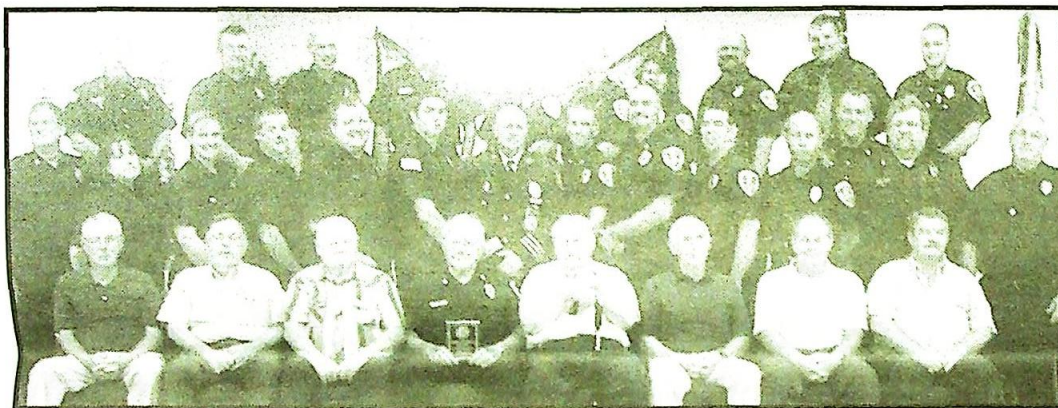
Because of your generosity we were able to raise \$4,060.30.

A special "thank you" to the Convention Committee for allowing the Wednesday night auction. - Diane Harrison

pictured at left are some of the items that were auctioned off



Ramsey VFD celebrates milestone with 50th anniversary



THE PAST and present members of the Ramsey VFD recently celebrated their 50th anniversary at their annual awards banquet.

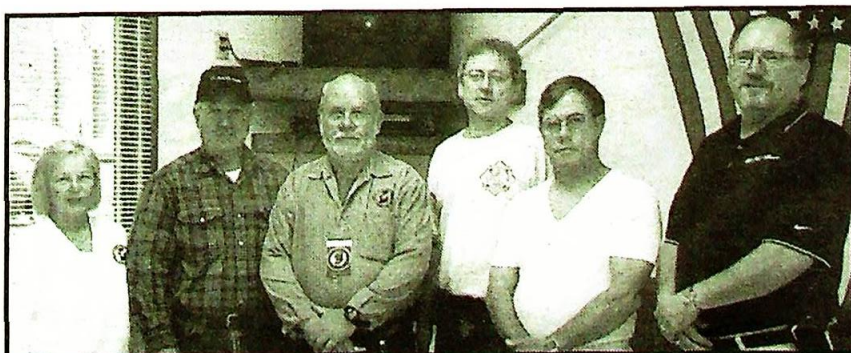
Chairman Paul Holcomb presented Paul Martin with his 50 Year Gold Card and pin, along with three 25 year pins to John Gott, Donald Hanen, and Russell Sieg. - submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman.

Livona VFD members receive 25 year pins



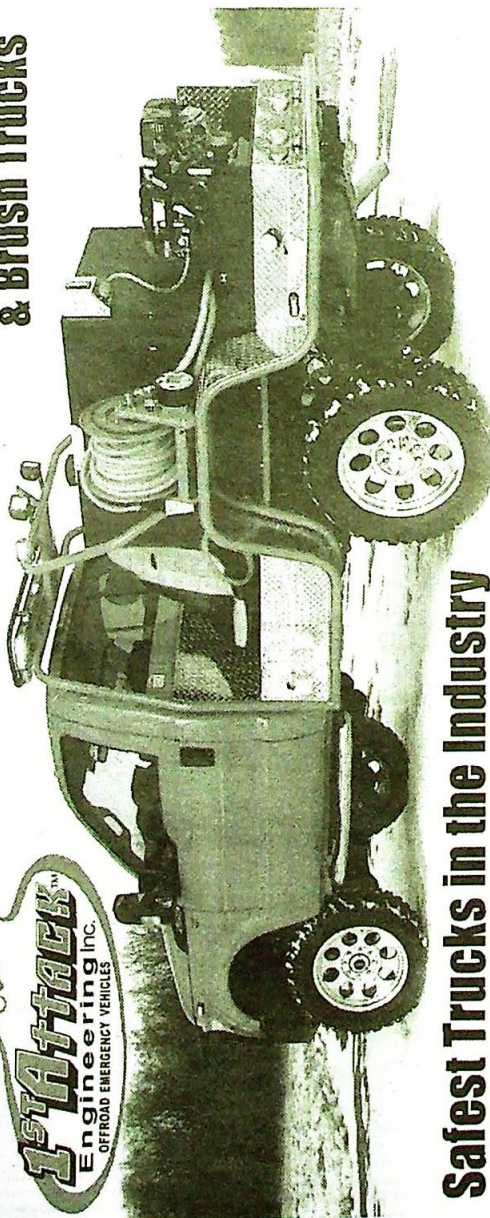
CHAIRMAN PAUL HOLCOMB recently presented J.R. Flannery, Mindy Flannery, Ronnie McCabe, James Pate, and William VanCleave with their 25 year pins at the last district meeting held at their station. - submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman.

Members receive 25 year pins



OAKTOWN-BUSSERON TWP. firemen Joe Brown, Stanley Hobbs and Richard Dillon, receive 25 year pins with IVFA state treasurer Bev Harker, District 17A chairman Sam Emery and chief Stephen Hobbs. - submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.

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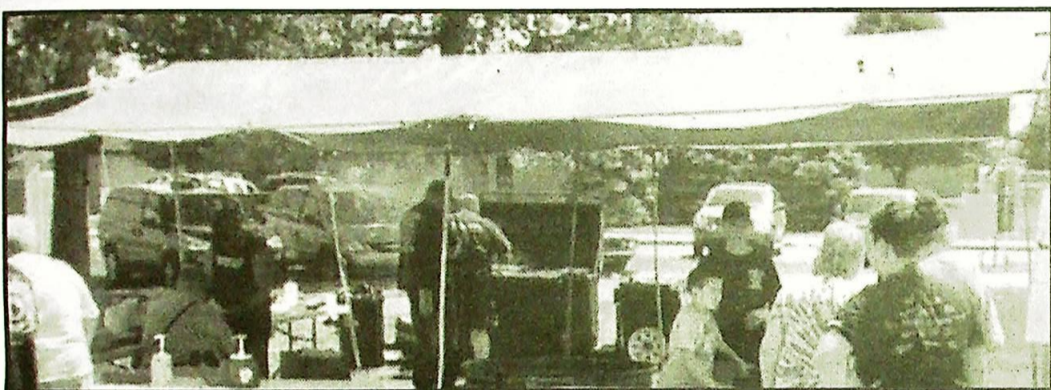
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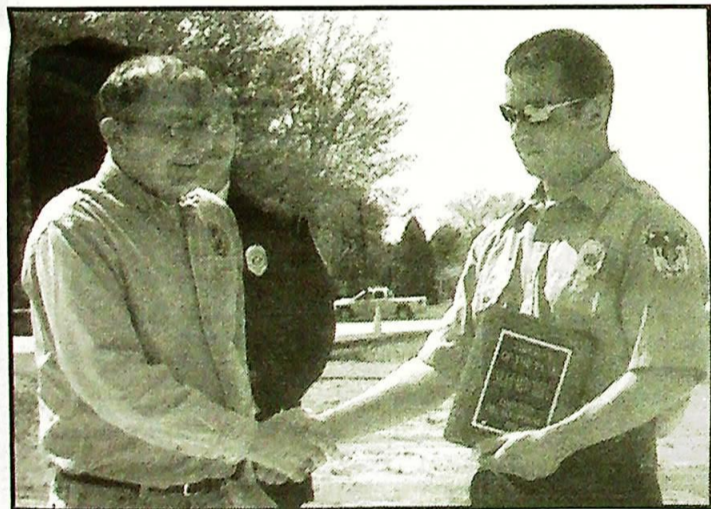


Eaton VFD holds car show at station



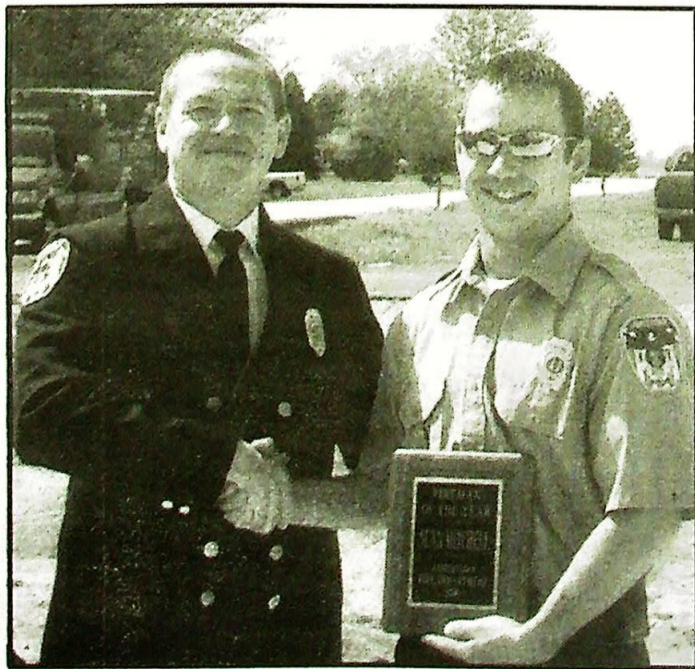
ON MAY 30, 2011 the Eaton Volunteer Fire Department held a car show at their station. In the top left photo – shown are a few of the cars that were on display. In the bottom left photo – shown in the picture are two of the Eaton firefighters grilling the hamburgers and hot dogs. Also shown is the crowd waiting for the good food. In the photo at right – pictured is Shane Stilts. (They said this is what he does best!!) – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

Sean Michell named Jamestown's 'Fireman of the Year'



Sean Michell was named Fireman of the Year for 2010. The Jamestown Fire Department members voted on and selected Sean Michell for his exceptional dedication and contribution to the department.

District 12 chairman Larry Bruner presents the IVFA 65th Anniversary Coin to Sean Michell.



At right – Chief Jeffrey Beam awards Sean Michell the "Firefighter of the Year Award."

– submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman

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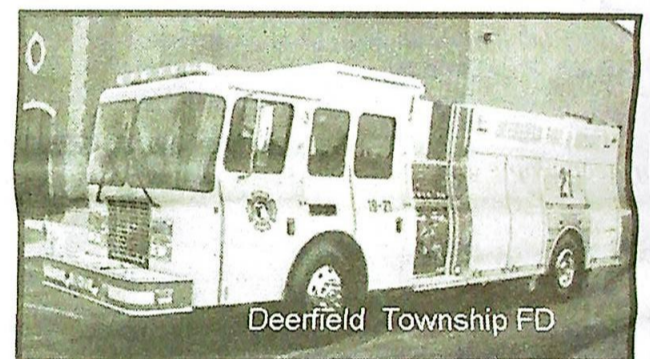
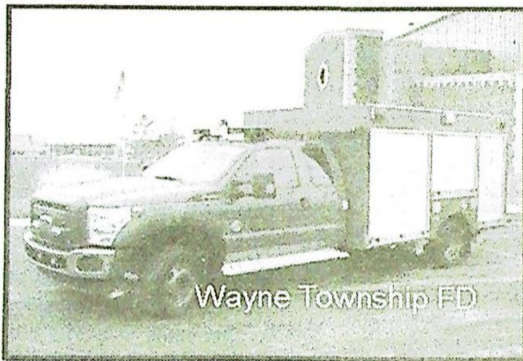
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(Photos submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman)

Radon gas identified as leading cause of cancer

Feds launch action plan to protect people and families radon

On Monday, June 20, 2011 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the General Services Administration, and the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, and Veterans Affairs have joined forces to help save lives and create healthier home and school environments for America's families. The plan brings together commitments that help to reduce exposure to radon and protect the health of Americans through leveraging and advancing existing state, local, and national programs. Radon exposure is the leading cause of non-smoking lung cancer and leads to an estimated 21,000 deaths each year.

"With nearly one in 15 homes affected by elevated levels of radon and thousands dying each year from radon-induced cancer, it's time to step up our actions in the federal government," EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson said. "Through the Federal Radon Action Plan, we're working with partner agencies to raise awareness about the threat of radon in our homes and to take steps to mitigate this hazard. Together our efforts will help reduce radon exposure and make our homes, schools and communities healthier places to live, learn, work and play."

The Federal Radon Action Plan brings together government agencies to demonstrate the importance of radon risk reduction, address finance and incentive issues to drive testing and mitigation, and build demand for services from industrial professionals. The plan will help spur greater action in the

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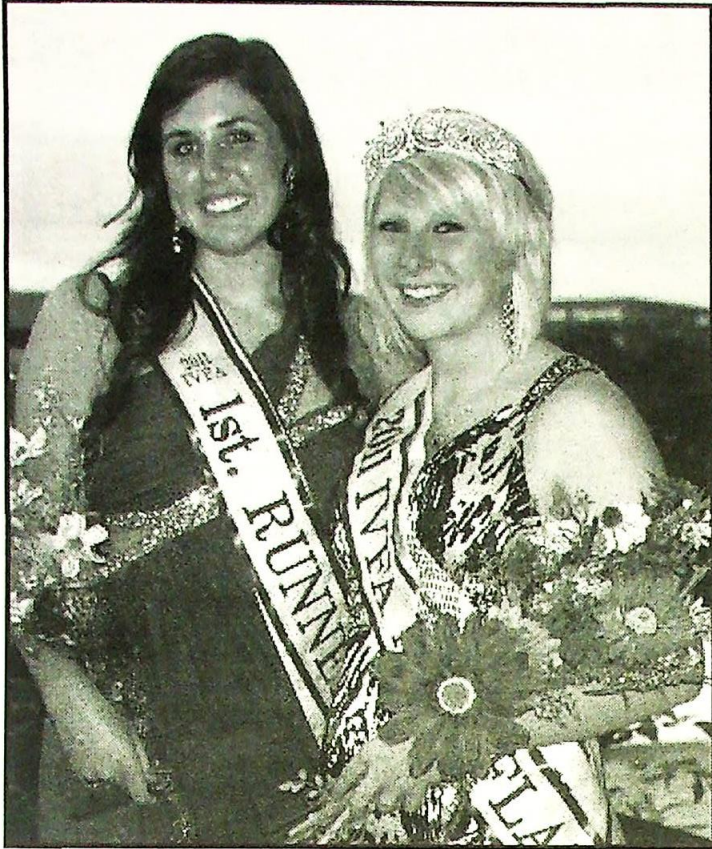
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Portland FD members receive awards at April awards supper

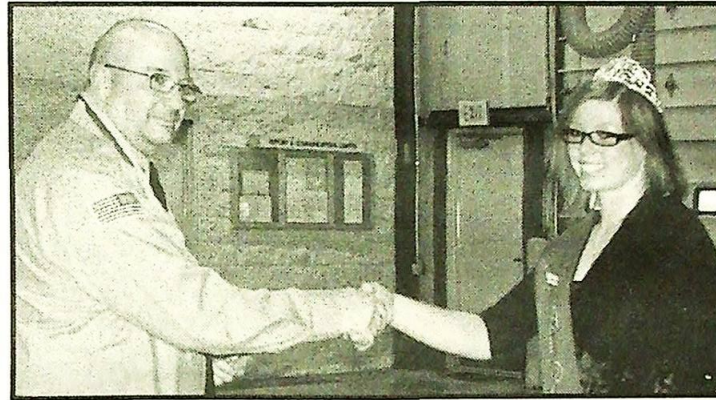
2011 Miss Flame royalty

Pictured are first runner-up (left) Megan Kloeck, from District 18, who represented St. Meinrad Fire Department and 2011 Miss Flame Kaylea Konger, from District 7, who represented Berne Fire Department. - photo submitted by Becky Long.



On April 7, 2011 Portland Fire Department held their awards supper. Many awards were given out at this time.

Pictured at left (top photo) - Gary Johnson is shown receiving an award for 25 years of service. Presenting the award to Gary from the Portland Fire Department is the late fire chief Matt Aker.



Pictured at left (bottom photo) - Gary Johnson received an award for 25 years of service.

Presenting the award to Gary from the IVFA is Chelsey Gettinger, District 8B 2011 Miss Flame.

All photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman

Radon . . .

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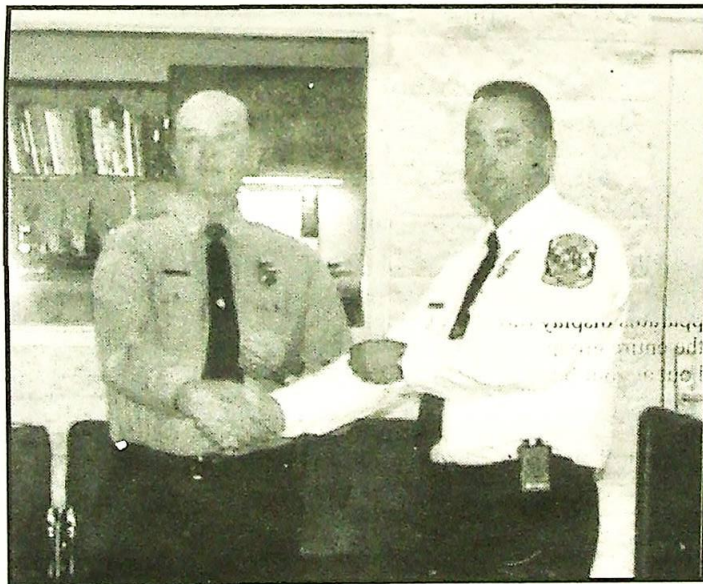
marketplace, create jobs in the private sector, and significantly reduce exposure to radon. The plan includes strategies to reach low-income families, many of whom do not have the resources to make the simple fixes necessary to protect their homes and loved ones. With the help of all agency networks, approximately 7.5 million buildings and homes in the United States will be able to receive information and build awareness around this serious public health risk.

The plan includes federal government actions to reduce radon risks:

- Launching a cross-government outreach initiative to educate families about the health risks associated with radon exposure and the solutions to address the risks;
- Incorporating radon testing and mitigation into federal programs;
- Investing in new standards and updating codes for measurement and mitigation in schools, daycare facilities, and multi-family housing;
- Establishing incentives that drive testing and mitigation in the private and public sectors.

Radon is a naturally occurring, invisible and odorless radioactive gas. Approximately one in 15 American homes contains high levels of radon. Millions of Americans are unknowingly exposed to this dangerous gas. EPA and the Surgeon General urge people to test their homes for radon at least every two years. Contact your state radon office for information on locating qualified test kits or qualified radon testers. Learn more about the Federal Radon Action Plan at www.RadonPlan.us or by calling 1-800-SOS-RADON.

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Shown receiving an award for 40 years of service is Jim Stipp (left). Presenting the award to Jim from the Portland Fire Department is the late fire chief Matt Aker.

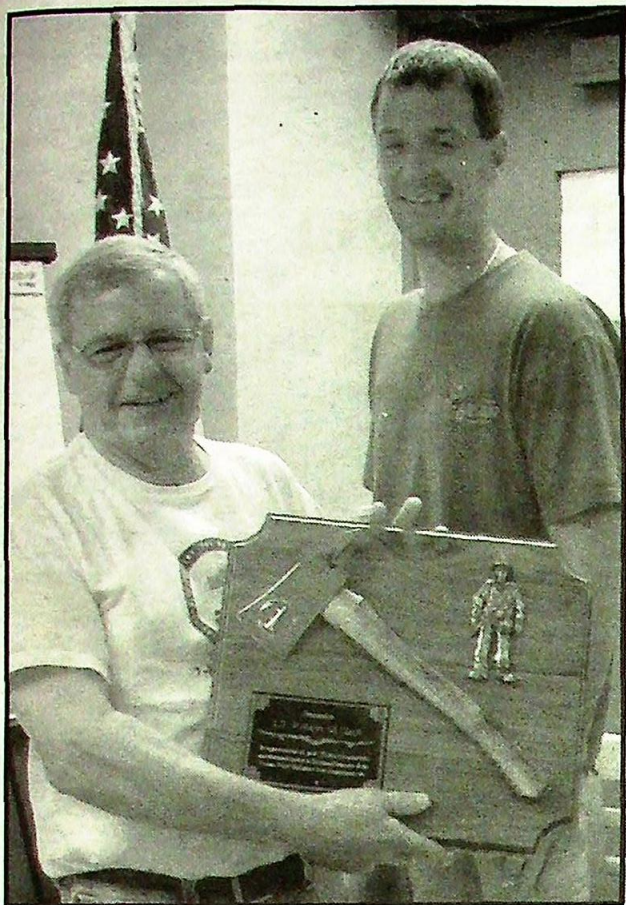


Shown receiving an award for 5 years of service is Donnie Corn (left). Presenting the award to Donnie from the Portland Fire Department is the late fire chief Matt Aker.

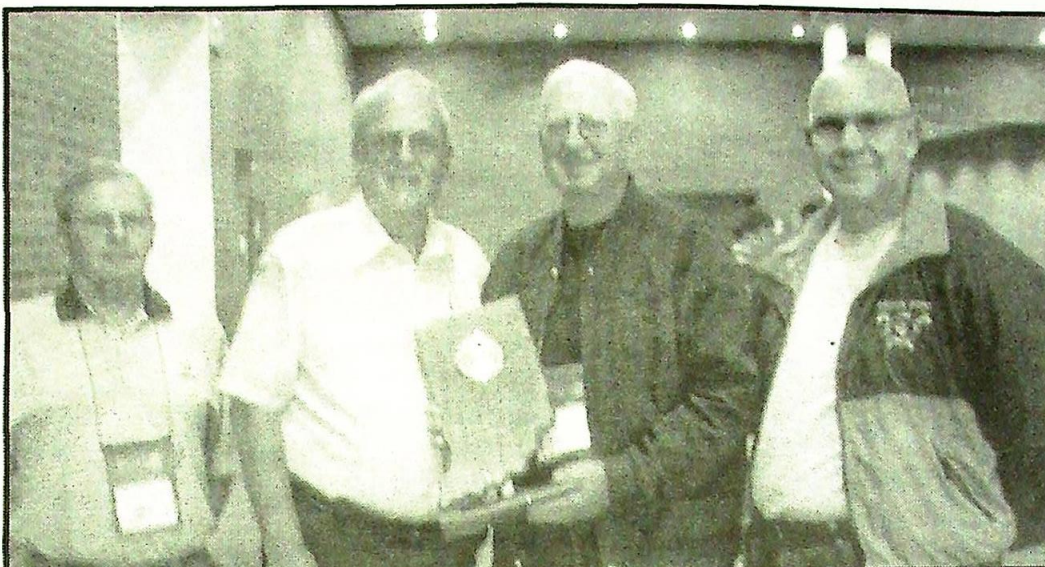


Shown receiving an award for 20 years of service is Ron Somers (left). Presenting the award to Ron from the Portland Fire Department is the late fire chief Matt Aker.

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Roland Wise receives Ollie Sandberg award



Roland E. "Bub" Wise, Crown Point VFD, received the Ollie Sandberg Mental Attitude Award for 2011. Standing with him are Paul Watland, District 2 chairman, Gerard Abraham, assistant fire chief, CFPD and Robert Szot, retired secretary/treasurer of the CFPD. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

Plaque given for years of service

In the above photo, Robert Szot, retired secretary/treasurer of the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department, is shown receiving a plaque thanking him for his years of service. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

Do-it-yourself home repairs

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However, hiring a professional for simple home maintenance repairs can lead to hefty expenses. As a result, more consumers are completing home improvement projects themselves.

Caulking is a simple home repair technique that can start any do-it-yourselfer on his or her way to a better-conditioned home.

Here are a few easy-to-follow caulking tips that should make any "do-it-yourselfer wannabe" take note:

- Check around the kitchen and bathroom sinks, bathtubs and toilets for minor cracks and holes. Many people forget to look around such fixtures, which can be the source of unexpected leaks. These cracks and holes should be resealed when first detected to avoid further wear and tear.

- Remove old caulk from the

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2012 IVFA CONVENTION VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM Horseshoe Southern Indiana Elizabeth, Indiana June 13-16

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Saying Good Bye To A Fellow Firefighter!!!

Robert Matt Aker

September 15, 1976 - April 30, 2011

Portland Fire Department Chief Matt Aker died in Fort Wayne on Saturday, April 30, 2011 after suffering injuries sustained when his motorcycle collided with a vehicle in front of Walmart in Portland.

A large procession of fire trucks, patrol cars, rescue vehicles and an ambulance followed the van carrying Matt's body from Parkview Hospital to Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland, on Sunday evening. Firefighters and Sheriff's Office deputies were in the procession. Both sides of the street were lined with mourners showing their respect to Matt.

A 1995 graduate of Jay County High School, he received a degree in conservation law enforcement from Vincennes University in 1997. He began service at the Portland Fire Department as volunteer in that same year.

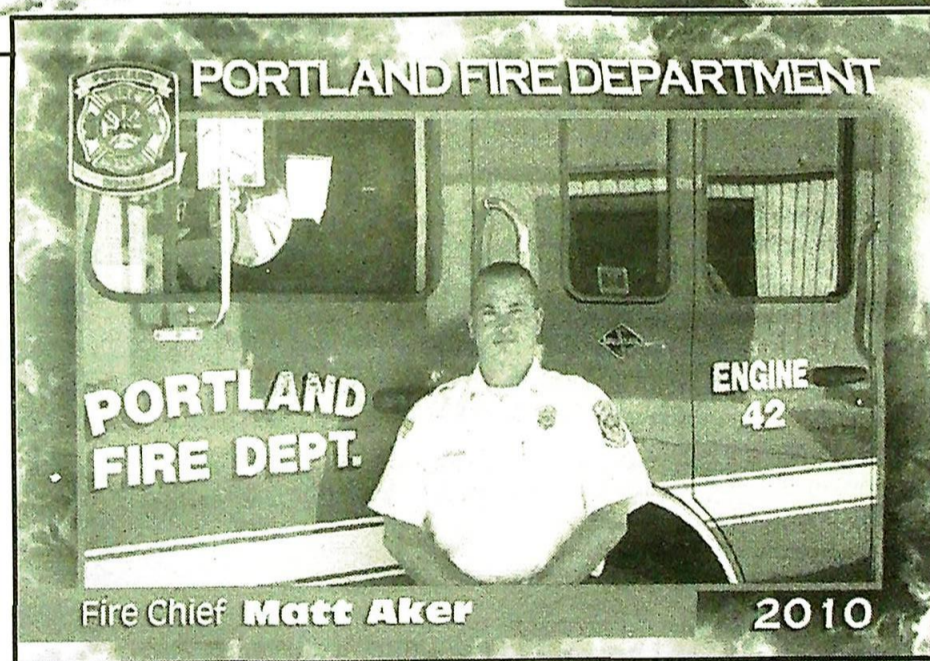
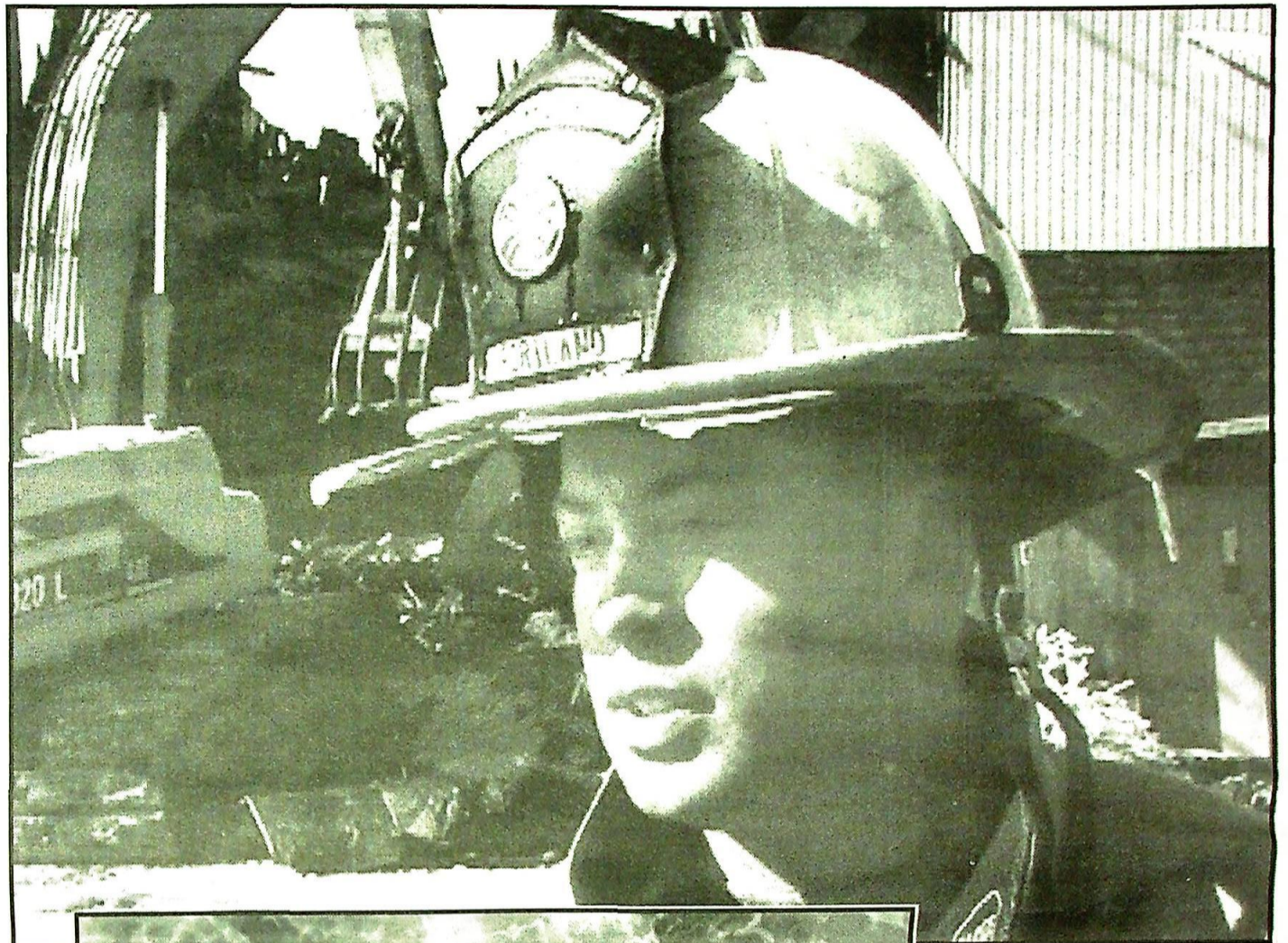
He began full-time service at the fire department in 2002 and was named assistant fire chief in 2005. He was appointed as chief by Portland Mayor Bruce Hosier in December 2007.

Matt was a reserve for the Jay County Sheriff's Department since 1999 and was captain of the sheriff's reserves.

He was second vice president of the Indiana Fire Chief's Association; he was the Association's membership chairman.

Matt held several certifications from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security including: EMS First Responders, Fire Inspector I and II, Fire Investigator I, ice rescue, rope rescue, command and Hazmat first responder awareness and operations.

He was a member of East Central Indiana Fraternal Order of Leatherheads Society. He was Portland's representative on the Drug Prevention Coalition and



co-chaired the District 6 Fire Task Force Element. He represented Jay County on the Region 6 Fire Training Council and was a member of the Emergency Response team.

He was a member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association, Portland Rotary Club and the Portland Morning Optimist Club and a volunteer with the American Red Cross.

Matt's father, Mike Aker and brother Chad Aker, are also members of the Portland Fire Department.

Matt is survived by his wife Brooke, his parents Mike and Linda Aker, Portland; brothers Brad Aker and Chad Aker, both of Portland, and sister Lori Ferguson, Portland. He also is survived by two grandmothers and nine nieces and two nephews.

Portland Mayor Bruce Hosier has appointed Matt's brother Chad Aker as the new Fire Chief.

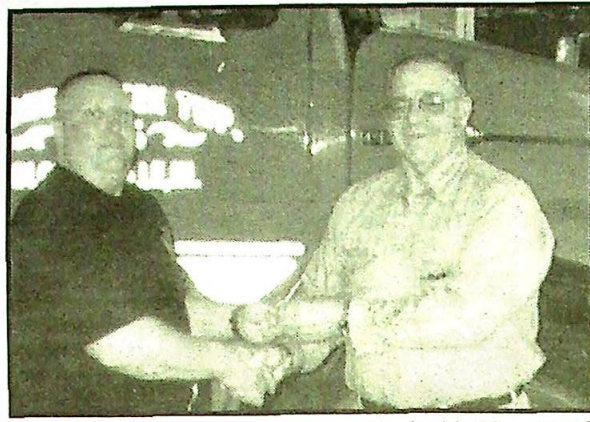
Good-Bye Matt, you will surely be missed!!!!
- submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



Stoney Creek Blountsville VFD members receive pins



On March 21, 2011 members from the Stoney Creek Blountsville Volunteer Fire Department were awarded pins. (Pictured above) Mike Lykens, (left) received a pin for his 35 years of service. Presenting the pin to Mike is Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman. - photos submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman



Tom Sheridan, (left) received a pin for his 20 years of service. Presenting the pin to Tom is Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.



Brian Lykens (left) received a pin for his 20 years of service. Presenting the pin to Brian is Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

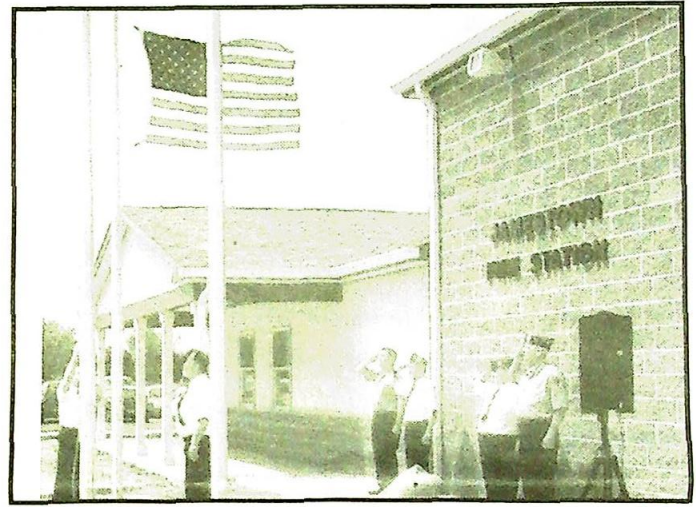
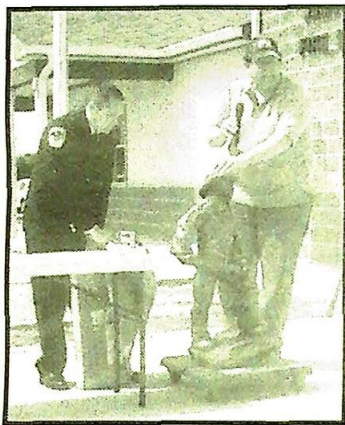
Jamestown VFD receives IVFA clock for new station



On Saturday, May 7th during an open house celebration, the community of Jamestown helped celebrate the new station on main street in Jamestown.

The bank, American Legion, IVFA and community supporters all had presentations to make.

District 12 Miss Flame Joni Joseph presented the IVFA clock to Chief Jeff Beam for their new station. - submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman



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Do-it-yourself

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areas between sinks, toilets and the wall with a putty knife. Next, wipe the area clean with a damp cloth and allow to dry.

- Apply a good siliconized caulk to seal the areas around sinks, tubs and toilets. A good caulk to use is Elmer's Squeez-N-Caulk siliconized caulk, which eliminates the use of messy, cumbersome caulking guns. This product can be squeezed straight from the bottle. The adjustable flow dispenser makes caulking easy even for novice home repairers. It's available in white, clear, almond and brown, which makes it handy to match different ceramic colors.

- Wipe up excess caulk with a damp cloth and allow to dry. Properly sealed areas around bathroom and kitchen sinks, tubs and toilets will help prevent leakages. Keep a good caulk like Squeez-N-Caulk handy. It is paintable and handy for other home repair projects, such as sealing around windows and door frames, indoors and outdoors.

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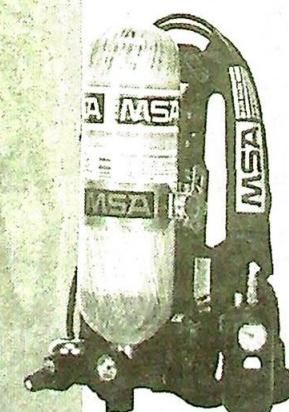
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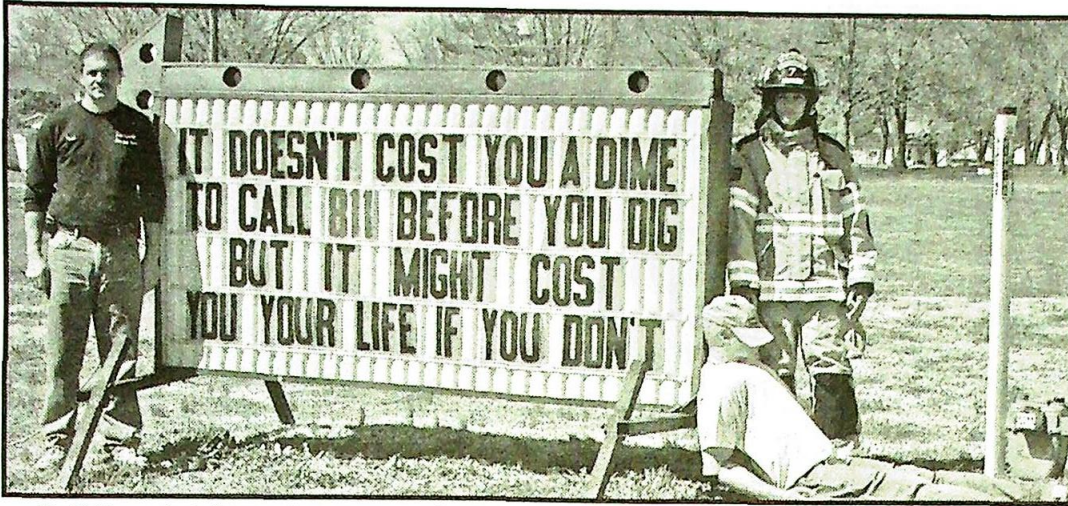


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Call 811 before you 'dig' into spring projects



Todd Kennedy, left, an assistant manager for the Owensville region for the Community Natural Gas Company, stands with Jamie Matsel, an Owensville firefighter, alongside an important message at the Owensville Montgomery Township Fire Protection District's Owensville station. April is designated as "National Safe Digging Month" and "Indiana Safe Digging Month."

By Andrea Preston
SG Star-Times Editor

APRIL 12, 2011 – With spring weather finally here to stay, things like planting a tree, installing a new fence, building a new deck are all things that seem to fall on homeowners' list of spring projects. But typically, the one thing that doesn't fall on that list is something that could easily prevent injuries and property damage. Unfortunately, many homeowners fail to "Call Before You Dig," said Todd Kennedy, an assistant manager for the Owensville region for the Community Natural Gas Company,

during a recent presentation at the Owensville Montgomery Township Fire Protection District's main station. "It's very important for people to call." That call, Kennedy's referring to, is calling 811 or the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service at 800-382-5544 at least 48 hours before you begin digging. Kennedy's presentation was a part of April being designated "National Safe Digging Month" and "Indiana Safe Digging Month." 811 is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) designated national number for homeowners and professional

excavators to call before digging. All 811 calls are directed to a regional call center that then sends out a representative from the local utility company to come out to the property and mark underground lines for free. "Digging without calling can lead to a deadly accident, utility service disruptions and damages to underground infrastructure," Kennedy said, adding that digging without marking could cause problems with pipelines, conduits, wires and even cables. The depth of utility lines vary and there may be multiple lines in a common area. So, whether it's a



small project like planting trees or shrubs or hiring a professional for a special outdoor project, Kennedy said homeowners shouldn't take the chance. In fact, in Indiana, under state law, if you do not call and an underground utility is damaged, you could be liable for up to triple the cost of damages caused. "It happens all the time where people don't call. And then they hit a gas line and we're called out to fix or something else happens. It's dangerous and it could have been prevented," Kennedy said. The national effort being the 811 campaign is the Common Ground Alliance (CGA). The CGA is an association created in an effort to prevent damage to underground utility infrastructure and ensure public safety and environmental protection. The CGA reports there is more than 100 billion feet of underground utilities in the United States. And that an underground utility line is damaged by digging once every three minutes nationwide, and one-third of these incidents are caused because the digger did not call 811, according to CGA data. When calling 811, the following information is needed: location of area, including the street address, county and township; type of work; and the extent of work. "You are taking a chance if you don't," said Clyde Scott, an Owensville firefighter who organized the event. Scott also serves on the

Owensville Town Council. In an effort to increase awareness on the issue for South Gibson residents, Scott and the department created a display at the station, which sits on the corner of First and Warrick Sts. on Owensville's south east side. The marquee sign reads: "It Doesn't Cost You A Dime To Call 811 Before You Dig, But It Might Cost You Your Life If You Don't." Sitting next to the sign is one of the department's "training dummies" and "cross". The life-like dummy and catching sign has prompted drivers to slow down and stare. And in one case, make an emergency 911 call, because of the mannequin. A packet of information about 811 can be picked up at the Owensville office for Community Natural Gas: 116 N. Main St. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on regular business days. In addition more information can also be found online:

- Indiana Underground Plant Protection Services: www.indiana811.org
- Common Ground Alliance: www.call811.org

editor@sgstartimes.com

(The above article, photo and letter were submitted at the request of Jamie Matsell, and permission was granted to re-print the article by Andrea Preston, Editor, South Gibson Star-Times, editor@sgstartimes.com)

Jamie Matsel
Chief Secretary
Owensville Montgomery Twp Fire Department
P.O. Box 91
Owensville, IN 47665

May 23, 2011

Dear Mr. Matsel,

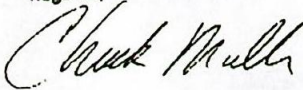
Congratulations! You are the Grand Prize Winner of the 2011 Indiana 811 Fire House Marquee Competition!

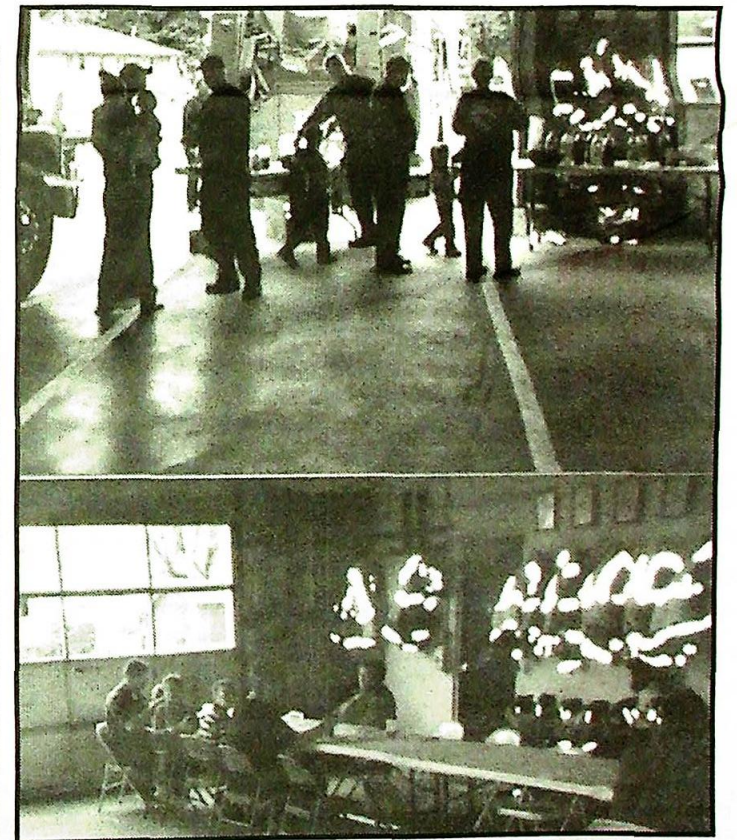
Indiana 811 would like to thank the members of Owensville Montgomery Township Fire Department for reminding the citizens of Owensville Montgomery Township to call 811 before all digging. We had a very successful campaign resulting in entries from fire stations across Indiana. We are very pleased to inform you that your fire house has been chosen from all entries this year for the grand prize of \$200 donation. We were very impressed with the creativity and effort your department put into the 811 message displayed on your marquee. Thank you very much for understanding the seriousness and importance of this message and effectively conveying it to the citizens of Owensville Montgomery Township through your marquee message.

The \$200 donation, which will be presented to your fire house by representatives from Indiana 811 and Vectren Corporation, is courtesy of Vectren Corporation (www.vectrenenergy.com). Vectren is committed to working with all stakeholders to prevent damages to all underground facilities throughout Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. As an ardent supporter of safe digging practices, Vectren Corporation would like to sincerely thank you for spreading this crucial message to homeowners and professionals.

Again, on behalf of Vectren Corporation and Indiana 811, thank you for the time and effort you committed to spreading the safe digging message this April. We hope you continue to educate the Owensville Montgomery citizens about this important initiative in the future. I'll be in touch soon by phone to schedule a check presentation.

If you have any questions about Indiana 811 or Vectren Corporation, please feel free to contact me at 317-893-1404 or cmuller@indiana811.org.

Regards,

Chuck Muller
Director of Public and Member Relations
Indiana 811
1433 Holey Moley Way
Greenwood, IN 46143



Department hosts cookout for members and their families

ON MAY 15, 2011, the Salem Township Daleville Volunteer Fire Department held a cook-out for the EMS and fire department members and family during EMS Week. – submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman.

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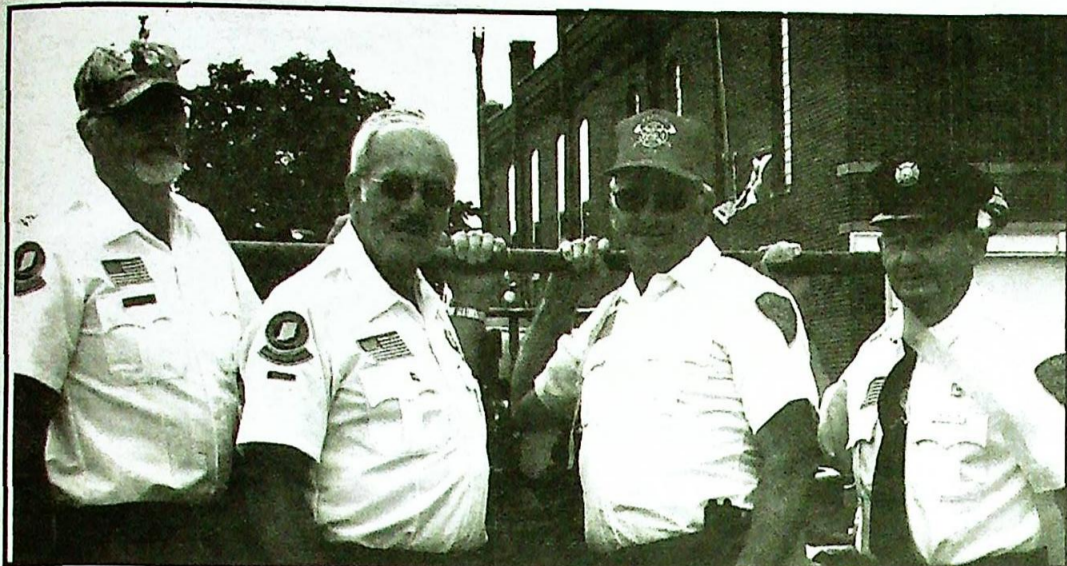


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Parker City homecoming parade recently held



(In the above photo) Grand Marshals for the Parker City homecoming parade were members of the Parker Volunteer Fire Department – Michael Deckman, 44 years of service; Marvin Mock, 48 years of service; Robert Thornburg, 45 years of service; and Mick McWilliams, 54 years of service. (Not pictured) Gerald Cox, 55 years of service.

(In the top right photo) – Shown is Pumper 54 taking part in the parade.

(In the bottom right photo) – Engine 51 takes part in the parade. – photos submitted by Ed Caldwell.

New Chapel Fire Co. takes delivery of two new trucks



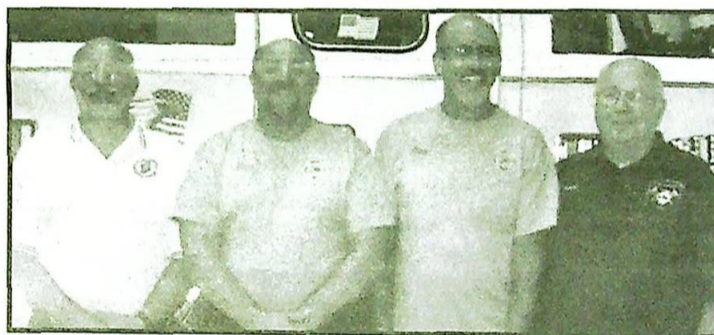
New Chapel Fire Co. recently took delivery of a new 2011 Ford F-550 Rescue. This Rescue Truck is equipped with various rescue equipment and a cascade system.

New Chapel Fire Co. also took delivery of a 2011 Ferrara Custom Rescue Pumper. The pumper has a 1500 gpm pump, 1000 gallon tank and a light tower.

New Chapel Fire Co. protects all of New Albany Township and portions of Franklin Township in Floyd County, Indiana and is led by Chief Jamey Noel. – submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman.



Two receive pins



TWO LAKEVILLE volunteer firefighters receive their 25 year pins. (Pictured left to right) are Jean Smith (PRNE), Todd Jacobs, Dan Casad, and Terry Smith. – submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

GETTING THE HELMET HABIT: Helmets can prevent serious head injuries while cycling, skateboarding, skating, scooter riding, and in snow sports.

Cleveland VFD hosts fish fry



Frying up the delicious, golden brown fish at the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department on June 4, 2011.



Enjoying the delicious fish.

– photos submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman.

NOTICE TO ALL IVFA FIRE DEPTS.

A REMINDER TO ANY DEPT. BUILDING OR THINKING OF BUILDING A NEW STATION

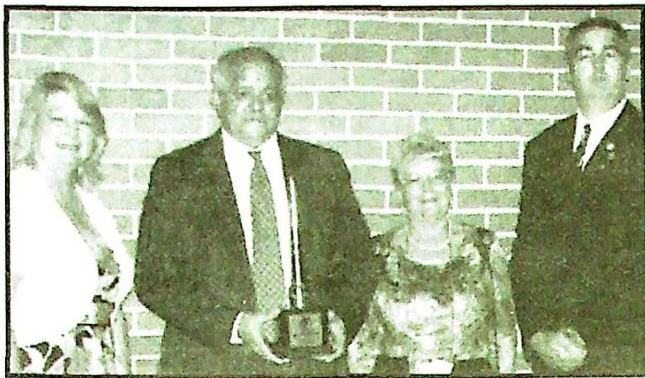
The IVFA presents a clock to a department at a dedication of a new station. We have been asked to make you, the chief, or other spokesperson, aware that the clocks are not an item kept on a shelf awaiting your order.

Our contact for obtaining a clock needs to receive your request for a clock with enough lead time to have it made and get it to you with some days to spare.

Please contact the District chairman at least ONE MONTH in advance of the day you need it presented. Or contact Bill Bush at 765-665-3213 or Brent Bush, 765-665-0149 / e-mail: bsb12@netzero.com. They will be able to assist you in getting the order placed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

2011 IVFA Convention Award Winners



Ivan Nevil Award - Larry Curl



President's Award - Jim Abrams



Mr. I.V.F.A. - Larry Bartlow

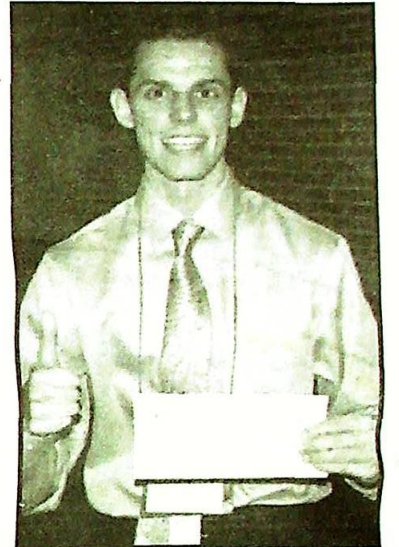
Congratulations to all!!



Ollie Sandberg - Roland Wise



Lois Boaz Winner - Dorothy Reiter (right)



Bridgeport Scholarship - Kyle Smith

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