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From The  
President

Larry Ketchem



What a way to start out the new year!! A new position and open heart surgery. On December 28, 2006, I underwent emergency, triple by-pass surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. Needless to say, I spent the first two days of 2007 there. My limited duty will probably last for 10-12 weeks.

Thank you for all the prayers, thoughts, cards and calls I have received. They have meant alot.

I have spoken with Buz Koehler and Jack Kerney about our 2007 Legislative agenda and I am sure this program, with Jim Parker's input, will work out in the end.

In closing, if for some unknown reason I am unable to complete my responsibilities to the Association as your President, I will notify the Chairman of the Board and resign this position immediately.

Sincerely,  
Larry D. Ketchem  
IVF A President

## Upland VFD member loses life

### Firefighter dies

*'It's definitely a terrible day,' says the owner of the house where Hall fell through the floor as fire raged. Friends mourn Chief. Basement fires the worst*

By BARRY WILLIAM WALSH  
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Sidney Hall, a 15-year veteran of the Upland Volunteer Fire Department, died Friday afternoon, two days after being rescued from a burning home by fellow firefighters.

Hall was sent to Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after falling through a floor while fighting the blaze at 7056 E. 100S.

"The family of Upland volunteer firemen would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the fire departments, ambulance departments, Parkview Samaritan helicopter, Parkview Hospital doctors and staff who helped rescue Sid," said a news release sent Friday by the Upland Volunteer Fire Department. "Sid was a valuable member of our family and department and will be greatly missed. We ask that you continue to pray for the family and the Upland firemen."

An autopsy to determine the exact cause of Hall's death is scheduled to be completed this morning in Fort Wayne's Northeast Indiana Forensic Center, Dr. Jon Brandenberger, Allen County coroner, said Friday.

The fire that ultimately claimed Hall's life started in the basement of the home of Eddy Miller, a Marion firefighter.

Friday afternoon, Miller was on his way to Parkview to visit with Hall when he heard news of his death. "It's definitely a terrible day for the fire departments of the county," Miller

said. As the news of Hall's death began to spread throughout the county, fellow firefighters and friends that knew Hall from former jobs and from his participation as a volunteer firefighter and in musical groups expressed sadness about the loss of a colleague and friend.

Marion Fire Capt. Greg Yeakle, president of Marion Professional Firefighters Union Local 676, said as far as he knows no firefighter in Grant County has died in the line of duty since at least the early 1900s. One firefighter died on the way to a run from a heart attack, he said, but other than that, he believes Hall was the first.

"What's really sad is the guy, he's volunteering, just helping," Yeakle said. "He didn't even get paid. That just says a lot for them guys, the guys who do it and don't get paid."

Scott Harris, East Central Indiana Public Relations officer with the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association, said Hall was a member of the organization, and he noted members of the organization were planning to attend Hall's funeral. They have been in contact with the funeral home that will be handling Hall's arrangements as well as the Upland Volunteer Fire Department.

"Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family," Harrison said.

Hall is survived by his wife and two children.

State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson said it was difficult to take the loss.

"It's the hardest thing I've ever done in my life to be there today with the family as this moment approached and we knew the end was near," Johnson said Friday. "My heart just went out."

Former co-workers at Taylor University employed in the university's buildings and grounds department where Hall worked for 20 years in the maintenance department also were taking the news hard, said Ron Sutherland, Taylor University's vice president of finance.

"Sid Hall was a very good man, and he had a servant's heart. Many of us knew Sid and his love and compassion for (Taylor University)," Sutherland said in an e-mailed statement. "... Many knew Sid personally and have been deeply impacted by his death. There are many tears among them right now, and I know they would value our prayers."

Hall was also an accomplished trumpet player who participated in both the Mississinewa Valley Band and The Salvation Army's band, said Glenn Welch, bandmaster with The Salvation Army's Marion branch.

"He was a very dedicated band member," Welch said. "They lived a half-hour away but he made sure he came to rehearsals and church every Sunday. He was a fine player."

Welch also said Hall contributed more than just his trumpet abilities to the Marion Corps of The Salvation Army.

You knew he was always there, ready to help, but he wasn't going to push you over and try to take over," Welch said. "He did electrical work in The Salvation Army Corps building, and he installed spotlights in the chapel."

Welch said the last time Hall played was during the band's November concert. Now, Welch is mourning not only a fine musician, but a friend.

"There's been times you know somebody that dies and you feel sad for the family, but it seems more disconnected. But not with Sid. He was definitely a true friend," he said.

Larry Vlaun, a clarinet player with the Mississinewa Valley Band, also was saddened to hear the news of Hall's death.

"He always showed up to rehearsals. He never missed any, and I think that was indicative of the character he had, always willing to volunteer his time," Vlaun said. "Whether the weather was good or bad, Sid would always show up for rehearsals or the concerts themselves."

Hall was trapped after the fire burned a hole through several stories of Miller's home.

Marion Fire Chief Steve Gorrell said a main problem firefighters faced was that the fire began in the basement, the result of faulty wiring.

"The worst fire a firefighter can face is a basement fire, because it burns through the floor," Gorrell said. "When they arrived, the floor was already burned out. What they do is they go in the front door, and when you open the door, that heavy black smoke comes barreling out and you immediately go to your knees. You have to be very cautious, and there are times you are right near the hole and



Sidney A. Hall

you don't realize it."

Gorrell also said it was possible Hall became tangled in wiring when he fell and was unable to see to pull himself out of the hole.

"It was just a matter of pulling himself back out, but he was wrapped up in the wiring," Gorrell said. "It was an intense fire with a lot of smoke, and he couldn't see what was wrapping him up."

One thing Gorrell did note, however, was that Hall was not injured because of bad decision-making. "He went through every precaution he was trained to do, but it doesn't matter. It's still a very dangerous job, and things are going to happen," Gorrell said.

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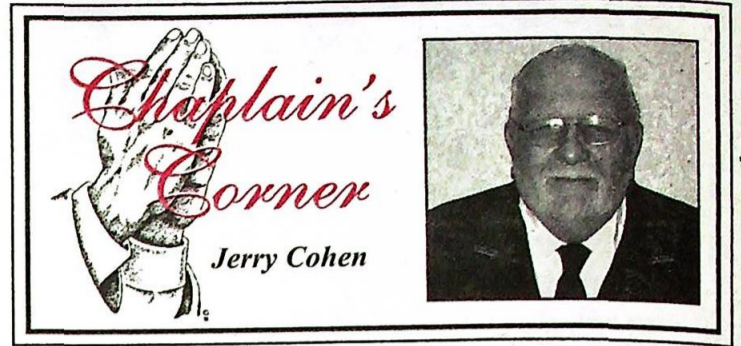
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Take time to remember God by attending the Church of your choice. Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

As your Chaplain I want to pay tribute to the spouses of the firefighters and first responders. I want to thank you for being understanding that your firefighters and first responders work in a very stressful environment.

I thank you for your patience with them and most of all for loving them for who they are. OMNIS CEDO DOMUS

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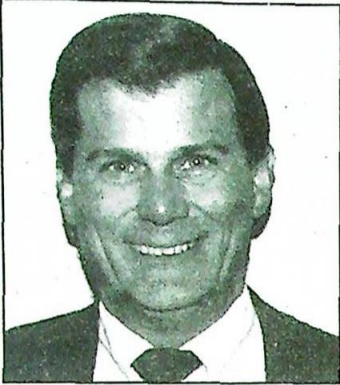
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## From The Vice President

David Elick



January 9, 2007

It is with a heavy heart that I write my first words as your vice president. This is not the original message I had planned.

As firefighters, our thoughts and prayers are with the Upland Fire Department, the family, and many friends of Firefighter Sidney Hall, who passed away on January 5th from injuries he sustained while fighting a house fire on January 3rd. Thanks to all including the fire, EMS, and law enforcement agencies for the outpouring of support shown to the UFD family in their hour of need.

On Thursday, December 27th, president Larry Ketchem underwent open heart surgery. By the time this article is printed, we hope that he will be down the road to a full recovery. Please remember president Ketchem and his family in your thoughts and prayers as well.

With the start of a new year come newly elected officials and the start of a new legislative session. Your IVFA will continue working hard to promote legislation that is not only beneficial to volunteers, but to the fire service as a whole. Open lines of communications and support are critical for continued success. Working together, along with the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association and the Firefighters Union, the fire service will be stronger and safer for each and every firefighter in Indiana. Please continue showing your support with your input and suggestions.

For those of you planning on attending the convention this year, please get your reservation made AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We all look forward to seeing you in Evansville.

Stay safe!

Sincerely,  
Dave Elick  
IVFA Vice President

## Charlestown V.F.D. takes delivery of rescue/pumper

The Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department took ownership of a brand new Ferra rescue/pumper in November 2006.

The truck will replace two trucks from their department. Many hours of training will take place on the new six man cab truck which has compress air foam.

The department is hoping to extinguish fires more quickly. The department put the truck into service on January 1, 2007. -- submitted by Charlie Moon, District 14 chairman.

# Obituary

## Sidney A. Hall

(The following is a published article taken from the archives of the Marion-Chronicle Tribune. Forwarded per instructions from David Penticuff, Asst. Managing Editor - Melinda Hewitt, Newsroom Editorial Asst.)

UPLAND - Sidney A. Hall, 52, passed away at 1:52 p.m. Friday at Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, as a result of injuries suffered while in the line of duty as a firefighter. He was born in Portland, the son of Art and Wanda (Cecil) Hall. They survive in Portland. He was a 1973 graduate of Portland High School and a 1977 graduate of Taylor University in Mathematics Education. He married Bonnie (Johnson) on June 4, 1983 in Downers Grove, Ill.

Mr. Hall was employed with Building Control Systems of Ft. Wayne for the past 10 years and Taylor University for 20 years. He was a 15 year veteran of the Upland Volunteer Fire Department. He was an Indiana First Class Firefighter with an Indiana Master in Arson Investigation and was a Certified NFPA Fire Instructor. During his career with the Upland Fire Department, he held the position of Training Coordinator and Department Secretary.

He enjoyed being active with the Mississinewa Valley Band, Salvation Army Band, Taylor University Accutrack, and Saturday Night Bible Study. He attended New Hope Baptist Church, Gas City.

In addition to his parents he is survived by his wife, Bonnie; two sons, Christopher, Matt; a sister, Bonita (Rob) Frazee, Portland; nephews: Todd, Michael, and Kyle Frazee.

Service was at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 13, 2007 at Odle Gymnasium Taylor University, with Rev. Mick Simpkins, Dr. Daryl Yost, and Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating.

Interment was at Green Park Cemetery, Portland, Indiana.

Jones - Smith Funeral Home, 259 N. Main St, Upland, Indiana, handled arrangements.

Visitation was at 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, January 12, 2007 at Rediger Chapel Taylor University 236 W. Reade Ave., Upland, Indiana 46989

Memorials may be made to the Sidney Hall Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of the Upland Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 83, Upland, IN 46989, your local Star Financial Bank, or the First National Bank of Portland.

## Firefighter returns to Upland

Meanwhile, report says 20 minutes passed between Hall's arrival and rescue from fall

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Upland volunteer firefighter Sidney Hall was trapped no longer than 20 minutes after he fell through the floor of a burning home Wednesday, Grant County Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Sands said.

Sands said Hall, 52, who died Friday, would have been on the first truck to arrive at 3:35 p.m. and would have been one of the first firefighters to enter the home. Shortly after he entered the home, Hall fell through a hole in the floor, but the exact time of his fall is not known. However, the report said Hall was pulled from the home by other firefighters at 3:55 p.m., about 20 minutes after the first truck arrived.

"I just called the fire in on my (radio), and I advised dispatch when the first truck arrived," Sands said. "Immediately, after they pulled him out of the fire, I asked, 'Is this Sid?' and they said, 'Yes, it is,' and then I immediately called in and said the subject is out."

Saturday, Upland Volunteer Fire Captain Mike Howard declined to comment about the length of time Hall

was inside the home before being rescued and said the department is trying to cope with the loss of a fellow firefighter and friend.

"We are a private group, and that's why we are releasing everything by written statement," Howard said. "We are dealing with it amongst ourselves."

Also on Saturday, a preliminary autopsy was completed by the Allen County Coroner's office, but Allen County Coroner Jon Brandenberger did not offer a cause of death, saying it was pending further investigation.

"Right now, we are going to pend the cause of death," Brandenberger said. "The autopsy is actually in three sections over a period of several weeks. First is the initial examination, which we did today, that is then followed by more detailed microscopic parts of the examination, which usually take several weeks to complete."

Brandenberger did say Hall had no significant injuries, such as a blow to the head.

Saturday afternoon an Allen County Coroner's office investigator was at the scene of the fire at 7056 E. 100S

and meeting with local investigators.

"I would expect by even early next week we may be able to have a much better picture of what happened and what caused his death," Brandenberger said. "It will give us the best indication to put all the pieces together to give us the exact cause of death."

Following the autopsy, the Fort Wayne Fire Department escorted Hall's body to Upland, said Dennis Smith, owner of Jones-Smith Funeral

Hall's funeral is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday in Odle Gymnasium on the campus of Taylor University, where Hall graduated in 1977 with a degree in mathematics education and where he was employed for 20 years in the maintenance department.

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## Friends tell of injured man's incredible spirit

Firefighter, who remains critical, always ready to help, those who know him say

By TERESA AUCH

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UPLAND - In the world of the Buildings and Grounds Department at Taylor University, maintenance workers and the grounds crew have separate domains, and it's rare the two intertwine.

But in the 20 years Sidney Hall worked at Taylor, said maintenance supervisor Scott Bragg, that wasn't the case.

In fact, Bragg said he remembered a time when he first started working in 1980 that the grounds crew had to fix leaking water pipes.

"(Hall) was down there helping us dig down in the mud," Bragg said, despite the fact that Hall was a maintenance worker and thus dealt with the electrical systems. "He was down there working beside us the whole time."

That's just the kind of person Hall is, Bragg said: always ready to help people.

Hall, who is a volunteer firefighter for Upland, was in critical condition Thursday evening at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was injured Wednesday afternoon when he fell through a floor inside a house that was ablaze.

His wife and two sons, along with several members of the Upland Volunteer Fire Department, were with him Thursday, according to a news release from the fire department.

Hall has been a volunteer with the Upland Volunteer Fire Department since September 1991, Capt. Mike Howard said.

He worked at Taylor from 1977 to 1997 and now works for Building Control System in Fort Wayne. "He's real knowledgeable," Bragg said. "I learned a lot from him. He would always answer your questions."

And though he no longer works for Taylor, he continues to attend community appreciation dinners, said Jim Garringer, director of university relations.

He also continues to help out at Taylor because the university uses several systems from BCS, Bragg said, and Hall regularly talks them through problems over the phone.

"He would just bend over backwards to help you out," Bragg said. "You just can't replace that."

Plus, he still likes to help his friends from Buildings and Grounds out on home projects, Bragg said, noting that Hall helped install a patio for a mutual friend last summer.

"We had a big cement-pouring party," Bragg said. "Sid did all the electrical work."

Alicia Lewis, who works at Ivanhoe's and whose ex-husband is also a volunteer firefighter, said she often saw Hall at fire station functions.

"He's a very intelligent man, very friendly," Lewis said.

Garringer also spent time with Hall during his tenure at Taylor, and he said a prayer request was sent to all the faculty members Thursday morning.

"He's a very giving person," Garringer said.

Howard said the fire station does not have anything planned yet to support Hall or his family because they are all in Fort Wayne. He wants to wait to talk to them before deciding anything.

Who is Sidney Hall?

The volunteer firefighter who was critically injured when he fell through the floor of a burning house Wednesday is married and has two sons. Here's a look at his work history:

\*Upland firefighter since September 1991.

(Served the fire department as secretary and training coordinator for about 10 years.)

\*Worked in maintenance for Taylor University, 1977 to 1997.

\*Currently works with Building Control System, Fort Wayne.

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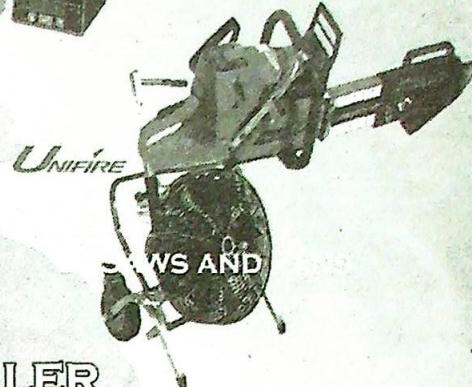
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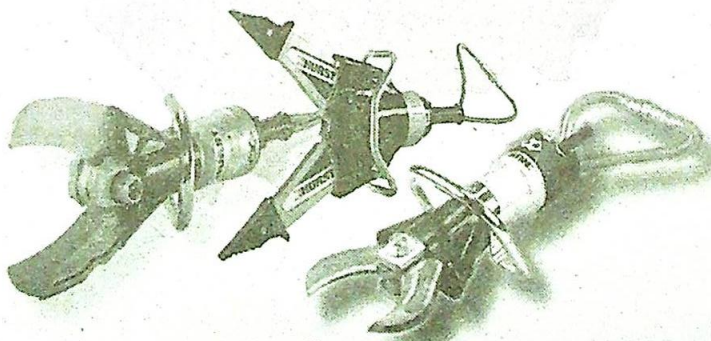
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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 1 CHAIRMAN



Tom Orrell

Merrillville Station #2  
October 18, 2006

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m. Chairman of the Board Buz Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 57 members of 13 departments in District 1 with Merrillville Station #1 as the trophy winner, and by 20 members of eight departments in District 2 with Lincoln Township FD as the trophy winner.

Guests: past president Buz Koehler, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, IVFA chaplain Jerry Cohen, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1/2 secretary Diana Orrell, IVFAA vice president Martha Thomas, IVFAA District 2 chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA secretary Marge Baumgardner, Gold card members Ron Good, Perry Herzog, George Thiel, Bill Howe Sr. of Schererville, former Merrillville station #2 chief George Valant, retired Merrillville members Don Yaros, Lowell Pinkston and wife, John Wallace and wife, Bob Blimm and wife, Betty Perry and Jerry Phillips. Merrillville city councilman Joe Shudick, Rick Perry of Perry's Firehouse/Gifts, Brian/Vicki Kersey of AJ Uniforms, David Berger of 5-11 Fire Specialty, Jim Daly of Hoosier Fire, Brian Russell of Jones & Associates and Tim Kyper were also present.

Chief Tony Buckrop introduced the department and former chief George Valant gave a brief history.

Cpl. Berry Clanton of Merrillville PD spoke briefly on crime/accident scene preservation. Brian Jones also spoke on insurance/fire information.

Bob Szot made a motion, seconded by Keith Austin to dispense with the reading of September's minutes. Passed.

Communications: Buz presented flyers for the 2007 Fire Caucus dinner in Indianapolis on February 5, talked about fireworks law, tax exemption law and IC code 5-10-13-5.

Jim Bradford advised there is a new Bridgeport Scholarship form that is to be used dated August 12, 2006 and advised the newspaper should be out the first week of November and the next paper deadline is January 10, 2007.

Marge Baumgardner advised Miss Flame applications need to be turned in by October 20.

Treasurer's report: \$1,530.87, patches \$2 each.

Old business: None.

New business: 50 year gold cards were presented to Merrillville firefighters Robert "Bob" Blimm and Lowell Pinkston by Buz Koehler, Jerry Cohen and Tom Orrell. Chief Buckrop presented department awards to retired members Betty Perry for 28 years of service, and George Valant for 23 years of service with the last five as the district chief.

A moment of silence was observed for Lincoln Township firefighter Randy Rollins and cadet firefighter Sara Rollins for their passing.

Good of Order: Wheatfield annual supper on Saturday, October 21 from 4:30-7 p.m.

Next meeting: Kouts fire

department on November 15.

Bill Howe Sr. won \$111.50 in the 50/50 drawing and donated \$10 back to the IVFA. Several other people won items donated by AJ Uniforms, Perry's Firehouse Gifts, 5-11 Fire Specialty, Hoosier Fire and Tim Kyper.

Motion to adjourn made at 8:46 p.m. by Baumgardner, seconded by Casbon. Passed.

Diana L. Orrell, Secretary  
IVFA Districts 1 & 2

## DISTRICT 2 CHAIRMAN



Paul Watland

Kouts Fire Department  
November 15, 2006

District 2 chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. IVFA Chaplain Jerry Cohen led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 16 members of seven departments in District 1 with New Chicago as the trophy winner, and by 39 members of eight departments in District 2 with Porter Township as the trophy winner. New Chicago tied with Merrillville station #1 as the overall trophy winner for 2006 in District 1, and Lincoln Township was the overall trophy winner in District 2.

Guests included: Chairman of the Board and past president Buz Koehler, past president Willie Parish and wife Jean, PR Northwest Jim Bradford, IVFA Chaplain Jerry Cohen, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1/2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1/2 Secretary Diana Orrell, IVFAA District 2 chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA Districts 1/2 Secretary Marge Baumgardner, Jim Daly of Hoosier Fire, Rick Perry of Perry's Firehouse Gifts/Supplies and Jim Crowell of Sklarewitz Uniform.

Chief Don Sutter gave a brief history of Kouts Fire Department.

Program: Brian Russell/Lona Huffman of Jones & Associates on insurance.

Minutes: Bob Szot made a motion, seconded by Clarence Moss to dispense with the reading of October's minutes. Passed.

Communications: Buz Koehler discussed the Fire Caucus dinner on February 5, advised nothing happened on legislation, list of upcoming bills on the website.

Jim Bradford advised the deadline for the next paper is January 10, 2007.

Willie Parish spoke on training requirements for different states and 800MHz radios being redone to go to 700MHz, to appropriate monies for the conversion. Firefighter death benefits are now asking for a 10 year medical history for the national hero application, and advised Mallory Lampa from Lowell is District 2 Miss Flame.

Treasurer's report: \$1,652.37.

Old business: none.

New business: Secretary Orrell read a letter that was received from parents of a child that had attended the Hoosier Burn Camp.

Deaths: none.

Good of order: none.

Next meeting: January 17, 2007 at Porter Fire Department

Comments from guests: none.

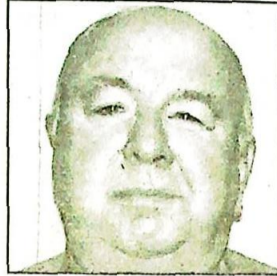
Jim Crowell of Sklarewitz won \$74 in the 50/50 drawing and donated it back to the Hoosier Burn Camp

Foundation. Hoosier FD, Perry's and Sklarewitz donated several items for raffle.

Motion to adjourn at 9:47 by Clarence Moss, seconded by Dale Morgan. Passed.

Diana L. Orrell, IVFA Secretary  
Districts 1/2

## DISTRICT 4 CHAIRMAN



Terry Smith

There were seven departments represented at the District 4 meeting held on October 25, 2006 at the Baugo Twp. Fire Dept. with a total of 14 which consisted of 10 members and four guests.

Gene Goddard, I.F.F.A. President, expressed his delight on how the Indiana Chief Association, Indiana Firefighters' Association, and the Indiana E.M.S. Association were coming together in 2007 for their annual convention. Gene also expressed his disappointment in the amount of money the Homeland Security would be receiving from the Firework's Bill passed last year.

The next District 4 meeting will be held at the New Carlisle Fire Dept on January 25, 2007 and the crowning of our new Miss Flame will occur.

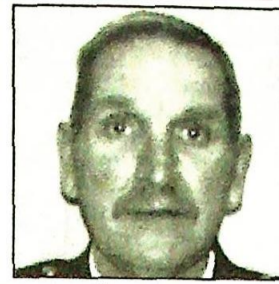
I would like to wish all my brother and sister firefighters a happy and safe 2007 and to ask them to keep the families of our fallen firefighters in their prayers.

I would also like to thank all of the district chairmen and Jean Smith for helping me get through my first year as chairman of the I.V.F.A. Without their help, I know I would have thrown in the towel. Again, thank you for your patience.

Terry Smith  
District 4 chairman

May deadline:  
April 10, 2007

## DISTRICT 5 CHAIRMAN



Tony Farrer

November 9, 2006  
Location: La Paz Fire Department  
La Paz, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by District 5 chair Tony Farrer with the Pledge of Allegiance following. IVFA Assistant Chaplain David Sichelka offered the invocation.

Roll call: 20 members representing seven departments.

Guests: Olivia Eyrich, Miss Flame candidate from Bourbon, Peggy Nifong, Miss Flame runner-up for 2007 from Bourbon, Amber Farrer, Miss Flame candidate from Bremen, Barb Eyrich, mother of Olivia, Dan O'Neil, representing Towers Fire Apparatus, Lori Birky and Dawn Schlessman of Nature's Way Animal Rescue Jean and E.J. Smith; Jean is PRNE representative.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by district secretary David Sichelka and approved.

Old business: None.

Gene Smith reported on the memorial service for Richard Haines and line of duty death of Kent volunteer firefighter Gregg Cloud.

Convention will be June 13-16 in Evansville. Registration forms are available. Bridgeport Scholarship funds applications must be received by March 1.

Tony Farrer reported that a new \$2,000 death benefit is being offered. It is automatic for all IVFA members.

Legislation: Everything is on hold until after the elections. Contact legislators to voice opposition to requirements for any personnel engaged in fighting fires.

Chairman Farrer asked for input regarding having refreshments prior to the meeting.

Good of the Order:

Denver will hold their Bluegrass festival Sunday, November 12.

Bremen has a safety house trailer on order for educating kids as to fire safety and other emergencies.

As the Miss Flame judging was still in progress, the meeting was adjourned with refreshments served by the host department.

The program for the evening was presented by Dawn Schlessman and Lori Birky of Nature's Way Animal Rescue. They respond to emergencies involving animals at the request of Emergency Agencies.

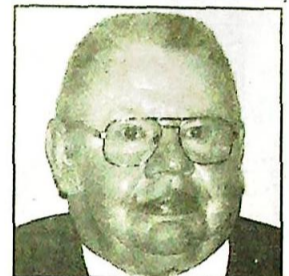
The 50-50 drawing was won by Jean Smith.

After the program, it was announced that the District 5 Miss Flame candidate for 2007 is Amber Farrer, runner-up is Olivia Eyrich. Our thanks to judges E.J. Smith, Cindy Rash, and Linda Rash.

The next meeting will be January 11 at Laketon.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Sichelka,  
District 5 secretary-treasurer

## DISTRICT 7 CHAIRMAN



Maurice 'Mort' Sorg

NOVEMBER 20, 2006  
ROANOKE

GUESTS: Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by chairman Sorg.

The membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the first roll call as 24 members from nine departments answered.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Sorg advised the membership of changes in the annual awards program. A \$2,000.00 life insurance policy is available from American Income Life Insurance Company at no cost to the firefighter. Family plans are also available with a determined cost.

Chairman Sorg covered other local

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updates and current events relating to the fire service.

Public Relations Northeast Director Jean Smith gave an account of his recent activities.

The second roll call was answered by 24 members from nine departments.

Chairman Sorg advised the next meeting will be January 15, 2007 at Uplandale.

Miss Flame contest was won by Amanda Myers of Monroeville. Although she was the sole candidate we are confident she will represent the district well and we wish her well in her future activities.

Gary L. Markley,  
Secretary

## DISTRICT 8A CHAIRMAN



E.W. Pape, Jr.

Well, it's 2007 and we're getting ready for planting season.

I hope everyone has taken their N.I.M.S. and brought themselves up to the requirements.

I haven't heard of any news from the district, but am open to report it. I just received info that we had a fireman and seven others were involved in a house fire in Upland.

I just got the info that Sidney Hall from Upland passed away from injuries sustained in the fire. I wish all the best to the family and firefighters on Upland.

I understand that our new president had heart surgery and is feeling better.

I wish all the best to you and yours for this year.

Please attend the schools that your departments are putting on.

With much respect,  
District 8A chairman,  
Bill Pape

## DISTRICT 8B CHAIRMAN



Lloyd E. Wright

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from District 8B. Hope that everyone had a nice Christmas and will have a safe new year.

On November 8, 2006 Eldon Morrill of the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department and I traveled to the Union City Fire Department, Union City, Indiana for District 8B's meeting at 7:30 p.m. Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

A roll call was taken with 14 members present from seven different departments. There were a total of 25 fire runs and 160 EMS runs.

The Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department reported that there would be a memorial service for fellow

firefighter Jack Kessler on Saturday, November 11th at 1:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Saratoga, Indiana.

The Miss Flames contest which will be held in January was discussed.

They discussed different ways that they could earn money to help defray the expenses of the contest.

District chairman Lloyd Wright reminded everyone that the convention will be held in Evansville in June. Hope everyone can attend.

A discussion on the Homeland Security training was held. The first one will be held in Anderson, Indiana with others to be held in various places.

The next district meeting will be held at the Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department, Saratoga, Indiana at 7:30 p.m. The Miss Flame contest will be held. Everyone is welcome.

After the meeting a light meal was served. Then Eldon and I journeyed home.

## A FIREMAN'S LIFE

A fireman's life is one big surprise Usually he laughs, sometimes he cries.

There's always stress, toil and strife.

Hoping he's good enough to save just one life.

His wife understands, when he misses dinner,

If he runs out of church, don't think he's a sinner.

Answering a call, is tops on his list, Regretting each one he's ever missed.

He tries and tries, but can't make us see,

The happiest men still work for free.

Jumping from bed, fighting the cold,

Knowing what to do, without being told.

He rushes to the station, jumps on a truck.

Depending on skill, never on luck. Putting his life on the line, for an unknown friend,

Hoping and praying, it won't be the end.

"The Bravest Men in the World", the title is fitting.

They all do their best, never come close to quitting.

Next time you see them, all their lights blinking,

Take just a minute, to think what they're thinking.

It's a hard job so show them your care,

And help them out, with a little prayer.

Poem by Daniel S. Driscoll

Lloyd E. Wright,  
District 8B Chairman

## DISTRICT 10 CHAIRMAN



David Israel

Happy New Year District 10!  
I know it has been a good while since you have seen anything in this column. I would like to thank each department for their support last year and look forward to 2007. We start 2007 with a new president and vice president in the IVFA.

We need to pay attention as the Legislation season starts and when we call or send emails out for you to contact your legislator do so ASAP. It takes six (6) phone calls to get the attention of our elected officials to listen. Most departments that try to keep up with all the paper work stuff know it's hard to work a day job and training and everything else. And hope nobody throws you out of the house just to belong to a volunteer fire department. It's tough. Hang in there.

You delegate it out different things, and it is normally the same thing -- people start out fine until they realize how much time it takes and then you're back to doing it yourself.

You have to keep in mind it is a business and you have to account for everything and everyone - so everyone goes home.

We must be doing something wrong. There are getting to be too many firefighter line of duty deaths in our state. Have we forgotten the fundamentals of firefighting? You don't go running into a burning building without checking it out first to see if it is safe. Scene size up. You don't know?

Don't go in. I was always taught to take care of number one first. We all take risks but let's all go home at the end of the day.

Several new fire stations going up in our district, that's good. I'm almost caught up with 25 year pins and 50 year gold cards except for what is do in 2007.

Watch the IVFA web site for early posting of the meetings. As of now I

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still have several meetings to book yet but just a matter of making a phone call. See you at the meetings.

David Israel

## DISTRICT 11A CHAIRMAN



Robert Meyers

District 11A held the November meeting at Sandford Fire Department. State representative Tincher of District 46 was our guest speaker.

Our January meeting will be held at the Bowling Green Community building on the 21st at 1:00 p.m.

Our Miss Flame contest and dance will be held Saturday, January 27 at the Prairieton Fire Department. March meeting will be held at Wright Township Fire Department on the 18th at 1:00 p.m.

I would like to extend my sympathy to the William Wheat family of Shepardsville. Bill was one of the founders and a 50 year member of their department.

Until next time, work safe and responsibly so everyone goes home.

Robert Meyers  
District 11A chairman

## DISTRICT 11B CHAIRMAN



Wm. Brent Bush

REELSVILLE  
NOVEMBER 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order by chairman Bush, the pledge to the flag was led by district Sgt-at-Arms Giles and the Invocation was given by district auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies. After a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner prepared by the members of the Reelsville Volunteer Fire Department, chairman Bush turned the meeting over to Chief Jack Giles of the host department who presented to the Posey Twp. Vol. Fire Department a picture of their assistant chief Errett Miller who was killed in the line of duty. This picture was the work of the photographer with the Reelsville Vol. Fire Department.

Chairman Bush introduced the guests present which included president Jack Kerney, vice president Larry Ketchem, District 11-A chairman, Bob Meyers, Don Leonard, formerly of JUGA Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Larry Tempel and members of the Posey Volunteer Fire Department who came over for this presentation. Chief Tempel then spoke about assistant chief Miller.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Roll call was taken showing we had 11 members from five departments and 13 guests present.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Bush reported on the recent officer's meeting held in Columbus. President Kerney spoke on the Supporting Hero Program, length of service bill and increased benefits for our members. Vice

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## District 11B .....

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president Ketchem talked about the Awards Program Projects currently in the works. On training, he gave an updated report on the subject. Chairman Bush spoke on the upcoming IFSI dinner on February 5, 2007 in Indianapolis. District 11-A chairman, Bob Meyers announced the date of their next meeting. District 13A chairman, Carol Thrawley made some announcements concerning his district. Bill Newgent, Chief of the Greencastle Fire Department spoke about the State Memorial Team that is in the works.

Chairman Bush reported on the departments in the district that had not paid their dues. An effort is in place to go after those departments to pay their dues. There are seven departments that have not paid their dues in the district. Chairman Bush then spoke on the recent fire in downtown Dana.

District auxiliary chairperson, Juanita Owen announced that the Miss Flame dance will be on February 10th at the Moose Hall in Clinton. She is asking for candidates for the Miss Flame contest. Chairman Bush announced that the September meeting will be held at the Oberlander Shelter in the Fairbanks Park in Terre Haute. He then presented the host certificate to Chief Giles of the Reelsville Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
John Davies, Secretary



Charlie Moon

Greetings!  
I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

As a new year started our first district meeting was held in January at Jennings Township Volunteer Fire Department in Austin. I would like to thank all the vendors for their help in the last two meetings on presentations and door prizes. Our meeting in November 2006 had an attendance of six different departments. I hope that the departments that attended keep coming and I also hope to see even more departments in future meetings.

Over the past few months I have met with several different departments dealing with IVFA issues. I hope the invitations and phone calls keep coming for I enjoy meeting with each and everyone. As the year goes on I wish to have a meeting at your department. If any department would like to host a district meeting please feel free to contact me.

In closing, let's keep our eyes open and look out for our brothers and sisters, so we all come home safe.

District 14 Chairman,  
Charlie Moon

## DISTRICT 15 CHAIRMAN



Steve Anderson

I would like to start off this month with a quick apology. I would like to apologize to the White County deer population. I did not intend to run over one of your members, but the two that were in the lead, and one that was trailing behind left me no other option. My insurance agent, on the other hand sends great thanks for sending 2006 out with a "bang."

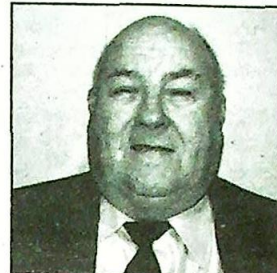
Our district is still working very hard on plans for Convention 2007. You will notice a "tentative" schedule is included in this issue, as well as information on some of our events. We also should have more information on the IVFA website, including updated information on several of our events.

At the district level our January meeting and Miss Flame contest will be held shortly after the edit deadline, so I cannot tell you who won. I'm sure our winner will represent the district well at the convention this June. Our next meeting is set for March 20, at the Pigeon Twp. Fire Dept.; and the meeting after is set for May 15, hopefully at a new Ft. Branch firehouse. Remember we have 50 year gold cards and 25 year pins to

award to deserving individuals. Contact your district chairman to schedule a presentation.

Until next time, stay safe.

Steve Anderson  
District 15 chairman



Jack Harker

My last District 17A meeting was held at Worthington Volunteer Fire Department on November 15, 2006. There were seven departments represented by 23 members. There were also 14 guests present. A Gold card was presented to James Noel for his 50 years of service.

Since our last state meeting, I have been honored to present clocks to the Steen Township Volunteer Fire Department and the Lyons Volunteer Fire Department. They have both moved into new stations, which are very nice. These departments are proud of their new stations and should be because they worked hard to get them.

We've had one death in District 17A since my last article. It was Menno Wagler, the Fire Chief of Cannelburg Volunteer Fire Department. He will be missed by many. Please keep the members of his

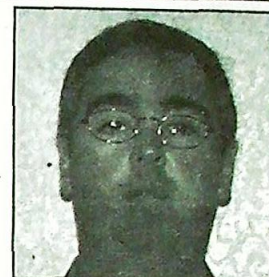
department and family in your prayers.

My next meeting will be the annual sausage supper at Vincennes Township Fire Department on January 20, 2007. It will be past before this paper is published but I'm sure I will have seen many of you there.

The next meeting after that will be in March. My secretary, Courtney Hasler, will send out notices as to the location and date.

District 17A chairman

## DISTRICT 17B CHAIRMAN



Tim Deckard

Greetings, District 17B,  
Welcome to a new year.

I encourage all ladies interested in applying for the District 17B Miss Flame to contact me -- deadline is fast approaching.

Congratulations to Bean Blossom Stinesville Volunteer Fire Department for their recent FEMA grant award for a new engine. As the deadline will be approaching also, I encourage everyone to take advantage of the grant again this year and good luck.

Our next upcoming meeting will be approaching soon, please watch the website for the listings for the year.

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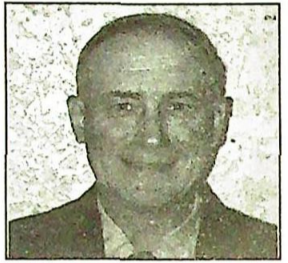
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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## District 11B . . . . .

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 I want to thank all volunteers for their service in 2006 for keeping their communities safe and long hours put in to do just that.  
 Keep up the hard work in 2007.  
 Tim Deckard,  
 District 17B chairman

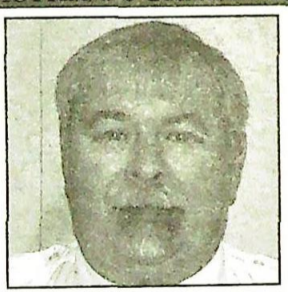
## DISTRICT 19 CHAIRMAN



Ed Scheele

I thank the three young ladies and their families that entered the district Miss Flame contest at Milan V.F.D.  
 Lacy Alloway represented Milan V.F.D., Rachel Butt represented Sunman Rural F.D. and Sunman Rescue 20 and Taryln Garret represented Versailles V.F.D.  
 Congratulations to Rachel on being named Miss Flame.  
 I thank Crystal Armbruster and Pam Gerdowsky for conducting the contest and I thank the judges of the contest.  
 I thank Fire Marshal Roger Johnson and all the guests for attending the meeting.  
 District 19 meetings for 2007 are January 25th at Miller York V.F.D., March 22nd at Otter Creek V.F.D., May 24th at Eagle V.F.D., Oldenburg; September 27th at East Enterprize V.F.D. Station 2, and November 15th at Manchester Twp. V.F.D. Station 2.  
 For more information on the meetings go to the IVFA web page.  
 Ed Scheele  
 District 19 chairman

## DISTRICT 6 CHAIRMAN



Jerry Sprague

# 2006 Legislative Session

by SHOKRINA RADPOUR BEERING, ESQ.  
 IVFA LOBBYIST AND COUNSEL

January 8, 2007  
 The 2007 legislative session starts this afternoon, January 8, 2007. By the time you read this article, the session will be well underway. This session is a "long session". The session has to end by April 29, 2007; however, the Governor may call a special session if necessary. The major item of long sessions is the drafting and passing of the biennial budget. As a result of the election, Democrats won a majority in the Indiana House of Representatives, 51 to 49, while the Senate remains controlled by Republicans. The Speaker of the House is Pat Bauer of South Bend. Long time Senate leader Robert Garton was defeated in the primaries so the Senate has a new President Pro Tempore, David Long of Fort Wayne. The new budget will be about \$26 billion, much of which will go towards existing state obligations such as Medicaid, pensions, and property tax relief. About \$1.5 billion in new revenue is anticipated during the next two fiscal years, mainly through privatization, gaming revenues, and tax revenues. The Governor has requested that legislators limit increases in spending in any area to no more than 4% of the current budget for that area. The Governor says that he does not anticipate any tax increases; however, the items on his agenda require significant expenditures. The Governor wants to see "significant" increases in spending on education, starting with legislative approval of full day kindergarten. The Governor has suggested raising funds for higher education by privatizing the lottery. Also on the Governor's agenda is an increase in the cigarette tax by at least \$0.25 per pack to pay for health insurance for the working poor, child immunizations, and anti-smoking programs. The Governor unsuccessfully proposed a cigarette tax increase last session, but did not link revenues generated by the tax increase to any area.  
 Other issues that will be seen again this year, in addition to the proposed increase in cigarette taxes, are proposals regarding local government and property tax relief, and private toll highways. The Governor is seeking legislative approval for both the "Indiana Commerce Connector" which would start in Anderson and run to I-70 south of the Indianapolis

International Airport, and the "Illiana Expressway" which would run from I-94 near Michigan City and connect with I-57 in Illinois.  
 The Indiana House Democrats have also announced an agenda. They, too, will try to promote the allocation of more money for education, so this should gain some momentum with the Governor's agenda on the education issue. The Democrats are also focusing on property tax relief, an increase in Indiana's minimum wage, free text books for public school students, and are encouraging a voter referendum on whether Indiana should be in the Eastern time zone or Central time zone. Look for the House leadership to propose controls regarding oversight of various state privatization initiatives as well. House Democrats also will be promoting a plan to promote affordable health insurance for the uninsured and underinsured.  
 Items on the IFVA's legislative agenda were decided by the IVFA Legislative Committee last summer and were set forth in my newsletter article dated July 10, 2006. Unfortunately, items which require new budget allocations, such as a length of service awards program, are not of enough interest to the legislators this year to obtain sponsors. However, this is often true the first time a new idea is proposed to the legislators when seeking their sponsorship, especially when those new ideas involve new funding. We may be able to get this idea addressed by an interim study committee after the session has ended or perhaps even during the session as filed bills are amended at various times over the next couple of months. I anticipate continued attempts by legislators to require smoke detectors in public facilities such as nursing homes and dormitories, and amendments to the recently passed law regarding fireworks; specifically, I expect to see bills promoting local regulation of fireworks.  
 I will be reviewing bills filed by the legislators for the next two weeks and identifying those which may be of interest to the IVFA. I will forward these bills to the members of the Legislative Committee, who will decide whether or not the bills are ones the Association wishes to follow, and if so, at what level. These bills will then be compiled in to the Bill Status Report, which I update weekly and send to the members of the Legislative

Committee and the Central Office. The Central Office will post this weekly report on the IVFA website. Those bills designated with a level 1 or 4 have been identified as critical by the IVFA Legislative Committee as those needing support or opposition. Additionally, the website may use a "get involved" symbol (words on a green button) requesting that you call or e-mail your legislators to register your support or opposition of a specific bill. The past few years the Association has been very successful during the committee hearing process in having legislators acknowledge that

they have been contacted by IVFA members whose positions on bills before committees have influenced their votes. I appreciate the opportunity to represent the IVFA again this session. As always, if you have any comments or questions, do not hesitate to contact me or one of the IVFA's Legislative Committee members. This year's committee members are President Larry Ketchem; Vice President David Elick; Secretary Larry Bartlow; Board Chairmen Jack Kerney, Buz Koehler, Jim Parker, and David Israel.

## Lawrence Cutter and Fred Glover receive 25 year pins



Lawrence Cutter of the Milan Volunteer Fire Department received his 25 year pin at the District 19 meeting held at Milan on November 19, 2006.  
 Pictured (left to right) -- Bob McKensie, PR Southeast, Lawrence Cutter - Milan V.F.D. and Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman. -- submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.



Fred Glover of Milan Volunteer Fire Department received his 25 year pin at the District 19 meeting held at Milan on November 16th.  
 Pictured (left to right) are Fred Glover - Milan V.F.D., Bob McKensie, PR Southeast and Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman. -- submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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## May Deadline: April 10, 2007

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# District 19 Miss Flame contest held at Milan VFD

Three young ladies entered the Miss Flame contest at Milan Volunteer Fire Department on November 16, 2006.

Lacy Alloway represented Milan V.F.D.; Rachel Butt represented Sunman Rural Fire Department and Sunman Rescue 20; Taryn Garret represented Versailles V.F.D.

Rachel was named Miss Flame and will represent District 19 at the state convention. - submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.



Pictured (left to right) Taryn Garret - Versailles V.F.D., Lacy Alloway - Milan V.F.D., Rachel Butt - Sunman Rural Fire Dept and Sunman Rescue 20. - submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.



## Rachel Butt named District 19 Miss Flame

Rachel Butt, District 19 Miss Flame. - submitted by District 19 chairman Ed Scheele.

# Miss Flame competition fast approaching

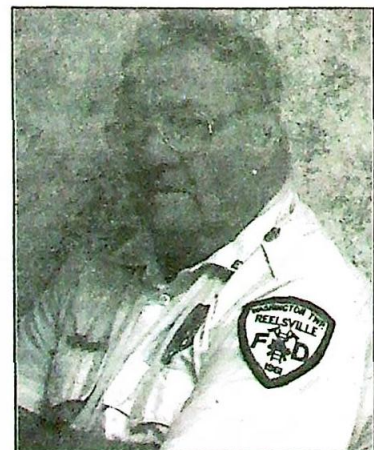
Many of you have already held your Miss Flame competition in your districts. Take time to get your entry form and your \$25.00 check to me as soon as possible. Also, don't forget two photos to accompany the application. These will be used for the newspaper and the convention booklet. REMEMBER MARCH 10 IS DEADLINE for receiving your entry.

Last year we had a record number of participants. We would like to have a girl to represent each district this year. The 2007 convention team is putting together a variety of things for the girls to do while they are in Evansville.

Please encourage the young ladies in your area to participate. Friendships and rewarding experiences will be remembered long after the convention.

Barb Kerney  
2007 Miss Flame chairman

# Dorman Owen to retire from fire department



Dorman Owen

After 37 years of dedication, firefighter Dorman Owen of the Washington Township Reelsville Volunteer Fire Department will be hanging up his helmet for good.

Dorman has received many awards during his reign at the fire department. He has held many positions and has been a vital part of the operation.

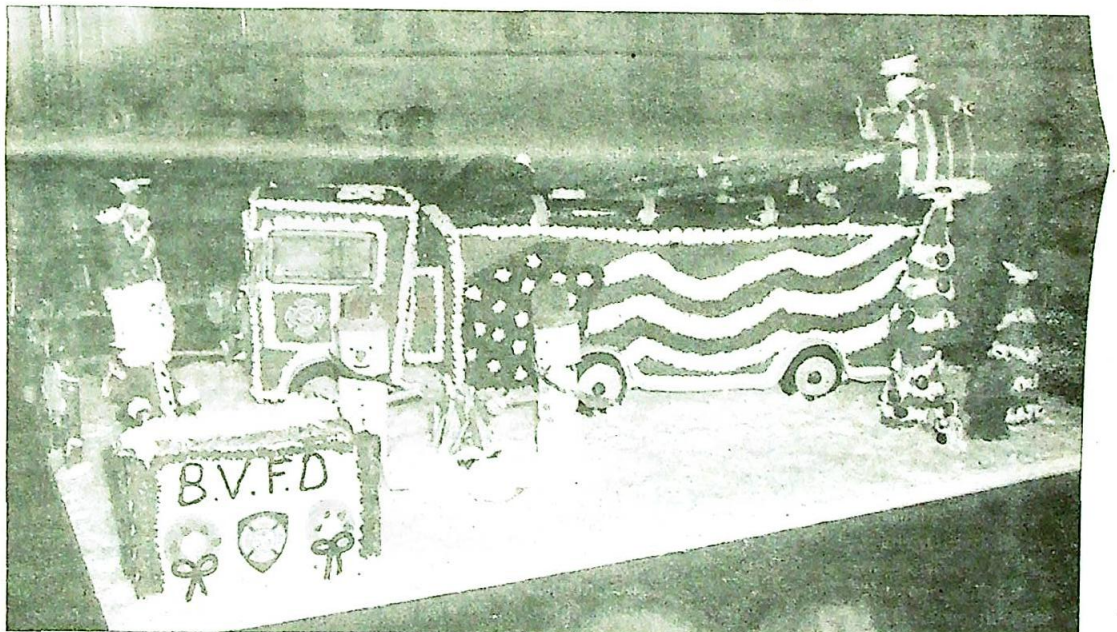
His willingness to speak up for the department as well as the community will be missed.

# Firefighter I/II graduates



Pictured are recent graduates of the Firefighter I/II class in Monroe County IVFA District 17B. This class was jointly taught by Bloomington, Ellettsville and hosted by Van Buren Twp. fire departments. Left to right, second row -- Jason Webb, Tom Crowe, Sean Stansifer, Kurtis Commings, Doug Thompson, Alex Hofstedar, Jack Tzeng. First row -- Ryan Guthrie, Amber Bacvis, Kelly Blair, Sam Grey, Charlie Belden, Jr., Jeff Tatlock. -- submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B.

# Gingerbread fire truck wins first place



On November 18, 2006, the ladies from the Blountsville Vol. Fire Department, for the first time, entered a gingerbread firetruck display into the Gingerbread Fantasia contest.

This is an annual fund raiser in Farmland, IN. All the gingerbread displays are auctioned off and proceeds go to St. Vincent Randolph Hospital Foundation.

The firetruck (gingerbread fantasy land) won first prize for group display. (submitted by Cindy Riddle, District 8B)

# New Washington VFD holds annual banquet

The New Washington Vol. Fire Dept. held their annual banquet in December. Many department personnel were present for a night of food and dancing. Also, Fire Marshal Roger Johnson addressed the audience on several different topics.

The most important part of the night was the awards presentation, with awards going to the following people: Fireman of the Year went to Danny Stoner, Staff Officer of the Year went to Michael (Cowboy) Womak, Line Officer of the Year went to Jason Cochran and Chris Dickey, EMS of the Year went to Randy Burton, Rookie of the Year went to Michelle Cochran, Crusader of the Year went to Tom Ferguson.

Great job to all!!! -- submitted by Charlie Moon, District 14 chairman

## DISTRICT 9A CHAIRMAN



Jonathon Randle

# 2007 Convention – June 13 thru June 16

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# IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

## From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



### INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING HOLIDAY INN COLUMBUS INDIANA NOVEMBER 4, 2006.

President Jack Kerney called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Chaplain Jerry Cohen gave the Invocation. President Kerney introduced the guests present: Tom Hanify from the Professional Firefighters Union and State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson.

Vice President Larry Ketchem led the Pledge to the Flag.

President Kerney called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Past president Jim Parker made motion to accept the minutes as printed. Paul Watland made the second. Motion passed.

President Kerney introduced Tom Hanify. Tom spoke on the need for unity in the Fire Service. Both the union and volunteers have many of the same problems with training and funding in the state. Our members need to support our leaders in our Legislative agenda. We need to address the Legislature with a united front from both Organizations.

Marshal Roger Johnson spoke on the need to improve our safety and training for our firefighters. We need to get the funding for fire training as it was intended to be done.

#### OFFICER'S REPORTS

**PRESIDENT JACK KERNEY:** Traveled over 3430 miles attending several functions in the state.

**VICE PRESIDENT LARRY KETCHEM:** Traveled approximately 2000 miles this quarter.

**CHAPLAIN JERRY COHEN:** Attended three district meetings, did three memorial services and attended a Chaplain Training Program.

**SECRETARY LARRY BARTLOW:** Pass.

**TREASURER BEV HARKER:** Explained the budget comparison sheet and the Profit and Loss sheet with all figures up to date. Presented the proposed budget for 2007 and explained some of the changes in it. Buz Koehler made the motion to accept the budget report as presented. Bill Pape made the second. Motion passed.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS BILL BUSH:** Needed to know everyone that received a clock since convention to be sure his list is correct.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**PRNW JIM BRADFORD:** Attended six district meetings, two Porter County Fire Association meetings, eight fundraisers, one newspaper meeting, one Memorial Service, International Waterball at Bass Lake and a Fire Service open house in St. John, for a total of 1758 miles this quarter.

**PRNE JEAN SMITH:** Attended

four district meetings, visited four departments and attended one awards presentation.

**PRWC DIANE HARRISON:** Attended all district meetings, Greene County firefighter meeting and several Memorial Services.

**PREC SCOTT HARRIS:** Getting started - not done much at this time.

**PRSW JIM ABRAMS:** Attended five district meetings and four departments.

**PRSE BOB MCKENZIE:** Attended three district meetings and four departments.

#### PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

**PAST PRESIDENT KOEHLER:** Pass.

**PAST PRESIDENT ZEEKS:** Pass.

**PAST PRESIDENT GLANT:** Pass.

**PAST PRESIDENT PARISH:** Pass.

**PAST PRESIDENT NEVIL:** Spoke about the training program that was in place the past 10 years and that it was a good program. Training did not just start with Homeland security.

**PAST PRESIDENT BRUNS:** Pass.

**PAST PRESIDENT PARKER:** Pass.

#### DISTRICT REPORTS

District reports were not read as they were already published in the November issue of the newspaper. District chairmen reported on the date and place of their next meeting.

**DISTRICT 1 TOM ORRELL:** Porter Fire Dept. (Porter County) January 20, 2007.

**DISTRICT 2 PAUL WATLAND:** November 15, 2006 at Kouts Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 3 DAVE KAUFMAN:** November 16, 2006 at San Pierre Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 4 TERRY WRIGHT:** January 25, 2006 at New Carlisle Volunteer Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 5 TONY FARRER:** November 6, 2006 at Lapaz Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 6 JERRY SPRAGUE:** November 28, 2006 at South Whitley-Cleveland Twp. Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 7 MORT SORG:** November 20, 2006 at Roanoke Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 8A BILL PAPE:** November 8, 2006 at Amboy Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 8B LLOYD WRIGHT:** November 8, 2006 at Union City Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 9A JON RANDLE:** November 16, 2006 at Camden-Jackson Twp. Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 9B RANDY DENTON:** November 9, 2006 at Monon Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 10 DAVID ISRAEL:** November 15, 2006 at Hope Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 11A BOB MEYERS:** November 19, 2006 at Sandford Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 11B BRENT BUSH:** November 12, 2006 at Reelsville Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 12 LARRY BRUNER:**

**DISTRICT 13A CAROL THRAWLEY:** November 21, 2006 at Mt. Summit Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 13B DENNIS SPEARS:** In January watch Web site.

**DISTRICT 14 CHARLIE MOONS:** November 8, 2006 at McCullough Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 15 STEVE ANDERSON:** November 21, 2006 at Black Twp. Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 16 PAUL HOLCOMB:** November 21, 2006 at New Chapel Fire Co.

**DISTRICT 17A JACK HARKER:** November 15, 2006 at Worthington Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 17B TIM**

**DECKARD:** Not scheduled at this time.

**DISTRICT 18 CHARLES PARKER:** November 15, 2006 at Ireland Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 19 ED SCHEELE:** November 16, 2006 at Milan Fire Dept.

**DISTRICT 21 DON FULTZ:** November 28, 2006 at Kirklin Fire Dept.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**CONVENTION: DAVID ISRAEL** - The Convention Committee Guideline has been updated and approved. Anyone interested in hosting the 2009 Convention needs to turn in their request by the February 2007 meeting.

**EXECUTIVE: JACK KERNEY** - No meeting.

**BUDGET: BEV HARKER** - Meet on Friday evening and approved the proposed 2007 budget. This will be voted on in the Board meeting.

**INSURANCE: JACK KERNEY** - Has proposal from insurance company for a \$2000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy free to IVFA members. The representative from the company will be here on Sunday to give more details of the program.

**BRIDGEPORT: CARL BRUNS** - Meet and approved the form that will be used this year that is dated 8-12-06. Destroy all old forms that have a different date on it.

**EDITOR'S ASSISTANT: JIM BRADFORD** - The November paper was 44 pages. Printed 15,870 copies. Will have complete breakdown of the cost of the newspaper at the February meeting. Need to get bad address list from and make corrections.

**AD-TAKER: MITCH PARISH** - One outstanding bill from May, made contact with them; oversight by them will take care of it. One outstanding bill from June; being taken care of.

**AUDIT - JACK KERNEY** - No meeting.

**CLOTHING: JIM BRADFORD** - Three claims this quarter totaling \$215.

**AWARDS: LARRY KETCHEM** - It is that again as the nominees must be in by the February 2007.

**FIRE SCHOOL: LARRY KETCHEM** - Last school for this year was just over in Indianapolis.

**ANNUAL MINUTES DIGEST: LARRY BARTLOW** - Just received the minutes from the recorder.

**LEGISLATIVE: JIM PARKER** - Nothing until after the elections.

**MR. IVFA: MORT SORG** - Nothing until the February meeting.

**BY-LAWS AND SOG: JIM PARKER** - Changes to SOG's as read at the August meeting.

**V. CHAPLAIN:** - The change being: (a) If a district so desires, they may use their district chaplain for memorial services. The district chaplain would be entitled to the same reimbursement as associate chaplain.

A motion to approve this change was made by Steve Anderson. Charlie Moon made the second. Motion passed by voice vote.

**XIV. ANNUAL AWARDS** - Change the committee from five most recent recipients to three most recent recipients.

2. The Mr. IVFA Committee will meet at the February officers' meeting, and will select the Mr. IVFA for that year. All members on the committee will be given a copy of all letters of nomination, for review, before the selection meeting.

3. In the event that any of the three most recipients are not available for the Mr. IVFA selection meeting, the next most recent recipient will fill the vacant position.

A motion was made by Bill Bush to accept this change. Paul Holcomb made the second. Roll call vote called for.

A roll call vote was taken. Districts

6, 11B, 13B, 16, 17A, 17B, 19, president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, sgt-at-arms, past president Zeeks, past president Glant, past president Bruns and past president Parker voted YES. Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8A, 8B, 9A, 10, 11A, 13A, 14, 15, 18, 21, PRNW, PRNE, PRWC, PREC, chaplain, and past president Parish, voting NO. TOTALS: YES 16, NO 21. Motion defeated.

**LOGO: CHARLIE PARKER** - Nothing.

**MEMBERSHIP: STEVE ANDERSON** - Membership for 2005/2006 was 17,437. For 2006/2007 as of this week is 16,295.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION: LARRY KETCHEM** - Pass.

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: JACK KERNEY/MITCH PARISH** - (1) Radio wireless committee set 2009 for radio and television to relinquish the 700 Mhz frequency so emergency responders will be able to use it. (2) Standards committee - set to open standards next year for review. (3) LOSAP committee - Has the Legislation needed to start the program in place, will approach the next Legislative session. NVFC legislative agenda for this year is: 1. Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program, 2. LOSAP Program, 3. U.S. Fire Administration funding, 4. Good Samaritan Firefighter Assistance - HR1088 and SB766, 5. Support Emergency Responders Volunteer Efforts (HR 934 and SB 625), 6. Volunteer Responder Incentive Protective Act (HR 1450 and SB 1906), 7. Volunteer Fire and EMS Job Protection Act (HR 3949 and SB2399).

Letter drafted by National Funeral Directors and sent to all funeral directors in regard to Line of Duty Death Benefits and PSOB Benefits, which require an autopsy. This is to advise them of the criteria that has to be followed.

**BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING STANDARDS AND EDUCATION: JACK KERNEY** - Had eight members present. Denied 83 variances, approved 811 and tabled 123. Fire Officer III test is now in place. Driver's license number can be used on certification in place of Social Security Number.

**FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE: MITCH PARISH** - Had two meetings this quarter. The 16th Annual Indiana Fire Caucus Dinner will be February 5, 2007.

**HISTORIAN: JOHN DAVIES** - Pass.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN: TIM DECKARD** - Pass.

**CENTRAL OFFICE: JACK KERNEY** - Everything that has been sent to office is entered in the computer. All cards are printed. Still having printer problems.

**FDIC: JACK KERNEY** - Signed up for booth.

**WEB SITE: BUZ KOEHLER** - Need to keep Web Page up-to-date.

**CONVENTION 2007: STEVE ANDERSON** - Things are moving along very well at this time. Have established a link from our web site to the host hotel web site. Full details will be available at the February meeting.

Need to have representative on the EMS board.

**OLD BUSINESS**  
Have a proposal from Aflec Insurance to make a presentation to this board. Jim Parker made motion to table this to the Insurance Committee for their approval. Buz Koehler made the second. Motion passed.

Mitch Parish was contacted by the telemarketing firm at the NVFC to see if we could come to an agreement on the contract with them that this board turned down.

Jim Bradford made a motion open talks with them by letting our attorney

work with them to see if an acceptable agreement could be reached. Jerry Cohen made the second. Motion passed.

Meeting recessed until 8:30 A.M. Meeting reconvened at 8:30 A.M. Chaplain Jerry Cohen gave morning message.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Fire Caucus Dinner will be Board action.

Miss Flame: Barb Kerney is the chairman this year. She passed out new forms to the district chairmen for this year. The winners must be sent to Barb by March 1, 2007 along with the \$25 entry fee.

Convention 2006 presented the check of \$4000 for convention startup advance. A full report will be presented at the February meeting.

Need new carrying case for the district signs used for convention.

New printing of By Laws and SOG's and all new forms will be distributed at the February meeting. All forms will be dated.

Michelle Baxter with American Income Life Insurance Company presented a program on a \$2000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy for every member at no cost. This program costs the IVFA nothing. They will provide all printed material and mailing expense. Other kinds of insurance are available from them for additional cost.

Richard Glant made a motion that we accept this offer for insurance. Carol Thrawley made the second. Motion passed.

District Miss Flame winners are not to make their reservation at the hotel until March.

President-elect Larry Ketchem stated after checking for other locations to hold meetings the Holiday Inn at Columbus made the best offer. Mitch Parish made the motion to stay at this motel. Terry Smith made the second. Motion passed. The dates for 2007 are: February 3-4, May 4-5, August 3-4 and November 2-3.

The Committee assignments for the coming year will be made soon. President Jack Kerney thanked everyone for their support these past two years.

Jim Parker made the motion to adjourn. Mitch Parish made the second. Motion passed.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NOVEMBER 5, 2006 - Chairman Buz Koehler called the board meeting to order. Called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Jim Parker made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Paul made the second. Motion passed.

(1) Indiana Fire Caucus Dinner - Cost is \$125 per person. If you turn in your name to go and don't attend, or find a replacement, you are responsible for the \$125 fee. Jack Zeeks made motion to send 14 people to the dinner. Jean Smith made the second. Motion passed.

(2) Congressional Fire Caucus Dinner in Washington, DC on March 28 & 29, 2007. Jim Parker made motion to send up to 10 people. Jack Zeeks made the second. Motion passed. If you sign up to go and don't you shall pay for the plane ticket and dinner.

(3) The Budget for 2007 as proposed at the officers' meeting. Jim Bradford made a motion to accept the budget as proposed. Jack Kerney made the second. Motion passed.

(4) Change in mileage from \$.35 to \$.40. Jim Bradford made motion to increase the mileage rate to 40 cents. Paul Holcomb made the second. Motion passed. Effective on all mileage after November 6, 2006.

(5) Accessory bag for Convention signs. Taken care of by Carol Thrawley and Steve Anderson.

(6) Association information pamphlet needs redone and updated. If

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anyone sees a change send the information to Buz Koehler. It will be updated and reviewed at the February meeting.

Jim Parker made a motion to adjourn. Paul Watland made the second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry L. Bartlow,  
Secretary

# IVFA clock presentation held at Aubbenaubbee VFD station dedication



An IVFA clock presentation was held October 29, 2006 at the station dedication.

(Left to right) PR Northeast Jean Smith, Chief Mike Jenkinson, Aubbenaubbee Volunteer Fire Department and District 5 chairman, Tony Farrer. -- submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast

# Amber Farrer, District 5 Miss Flame; Olivia Eyrich runner-up



Pictured are the District 5 Miss Flame contestants. (Left to right) Olivia Eyrich, runner-up, Bourbon Fire Department, District 5 chairman Tony Farrer, and Amber Farrer, Bremen Fire Department, 2007 District 5 Miss Flame. -- submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast



Pictured are the District 5 Miss Flame contestants. (Left to right) Olivia Eyrich, runner-up, Bourbon Fire Department, Amber Farrer, Bremen Fire Department, 2007 District 5 Miss Flame and E.J. Smith, Miss Flame Coordinator. -- submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast

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# IVFA Fireline

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As I begin to try and put this article together, I have just posted the Line of Duty Death notification for Sidney Hall, from Upland Volunteer Fire Department, on the web site. We are once again reminded of the dangers faced every time we "roll up" on a call. My heart goes out to the Hall family, and we also need to remember the Miller family (Posey Twp.), the Cloud family (Kent Fire), and the Smith family (Wea Twp.) as they continue to cope with the loss of their husband, and father. We have lost four brothers in just a little over six months, and I for one would be grateful to never have to post another LODD notification on the web site.

It's the dead of winter, and we know that the warm of spring is not too far off. Welcome to the 2007 Winter/Spring Edition of the IVFA FireLine.

The month of February is the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the IVFA Web site. We have seen tremendous growth since Feb. 2003. In 2006 we had almost 660,000 "hits" on the web site. Apparently several members have seen the benefit of the "For Sale" page, and its number of hits increased dramatically in 2006. We currently have 467, of the 814 departments in the state, listed on the web site.

In April of last year I developed pages for the 25 & 50 year members to be listed. However, I am not getting any updates from either the Central Office, or any of the district chairmen, so there have been no names added since March of last year. I would appreciate any assistance anyone can provide on getting me a list from 2006, and helping provide me the names of our members once they receive one of these special honors.

Bridgeport Scholarship applications are due, postmarked no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>. Time is running out for getting the applications submitted. Please note that you MUST use the application that was revised 8/12/06 for it to be valid. The application form is located on the web site. If by chance you started filling out the previous version you will need to copy everything to the revised version.

State Legislative reports are listed weekly, as I receive them. Additionally we are using a "Get Involved" identifier on those bills that are important to the IVFA Legislative Committee and our Association. Every member has the ability to voice their opinion, and to let their elected state representatives know how these will impact the fire/EMS service.

The 2007 Convention is just a few short months away, and all the information for registering, and making hotel arrangements, is posted on the web site. It will be a great time in Evansville. District 15 is this year's host, and they would love to see everyone there!

It is a pleasure for me to support the Association and membership as your web master. Thank you again for your support. If you have any comments or suggestions for me, drop me an email. See you "on-line".

Smoke Eater  
IVFA Web Master

# New station dedication held



Aubbenaubbee Volunteer Fire Department new station dedication was held October 29, 2006. -- submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast

# Four firefighters receive 25 year pins



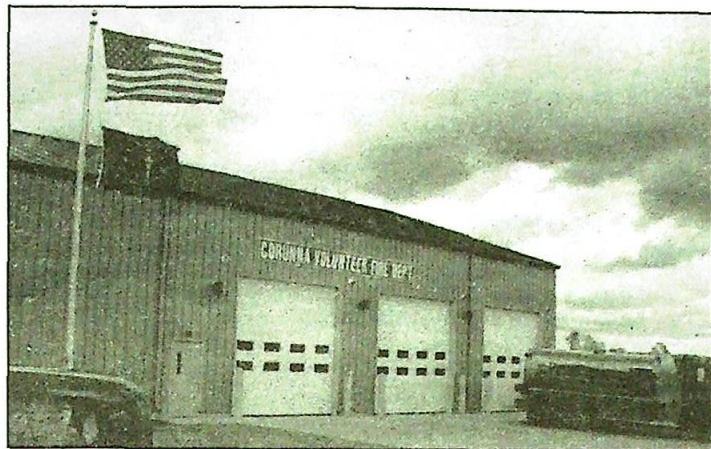
Cleveland Township Fire Department firefighters receive 25 year pins at the District 6 meeting. State officers presenting awards (left to right) PR Northeast Jean Smith, past District 6 chairman David Elick, Preson Bolinger - 34 years, Mike Sands - 26 years, Kristen Wylie, District 6 Miss Flame, South Milford Fire Department, Terry Ulshafer - 38 years, Chris Trier - 26 years, and District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague. -- submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast

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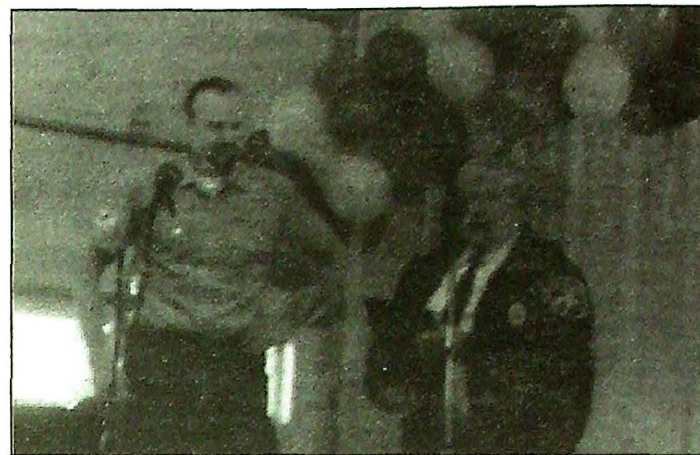


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# New station dedication and clock presentation held



Corunna Volunteer Fire Department new station dedication was held October 28, 2006. -- submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast



District 6 chairman Jerry Sprague presents an IVFA clock to Chief Dennis Treesh, Corunna Volunteer Fire Department on October 28, 2006. -- submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast

## A piece of Greencastle history is returned

Thanks to the Friends of the Greencastle Fire Department, a piece of Greencastle's history is back in community.

On May 5, a 1928 Studebaker fire engine, used in Greencastle, was returned to the community through donated money collected by the Friends of the Greencastle Fire Department.

"This shows our pride in the community," Friends of the GFD president Lou Fontaine said Friday at the members-only grand opening of the Putnam County Museum. "It's a service project."

"It's amazing," GFD Chief Bill Newgent said. "We're fortunate for the owner to offer this truck for one, and for it to be in the shape it's in."

"We're also fortunate for a group like the Friends to be able to (help) bring something like this back."

The fire engine was renovated by William Rausch of Flint, Mich., Fontaine said.

Fontaine said Rausch recently contacted GFD Chief Bill Newgent about the engine and the possibility of bringing the truck back to Greencastle.

"I said, we ought to get it if we can," Fontaine said.

Fontaine said he, Newgent and GFD Capt. Pat Carrico all traveled to Flint, Mich., to see the truck and take a ride in it. Newgent said Dixie Chopper flew

the trio to Flint.

Newgent said Rausch's daughter lives in Indianapolis. He said that was how Rausch knew where the truck was originally.

"It was awesome," Newgent said of riding in the truck for the first time. "Pat and I rode on the back of the truck. It's really neat to see a truck like that that still runs."

"(Rausch) did an awesome job of (renovating) the truck. It runs really well."

After seeing the truck and taking a ride in it, Fontaine said he believed it was possible for the Friends to acquire it.

"We knew the price, and it was attainable," Fontaine said.

Fontaine said the Friends board voted unanimously to purchase the truck for \$30,000, most of which was donation money. He said the board took out a loan for the rest and will pay that off through donations.

Rausch brought the truck to Greencastle only weeks before the opening of the museum. Fontaine said plans have been made to eventually place the vehicle in the museum.

"It will be here in the museum when they can accommodate it," he said.

He also said the Friends of GFD hope it can be showcased in local parades and it could be used as a training tool for the fire department. "This is an important thing to have for the fire department and the museum," Fontaine said.

Fontaine said the board has started the Studebaker Club and will take donations of \$100 or more. In addition, he said funds brought in will be used to start up an endowment for the upkeep of the vehicle.

## Steen Township VFD presented new station clock



District 17A chairman, Jack Harker presented Steen Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tim Yochum with a clock from the IVFA at the open house of their new fire station in Wheatland on November 12, 2006. -- submitted by District 17A chairman, Jack Harker.

## James Noel presented with 50 year Gold Card

At District 17A, November 15, 2006 meeting, James Noel of Worthington was presented a 50 year Gold Card for his years of service.

Pictured from left to right are Worthington Volunteer Fire Department chief Jeff Stahl, James Noel, IVFA president Jack Kerney and District 17A chairman Jack Harker. -- submitted by District 17A chairman, Jack Harker.



### IVFA LOGO COMMITTEE

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

- District 13-A Term: Jan 1, 2006 - Dec. 31, 2007
- District 21 Term: Jan. 1, 2006 - Dec. 31, 2007
- District 2 Term: Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2008
- District 6 Term: Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2008
- District 18 Term: Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2008

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

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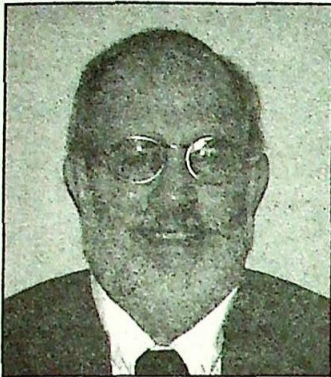
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# Awards presented at Farmland VFD annual Christmas party



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season as we look to the new year.

I attended memorial services for Richard L. Haines of Winona Lake Fire Department and Clifford "Bill" Fisher of Kewanna Fire Department. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their family and friends.

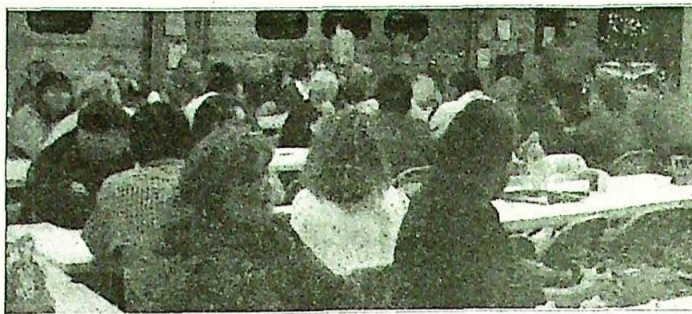
I was able to attend a fish fry at Salamonie Fire Department. This is a fish fry that you shouldn't miss. The fish tasted great and Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman won't let you leave hungry. The Cadets put a great dessert table. Good job to all.

I was invited to Corunna Fire Department and Aubbeenaubbee Fire Department for their new fire station dedications. Both stations were well designed and show a lot of pride to their department and the community. Congratulations.

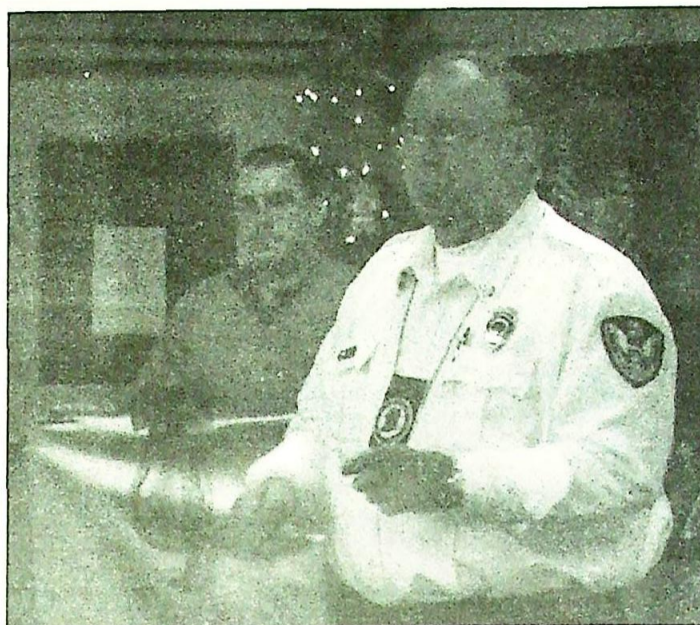
I hope you had a happy holiday season. See you all in the new year.

Jean Smith

Public Relations Northeast



Approximately 50 people attended the annual Christmas party at the fire department. Gifts, door prizes and lots of good food was enjoyed by all!  
(Submitted by Bill Sunday)



District 8B chairman Lloyd Wright talked to the Farmland fire families at their annual Christmas party.

Supper and gifts were given to those in attendance and lots of fellowship and Christmas blessings were enjoyed by all.

(Submitted by Bill Sunday)



Fire chief Jeff Willen, Farmland Fire Department showing a gift from the firefighters at the annual Christmas party.

(Submitted by Bill Sunday)



Fire chief Jeff Willen (left) presents Todd Cummins (right) with his five year pin from Farmland Fire Department.

(Submitted by Bill Sunday)

## Farmland elects new chief



Mike Osgood, a 25 year member of the Farmland Fire Department, was elected fire chief at the December meeting.

Mike has held every office in the department and will assume his duties January 2007.

(Submitted by Bill Sunday)



Fire chief Jeff Willen presents Danny Redmond his 25 year service pin from the IVFA.

(Submitted by Bill Sunday)



(At right) - District chairman Lloyd Wright presented deputy chief Mike Osgood with a 25 year pin from the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

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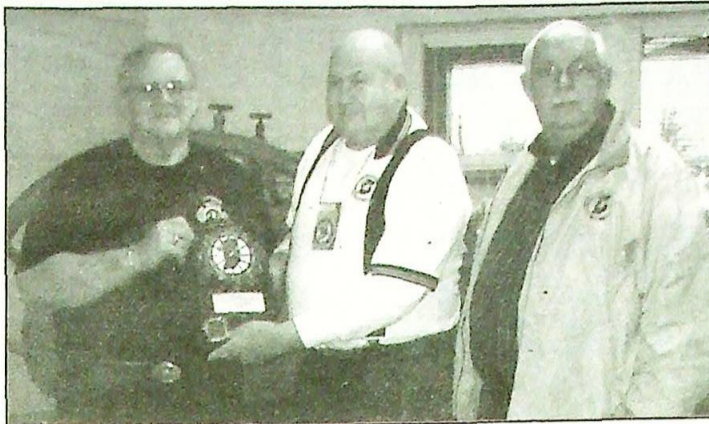
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## Willen presents Osgood with 25 year service pin



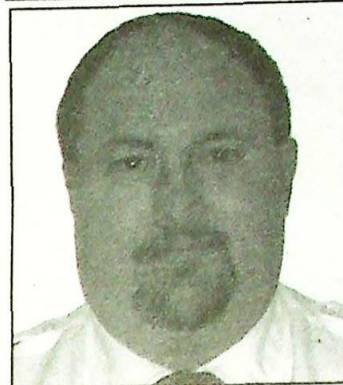
Fire chief Jeff Willen presented Mike Osgood, deputy chief with a 25 year pin from the Farmland Fire Department. - submitted by Bill Sunday



## Lyons VFD chief presented station dedication clock

Lyons Volunteer Fire Department Chief Larry Russell was presented an IVFA clock by IVFA District 17A chairman Jack Harker and IVFA chairman of the board, Jack Kerney at the new station dedication on January 6, 2007. -- submitted by District 17A chairman, Jack Harker.

**Public Relations Director  
East Central  
Scott Harris**



It is with great sympathy that I write this as a fellow firefighter. Sidney Hall, from Upland Volunteer Fire Department has passed away on January 5, 2007. Sidney was a member of the Upland Volunteer Fire Department for over 10 years where he was an arson investigator, training coordinator, and secretary. My heart and prayers have gone out to the family and fellow firefighters. Sidney is survived by his wife and two sons. My prayers also have gone out to the seven other firefighters from Matthews and Center Township (Grant County) that were injured trying to rescue Sidney. I would like to thank VP Dave Elick, Associate Chaplin Kent Lord, Past President Jack Kerney, and District 8A Chairman Bill Pape for their assistance in this tragedy, as I know most of the members of the departments that were involved.

I would like to encourage all members for districts 8A, 8B, 10, 13A, and 13B to turn in your license plate requests forms for the IVFA license plate. Remember that a portion of the \$5 that is paid to the IVFA goes towards funding the Bridgeport Fund. This helps fund scholarships. If you, your spouse, or child are attending college for an undergraduate degree I want to encourage you to submit an application for the scholarship. Although \$1500 for a scholarship may not sound like a lot, but as a college graduate, \$1500 would have paid for my books for almost two years. I would like to encourage all departments to use the web site to post when and where fundraisers are. Many times on Friday and Saturday nights people are looking for places to eat or things to do. If you post the event far enough in advance, then members from other districts can make plans to try and attend. I plan on trying to attend as many as I can in East Central Indiana during the next year.

Remember that February is National Burn Prevention Month. Check your gear and make sure it is good condition and fits properly.

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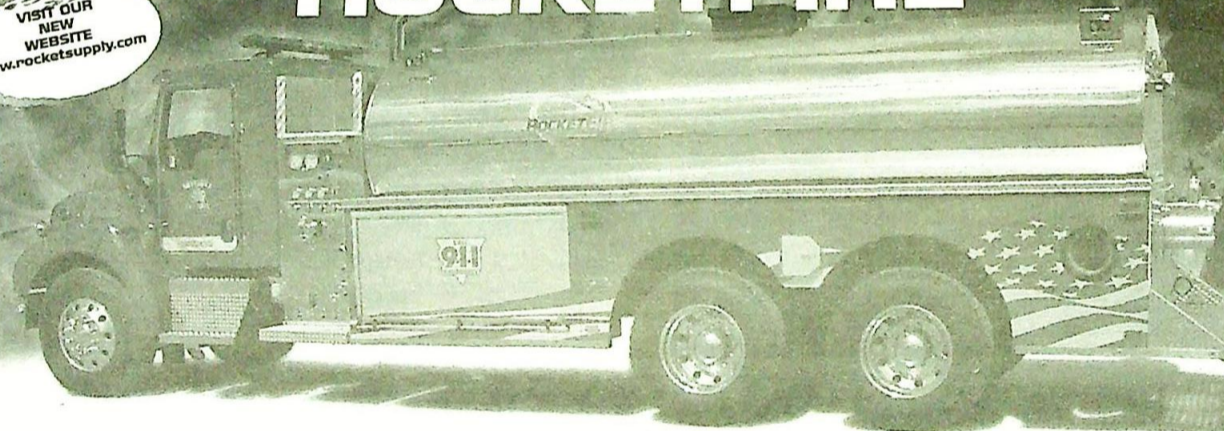
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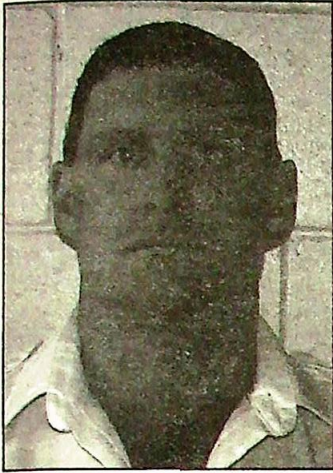
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# Kalb elected fire chief



Dubois Volunteer Fire Department Steve Kalb was elected fire chief in October of 2006.

He was the department's assistant chief for the past five years.

He is also an EMS first responder and a self-employed farmer.

Steve and Jamie have one son, Austin, and expecting a new baby this spring. This should keep the new chief busy. - submitted by Joe DeKemper



## Fireman's picnic and open house held

Retired firemen from Dubois fire department gathered at chief Myron Joe DeKemper's retirement party. - submitted by Joe DeKemper

## Scott Dunham awarded Firefighter of the Year Award



Pictured is Scott Dunham from Jonesboro Fire Department (Grant County). Dunham was presented the Firefighter of the Year Award by the Jonesboro Fire Department on December 16, 2006. - submitted by Scott Harris, PR East Central

## Dubois fire chief steps down after 19 years as chief



Shown is Myron Joe DeKemper, retired fire chief and District 18 Miss Flame Kati Rickelman. - submitted by Joe DeKemper

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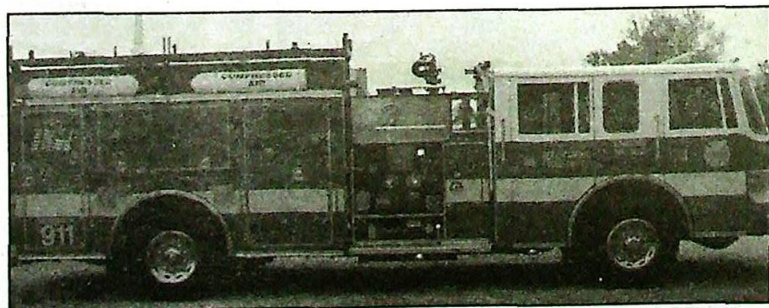
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# Bees attack rescue workers freeing trapped 16-year-old girl from SUV

Bluffton News-Banner  
August 2, 2006  
By JUSTIN PEEPER

Bees -- thousands of them -- swarmed and repeatedly stung rescue workers in rural Ossian Tuesday as they worked tirelessly to free a trapped Markle girl from a sports-utility vehicle after it crashed into a tree.

The impact knocked the tree down, but its hollow stump contained a large bee's nest that once downed released thousands of angry bees or hornets that hovered around the crash and stung anyone around while slowing rescue efforts.

Seven Ossian firefighters, a woman who tried to help the injured motorist, and one Lutheran Air flight paramedic were taken to Bluffton and Fort Wayne hospitals because of multiple bee stings and/or heat-related injuries.

The drive of the SUV, Jacqueline R. Cossairt, 16, of 4350W U.S. 224, Markle, was injured in the crash and also stung several times. She was airlifted to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne after being trapped in the vehicle for almost an hour.

"I've never seen anything like this before and I hope I never see it again," said Ossian Fire Chief Kent Gilbert, the first firefighter to arrive at the accident. "I've encountered bees that have been mad before, but never in that quantity."

Gilbert was one of the firefighters taken to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne for a heat-related injury.

Thirty to 50 bees stung Gilbert, mostly on his head.

The accident happened around 4:30 p.m. as a heat wave blanketed Wells County and the temperature soared into the 90s with heat-index readings even higher.

Cossairt was westbound on Wells County Road 1050N when she lost control of a brown 2002 GMC Envoy on the chip-and-seal road, according to Trooper Brian Walker of the Indiana State Police-Fort Wayne Post.

Police believe Cossairt oversteered as she tried to correct and applied the SUV's brakes hard, which caused her to drive off the north side of County Road 1050N and strike the tree.

The collision knocked the tree down and spun her SUV around about 180 degrees before it stopped in the grass just west of a house at 1579E 1050N. The SUV stopped within about 15 feet of the downed tree.

The grinding impact pinned Cossairt inside the SUV and restricted her from moving, rescue workers said.

Moments later, the bees emerged from their nest in the hollow tree trunk. "It was packed full of them," Walker said.

A woman police did not identify who reportedly lives at 1579E 1050N came out to help Cossairt but was stung repeatedly.

"She was stung so many times that she succumbed to the bee stings and they had to take her to the hospital," Walker said.

Gilbert, who rushed to the accident from his home about three miles away,

saw the swarm of bees as he pulled up to the accident. He drove past the downed tree, close to the house, to avoid the bees.

"As I pulled up, I saw the big swarm of bees, but I didn't realize how widespread they were at that point," he said.

Gilbert jumped out of his truck and ran to check on Cossairt but was covered with bees by the time he reached her. She was also getting stung, he said.

"I was completely covered in bees and getting stung," he said. "It was terrible."

"She was getting stung quite a bit in there, at least initially."

Gilbert reassured Cossairt that help was on the way as he ran back to his truck to alert rescue crews about the serious situation that was unfolding.

"(The bees) just started following me," he said. "I ran clear back to my truck and was still covered in bees."

Gilbert quickly radioed emergency crews of the bee situation and the Bluffton Dispatch Center to say he had gotten stung multiple times.

He also told rescuers to bring water to spray on the swarming bees.

The first fire pumper truck arrived moments later. Gilbert ran to the truck, put on his firefighter gear and he and other Ossian firefighters began to spray the bees and nest.

"We had to knock the bees down before we could do anything," Gilbert said. "Those bees were aggressive."

Firefighters also activated the foam system on their pumper and sprayed foam on the bees to weigh their wings t

down so they couldn't fly. They additionally used carbon dioxide to fight the bees.

"As soon as we got the water fog going over the top of it, it took the bees away from us," Gilbert said. "The water was doing the best. There were so many bees that the carbon dioxide wasn't doing a whole lot."

Wells County EMS crews had to wait until firefighters began spraying the bees before they could approach the SUV.

"We had to stay back until it was safe because we are no good to anybody if we have multiple bee stings and we have an allergic reaction," said Andy Stimpson, a paramedic for Wells County EMS.

Stimpson was stung eight to 10 times as he treated Cossairt inside the SUV for nearly 40 minutes.

Firefighters used the jaws of life to open the SUV's door and put rams inside to push the vehicle apart enough to free Cossairt's legs, Gilbert said.

Firefighters battling the bees were dressed in their heavy turnout gear in the sweltering heat to protect their legs, arms and faces as much as possible from the attacking bees.

At 5 p.m., as rescuers still worked to free Cossairt from the SUV, emergency crews summoned Lutheran Air to the scene. The helicopter landed about seven minutes later in a field on the south side of County Road 1050N, but the bees soon started attacking the flight crew as they exited.

One flight paramedic who is allergic to bees was stung several times and e-

had to be taken to Lutheran Hospital by Wells County EMS. His name was not available.

Rescue crews continued working to free Cossairt and battle the stinging bees, but the heat began to take its toll on firefighters.

"We were trying to keep the bees away from us, so we had our air packs on and everything else to cover our faces," Gilbert said. "We had more gear on than normal in higher than normal temperatures. I had guys just start dropping like flies."

Firefighters also faced another obstacle as the Ossian pumper and tanker began to run out of water.

Gilbert called for a Uniondale tanker because I knew we were going to run out of water, which we did," Gilbert said. "Uniondale was there just a few minutes after we ran out of water and we started spraying water again. Shortly after that, we finally got her out of the car."

As crews freed Cossairt, the bees had started to migrate to the field where Lutheran Air had landed and were flying into the helicopter.

The pilot flew the helicopter a short distance west of where it had been sitting and then moved it back as soon as rescuers were ready to load Cossairt.

Rescuers fought off bees as they carried Cossairt to the helicopter. Because the Lutheran air paramedic was injured, Stimpson flew in his place to assist with the flight nurse.

Cossairt suffered severe injuries to her legs from the knees down, facial injuries and multiple bee stings, Walker said. She was in stable condition late Tuesday night.

A spokesman from Lutheran Hospital said this morning that Cossairt's condition was listed as fair.

Police believe she was heading home at the time of the accident and said she was wearing a seat belt.

Her vehicle was a total loss, Walker said.

In addition to Gilbert, six Ossian firefighters were taken to the hospital. Gilbert provided the following information about their injuries late Tuesday night.

- Darrell Reynolds, similar to Gilbert, was stung 30 to 50 times and also suffered a heat-related injury. He was treated at Lutheran Hospital.

- Lee Dettmer, an assistant fire chief, had several bee stings and suffered heat exhaustion and dehydration. He was reported to still be weak this morning. He was treated at Lutheran Hospital.

- Justin Fryback, treated for bee stings at Lutheran Hospital.

- Jay Werling, treated for bee stings and dehydration at Lutheran Hospital.

- Brice Lawrence, treated for bee stings and dehydration at Lutheran Hospital.

- Brad Wilson, treated at Bluffton Regional Medical Center for bee stings and dehydration.

No information was available on the Lutheran Air flight paramedic or the woman who initially tried to help Cossairt.

Sgt. Mike Toles and Trooper Kris Coffee of the Indiana State Police and Deputies Randy Steele and Jeff McClish of the Wells County Sheriff's Office assisted EMS and Ossian and Uniondale fire-rescue crews at the scene.

Four Wells County EMS trucks responded to the scene.

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## 'Everybody works so well together' Ossian Fire Chief says of Wells County rescue crews

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August 2, 2006  
By JUSTIN PEEPER

Ossian Fire Chief Kent Gilbert summed it up best as he praised Wells County rescue crews Tuesday night for battling thousands of bees in sweltering heat to save a Markle teen's life.

"That's the beauty of this county," he said shortly after being released from Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. "Everybody works so well together."

Gilbert was referring to the combined effort of fire, police and EMS crews and dispatchers who seamlessly worked together after 16-year-old Jacqueline R. Cossairt of 4350W U.S. 224, Cossairt crashed a sports-utility vehicle into a tree and was pinned inside.

The tree's hollow trunk housed a large bee's nest. The bees emerged from the downed tree and stung countless rescuers as they worked to free the girl.

Gilbert has been a firefighter for 16 years but had never seen an accident similar to Tuesday's crash on Wells County Road 1050N in Jefferson Township.

"This has to be one of the worst ones that I've ever seen because it was something I've never encountered before," Gilbert said.

"Everyone did an excellent job. It was just one of those things you just do what you can do."

Gilbert and his firefighters wore heavy fire gear -- air packs to cover their faces and turnout gear to protect their legs and arms -- in 90-degree heat as bees repeatedly stung them.

"The Ossian Fire Department did an outstanding job combating the bees

and with their extraction," said Andy Stimpson, a paramedic with the Wells County EMS who treated Cossairt at the scene. "They did a top-notch job."

Stimpson spent about 40 minutes inside the SUV, with Cossairt as Ossian rescue worked tirelessly to free her.

Similar to Gilbert, Tuesday's accident was one of the strangest Stimpson has responded to in 25 years of EMS work.

"This was the most bizarre run I've ever been on with bees or anything to this magnitude," he said. "I've never had any real runs of this magnitude with bees this bad. I don't think anybody ever has that we talked to."

"But you adapt and overcome the obstacles you have and go ahead because patient care is of paramount concern."

Stimpson praised paramedics for their work at the scene. Four Wells County EMS ambulances arrived at the accident to treat patients for bee stings and heat-related injuries.

"The Wells County EMS did an outstanding job," he said. "They got all of the trucks, they got all of the resources, they paged in extra personnel to respond to the scene. We were able to facilitate everybody getting rapid transport to the hospital."

Stimpson was stung eight to 10 times inside the hot SUV as he treated Cossairt. He later flew onboard Lutheran Air to assist the flight nurse who was caring for Cossairt.

Wells County Deputy Sheriff Randy Steele was stung at least four times as he stood in a field to assist with the landing of Lutheran Air.

Ossian police officer Nathaniel Hill was stung at least once as he helped

the helicopter.

Bees stung Indiana state trooper Brian Walker four times -- on the head and nose -- as he investigated the crash.

Firefighters and EMS crews, however, were likely stung the most as they braved the bees to free the trapped girl.

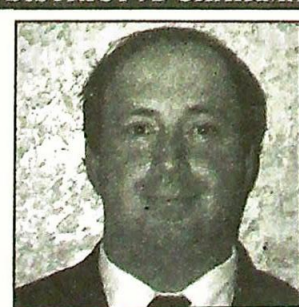
Gilbert and Ossian firefighter Darrell Reynolds were stung between 30 to 50 times.

Uniondale fire crews also assisted in a major way to bring more much-needed water to douse the bees once Ossian ran out.

As the heat began to take its toll on firefighters, paramedic after paramedic rushed to the scene to treat patients.

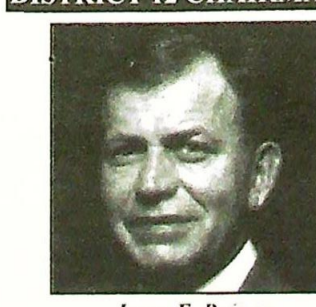
"At one point, we even called Bluffton's rescue because my guys were starting to drop," Gilbert said. "We thought we better get them on the road just in case, but we ended up disregarding them because we got her

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# Clarksburg firefighters receive pins *Jim Kunz awarded 25 year pin* **Don't Quit**



Clarksburg Community firefighters Darrow McCreary, Carl Geis, Greg Geis, James Geis in Decatur Co. receive IVFA 25 year pins from IVFA District 10 chairman David Israel. -- submitted by District 10 chairman, David Israel.



Marion Twp. VFD Decatur Co. firefighter Jim Kunz receives IVFA 25 year pin. -- submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman.

*When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,  
When the funds are low, and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.*

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

*Success is failure turned inside out,  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you can never tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems so far;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,*

*It's when things seem worst  
That you must not quit.  
(Submitted by Jerry Cohen, State Chaplain*

## Ronnie Fry receives 25 year pin



(Pictured at left) - Marion Twp. VFD Decatur Co. firefighter Ronnie Fry (left) receives 25 year pin. -- submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman.

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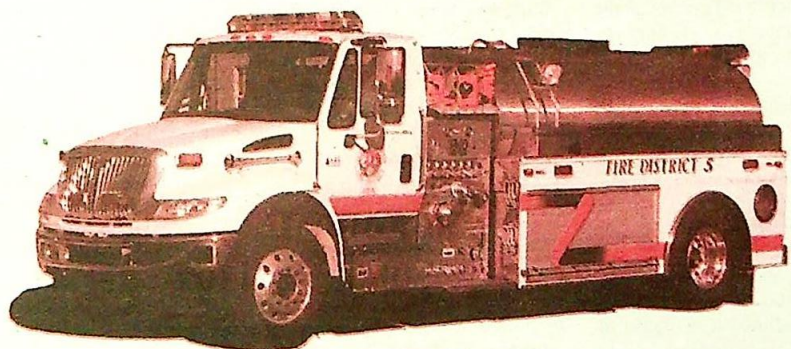
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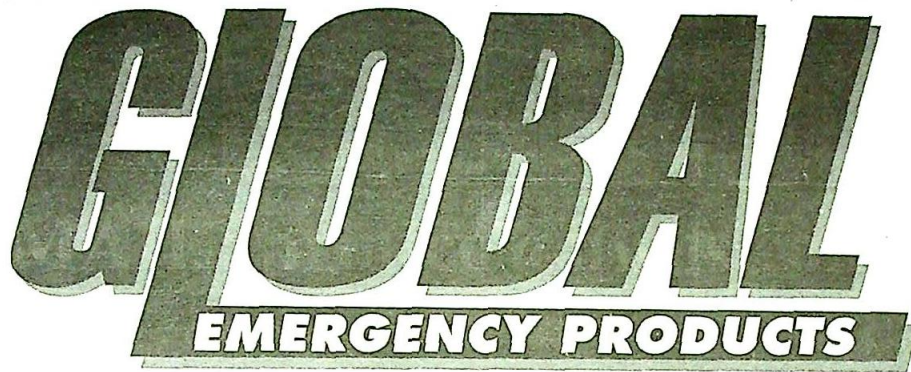
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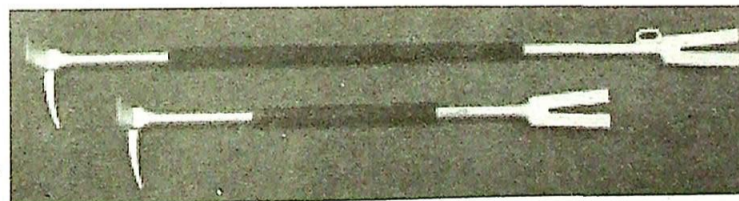
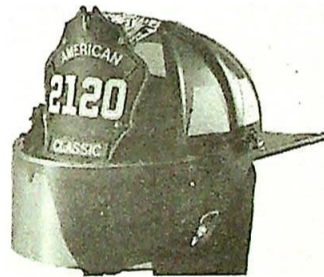
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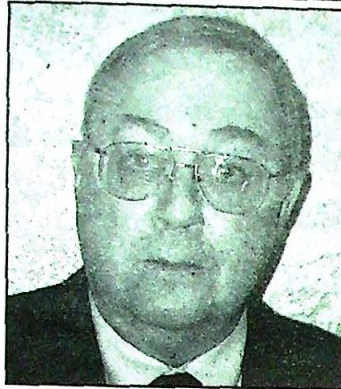
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As we welcome in a new year, it is not too early to plan to attend the annual convention that will be held in Evansville this year.

As the fire schools are also coming around, remember as an IVFA member you receive a \$5.00 discount on any classes you take.

Be sure to read the article on IVFA benefits. This issue highlights the IVFA license plate. With the sales of the plate, we are able to award three Bridgeport Scholarships.

Dues notices will be mailed out in the following months. Be sure to correct any mistakes you find or updates to members' information.

Jim Bradford  
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**Space heating the leading cause of home fires in winter**

*Both fixed and portable devices require careful attention*

Space heaters are the leading cause of home fires during December, January and February - but such disasters can be prevented with a few simple precautions.

Two out of every three home fires associated with heating equipment involve devices other than central furnaces or water heaters, according to the latest statistics from the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association). When used improperly, space heaters-gas-fueled, kerosene-fueled or electric, fixed or portable, wood stoves and fireplaces can all lead to fires.

Portable kerosene heaters, which are illegal in some states, have the highest rate of fire deaths per household. Room gas heaters pose a similar risk of death from unvented carbon monoxide.

In 1998, all forms of home heating caused 49,200 reported fires, 388 deaths, 1,445 injuries, and \$515 million in property damage. Typically these fires occurred because the devices weren't cleaned regularly, were placed or installed too close to combustible materials, had basic flaws in construction or design, or were improperly fueled.

"As winter approaches, we want to get the message out that space-heating devices require special care to be used safely," said Meri-K Appy, NFPA's vice president for public education. "Simple steps can prevent a tragedy in your home."

NFPA recommends these safety measures:

- When buying a new unit, make sure it carries the mark of a nationally-recognized testing laboratory. Be sure that a qualified technician installs the unit or checks that the unit has been installed properly.
- If you use a wood or coal stove or a fireplace, have a professional inspect your chimney, chimney connector and other related equipment every year, and have it cleaned as often as the inspections indicate.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet (or one meter) from anything that can burn.
- Fuel portable kerosene heaters in a well-ventilated area away from flames or other heat sources, and only when the device has cooled completely. Use only the type of kerosene specified by the manufacturer, and never use gasoline. Use only if such heaters are legal in your community.
- When turning a heating device on or off, follow the manufacturer's instructions. When buying heaters, choose devices with automatic shutoff features.
- Make sure any gas-fueled heating device is adequately ventilated. Unventilated gas space heaters in bedrooms or bathrooms must be small and well-mounted. Never use liquefied-petroleum gas heaters with self-contained fuel supplies in the home.

**Danny Hadley awarded pin**



East Columbus Fire Department firefighter Danny Hadley, Barth. Co., receives his IVFA 25 year pin. -- submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman.



**Ninevah Township VFD celebrates 50 years**

State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson chats with fellow firefighters at Nineveh Twp. VFD's 50 year celebration. -- submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman.

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## From The Treasurer

Beverly Harker



I hope you all had a good holiday. Mine was very busy. My kids were all home from Maine and Colorado, so I had a house full. They don't get to be together very often, so it was a lot of fun.

We've started a new year. I want to say "Thank You" to Jack Kerney for the years he served as president and to Buz Kochler for his years as board chairman. They were always good to work with and helpful whenever I called with questions. Thanks, Jack and Buz, you both did a good job.

We start 2007 with new goals and hope to achieve them. I'm looking forward to working with our new officers this year.

Don't forget to send in your license plate form to the Central Office two or three weeks before you need to get your plates.

Hope to see many of you at the different district meetings I attend.

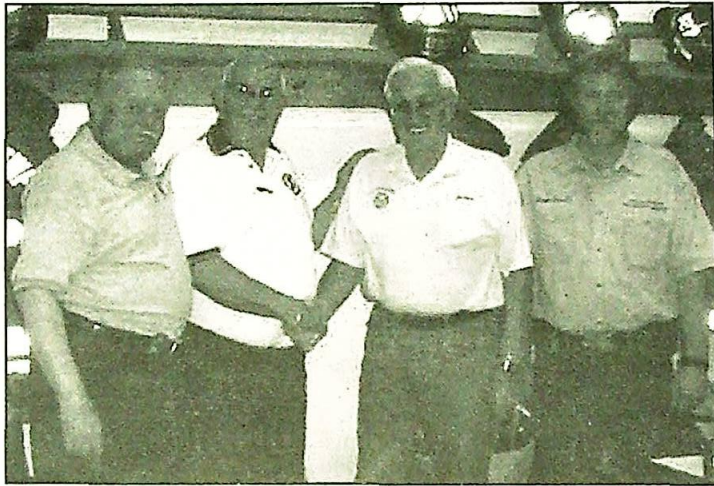
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## Fifty year Gold Card awarded to Unie Brooks

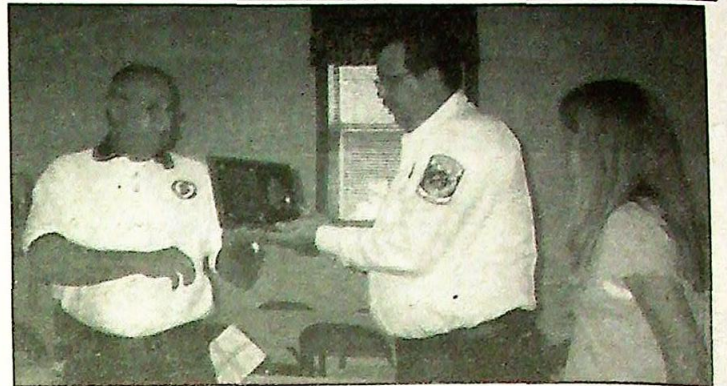


Ninevah Twp. VFD Johnson Co. firefighter Unie Brooks receives IVFA 50 year Gold Card. -- submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman.

## Harold Capper receives 50 year Gold Card



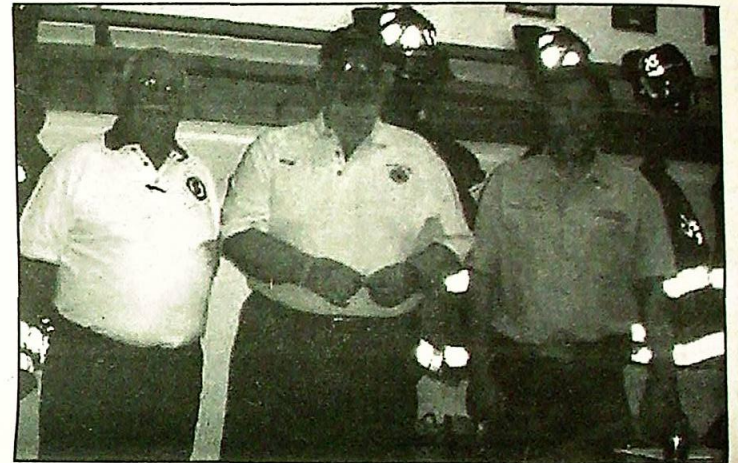
Harold Capper receives his 50 year Gold Card. Pictured are State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson, IVFA President Jack Kerney, Harold Capper, and IVFA District 10 chairman David Israel. -- submitted by David Israel, District 10 chairman.



## Whitesell presented plaque for fifty years of service

David Phelps, District 11A vice chairman, presented Ken Whitesell, chief of the Shepherdsville Fire Department, a plaque for 50 years dedicated service to the community of Shepherdsville at their open house. -- submitted by David Phelps

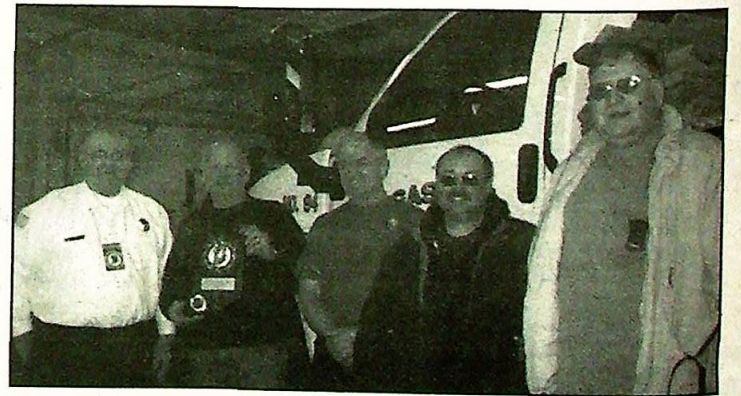
## Clifford firefighter receives 25 year service pin



Clifford firefighter Ronald Haptonstall receives his 25 year pin from IVFA president Jack Kerney and IVFA District 10 chairman David Israel. -- submitted by District 10 chairman David Israel.

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## Gaston VFD presented clock for recently remodeled fire station



On December 9, 2006 the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department was presented a new clock for their remodeled fire station which was damaged by fire. Presenting the clock is Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman. Pictured (from left to right) are District 8B chairman, Lloyd Wright, Fire Chief Mike Delaney, Captain Ron Ragland, Board president Ted Brown and Captain Rick Dampier. -- submitted by Lloyd Wright, 8B chairman

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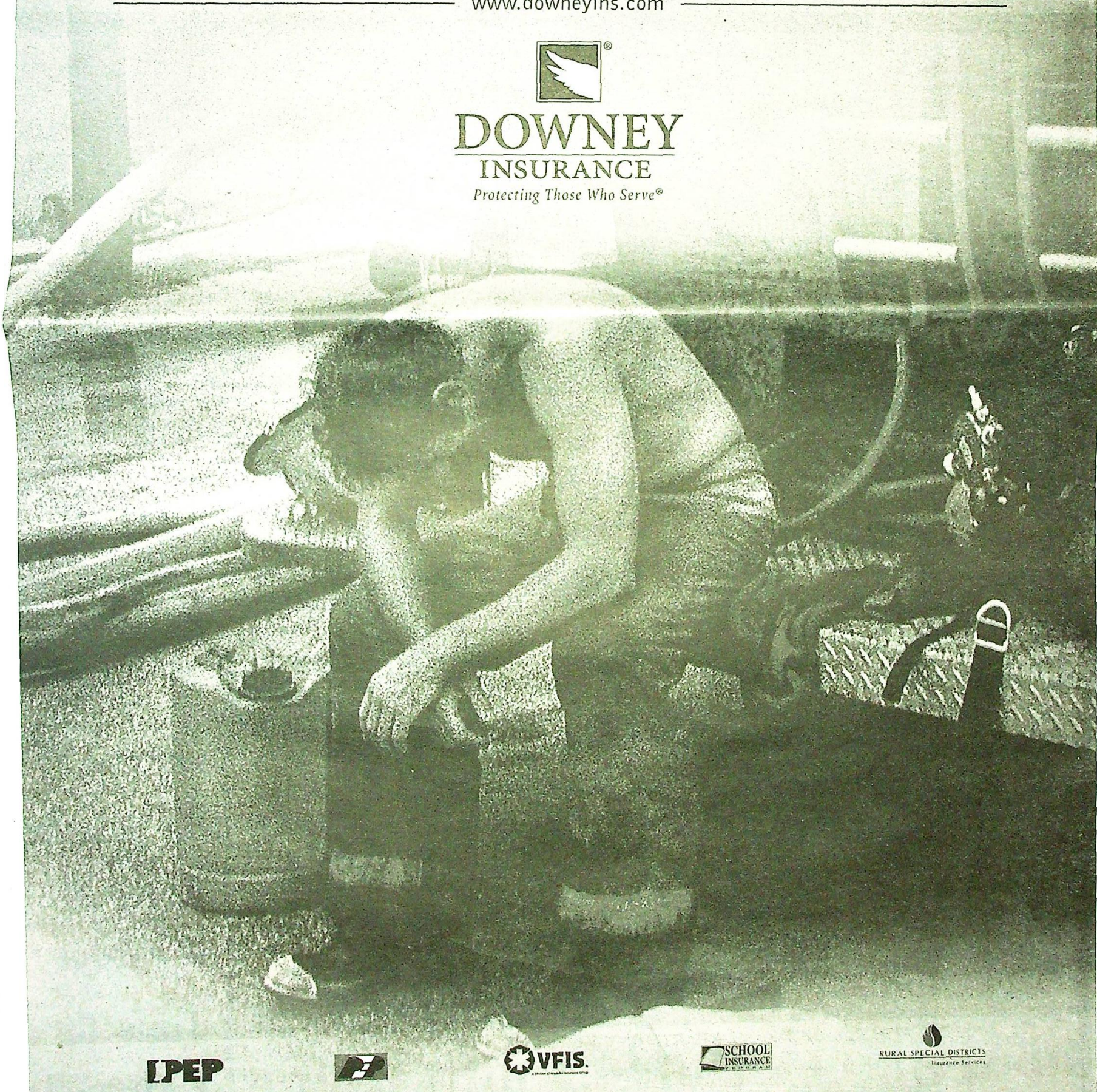
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I hope everyone had a great holiday season and a wonderful new year!

I attended District 17A's November 15th meeting hosted by Worthington Volunteer Fire Department.

Jimmy Noel received his 50 year Gold card. Speakers were Brian Sparks, manager of R.E.M.C. and Bob Wilson on electrical accidents.

I attended a memorial service for District 17A volunteer firefighter Menno Wagler at Cannelburg. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and fire department.

I attended District 18 meeting on November 16 hosted by Ireland Volunteer Fire Department.

Twenty-five year pins were presented to Dave Vinson and J.P. Stemply of Jasper Volunteer Fire Department.

District 18 lost firefighters Dennis Hasenour of Jasper Volunteer Fire Department, George Eichmiller, Hayesville Volunteer Fire Department, Dennis Theising, Jasper Volunteer Fire Department, Marvin Beatty, West Baden Volunteer Fire Department, Carl Seneff, Carter Volunteer Fire Department, John Boekhold, Perry Volunteer Fire Department.

I apologize to Regina Daunhau for spelling her name wrong in the last article when she received her 25 year pin!

District 18's next meeting will be January 18, 2007 at Gentryville in the Methodist Church Community Building. Holland's Volunteer Fire Department will host a Firefighter's Ball on February 25, 2007.

I attended District 15's meeting at Black Twp. Volunteer Fire Department in Mount Vernon on November 21st.

Lona Huffman and Brian Russell of Jones & Assoc. Insurance were speakers.

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District 15's next meeting will be January 23rd at McCutchanville Volunteer Fire Department.

I attended a Memorial Service for Dennis Hasenour, former chief of ent.

Jasper Volunteer Fire Department. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and fire department.

I attended an open house for Lyons Volunteer Fire Department's new fire

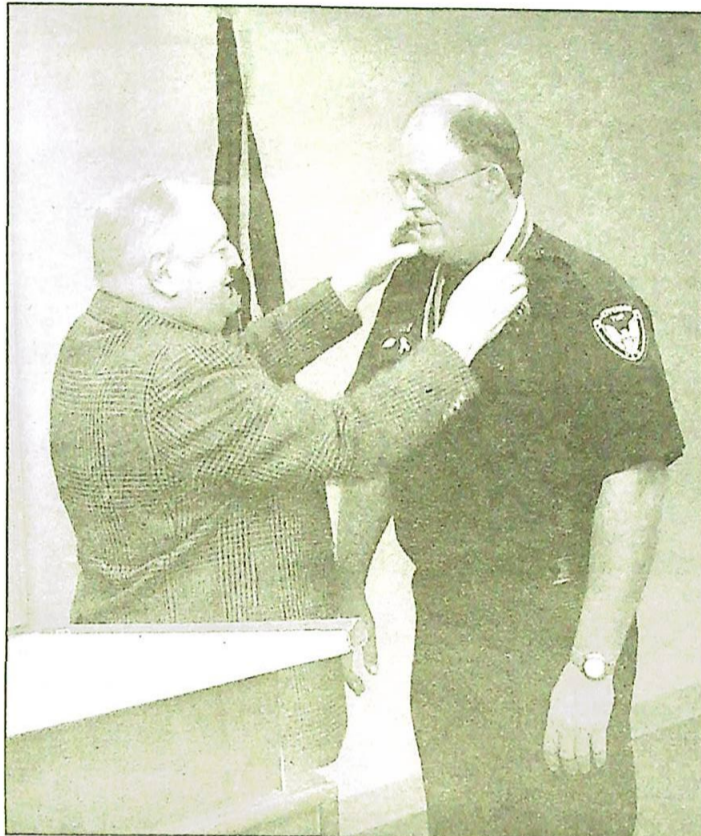
station on January 6th. They have a wonderful new station and had a large crowd for their dedication.

We hope Larry Ketchem is feeling better after his stay in the hospital.

See you all at 17A sausage supper January 20th.

*Jim Abrams  
P.R.S.W.*

# Chief William J. Pollock presented Awards of Valor



Indiana State Fire Marshal Roger D. Johnson and Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Ass'n. President Jack Kerney and District 16 chairman Paul Holcomb along with Salem Fire Chief Michael Mead presented Chief William J. Pollock Awards of Valor during a ceremony on Monday, December 18, 2006 at The Washington County Memorial Hospital.

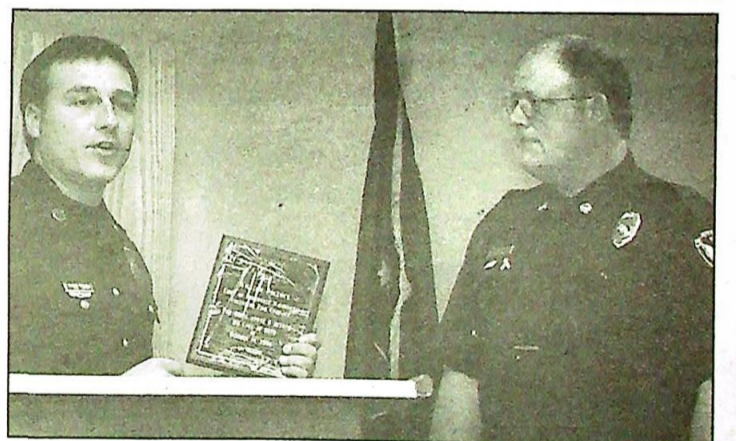
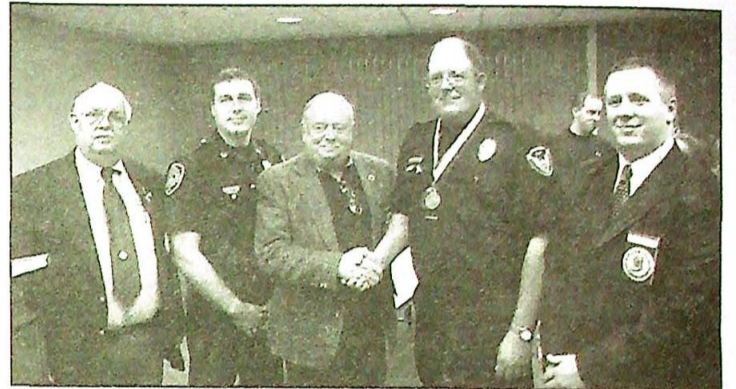
Chief Pollock on October 14, 2006 in his personal vehicle, not as a firefighter, drove up on a head-on accident scene on Highway 60 just east of Borden, Indiana. After assessing the situation, Chief Pollock discovered that six people were involved in the wreck, three were trapped in a sports utility vehicle that was on fire.

Chief Pollock immediately pulled the driver out of the vehicle who was closest to the flames and moved her to a safe location. He then rescued an infant who was in a car seat in the back seat of the SUV. The third victim was trapped by the vehicle and Chief Pollock worked rapidly to remove this person who was also seriously injured. Mere seconds after removing these two victims the entire vehicle burst into flames.

Chief Pollock immediately began administering medical care to the injured and stabilizing their injuries. He continued treating the patients until the EMS unit arrived and transported the injured to the hospital.

Chief Pollock's immediate action endangered his life but if it were not for his heroic actions these three individuals would have perished in the fiery accident.

State Fire Marshal Roger D. Johnson presented Chief Pollock with the State Fire Marshal Award of Valor, IVFA president Kerney presented the Lifesaving Award, Paul Holcomb presented a District 16 Medal and Chief Mead presented a plaque on behalf of the County Fire Chief's Association.



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# From the desk of the Historian

John Davies



The holiday season is officially over, some are happy. Life goes on. We start the new year under the direction of a new president and a new vice president. Both, I know, are eager to take this organization to new heights. I wish President Larry Ketchem a very speedy recovery from his recent surgery. He is not only my president, but also my department fire chief.

I am pleased with the reviews I have received concerning my articles in the paper. I am looking at the organization

through my eyes and what I see, not anyone else. We have a good group of leaders for the coming year. They have a lot of work to be done and I look at it as a two way street. Our leaders need us and we definitely need them for guidance. I'm looking forward to having a very prosperous new year.

The 2007 convention is in full swing. Steve Anderson is promising a good time in the great city of Evansville. If you have never been to a convention, make arrangements this year to join us in Evansville and see n

just what you have been missing. I will guarantee once you get there, you will not be sorry. Steve and his committee, like those at past conventions, are working very hard to make this one a convention to remember.

This article is short this time. I promise the next edition of the paper will have a better write up. I wish each and every one of you the very best for 2007. Until the next time, I remain, your friend and historian. Thank you.

John Davies

## Two glasses of wine

*When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the two glasses of wine...*

*A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls.*

*He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.*

*The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar.*

*He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.*

*The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar.*

*Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes".*

*The professor then produced two glasses of wine from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.*

*"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things: your family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favorite passions; things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.*

*The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else; the small stuff.*

*"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls.*

*The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.*

*Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first; the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."*

*One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the wine represented.*

*The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple glasses of wine with a friend."*

*Please share this with a friend. I JUST DID.*

*(Sent to Jerry Cohen by Kenny Lau, District 18 secretary and submitted by Jerry Cohen).*

# Chris Chambers named "Firefighter of the Year 2006"



(Left) Fire Chief David Dwyer and (right) Chris Chambers

Bartholomew County's Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Co. proudly announces its "Firefighter of the Year 2006", Mr. Chris Chambers.

Chris has been in the fire service

over 12 years and this is his second such award with Harrison, the other being in 1995.

Although Chambers has traveled the country as a prestigious, award-

winning photographer and video artist, he has always maintained and increased fire training and volunteered at nearby stations. He certified and has been active as Firefighter I & II, Division Chief, Advanced Incident Command, EMT, Rescue Diver and recently, Fire Investigator. This company is fortunate to have such a talented, knowledgeable, personable, and dedicated volunteer. Congratulations, Chris! - submitted by M. Maureen McNulty, Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. - Company Historian

## Several help to serve up at chicken/fish fry



The Salamonina Volunteer Fire Department held a chicken and fish fry on November 18 at their station.

Getting ready to serve the crowd are Zach Hudson, Christy Hudson, Shelly Link, John May, Dustin Hilfiker and the best side of Fire Chief Lloyd Wright. - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman

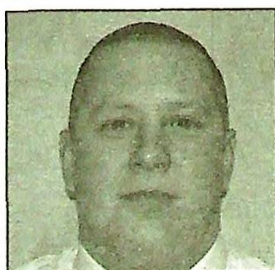
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### To Obtain Your License Plate(s) You Must:

1. Be a **paid-up member** of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
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March 15: C	July 15: Ma - Me	
March 31: D	July 31: Mf - O	
April 15: E - F	Aug. 15: P - Q	
April 30: G	Aug. 31: R	
May 15: Ha - Hn	Sept. 15: Sa - Sn	

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

## BMV PROCEDURES

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.

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3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of \$12 for each plate requested in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.
5. Follow all directions supplied to you by the BMV.

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

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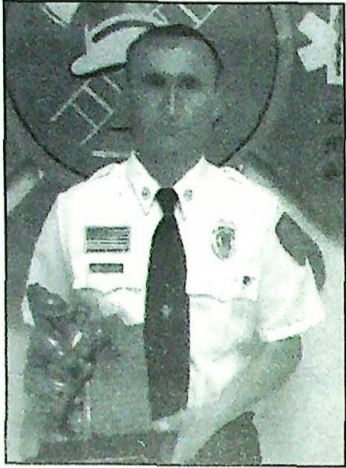
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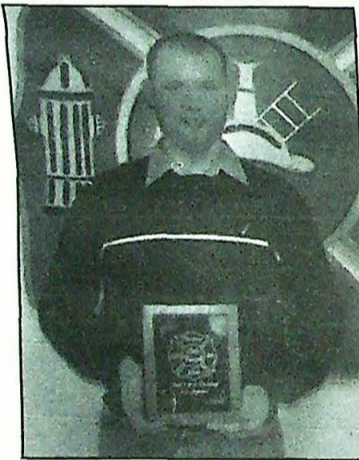
## Rodeffer receives outstanding service award



Fire Chief Rodney Rodeffer receives an award for outstanding service for 2006.

View more photos on website [www.parker-fire.com](http://www.parker-fire.com) - submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations

## Named Most Upcoming Fireman for 2006



Lee Tinch receives an award for Most Upcoming Fireman for 2006.

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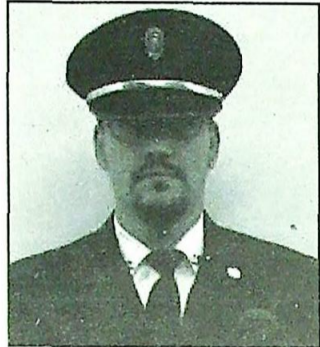


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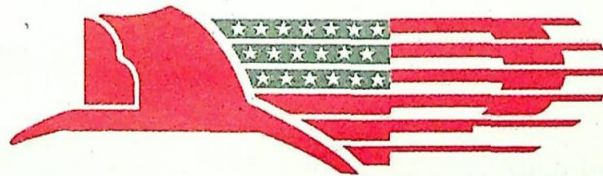
Top row (left to right) - Deputy Chief Jeff Willen, Assistant Chief Melvin Nott, 1st Captain Monte Wright, 2nd Captain Joe Frazier.

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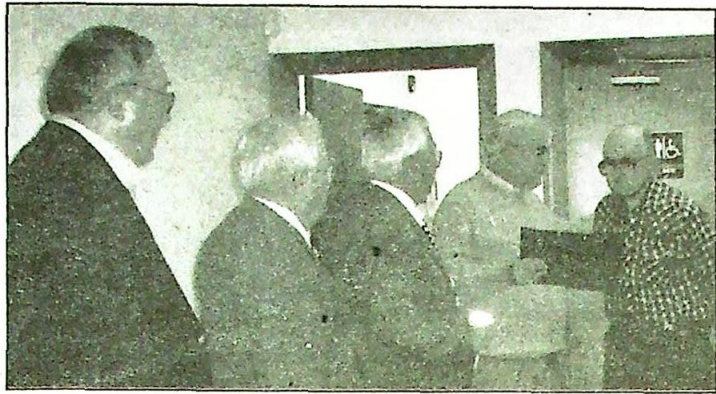
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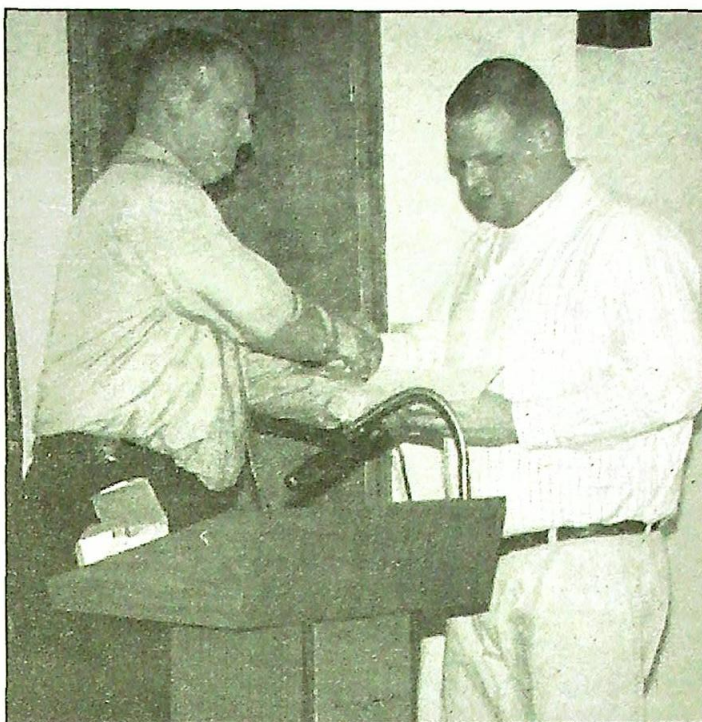
# Kouts VFD holds Christmas party and awards ceremony



## Awarded 50 year Gold Card

A 50 year Gold Card and certificate of appreciation was presented to John Rogowski, retired member of Kouts VFD by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

Looking on (from left to right) are James Bradford, PRNW, Mitch Parish, past president IVFA and Buz Kochler, past IVFA president and board chairman. -- submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



## Members receive pins

Above - (Left to right) - President Orville Jefferson is shown presenting 10 year service pin to firefighter William Aikens. - submitted by Joshua Bagnall, Kouts VFD; photos taken by Kouts VFD photographer Greg Wandrey



## Joshua Bagnall 2006 Ewalt Jahnz firefighter of the year recipient

(Left to right) - Post Commander Butch Morgan, Kouts Volunteer Fire Department Captain Troy Haman, recipient firefighter Joshua Bagnall. - submitted by Joshua Bagnall, Kouts VFD; photos taken by Kouts VFD photographer Greg Wandrey

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(Left to right) - President Orville Jefferson is shown presenting 5 year service pin to firefighter George Chavez. - submitted by Joshua Bagnall, Kouts VFD; photos taken by Kouts VFD photographer Greg Wandrey

Kouts Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Firemen's Christmas Party and Awards Ceremony. The event took place Saturday, December 2, 2006 at the Kouts American Legion Post. The annual Christmas party is for the current members and the retired and inactive members to meet and renew acquaintances.

The party was well attended and even brought four ranking members of the IVFA to celebrate in the festivities. In attendance were Buz Kochler, past president and board chairman, Mitch Parish, past president, James Bradford, PRNW, and Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

The Award's Ceremony for the evening included the following awards: A 50 year gold card and certificate of appreciation was presented to John Rogowski for his service and dedication to the Kouts Volunteer Fire Department. It was presented by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman and Buz Kochler. A total of six awards were presented for years of service: 5 years of service to Fire Fighter and vice president Kevin Salyer and Fire Fighter George Chavez, 10 years of service was awarded to Fire Fighter William Aikens, 15 years of service was awarded to Kouts' very own photographer Greg Wandrey, Assistant Chief Jeff Press received a 20 years of service pin, and Fire Chief Donald Sutter received his 30 years of service pin. All years of service pins were awarded by President Fire Fighter Orville Jefferson.

Kouts VFD Captain Troy Haman and Kouts American Legion Post Commander Butch Morgan, named Fire Fighter and Secretary Joshua Bagnall the "Ewalt Jahnz Firefighter of the Year Award" recipient for 2006.

- more photos on page 31

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KOUTS MEMBERS AND IVFA – All Kouts Volunteer Fire Department members and IVFA members that were present at the Kouts VFD Christmas party. – submitted by Joshua Bagnall, Kouts VFD; photostaken by Kouts VFD photographe Greg Wandrey



(Left to right) President Orville Jefferson is shown presenting a 5 year service pin to firefighter Kevin Salyer. – submitted by Joshua Bagnall, Kouts VFD; photostaken by Kouts VFD photographe Greg Wandrey

NOT PICTURED: Photographer Greg Wandrey received his 15 years of service pin from president Orville Jefferson.

# VFD



Retirees: (Left to right) Al White, Bernie Kroft, and John Ragowski attended the festivities and awards. – submitted by Joshua Bagnall, Kouts VFD; photostaken by Kouts VFD photographe Greg Wandrey



(Left to right) – Assistant Chief Jeff Press is shown receiving his 20 year service pin from President Orville Jefferson.



(Left to right) – Chief Donald Sutter is shown receiving his 30 year service pin from president Orville Jefferson.

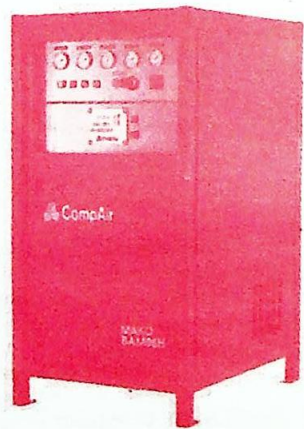
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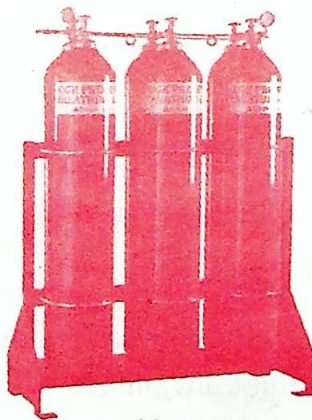


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# Firefighter Sidney Hall laid to rest



Sidney A. Hall's casket is carried from Taylor University's Odle Gymnasium to a fire truck which will deliver him to his last call. — (Photo by Tim Huynh, Marion Chronicle-Tribune, Marion, Indiana and submitted by Daniel Johnson, staff photojournalist, Marion Chronicle-Tribune, Marion, Indiana)

## Nearby agencies send reinforcements for fire coverage

By BARRY WILLIAM WALSH  
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Jason Murphy did not know Sidney Hall, but Murphy played a big role in Hall's funeral.

Murphy, a lieutenant with the Salem Township (Delaware County) Volunteer Fire Department, as well as other volunteer firefighters from Delaware, Huntington and Madison counties, were on standby at Grant County's fire stations Saturday to allow local firefighters to attend Hall's memorial. Hall was an Upland volunteer firefighter who died Jan. 5.

"Firefighters are like a big brotherhood," Murphy said. "We're all brothers, so when one goes down it's like a close family for everybody."

Murphy and several other Salem Township firefighters were providing protection to the residents of Mill Township. He said their fire chief got notified in an e-mail that Hall had passed away.

"They got in contact with somebody up this way, and (he) volunteered our services in any way that they needed it," Murphy said.

He said by lending a hand to the local fire departments it allows them to help the Upland Volunteer Fire Department directly.

"I'm sure (Grant County firefighters) knew him from a mutual aid standpoint," Murphy said. "It gave them a chance to go to the service, and we can keep their area safe while they're mourning the loss." Warren Volunteer Fire Chief Lee Poulson said he learned about Hall's death from news reports. He said his department was more than willing to reach out to the Van Buren Volunteer Fire Department. "Usually you know everybody's going to go (to the funeral) in that county, so we just contacted Van Buren to see what we could to help them, and they said if we could just stand by at their station it would be highly appreciated," Poulson said. "When you lose somebody in the fire department, it hits home and everybody wants to help the surrounding departments. You just hope they'd do it for you."

Each local agency had at least one member on standby with the out-of-town firefighters. According to Bill Dale, a Van Buren volunteer, the local firefighter was there to answer questions about addresses or the best way to get to any potential emergency.

The local firefighters at their stations Saturday they were appreciative of the efforts of the out-of-county firefighters.

"We always pull together no matter what the cost, and we know we can count on the other departments to help us out," said Brian Ailes, Mill Township. "We greatly appreciate what they're doing for us. It's a strong brotherhood, and each department respects the other. It makes you feel good to see these other departments come up to let us attend a funeral for another firefighter."

Dale, who also serves as a Marion firefighter, said it meant a lot to the Van Buren firefighters to be able to go to Hall's funeral. One of those firefighters is his son, Billy.

"My son, he's in college, and he volunteers here when he's home from college and he really wanted to go to the funeral," Dale said. "He was able to go because there were guys here to cover. I know from talking to him it meant a lot to him."

(The above article is a published article taken from the archives of the Marion-Chronicle Tribune forwarded by Melissa Hewitt, Newsroom Editorial Staff).

## Firefighters lay 'brother' to rest; friends recall Hall's devotion to service

By TERESA AUCH  
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The fire trucks drove past the Upland fire station, one by one, carrying firefighters from Angola to Carmel, even Chicago.

Upland residents lining the sidewalks looked on, silent in respect, until the last truck came to rest underneath an American flag, waving in the wind.

And then, as a community and a brotherhood merged around Sidney Hall's casket sitting on the fire truck he had ridden on to numerous calls, a siren sounded three times in honor of a man who had lost his life trying to save others.

Hall, 52, was the first one to enter a house fire Jan. 3. He fell through a hole that burned through the floor. The volunteer firefighter for Upland died two days later from his injuries.

"Today, we will lay to rest our brother Sidney A. Hall," Upland volunteer Capt. Mike Howard said. "He will be truly missed."

His friends, family and hundreds of fellow firefighters gathered Saturday at Taylor University to honor a man who was described as a servant, always ready to help people.

Hall's pastor, the Rev. Mick Simpkins, told those gathered at Hall's funeral about how he had never minded not being paid for his services as a firefighter for the 15 years he volunteered for Upland. "That didn't matter to Sid," Simpkins said as he fought back tears. "It wasn't about the money, it wasn't about the glory - it was about the serving."

But Hall didn't just volunteer his time to the fire station. He was known for his willingness to answer questions during the 20 years he worked at Taylor University's Buildings and Grounds Department. "Regardless of the situation, it was simply his desire 'to be in the trenches,'" Daryl Yost, a former provost at Taylor, told the hundreds in the audience.

In the end, even, Hall always was willing to take on responsibility, even r

in his last moments when he didn't shy away from being the first one to enter the burning house.

"He thought someone else was in need of help," Yost said. "He didn't direct someone else to do the job, he did it himself."

Hall's actions and services were his way of sharing his faith in Jesus Christ, Simpkins said, because he didn't know the words to tell people.

And those actions were always plain and to the point, reflecting the serene simplicity of Hall.

"He was a simple man who led a simple life, drove a simple car," Simpkins said. "No frills, no glories." Finally, as *America the Beautiful* and *Holy, Holy, Holy* played, hundreds of firefighters walked past Hall's casket, honoring their fallen brother.

They then stood outside in the rain as the casket was placed atop a fire truck, which would take him to his final resting place in Portland.

Howard said the recent outpouring of support from firefighters across the

area had been great, noting he had even received a call from a firefighter in Washington state.

"It's been a very overwhelming week," Howard said.

But the firefighters were not the only ones to lose one of their own. Upland residents came out to watch and give thanks as Hall took his final ride on the fire truck down Main Street.

"I think it's important to support our firefighters," Linda Howell said as she watched the procession. "We take them for granted."

And though not everyone from Upland might have known Hall, everyone grieved his death, Deb Messler said.

"When somebody hurts," Messler said, "we all hurt."

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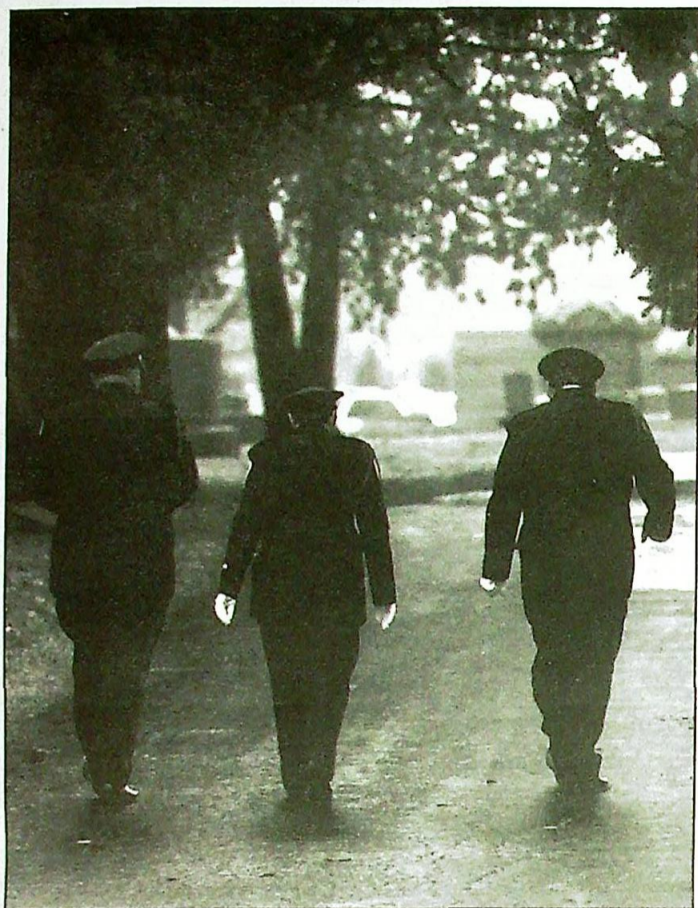
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Firefighters park their vehicles on Indiana 22 on Saturday in Upland and walk to the fire station for the last call ceremony for Sidney A. Hall, an Upland volunteer firefighter who died in the line of duty January 5. - (Photo by and submitted by Daniel Johnson, staff photojournalist, Marion Chronicle-Tribune, Marion, Indiana.)



Firefighters stand at attention as Sidney A. Hall answers his last call. - (Photo by Tim Huynh, Marion Chronicle-Tribune and submitted by Daniel Johnson, staff photojournalist, Marion Chronicle-Tribune, Marion, Indiana.)

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**STATE OFFICER'S MEETING**



Malinda Bell  
Corresponding Secretary

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November 5, 2006  
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Total Income +	\$ 2,143.83
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**IVFAA  
President  
Joann Hays**



Happy New Year friends,  
I pray you all had a nice holiday and a safe one. I wish you all the very best for 2007.

Bob and I would like to thank you for your phone calls, prayers and just thinking of us thru the holiday. We really appreciate it. It was hard, but we made it thru.

Well, it's getting close to convention time and you want to make sure you get your room reservations in.

Glad to hear President Larry Ketchem came thru surgery okay and is doing well. Take it easy, Larry, and mind all of your bosses! ha!

It's that time for those Miss Flame candidates to be in. It would be nice if every district could have a girl to represent their district.

Barbara Kerney is chairman of the Miss Flames, so you need to let her know by March 1st if you have one.

These girls have a lovely time and I'm sure they will enjoy themselves, because the committee bends over backwards to make sure the girls have a good time. They have a lot of plans during the time they are there.

Also, it's time you get those letters out for the different awards, such as Mr. I.V.F.A., the Lois Boaz, Ollie Sandberg, and the Angel Award. If you didn't get your letter in for this year, you need to try to get them in the next year 2008.

There are many who are so worthy of these awards but if you can't take a few minutes of your time, then I guess that person you know and would like to see them receive the award can't receive them. You must write these letters. Good luck to those who will be receiving them this year. I guess deadline is 2/1.

A BIG THANK YOU goes to Jack Kerney for serving as the IVFA president. Good job and I know you traveled many miles, gave many hours to the Association. I also know you enjoyed it very much, Thanks to your companion who I'm sure she had to read the map now and then. Ha!

Thanks, Barbara, for all the support you gave him. Bless you both. But I know you both are still gonna be busy.

Take care of yourselves and do your best to get out to those district meetings and back the chairmen who work hard for your members (IVFA & IVFAA).

Love and prayers,  
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IVFAA President

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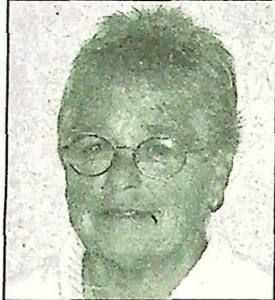
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Membership: November 2006 membership total: 691, paid department: 45, paid individual: 71, Life: 22, paid by department: 598. Again all dues go to Tammy.

## DISTRICT 1 & 2 REPORT



Phyllis Vargo  
District 1 Chairman

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Vargo, District #1 chairman at 7:15 pm.

Pledge.

Prayer was given by Ike Rench of Lowell Fire Department.

Meal was served by the members of Lowell Fire Department Auxiliary.

Phyllis introduced our two Miss Flame contestants: Mallory Lampa from Lowell and Amanda Fricke from Lake of Four Season.

Phyllis advised everyone about the Silent Auction. Everyone will have until new business to bid on the item, then bidding will be closed.

Phyllis introduced the guests in attendance: Tom Orrell, District #1 chairman of the I.V.F.A., Paul Watland District #2 chairman, Clarence Moss, treasurer District 1 & 2 I.V.F.A., Ike Rench, Martha Thomas, VP of I.V.F.A.A. and husband Jake, Jim Bradford PR Northwest.

Marge Baumgardner took roll call with 25 members in attendance & three guests representing six departments.

Marge Baumgardner read the minutes from the September 28, 2006 meeting, passed as read.

Department History was given by Jack Eskridge and Chris Lampa gave



Ann Moss  
District 2 Chairman

auxiliary history.

Correspondence - None.

Ann Moss gave the treasurer's report passed as read for audit.

Old Business:

Phyllis asked the group if there is anything they wanted to bring up at state officer's meeting that they will be attending this coming week-end.

By-laws change. Motion was made by LOFS to add granddaughter to the list of who can run for Miss Flame. LOFS will need to draft the by-law change that the district wants to submit to the state.

New Business

Motion by Mary McGrady, seconded by Rosemary Smith to have the district reimburse the auxiliary district chairman \$.40 per mile to attend state meetings and convention. Motion passed & take effective now.

The winner of the District 1 & 2 Miss Flame is Mallory Lampa. Congratulations Mallory. And a thank you to Amanda Fricke for running.

Phyllis introduced the judges for the Miss Flame. John Alissia, principal of Lowell Middle School, Kenola Phillips from Standard Bank, and Alice Dohl from Cedar Creek Township Trustee. Phyllis thanked the judges for their time.

Phyllis advised the group it was time to make a new list of meetings for 2007. The following departments volunteer to host the following months.

March - Lake of Four Season

May - Cedar Lake

September - Merrillville (?)

November - Crown Point

Motion was made by Jackie Rench, seconded by Martha Thomas to adjourn.

Next meeting will be March at Lake Of Four Season.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Baumgardner

Sec., Dist. 1 & 2 of I.V.F.A.A.

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## DISTRICT 11-B REPORT



Juanita Owen  
District 11B chairman

Hello there everyone,

Well, 2006 is now history. We made it through the holidays and here we are into 2007. I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and got everything you deserved. Have you broken your New Year's resolutions yet? I have learned if you don't make any, you won't have to break them. Hope everyone has a prosperous and healthy new year.

Don't forget the Miss Flame contest and dance is coming up Feb. 10, 2007 at the Moose Lodge in Clinton.

So, all our departments get your candidates in and your raffle tickets sold and returned to Lou Bartlow.

## IVFAA Vice President Martha Thomas



I hope we have a big turnout of candidates.

So let's get this rolling. Till next time, be safe and take care.

Juanita Owen,  
Chairman District 11-B



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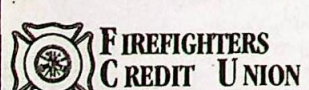
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\*\*Beer and Wine may not be available with the Friday lunch

Individual tickets are available for certain events and can be ordered in advance. These include (price listed)

Friday's Banquet \$25.00 each  
Wednesday's Party \$10.00 each

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Today  
for 2007**



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**EVANSVILLE 2007 - CONVENTION UPDATE**

As promised, we have new information to include with this issue. You will see we have included a "tentative" schedule of events. We do not foresee any major changes, but based on previous history, we cannot be 100% sure with that statement. The infamous beer bust returns again this year, but with a new sponsor (details still being worked out). We also are including a light lunch on Friday this year. This event will run in conjunction with time set aside solely for the vendors.

Remember, this year's event takes place June 13-16, at the Executive Inn in downtown Evansville. The hotel has plenty of rooms available, but some room types are filling up fast. If you need a specific type, you may want to call in your reservation soon. For those of you that already have rooms reserved, the hotel will be mailing out confirmations after the February state officers' meeting.

The first main event will be held Wednesday, June 13 at the Vanderburgh Co. 4-H Center Auditorium (air-conditioned). This location is just west of Hwy. 41 on Boonville-New Harmony Rd. (4+ stoplight south of I-64). Transportation will be available from the hotel; or for those arriving late in the afternoon, you may just want to go straight to the 4-H Center. Registration will move from the hotel to the 4-H Center around 4PM (remember we are on Central Time). We hope to have several outside displays, as well as multiple activities to do inside before and after we eat. Meal will be prepared by Schnitzelbank catering out of Jasper.

We look forward to hosting this year's event. We will do everything possible to make it a convention to remember. See you in June!!!

Steve Anderson,  
Convention 2007 Chairman

\*\*Information for vendors interested in exhibiting is included in this issue.

\*\*\*Golf scramble information is also included in this issue.

**I.V.F. A. Convention 2007 Registration Form  
Downtown Evansville at the EXECUTIVE INN June 13 - 16**

**Pre-registration Fee: \$55.00 per person (after June 7, 2007 price jumps to \$60.00)  
PRICE INCLUDES DRINK TAG and 5 MEALS  
(dinner W/Th/Fr, lunch Fr, & breakfast Fr)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print as you want it to appear on your badge)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) - - IVFA District: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department / Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse or Guest (if registering): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children attending (age 12 and under): \_\_\_\_\_ (over age 12): \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Type	Yours	Spouse / Guest	Title
State Officer	_____	_____	_____
Auxiliary Officer	_____	_____	_____
District Chairperson	_____	_____	District
IVFA Member	_____	_____	_____
IVFA Aux. Member	_____	_____	_____
Guest	_____	_____	_____

EXTRA Banquet Tickets Can Be Ordered: I need \_\_\_\_\_ EXTRA tickets at \$25 each

EXTRA Wed. Night Meal Tickets Can Be Ordered: I need \_\_\_\_\_ EXTRA tickets at \$10 each

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Make check payable to Convention 2007)

To register by credit card, circle type of card Mastercard or Visa  
Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 digit-back)

\*\* For e-mail confirmation of receipt of this form, please list your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND REMITTANCE TO: Convention 2007-Registrations  
1526 Reiter Drive  
Evansville, IN 47712-3929

For Information please call Steve or Tom at (812) 425 - 0727

**CONVENTION HDQTRS:** EXECUTIVE INN EVANSVILLE, 600 Walnut St.  
Evansville, IN 47708

For Reservations call 1 - 877 - 424 - 0888 Website: [www.executiveinnevansville.com](http://www.executiveinnevansville.com)  
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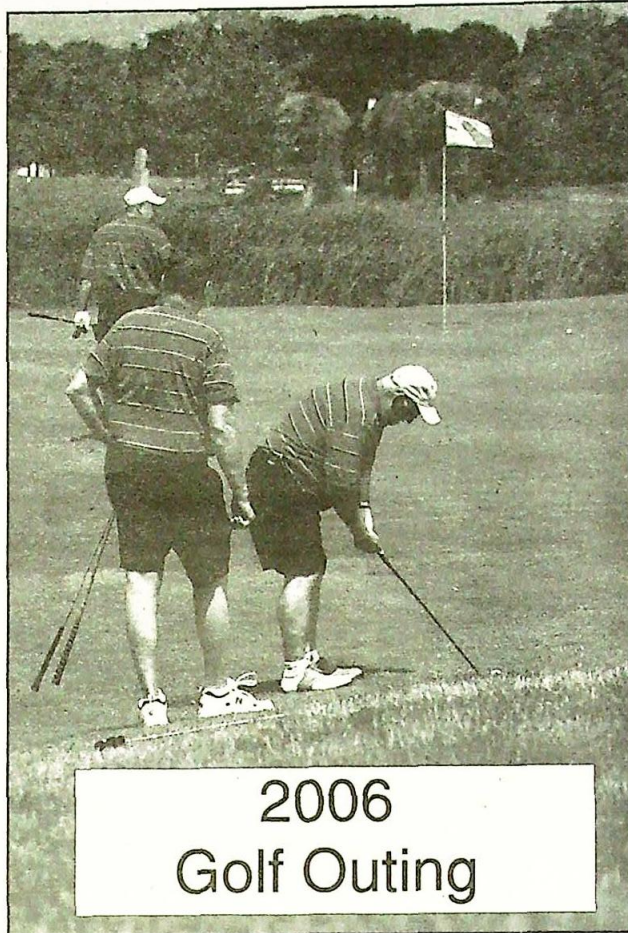
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600 Walnut Street, Evansville, IN 47708  
Attn.: Lisa Brown, Reservations  
Toll Free: 877-424-0888 - Fax: 812-426-2320 - Phone: 812-424-8000

# 2007 Convention information



2006 Miss Flames



2006 Golf Outing

2007 Convention - Evansville, IN June 13th to June 16th

## 2007 Convention Schedule of Events

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13TH

TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
11 AM TO 4 PM	GOLF SCRAMBLE	CAMBRIDGE GOLF CLUB
10 AM TO 4 PM	REGISTRATION	CRYSTAL ROOM
1 PM TO 4 PM	HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN	ROOM 839
10 PM TO MIDNIGHT		
4 PM TO 5:30 PM	SHUTTLES START TO 4-H CENTER	LOAD IN LOBBY
8 PM TO CLOSE	SHUTTLES START BACK TO HOTEL	LOAD AT AUDITORIUM
4:30 PM TO 7 PM	REGISTRATION	4-H AUDITORIUM
APPROX. 7:30 PM	LIVE AUCTION STARTS	4-H AUDITORIUM
4:30 PM TO 9 PM	PRE-CONVENTION PICNIC AND ENTERTAINMENT	4-H AUDITORIUM

### THURSDAY, JUNE 14TH

TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
8AM TO 4PM	REGISTRATION	CRYSTAL ROOM
8 AM TO NOON	MISS FLAME JUDGING	STATE ROOMS
9 AM TO NOON	BFFPSE MEETING	ATRIUM
8 AM TO 11 AM	VENDOR SETUP	SALON B & C
11 AM TO 4 PM	VENDORS	SALON B & C
NOON TO 1 PM	MISS FLAME LUNCHEON	WABASH ROOM
1 PM TO 2 PM	IVFA OFFICERS' MEETING	STATE ROOM
1:30 PM TO 2:30 PM	MISS FLAME JUDGING	SALON A
3 PM TO 4:30 PM	SEMINAR #1	SALON A
3 PM TO CLOSE	IVFAA OFFICERS' MEETING	WABASH ROOM
4:30 PM TO 6 PM	HOT DOG & BEER BUST	ATRIUM
10 PM TO MIDNIGHT	HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN	ROOM 839
6:30 PM TO 9 PM	OPENING MEETING	ATRIUM
9 PM TO CLOSE	ENTERTAINMENT	ATRIUM

### FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH

TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
6:30 AM TO 7:45 AM	KOFFEE KLUTCH	CHURCH TBA
7 AM TO 2 PM	REGISTRATION	CRYSTAL ROOM
8 AM TO 9 AM	MEMORIAL SERVICE	CHURCH TBA
9:30 AM TO CLOSE	IVFA ANNUAL MEETING	ATRIUM
9:30 AM TO CLOSE	IVFAA ANNUAL MEETING	SALON A
APPROX. NOON	LUNCH WITH THE VENDORS	ATRIUM
11 AM TO 2 PM	VENDORS	SALON B & C
11 AM TO 4 PM	MISS FLAME OUTING	TBA
2 PM TO 4 PM	SEMINAR #2	SALON A
2 PM TO 4:30 PM	HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN	ROOM 839
5:30 PM TO 10 PM	CHILDREN'S PARTY/BABY SITTING	STATE ROOMS
6 PM TO 9 PM	BANQUET	ATRIUM
9:30 PM TO CLOSE	ENTERTAINMENT TBA	SALON A, B & C

### SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH

TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
7AM TO 7:30 AM	GAME REGISTRATION	GAMES SITE
8 AM TO CLOSE	GAMES	GAMES SITE
8 AM TO CLOSE	EQUIPMENT DISPLAY	GAMES SITE

## 2007 IVFA CONVENTION VENDOR INFORMATION

CONTACT  
TERRY SNODGRASS AT  
**(812) 305-6664**  
yankeetown1@sbcglobal.net

- or -

STEVE ANDERSON AT  
**(812) 425-0727**  
smoketer1@insightbb.com

## 2007 IVFA CONVENTION GOLF SCRAMBLE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13TH AT CAMBRIDGE GOLF CLUB

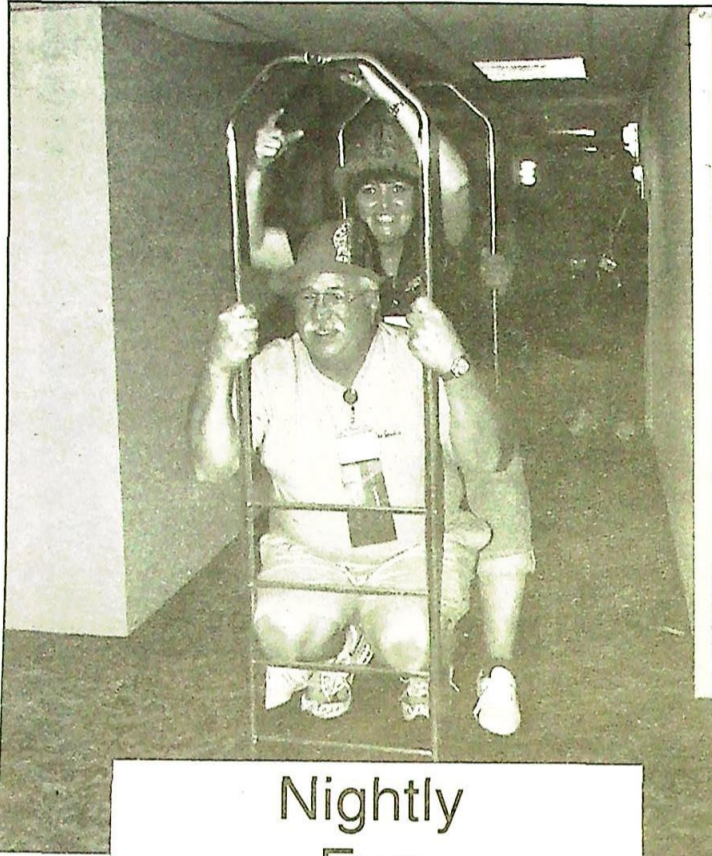
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**(812) 459-4062**

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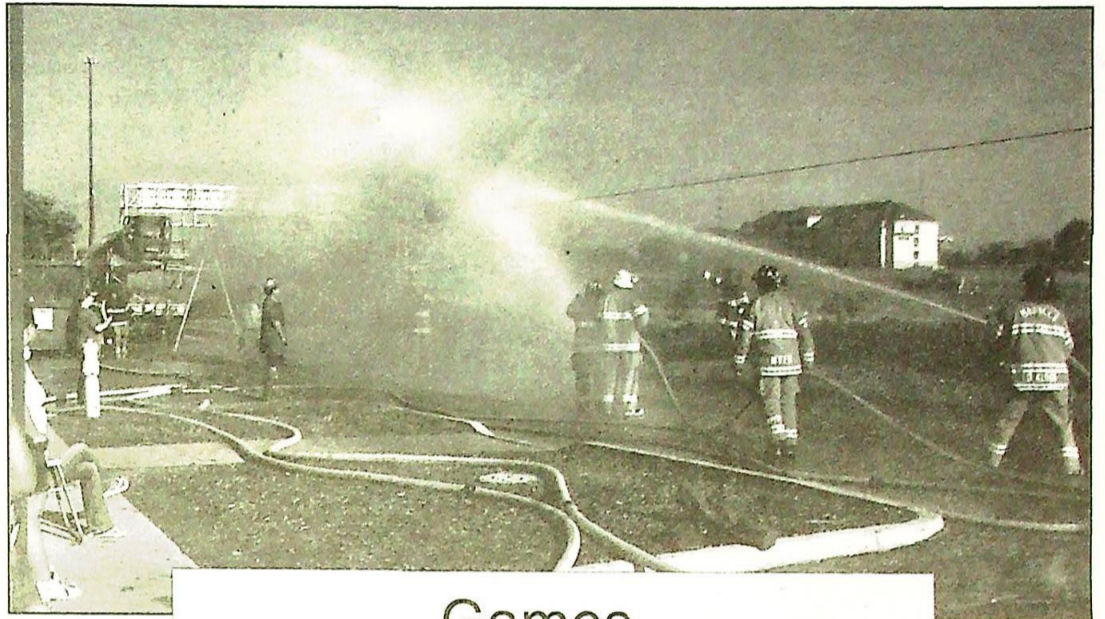
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**(877) 606-4832**

To register or for further information.

# 2006 convention highlights



Nightly Fun



Games

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### for Convention 2007



Banquet



Memorial

#### IVFA STATE GAMES CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

- Men's Waterball       Men's Bucket Brigade
- Women's Waterball     Pumper Pull
- Women's Bucket Brigade

Our Fire Department will have a team(s) to compete in contest(s) as circled above.

Contest to be held Saturday, June 16, 2007 at Evansville, Indiana.

An Entry Fee of \$15.00 is required for each team entered in each contest.

Department Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

All Contest Entry Blanks should be postmarked on or before June 1, 2007.

All Department that plan to enter team(s) should complete entry blanks for each team.

Please include check or money order make to: IVFA Games.

Please mail Entry Blanks, along with check or money order, to:

Steve Lane  
471 S. Lincoln St.  
Clinton, IN 47842  
Cell: 812-208-6101

Please bring raingear for each event. Trophies will be given for Water Ball, Bucket Brigade, and Pumper Pull. Safety measures to be enforced at contests. Drawing for position will be Friday night at 9:00 p.m.

Each participant in the contests must be registered at the Convention. Those coming on Saturday must also register at a fee of \$5.00 in order to participate. All team captains must be sure that team members are IVFA members. Any team not conforming to the rules and regulations shall be disqualified.

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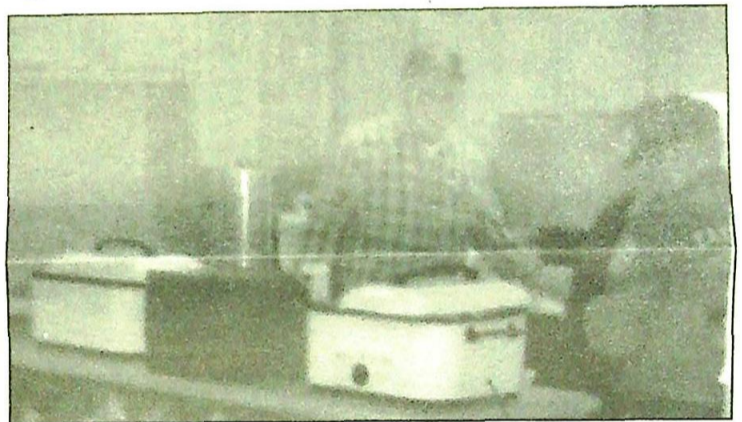
### Fire training held in November

The Salamonía Volunteer Fire Department held fire training on November 28th. Pictured getting ready to spray water on the fire is Rich Theurer. - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman

### 2006 Vendors

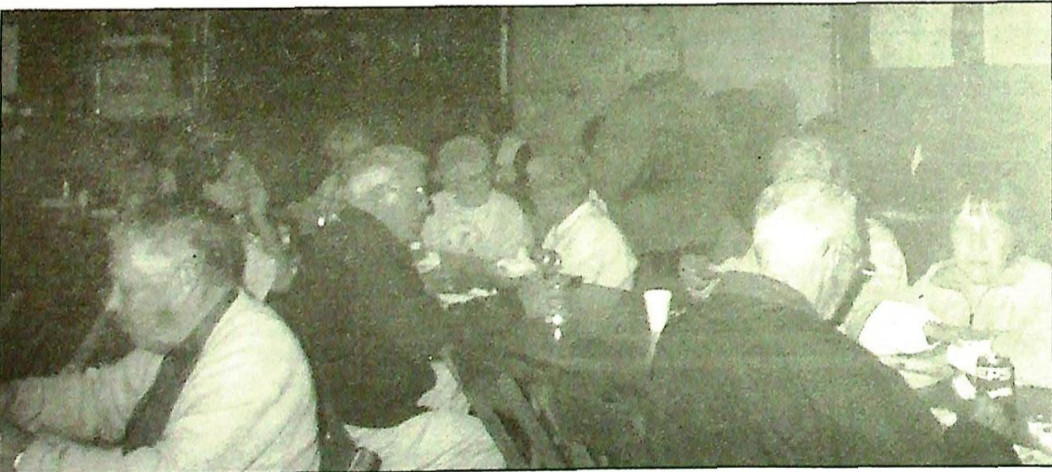


### Eaton VFD members get ready for chili supper



Members of the Eaton Volunteer Fire Department are shown getting ready for their chili soup supper which was held on October 28, 2006. - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman

### Crowd enjoys chicken and fish fry



The crowd at the Salamonía Volunteer Fire Department's chicken and fish fry, enjoying the meal which was held on November 18, 2006. - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman



### Gold fish to give away

Fire Chief Kyle Goe and a helper giving away goldfish at the carnival which was held during their chili soup supper on October 28. - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman

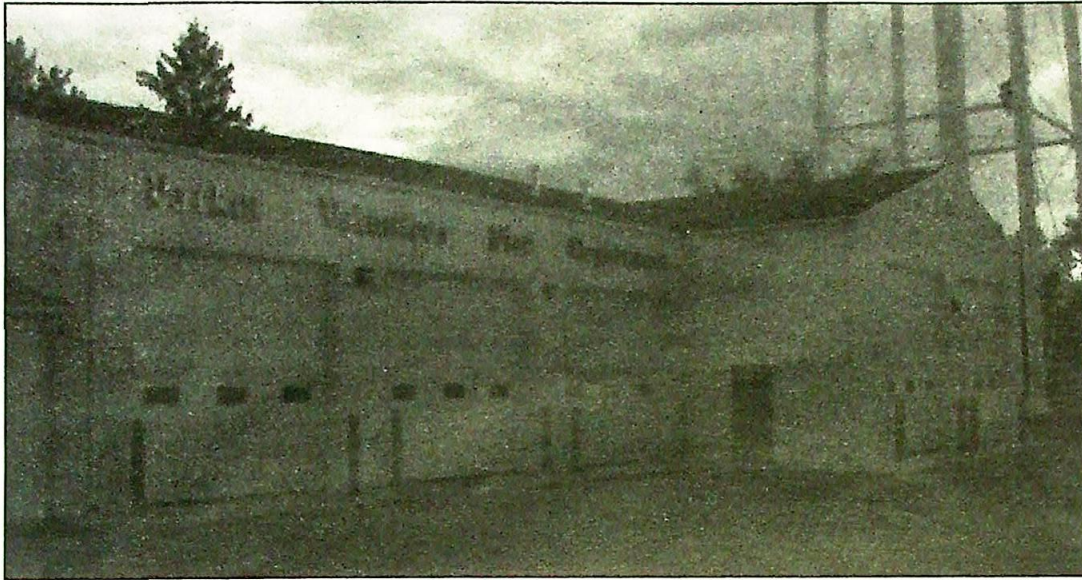
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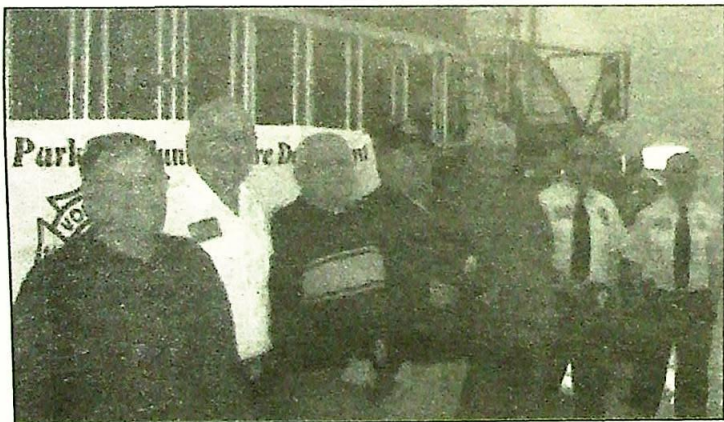
# Parker VFD new station up and running



Inside look of the Parker Volunteer Fire Department's new station.

View more photos on website [www.parker-fire.com](http://www.parker-fire.com).

Submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations.



Gerald Cox and Ronald McWilliams cut the fire hose for the opening day of the Parker Volunteer Fire Department.

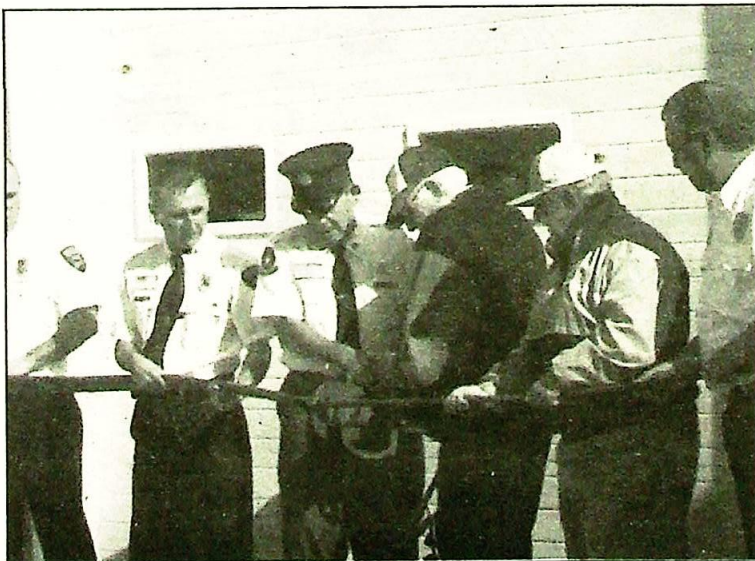
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Past fire chiefs pose for photo on opening day for the Parker Volunteer Fire Department.

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**IVFAA EMERGENCY CALL LIST  
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WHOEVER HAS A MESSAGE THAT SHE WISHES TO HAVE GIVEN TO ALL OF THE STATE OFFICERS AND DISTRICT CHAIRMEN, SHALL FIRST GIVE MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT.

**PRESIDENT ...**  
 CALL CHAPLAIN: BETH CAUDILL (765) 647-3483  
 VICE PRESIDENT: MARTHA THOMAS (219) 769-5256  
 IMMEDIATE PAST PRES.: BARBARA KERNEY (812) 867-2641

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 CALL RECORDING SEC.: TAMMY HUNGATE (812) 468-4608  
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 SGT.-AT-ARMS: MIRIAM SCHAEKEL (317) 894-7252

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 CALL DIST. 3: CHRISTINE STEPHEN (219) 362-0226

**RECORDING SECRETARY ...**  
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 CALL DIST. 5: MARILYN DEVER (260) 627-2802  
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**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY ...**  
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 1980 – INEZ JEFFERIES - D  
 1981 – KATHERINE MASON - D  
 1982 – HELEN MICHL  
 1983 – EULA BUSH  
 1984 – BARB SURBER  
 1985 – LORETTA NULLINGER  
 1986 – BARBARA KETCHEM  
 1987 – CAROLYN McCARTY  
 1988 – VI BRUNS  
 1989 – MAXINE DAVIES  
 1990 – BETTY HOWE  
 1991 – BARBARA PARKER  
 1992 – JOANN HAYS  
 1993 – MARILYN SMITH  
 1994 – MIRIAM SCHAEKEL  
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 1996 – PHYLLIS VARGO  
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 1998 – ANN MOSS  
 1999 – TONI SORG  
 2000 – MARILYN McFADDEN  
 2001 – BARBARA KERNEY  
 2002 – E.J. SMITH  
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 2004 – EULA ASBURY  
 2005 – CAROLYN ZEEKS  
 2006 – JEANETTE DUNFORD

**2007 Convention – June 13 thru June 16**

# Santa arrives on fire truck Santa Claus visits nursing home residents



Santa Claus visits Parker City arriving on a fire truck, talking to the children one by one.

View more photos on website [www.parker-fire.com](http://www.parker-fire.com) - submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations.



Parker Volunteer Fire Department's Santa Claus poses with a 99-year-old lady at the nursing home.

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## IVFAA officers and committees birthdays

- January 18: Rosie Johnson
- February 20: Jean Parish
- March 2: Ann Moss
- March 11: Dorothy Reiter
- March 18: Diana Griffin
- April 11: Sharon Angel
- April 12: Carolyn Koehler
- April 26: Beth Caudill
- May 4: Christine Stephens
- May 5: Jane Ferro
- June 6: Barbara Ketchem
- June 15: June Cahill
- July 6: Barbara Parker
- July 6: Faye Sallee
- July 7: Marilyn Dever
- July 25: Irene Blockson
- August 8: Susie Stout
- August 14: Vi Bruns
- August 16: Toni Sorg
- August 20: Maxine Davies
- August 23: Phyllis Vargo
- August 29: Eula Asbury
- August 30: Beverly Taylor
- September 11: Miriam Schaeckel
- September 14: Lou Bartlow
- September 16: Juanita Owen
- October 11: E.J. Smith
- November 6: Patty Fultz
- November 6: Barbara Kerney
- November 9: Malinda Bell
- November 10: Tammy Hungate
- November 13: Joann Hays
- December 1: Martha Thomas
- December: Leslie Spears
- December: Linda Johnson
- December: Carolyn Zecks
- December: Jeanetta Dunford

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- Denim Jacket - \$48.00
- Wind Shirt - Blue - \$35.00

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**ORDER INFORMATION**

Quantity	Description	Size	Price Each	Total Purchase
	Denim Shirt Long Sleeve - \$25.00			
	Denim Shirt Short Sleeve - \$25.00			
	Henley Shirt - Blue - \$20.00			
	Wind Shirt - Blue - \$35.00			
	Golf Shirt Blue with Pocket - \$20.00			
	Golf Shirt - White with Pocket - \$20.00			
	Golf Shirt - White with Red/Blue Trim - \$28.00			
	Tee Shirt - Blue - \$10.00			
	Baseball Cap - \$15.00			

**SHIPPING INFORMATION**

BE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR SIZE FOR EACH GARMENT INCLUDED

Order Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Up To \$50 = \$7.00    \$51 to \$100 = \$15.00    Over \$100 = \$25

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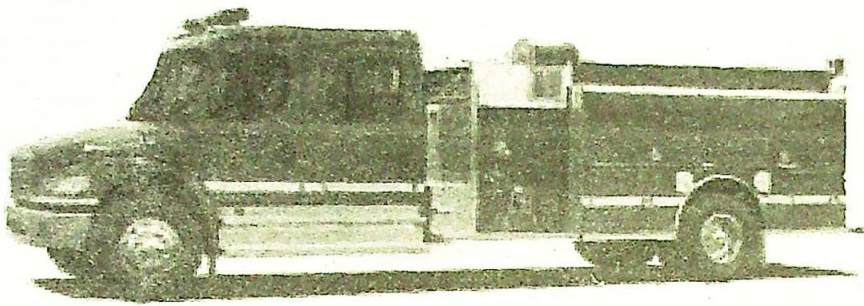
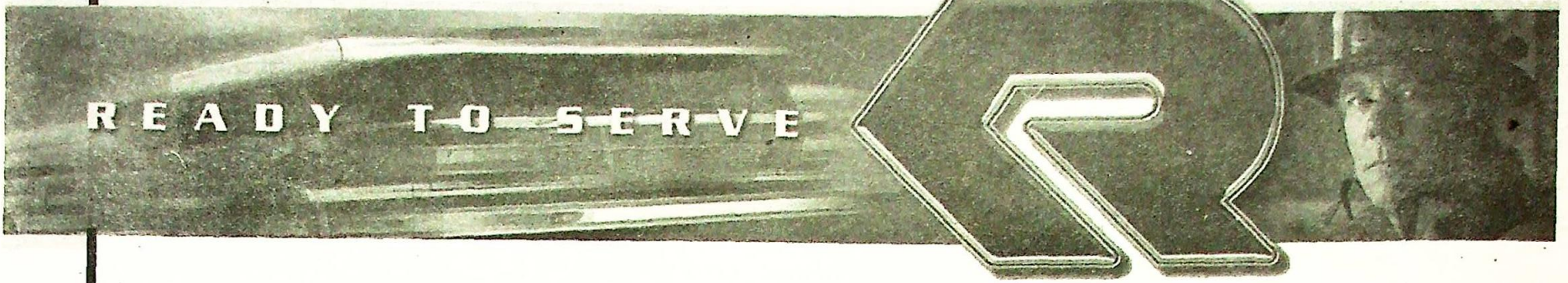
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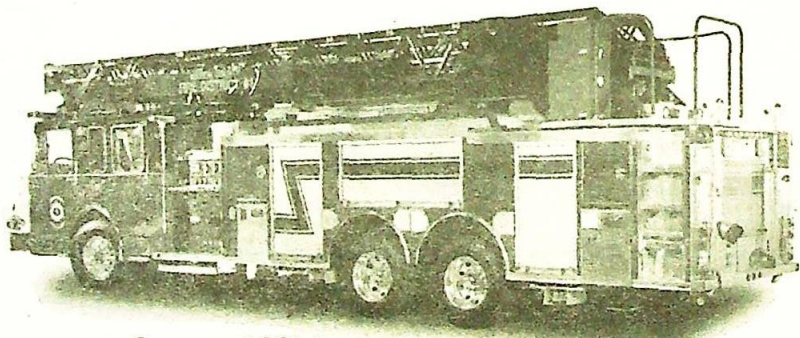
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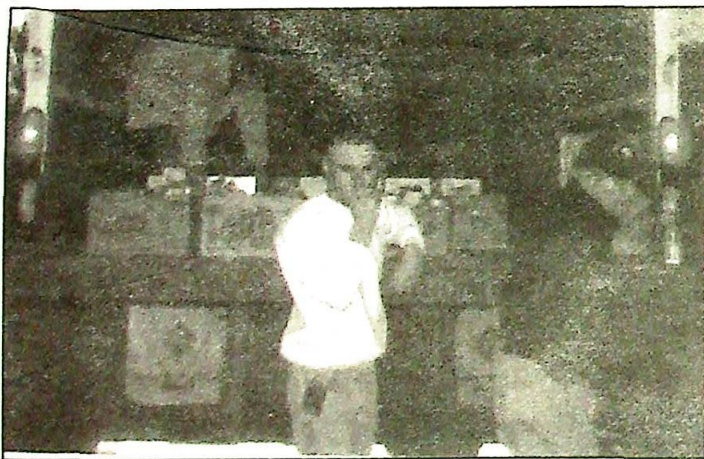
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## Delivering to the needy



Parker Volunteer Fire Department helps Parker City Police Department deliver food to the needy at Christmastime. View more photos on website www.parker-fire.com — submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations.



## John Corwin receives 25 year pin

On December 20 at the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department's Christmas party, Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman presented Fire Chief John Corwin with his 25 year pin. — submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman

## Parker VFD holds annual Christmas party



Parker Volunteer Fire Department holds its annual Christmas party. View more photos on website www.parker-fire.com — submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations.

## Liberty Township VFD holds chili supper

The crowd at the Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department, Selma, Indiana shown enjoying the chili soup supper which was held on October 7th. — submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman.

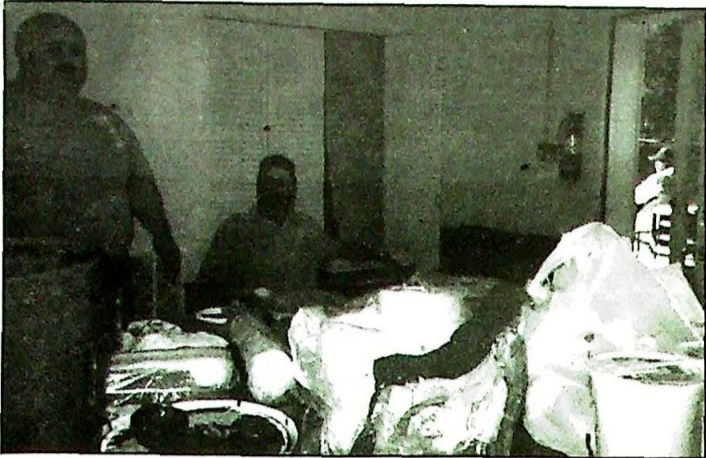


On October 7th, Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department, Selma, Indiana held a chili soup supper. Getting the food ready are members of the department. Nice hats, guys!!! — submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman.



Even fire chief Ricky Compton of the Liberty Township volunteer Fire Department, Selma, Indiana, pulled clean up duty at the chili soup supper held on October 7th at their station.

### Hog roast held at Pennville VFD



On October 21, Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held a hog roast. Pictured (left to right) are Dave Gaskell and fire chief John Corwin. - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman



### Parker City VFD receives new station clock

On October 28, Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman, presented Rodney Rodeffer, fire chief, and other members of the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department with their new clock for their station. - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman

### Hose cutting ceremony held

A ceremony was held on October 28 at the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department for their new station. Cutting the hose was Ronald McWilliams, on the left, and Gerald Cox, on the right. Helping to hold the hose were members of the fire department. - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman



### Past and present fire chiefs gather at open house



Pictured above are the past and present fire chiefs of the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department. The photo was taken at their open house which was held on October 28. - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman

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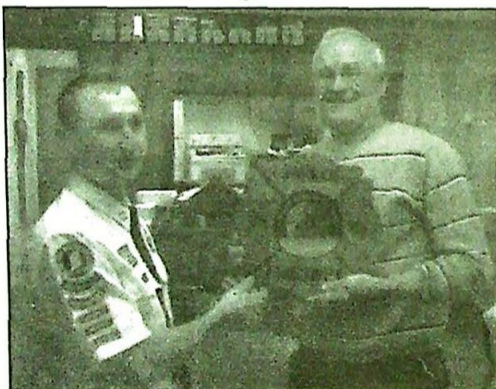
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The IVFA presents a clock to a department at a dedication of a new station. We have been asked to make you, the chief, or other spokesperson, aware that the clocks are not an item kept on a shelf awaiting your order.

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