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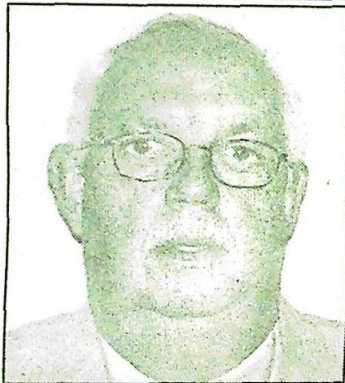
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From The President

Jack Kerney



While entering dues for the IVFA, it has come to my attention that the number of volunteer firefighter's we lose every year is costing the volunteer fire service a bundle. As we enter the dues, we see some departments with no, or very minimal change in manpower. But, there are some departments that have a tremendous loss of manpower. We have lost as many as 1,500 firefighters in a given year. The amount of time lost in training these individuals ends up to be a tremendous amount of money. If you figure it takes 50 to 60 hours to get a firefighter to the mandatory level, and a department loses 10 firefighters, not only have they lost

500 to 600 man hours training, but they have to put that amount back into the new firefighters coming on. Now you have 1,000 to 1200 hours invested. That equates to almost a year of training lost in four hour shifts. To be exact it is 300 days. That is just one fire department.

As fire department leaders, maybe we need to be more aware of why we are losing these firefighters. Could it be our leadership? Could it be that the time they are spending at the station is not considered quality time? In other words, do they feel that their time is wasted and nothing is accomplished during meetings or training sessions? Is the environment at the station, if you are not in the click, you are out? There could be numerous reasons. As leaders we need to stop the masses exiting of firefighters leaving the fire service. Whatever the reasons are, I challenge all fire chiefs and company officers to be more aware of why a firefighter leaves the fire service. Put as much effort in keeping that firefighter, as the effort put into training a new firefighter.

This will be my last article written as your President. It has been a pleasure to serve such a wonderful group of individuals. I hate to leave, but I think it's time for someone else's ideas to be put into place. Thanks everyone for your support and kindness.

I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

God bless everyone!

Jack Kerney

Traditional Last Alarm

(This article first appeared in the Journal & Courier, Lafayette, Indiana)

Saturday, July 1, 2006

Tone time 16:25. Signal 100.

At 4:25 p.m., Tippecanoe County Sheriff's dispatcher Dustin Winger, at the direction of Sheriff Smokey Anderson, called a signal 100 (emergency - urgent traffic only) to silence the air waves in order to sound the last alarm for Steven A. Smith, deputy chief of Wea Township Community Fire Department.

The last alarm is a traditional part of a firefighter's funeral.

Across the county emergency channels, Winger's voice was heard, saying:

"The fire service has been steeped in many traditions during its long history.

"We utilize these traditions as symbols which reflect honor and respect for those who have given so much and served so well.

"In the past, as firefighters began their tour of duty it was the bell that signaled the beginning of the day's shift.

"Through the day and night, each alarm was sounded by a bell, which summoned those brave souls to fight fires and place their lives in jeopardy for the good of their fellow man.

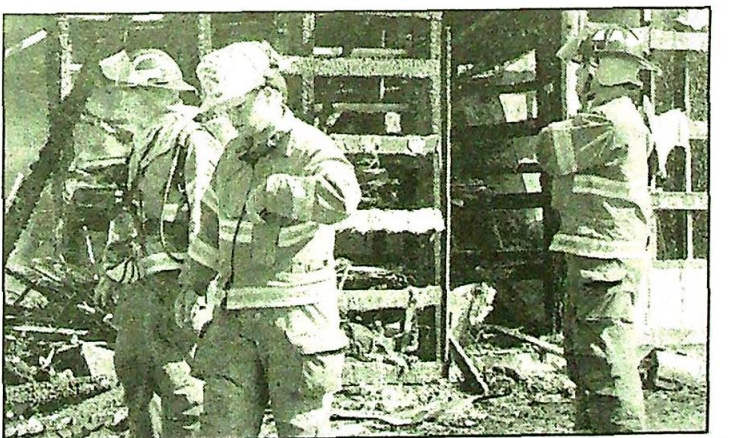
"And when the fires were out and the alarm had come to an end, it was the bell that signaled to all the task was complete and the firefighters were returning to quarters.

"And when one of our own has paid the supreme sacrifice it is the mournful toll of the bell that solemnly announces their passing.

"To symbolize the devotion the firefighters have for their profession, special signal of three rings, three times each, represents the end of their duties and their returning to quarters.

"And now, Deputy Chief Steven A. Smith has completed his tasks. His duties are done. He has given his best for our neighbors and friends. His last alarm. He is going home."

- Reni Winter/Journal and Courier



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The Bridgeport program began through the generosity of the Bridgeport Fire Department after liquidating their assets. Your Association was asked to administer the program, which sponsors three \$1,500 Scholarships each year, to be awarded to volunteer firefighters, their spouses or children.

Each applicant must first fill out a scholarship form and submit it to the Bridgeport Scholarship committee by the deadline of March 1st of each year. This benefit is available to members in good standing having paid their dues for three consecutive years and with the last year, being paid on time.

Each Scholarship may be used at the college of the recipient's choice.

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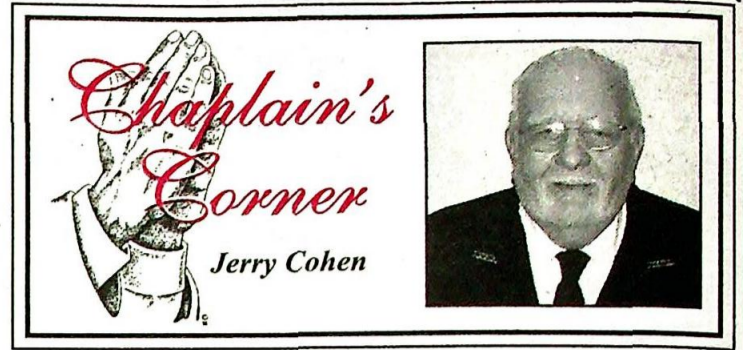
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As a volunteer firefighter and as your IVFA Chaplain, I feel that we serve because of a special calling from God.

I have been asked if it is a calling from God, why isn't it easier? Why can't all fires happen when we have enough manpower? Why is it that most fires and first responder calls come late at night or early in the morning?

Our God did not say it would be easy or on our time schedule.

I believe that when God wants to get our attention on these late nights and early morning calls, He does this so we will talk to Him.

I remember when I was still making fire runs, I would pray: "Lord, don't let that light turn red on me." "Lord, don't let there be anyone trapped in the building." "Lord, give me the strength to put this ladder up by myself."

I am sure that all of us can think of our near misses when it was only by the grace of God that we did not get hurt.

It took me many years to stop and reflect on these near misses and to take time to thank God for His blessings.

Romans 8:28 reads: We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

I believe His purpose for us is to be Volunteer Firefighters and in this way we serve Him.

I also believe it takes a special kind of person to be a Volunteer Firefighter and First Responder in God's world.

God's Love Has Overlaid The White Sparkle of Winter

The autumn colors now are gone,
And icy winds will fill the night
With snow, revealing at the dawn
A world all blanketed in white;
An awesome sight we can behold
While also seeing just beyond,
Despite the penetrating cold,
Some skaters on the frozen pond,
The nighttime sky becomes endowed
With splendor, which will then appear
When not obscured by any cloud:
The brightest stars of all the year.
Your House of Worship will portray
The love of God, with which we're blessed,
When winter's beauty comes our way,
And shows the weary world at rest. - Gloria Nowak

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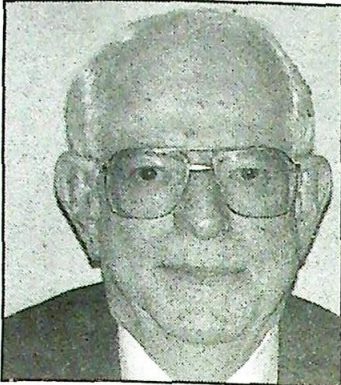
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From The Vice President

Larry Ketchem



This has been a busy summer. We have completed our IVFA Summits and we are planning to do more this coming year at different locations, but we need your help with the agendas. Please contact your district chairmen and tell them what you would like to see covered at the summits.

Training has become a big issue and we must ponder the requirements of Homeland Security.

The newly-elected officers are looking forward to the upcoming year and the challenges that lie ahead.

As a reminder, as the time changes, I cannot stress the importance of checking the batteries in all your smoke detectors. This is something I believe that we all take for granted.

Baib and I would like to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's pretty hard to think about these holidays with temperatures in the 70's, but I guess we have to think ahead.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls, emails and attendance at the funeral of my brother, Jack, a 50 year member of the Association and a member of the Odon-Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department. Your sentiment and concern were greatly appreciated not only by myself, but the rest of Jack's family.

Larry D. Ketchem
IVFA Vice President

Jeanette Dunford, 2006 Lois Boaz Award winner



Jeanette Dunford was truly worthy to win the Lois Boaz Award.

She held many offices in her auxiliary and also helps with many other church projects and crafts. She is always there when work is to be done. One lady described her as "Little Miss Susie Homemaker".

Jeanette has been married 29 years to husband Larry. They have three sons and two little granddaughters which she enjoys taking care of.

She is a member of the Praireton Fire Auxiliary and also IVFAA.

Congratulations, Jeanette Dunford.
(submitted by Rose Weisenbach, chairman, Lois Boaz Committee)

Firefighter remembered

Steven Smith laid to rest in Lafayette

By Sophia Voravong
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His constant stories of go-cart racing earned Steven A. Smith the nickname "Nitro" among his friends at the Wea Township Community Fire Department.

But it was his leadership – having served as lieutenant, captain and, most recently, deputy chief – during emergencies and his desire to serve the community that made him a role model there.

"He was a great leader," assistant fire chief Chris Evander said. "I was there at the beginning with Steve and there at the end."

Paying their respects

Family and friends laid Smith to rest Friday afternoon, five days after he died battling a house fire south of Lafayette. He is the department's first fatality in its 37-year history.

Nearly 1,000 people – among them about 700 firefighters, police officers and emergency responders from across Indiana and surrounding states – filled the gym at Jefferson High School for Smith's funeral. They paid their respects, filing in pairs past Smith's American flag-draped casket.

Evander, one of six people to speak during the service, recalled the first time he spoke to Smith 10 years ago. Smith had called the fire station wanting to know how he could volunteer.

"I asked him, 'Do you have any firefighting experience?' He said, 'I toured a fire station once,'" Evander said.

The story was one of lighter moments during the 90-minute service at Smith's alma mater.

Evander also was injured at the house fire on County Road 700 South that claimed Smith's life when he fell through the floor of the burning home.

A lightning strike is suspected to have caused the blaze.

'The life of a hero'

The Rev. Frank Kilcline, chaplain of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association and Indiana Fire Chief's Association, said Smith was taken too soon. The 34-year-old, who married his high school sweetheart, Tammy, leaves behind three daughters: Kirstyn 13, Baylee 8, and Samantha 2.

"No matter how hard they train, tragedy happens," Kilcline said. "... We say farewell to a son, a husband, a father and a friend."

The Rev. Cory Kent of Victory Christian Church spoke on behalf of the Smith family, who shared stories and memories of Smith, a general mechanic in the maintenance department at Alcoa.

They said Smith loved to play guitar and sing. During high school, he was a member of Jeff's prestigious First Edition choir.

At age 16, he started racing go-carts and competed in Benton County, in southern Indiana and once at a Hot Summer Nights Festival in Lafayette.

His mother, according to Kent, said that Smith loved children and had wanted to teach kindergarten. He coached his daughter's soccer team, along with Little League baseball.

"Today we are celebrating a life – the life of a hero," Kent said.

Eighteen of Smith's fellow Wea firefighters and emergency responders served as pallbearers. A color guard, bagpipers and drummers from numerous fire departments led the firetruck carrying Smith's body into Meadow View Cemetery, which donated two plots for the burial service.

A warm breeze passed through the grave site as firefighters wiped back tears, family members wept and hundreds of others stood by while the

last call of Smith's "Wea 421" came over radio traffic.

A folded flag – the one that had draped the casket – was presented to the widow.

And one by one, they tossed white carnations onto the casket as bagpipers played "Amazing Grace".

'We're all a family'

Kenneth Croy, a 26-year veteran of the Wea Township fire department, said that – though difficult – he and his fellow firefighters continue coping with Smith's death. The support they've received has been overwhelming, he said.

Since Sunday, Capt. Gregg Harris of the Indianapolis Fire Department has been helping the 30 firefighters – providing them with guidance and counseling through the high-stress period, Croy said.

"We had one of our brother firefighters pass away in the line of duty, and when that happens all firefighters come together and we take care of each other," Harris said. "We're all a family."

The Tippecanoe County chapter of the American Red Cross is offering similar assistance.

Surrounding fire departments have helped by answering phones at the station and running on calls. Wea firefighters have discussed serving the township again as early as today, said Croy. Wea's public information officer.

"Name a department in the city, and they've been there," he said. To all who have helped, he said, "We just want to say thank you and ask them to keep the family in their prayers."

About 450 people attended Smith's visitation on Thursday, including firefighters from across Indiana and surrounding states, Croy said.

Harris, who also is with the IFD's Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team, said he is encouraging Wea firefighters to discuss what happened, to remember that Smith gave his life to help others.

He tells them to let their families be part of the healing process. Some of the firefighters may have nightmares about what happened, others may lose their appetites and some want to close-up emotionally, Harris said.

Coping techniques include getting back into a normal routine – eating right, sleeping well and exercising.

"They'll never be able to forget chief Smith," Harris said. "But they will be able to continue on."

Indiana State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson presented Smith's widow the Governor's Award of Valor.

How can you help

Several funds have been set up to help Smith's widow, Tammy, and their three daughters: Kirstyn 13, Baylee 8, and Samantha 2.

• Lafayette Bank & Trust, any location. Make checks to: Steven Smith Fund, c/o Lafayette Bank & Trust Co., P.O. Box 1130, Lafayette,

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• Lafayette Community Bank, 2 N. Fourth St. Write a check to the "Steven Smith Fund" or "Tammy Smith" and include account number "422533." Checks may be sent to: Lafayette Community Bank, P.O. Box 779, Lafayette, IN 47902.

• Super Test gas stations at the corner of Sagamore Parkway and up

Indiana 38 or South 18th Street and County Road 350 South. Receptacles will be set up for donations.

• Blue Diamond Pool & Spas, 2655 Teal Road. A receptacle will be set up for donations.

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Chief's death marks second recent loss for department

Wednesday, July 19, 2006

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Wea Township's assistant fire chief has some pretty big boots to fill.

Three weeks and a day after losing its second-in-command, Steven Smith, who died fighting a house fire, the Wea Township Community Fire Department suffered its second major loss Monday with the death of its longtime chief Ed Evander.

Chris Evander, the department's assistant chief, lost not only his commander but his father.

Ed Evander's two and a half year battle with cancer ended just before 5 p.m. Monday at Home Hospital.

He spent his last weeks doing what he could to prepare his son for his new role as acting fire chief.

"For the past six months, Evander had been training Smith to take over his duties because he knew his health was deteriorating," said Ken Croy, public information officer for the Wea Township Community Fire Department.

"Chris had to move up the ranks very quickly," said Mike Heide, a Wea Township resident and neighbor. "But he's an outstanding young man, and I have confidence he can handle the challenge."

Ed Evander spent his final weeks trying to share with his son all he had learned in his 36 years of fire fighting.

"Dad made a list of everything he needed to tell me. We started with the first thing on the list and got through as many as we could," Chris Evander said.

Heide recalled how Ed Evander remained dedicated to his job, even after he was hospitalized.

"He took his two-way radio with him so he could continue to give directives," said Heide.

Chris Evander said he eventually had to convince his father there was nothing left to worry about.

"I just told him at one point -- dad, it may not appear to you that I've listened, but I have," said the young Evander. "And with that, dad gave a



Ed Evander

sigh of relief."

In his 13 years as fire chief, Ed Evander had developed a reputation for being a strong, detail-oriented leader who also could be "bull-headed" and difficult to please.

"Ed was the most persnickety person I ever met," said Heide, who, in addition to being Evander's neighbor, also is the commercial truck service manager at Mike Raisor Ford where Evander had the department fire trucks serviced.

"Ed knew his equipment and his trucks very well. Of all my customers, he could be the biggest thorn in my side," Heide chuckled.

It was obvious that Heide deeply respected Evander.

"On the other hand, Ed was absolutely the guy you'd want on your side if you ever needed help," said Heide. "He lived and breathed firefighting. He took it very seriously."

Heide said because Ed Evander took his responsibilities to heart, he blamed himself for Smith's death on June 25 because he had been too ill to respond to the call.

"Ed kept saying 'it should have been me' over and over," said Heide, who explained that as fire chief, Evander would have entered the house before Smith if he had been on the scene, which would have prevented Smith's death.

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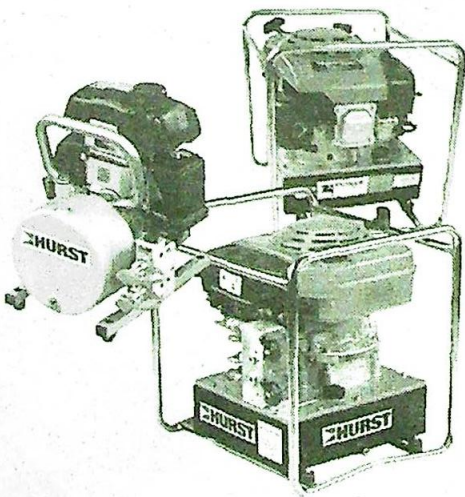
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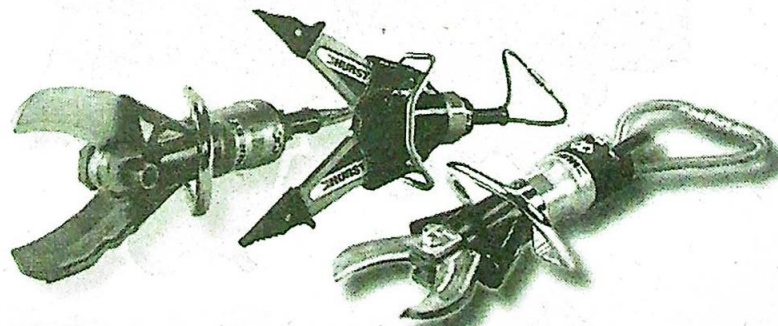
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Chris Evander (left) is pictured with his father, Ed Evander, Wea Township fire chief, who passed away Monday. Ed Evander spent his final weeks trying to share with his son all he had learned in his 36 years of firefighting. Chris Evander will take over as acting fire chief.

Croy said Evander was so upset by Smith's death that he was hospitalized that same evening.

"He took it all very hard," said Croy.

Chris Evander said with all the recent changes in the department, he has had to learn how to delegate responsibilities. But he has the entire support of the department behind him, including his new wife who literally works by his side.

On June 24, Evander married fellow Wea Township firefighter Cori O'Neil, one of three female firefighters at the department.

O'Neil's father, like Evander's, was a volunteer firefighter. Both O'Neil and Evander say they are drawn to fire fighting, and each other, by the same passion that drove their fathers.

"Chris has a lot of his dad's personality traits," said O'Neil. "He's stubborn," she said, "but also very dedicated to the department and the community, just like his father."

(This article was first appeared in the Journal & Courier, Lafayette, Indiana)

Three firefighters honored at July District 11B meeting

by Jason Moon
Assistant Editor
BannerGraphic

Greencastle, Indiana

Brent Bush doesn't think his district will see another day like it did on Wednesday, July 12, 2006.

The chairman of District 11B of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association, along with several of its members, honored three firefighters with a combined 150 years of experience on Wednesday, by giving them 50-year lifetime membership cards and pins at the district's regular meeting.

Fillmore Volunteer Fire Department firefighter Mike Davies also was honored with the Midwest Fire Safety award on Wednesday.

"We had three this year, and that's a lot," Bush said following the meeting.

Roachdale Volunteer Fire Department firefighter Howard Hedge, along with Floyd Township Volunteer Fire Department firefighter Ted Salzman were two of the firefighters honored with membership cards and pins. Salzman also received his 25-year pin from the district on Wednesday.

Hedge has volunteered at Roachdale for 50 years. He said he didn't think he'd last that long when he started fighting fires.

"You just kind of get it in your blood," he said. "This means a lot. It's a big organization."

Salzman began his firefighting career in New York, but later moved to Floyd Township.

"I'm glad I was able to do it," Salzman said. "This is a great honor. It's nice to be recognized."

Bush said Davies, who also received his 25-year pin Wednesday, was very deserving of the award he received.

"I've known Mike all of my life," Bush said. "He's a hard worker. He sticks with it and gets it done."

Bush said five applications were submitted for the award. He said he picked Davies based on his number of years served.

Following the meeting, Davies said he didn't expect to receive the award.

"It's quite an honor," Davies said. "I'm surprised. I wasn't expecting that. I think there are a lot more firemen out there that probably deserve it more than I did."

In addition, IVFA vice president Larry Ketchum, who is also a member of District 11B, was recognized for 50 years of service Wednesday. He received his membership card and pin at the IVFA state convention on June 30.

Also receiving 25-year pins were FVFD firefighters Ben Heavin and Paul Heavin, along with FTVFD firefighters Don Steward, Gene Buchanan, Mark Nelson, Paul Enders, Roger Wright, Ernie Enlow, and Richard Wood.

The district encompasses 41 volunteer fire departments spanning five counties, including Fountain, Montgomery, Parke, Putnam, and Vermillion.

There are 25 volunteer fire districts in Indiana.

The event was hosted by the Greencastle Fire Department.

Awards given at annual banquet

The Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department held their annual banquet on September 30th in which Jack Kerney was present to hand out several 25 year pins and a Gold Card to Joe Eberal.

Also our Firefighter of the Year was given out to John Arnold for Station 1, Steve Davenport for Station 2, George Ferguson for Station 3 and David Wampler for Station 4 with this year's Rookie of the Year being Tyler Van Allen.

A plaque was given to Harold Goodlett, Jr. in honor of his outstanding grant writing for CVFD, in which we received our first grant ever.

Chief Billy Caldwell was presented a plaque for five years of dedication and support to CVFD.

The membership enjoyed a night of food and music to be a great ending to a prosperous year.

Time to be thinking about Lois Boaz Award nominees

It is that time again to start writing letters for a nominee for the Lois Boaz Award.

The nominee must be in good standing in the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association Auxiliary.

Your letter should include name, address, local auxiliary district and information on her involvement with her local auxiliary, local district or state auxiliary and her community involvement.

Please include the jacket size of the nominee.

All letters must be submitted to the Lois Boaz Committee by February 1, 2007.

Lois Boaz Committee: Eula Asbury, Carolyn Zeeks, Jeanette Dunford
Eula Asbury, 4918 South State Rd. 63, Terre Haute, IN 47892
Carolyn Zeeks, 6147 State Road 37, Mitchell, IN 47446
Jeanette Dunford, 8491 South State Rd. 63, Terre Haute, IN 47802

DeMotte man, daughter killed in crash on Indiana 10

Times Staff Report

The Times of Northwest Indiana

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2006

- A DeMotte man and his daughter were killed Saturday when their family's car was struck on Indiana 10 east of County Road 300 West.

Randy Rollins, 37, and Sarah Rollins, 16, died when a semi hit their car after being struck by a 2006 Chevrolet, according to a news release from the Starke County Sheriff's Department.

Randy Rollins' wife, Kimberly, was driving east behind the Chevrolet when it crossed the center line and struck the westbound semi. The driver of the semi told police the collision caused him to lose control and he veered left, striking the Rollins' car.

Kimberly Rollins, 38, of 2771 E. 1053 North, DeMotte, and her daughter, Emily, 14, suffered head injuries in the crash. Adam Rollins, 8, also was in the car, police said.

The driver of the semi, Jerry Lynch, 38, of 7375 W. 600 North, complained of chest pains. Denver Minix, 77, of Winamac, was riding with Lynch.

The driver of the 2006 Chevrolet, Fred Bertucci, 85, of North Judson, suffered a head injury.

Mr. Rollins was an Assistant Chief

with the Lincoln Township Volunteer Fire Department.

(Article contributed by Ray and Laurie Chambers)

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THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE LOGO COMMITTEE.

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District 21 Term: Jan. 1, 2006 - Dec. 31, 2007

District 2 Term: Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2008

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1 CHAIRMAN



Tom Orrell

Keener/DeMotte Fire Department
19 July 2006

District 2 Chairman Paul Watland called the meeting to order and led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 15 members of nine departments in District 1 with Merrillville station #1 as the trophy winner, and by 39 members of seven departments in District 2 with Wheatfield/Lincoln Township FD tying for the trophy.

Guests included: Past president Buz Koehler and Mitch Parish, 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 Districts 1-2 chairperson Marge Baumgardner, John Kierkowski of the Fire Marshal's office and Jim Crowell of Sklarewitz Uniform Company.

Chief Tom Tognarelli gave a brief history of the department.

The program was given by Neal Barton and Stephanie Johnson of REMC.

Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Bob Sztot to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May meeting.

Communications: Buz advised of the Indiana Fire Service Instructors' Dinner at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis on February 5, 2007. Buz announced that the IVFA was sponsoring a fire summit at Rensselaer FD on Saturday, July 22, 2006, and on other legislation slated for 2007 agenda.

Jim Bradford announced our 2007 officers - Larry Ketchum as president and Dave Elick as vice president, advised the paper should be out soon, and the next deadline is October 10.

Jim also spoke on the federal death

benefit, NIMS 300 and the driver's safety film, and reminded everyone that dues are to be postmarked by July 31 or members will be disqualified for the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

Treasurer's report: \$1,430.78.

No old business.

New business: Election. A motion was made by John Kierkowski, seconded by Ralph Knapp to retain Tom Orrell, Paul Watland, Clarence Moss and Diana Orrell to the positions they currently hold and all passed with one unanimous vote.

Good of order: Billy Howe advised of a local memorial at Schererville FD on September 10 (Sunday), and announced has T-shirts for sale for that memorial.

The next meeting will be on August 16 at Chesterton FD.

Virgil Barker of Keener FD won \$72 in the 50/50 drawing. George Hensley, Neal Barton and Jim Bradford won items donated by Sklarewitz Uniform.

Bob Sztot made a motion, seconded by Keith Austin at 8:42 p.m.

Diana L Orrell, Secretary
IVFA Districts 1 & 2

Chesterton Fire Department
August 16, 2006

District 1 chairman Tom Orrell called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Chairman of the Board Koehler led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Roll call was answered by 38 members of 14 departments in District 1 with Washington Township FD as the trophy winner and by 19 members of seven departments in District 2 with a tie between Lowell and Lincoln Fire Departments for the trophy.

Guests included: Past presidents Koehler and Parish, PRNW Jim Bradford, District 1 chairman Tom Orrell, District 2 chairman Paul Watland, Districts 1-2 treasurer Clarence Moss, Districts 1-2 secretary Diana Orrell, former District 1 chairman Billy Howe, John Kierkowski of the Fire Marshal's office, Gold Card members Bob Esserman and Ron Good, IVFAA vice president Martha Thomas and Lake County Fire Chief's Association president Jack Eskridge.

Phil Griffith gave a program on CERT Training (Community Emergency Response Team).

Eric Kurtz from Indiana Fire

Chief's Association gave information on Emergency Response Planning Info.

Glen White made a motion, seconded by Keith Austin to dispense with the reading of July's minutes. Passed.

Communications: Koehler advised all items for legislation are on the website and discussed the summit meeting that was held in Rensselaer and advised that the mandatory training books were passed out. Bradford advised the driver's training videos are still not available and reminded everyone of NIMS requirements needed before September, also advised water ball nationals will be held at Bass Lake. Martha Thomas reminded everyone that Miss Flame candidates names needed by October.

Treasurer's report: \$1,467.87.

No old business.

No new business. One death in District 1. A moment of silence was observed for Gene Hughart of Pine Township FD.

Good of order: August 20, special persons day at Jasper Co. Fairgrounds; August 22, dedication of EMA building, Greg Phillips memorial; August 25/26 South Haven Fire Fest; August 27, benefit poker run at Leroy's in Porter for Branham baby; September 2-3, Schererville Street Fest; September 10, 911 memorial event day.

A 50 year Gold Card was issued to Carrol E. Gustafson of Chesterton FD by Buz Koehler, Willie Parish, Jim Bradford and CPD Chief Warren "Skip" Highwood, and 25 year pins were issued to Doug Sheerer and Paul V. Neely of Chesterton FD by Buz Koehler, Jim Bradford and Tom Orrell.

Next meeting will be September 20 at Lake Hills FD.

Bob Szafranski won \$44 in the 50/50 drawing.

Buz Koehler made a motion, seconded by Glen White to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. Passed.

Diana L Orrell, Secretary
IVFA Districts 1-2

Lake Hills Fire Department
September 20, 2006

District 2 chairman called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. Lake Hill treasurer Ron Vale led the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Roll call was answered by 22

DISTRICT 2 CHAIRMAN



Paul Watland

members of nine departments in District 1 with Merrillville Station #1 as the trophy winner, and by 28 members of seven departments in District 2 with Lincoln Township FD as the trophy winner.

Guests included: Past presidents Buz Koehler and Willie Parish, 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 Vice President Martha Thomas, IVFAA District 2 chairperson Ann Moss, IVFAA secretary Marge Baumgardner, District 2 Miss Flame Rebecca Proud, John Kierkowski of the State Fire Marshal's office and Jim Daley from Hoosier Fire.

Ron Vale gave a brief history of Lake Hills FD.

No program was available.

Keith Austin made a motion, seconded by Bob Sztot to dispense with a reading of August 2006 minutes. Passed.

Communications: Buz Koehler announced that a Brazil, IN firefighter died when he rolled a tanker while responding. Willie Parish advised information from NIOSH reports, advised paper deadline is October 10. Jim Bradford advised there is a new Bridgeport Scholarship form (dated August 12) advised this form must be the one used when applying. Jim advised the driver safety film is out. 2007 Convention will be in Evansville, 2008 in Beltaire Casino in southern Indiana. Jim also stated that there will be no more brick/mortar training centers, will all become mobile to go from department to department. Ann Moss reminded everyone that Miss Flame applications are due in soon.

Treasurer's report: \$1,511.87.

Old business: None.

New business: Buz, Paul and Ron Vale presented a 50 year Gold card to Lake Hills firefighter William "Bill" Klahn.

Deaths: None in Districts 1-2, granddaughter of IVFA president and the IVFAA recording secretary's husband passed. A moment of silence was observed for both.

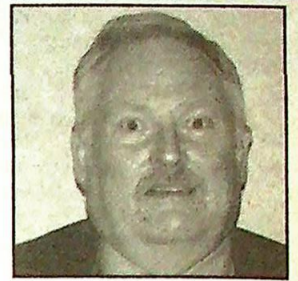
Good of order: September 30, Fire Service Inc hosting an Open House from 10-4; September 30, Schererville town wide auction; October 7, Griffith FD boot drive for Hoosier Burn Camp; October 8, Beverly Shores pancake breakfast and open house from 8-1; October 14, Blue Mass at St John Evangelistic Church at 6 p.m.; October 15, Cedar Lake open house and pancake breakfast from 7-1; October 15, Schererville dedication of the new safety village, ceremony at noon.

Next meeting: October 18 at Merrillville station #2 (Independence Hill).

Larry Stinger made a motion at 8:45 to adjourn, seconded by Bob Sztot. Passed.

Diana L Orrell, Secretary
IVFA Districts 1-2

DISTRICT 3 CHAIRMAN



David G. Kaufman

July 20, 2006

Kingsford-Union VFD

Associate chaplain Ron Devenport asked the blessing of the food at 1830 hours and an excellent dinner was enjoyed by all.

Program: Chairman Kaufman presented a PowerPoint from the Indiana Fire Chief's Association Mutual Aid Program on the Indiana Emergency Response Plan (IERP) and another PowerPoint from the National Volunteer Fire Council and their Costing Survey.

Chairman Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. Assistant chief Mark Chapman led the Pledge.

Guests present were: Past president Buz Koehler, state chaplain Jerry Cohen, PR Director Jim Bradford, past president Mitch Parish, associate state chaplain Ron Devenport, Bruce Yonkers - District 1.

Roll call was taken with 14 members representing eight departments present.

A motion to dispense of the reading of the minutes and approve as published was made and passed.

Treasurer's report was given and approved by a motion.

Communications: Comments from Buz Koehler - 1. Gave a legislative update and announced that legislative updates are available on the website when the sessions are going; 2. Announced that the Fire Institute dinner is February 2 in Indianapolis; 3. Announced that there is an IVFA Fire Summit in Rensselaer on July 24. Comments from Jim Bradford - 1. Announced that the paper will be out the 1st week of August; 2. Announced that the deadline for the next edition of the paper is October 10th; 3. Gave a report on NFPA Annex D; 4. Announced the slate of State Officers for next year; 5. Reminded everyone that dues are to be in by July 31 or your department will lose Bridgeport Scholarship eligibility. Comments from Associate Chaplain Ron Devenport - 1. Thanked all for serving their communities. Comments from Chairman Kaufman - 1. Chairman Kaufman presented roses and programs from the Convention Memorial to departments present; 2. Also reminded everyone to pay their dues by 7/31; 3. Announced that he attended the IVFAA meeting at Springfield. They are asking for assistance in recruitment for auxiliaries; 4. Reminded departments to return their district training evaluations as soon as possible. Monies will be distributed accordingly.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Chairman Kaufman presented the District 3 Midwest Award to Associate State Chaplain Ron Devenport; 2. Election of officers - chairman Kaufman turned the floor over to PR director Bradford to conduct the elections. Nominations from the floor were accepted for chairman. Dave Kaufman was nominated. Being there were no other nominations for the office of chairman, Pam Kaufman placed one unanimous ballot for Dave Kaufman as chairman of District 3. Nominations from the floor were accepted for secretary/treasurer. Pam Kaufman was nominated. Being there were no other nominations for the office of secretary/treasurer, Dave Kaufman placed one unanimous ballot

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DISTRICT 3 REPORT

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for Pam Kaufman as secretary/treasurer of District 3.

Good of the Order: 1. Starke County is working on lowering their ISO rating to a 6 or 7. Chairman Kaufman advised departments to submit their Field Rep requests to the Chicago Field Office. Anyone needing contact information can contact Chairman Kaufman. 2. Past chairman Tim Sandy commented on the number of apparatus accidents posted on the Firehouse website. He reminded everyone to use caution. 3. Chairman Kaufman suggested everyone subscribe to The Secret List by Billy Goldfeder. It can be accessed at www.firefighterclosecalls.com or thru the Firehouse website. The Secret List is an informative newsletter sent advising of firefighter injuries, accidents and deaths. 4. Bruce Yonkers announced that this year's Expo for Special Persons is being held the 3rd Sunday of August at the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Rensselaer. Contact number is (219) 924-3318.

Meeting was adjourned at 2010 hrs. Jim Bradford won the 50/50; Bruce Yonkers won an IVFA notebook; and Tim Sandy won a KUVFD T-shirt.

*Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer*

Next Meeting: September 21, 2006 hosted by Cass-Clinton Township VFD but held at the Kankakee Valley REMC Building, 8642 W US 30, Wanatah. Dinner at 6:30 pm (local time). Program at 7:00 pm. Meeting immediately following the program. Program will be: Electrical Safety.

September 21, 2006
Cass-Clinton Twp VFD
(KV REMC)

Associate chaplain Ron Devenport asked the blessing of the food at 1835 hours and an excellent dinner was enjoyed by all.

Program: A high voltage

demonstration was presented by two KV REMC workers.

Chairman Kaufman called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. Chief Larry Rust led the Pledge.

Guests present were: State chaplain Jerry Cohen, PR Director Jim Bradford, past president Mitch Parish, associate state chaplain Ron Devenport, Bruce Yonkers - District 1, Jim Rosendaul - District 1.

Roll call was taken with 16 members representing eight departments present.

Minutes were read and approved by a motion.

Treasurer's report was given and approved by a motion.

Communications: Comments from Jim Bradford - 1. Announced that the paper will be out the 1st week of November; 2. Announced that the deadline for the next edition of the paper is October 10th; 3. Announced that there is a new Bridgeport Scholarship form available on the website. It is dated 8/12/06 and no other form will be accepted; 4. Announced that the 2007 Convention will be in Evansville. District 1, 2 & 3 will try for 2009; 5. Reported that there was a Fire Summit in Rensselaer on July 22; 6. Reminded everyone that the new fireworks law is only in effect one year. If it is not extended, all monetary proceeds will be lost. Comments from past president Parish - 1. Talked about the NIOSH report on firefighter deaths. Encouraged all departments to develop and enforce SOPs for seat belt usage. Comments from Associate Chaplain Ron Devenport - 1. Requested any departments wishing to establish department chaplains to contact him; 2. Announced there will be emergency notification forms forthcoming to be distributed to departments to obtain notification information in case of an emergency. Comments from Chaplain Cohen - 1. Reminded all departments that a NIMS deadline is 9/30. Funding will be forfeited for non-compliance. Comments from chairman Kaufman - 1. Advised he has paperwork available

that outlines the steps that need to be taken for line of duty deaths. Contact him if you would like a copy; 2. Announced he presented three 25-yr pins to Center Twp. on 9/20. He reminded everyone to check the dues paperwork to make sure their date joining the fire service is correct. He also asked anyone that hasn't received their pins to contact him; 3. Announced that the forms distributed to the chiefs to offer equipment to the state program need to be returned to him ASAP; 4. Announced that the State EMS Conference will be combined with the Indiana Fire Chief's Conference in Indianapolis next year; 5. Announced that the AFG grant money will begin to be released by the end of the month. He has been advised that departments have received e-mails confirming their bank deposit information; 6. Announced he just forwarded the latest Hoosier Responder via e-mail.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: 1. Chaplain Cohen announced that the Indiana Fire Chaplains Association have developed a chaplain training program and certifications will be forthcoming.

Good of the Order: 1. Past chairman Tim Sandy announced he and his wife would like to sponsor an annual District 3 Meritorious Service Award. They would develop guidelines and an application process and ask a committee to assist with the selection process. Their hopes are that this award would become a prestigious award and will also be working toward a monetary award with it. They are still in the planning stages and wish to sponsor this award to give back to the fire service. More information will be presented at the next meeting; 2. Members were reminded that the Starke County Firefighters Honor Guard is available for a firefighter funeral. The death does not have to be a line-of-duty death for them to participate. Departments were also reminded to contact the district chairman whenever there is a death; 3. Hamlet will be having a pancake

breakfast on October 1st; 4. Wanatah will be hosting the Scarecrow Festival this weekend. Cass-Clinton will be having a booth and a toy show; 5. Kingsbury will be having a pancake breakfast on the last Sunday of October the 29th.

Meeting was adjourned at 2055 hrs. after a prayer by Chaplain Cohen. Tim Sandy won the 50/50 and donated it back to the treasury; Jim Hall, Craig Culver and Mitch Parish won Task Force Tip hose hooks donated by Duane Tate of TFT; and, Jim Bradford and John Mohlke won hats donated by Dave Kaufman.

*Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer*

Next Meeting: November 16, 2006 hosted by San Pierre VFD. Dinner at 6:30 pm (local time). Program at 7:00 p.m. Meeting immediately following the program.

DISTRICT 4 REPORT

Terry Smith, Chairman

The 4th District held its July meeting at Walkerton Fire Department with six departments in attendance with a total of 19 members and guests.

Indiana House candidate, Bob Kolvoch, talked about his campaign, then inquired about the firefighters and EMS concerns and what they would like to see accomplished.

Correspondence was then discussed with the meeting then being adjourned with the Walkerton Fire Department serving refreshments.

The next 4th District meeting will be held at the Baugo Fire Department on October 25, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

DISTRICT 5 REPORT

Tony Farrer, Chairman

July 13, 2006

Location: Rochester Fire Department
Rochester, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1933 hrs. by District 5 chair Don Kissinger with the Pledge of Allegiance

following.

Roll call: 14 members representing nine departments.

Guests: Richard Glant, past president, Jean and E. J. Smith. Jean is PRNE representative.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by district chairman Kissinger and approved.

Chairman Kissinger asked if any department had any fires or injuries due to fireworks. None were reported. The Convention went well. Next year's Convention will be in Evansville June 13-16. The 2008 Convention will be at a new resort, Belterra, near Vevay on the Ohio River.

Gene Smith reported that District 5 Miss Flame Amber Farrer did very well at the State Convention. He then reported the results of the election of state officers as follows: President - Larry Ketchem from Montezuma, District 11B, Vice President - David Elick from LaGrange, District 6, PR East Central - Steve Harris.

All other officers remained the same. The IVFA is working on the following issues for the 2007 Legislative agenda.

1. Allow for a tax increase in the fire protection tax levy above the allowable limit to cover excessive growth in and around municipalities. Increasing territory would not be considered excessive growth. Allow a review every five years to assess progress for necessary adjustments. 2. A volunteer firefighter injured in the line of duty cannot be terminated from his/her job. 3. Exempt volunteer firefighters and other volunteers from losing their PERF benefits if they contract a communicable disease. 4. Tax exemption for volunteer firefighters. 5. Change fireworks law to make permanent the 5% of sales going directly to Homeland Security, not the General Fund. Funds to be dedicated for training and equipment replacement. 6. Establish a Length of Service Awards Program for Volunteer Firefighters. Funds to come from the fireworks tax or a Percentage of

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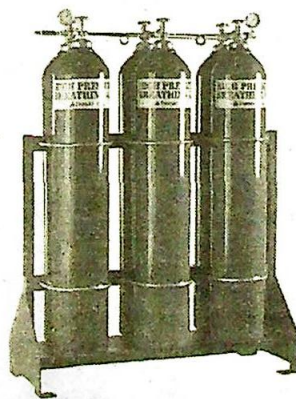


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gaming funds. 7. Volunteer firefighters to receive an automatic exemption from jury duty.

Tony Farrer was the auctioneer for the convention fund-raiser for Hoosier Burn Camp. Over \$2,000 was raised.

The next IVFA quarterly meeting will be August 12 & 13.

IVFA dues are due. They need to be postmarked by July 31. You have to be current for three consecutive years to be eligible for benefits and the scholarship fund.

Good of the Order: Denver will hold a Bluegrass Festival on July 16 from 1-5 PM at the Community Building.

Mike Rice is the new fire chief for the Warsaw Fire Dept.

Chairman Kissinger encouraged the members to make use of the web site. North Manchester put a used truck on the site and sold it on July 12.

Chairman Kissinger turned the meeting over to Richard Glant for election of officers. Chairman - one unanimous ballot was cast for Tony Farrer. Co-chair - one unanimous ballot was cast for Don Kissinger. Sec./Treas. - one unanimous ballot was cast for David Sichelka.

Chairman Kissinger thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to be chairman for the past 12 years. With his job responsibilities, he is not able to put in the time that he used to.

Requirements for Miss Flame candidates were discussed. If any department has a candidate for District 5, let Tony Farrer know before the November meeting.

Discussion was held on NIMS.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 hrs with refreshments being served by the host department.

The next meeting will be September 14 at Mentone.

Respectfully submitted,
David Sichelka,

District 5 Secretary-Treasurer

September 14, 2006

Location: Mentone Tri-Township
Fire Department
Mentone, IN

Meeting was called to order at 1936 hrs. by District 5 chair Tony Farrer with the Pledge of Allegiance following. IVFA assistant chaplain David Sichelka offered the invocation.

Roll call: 27 members representing eight departments.

Guests: Peggy Nifong, Miss Flame Candidate for 2007 representing Bourbon, 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: Miss Flame judging will be at the November 9 meeting in La Paz.

Firefighters are encouraged to contact their state representatives to voice opposition to a proposed regulation that all firefighters on scene have Firefighter I and II certification.

A question was raised as to how firefighter training revenues will be distributed through Homeland Security Districts. It is not known at this time.

Gene Smith reported that Fire Prevention Week will be Oct. 8-14 with the theme, "Watch what you heat" focusing on cooking safety.

Chairman Farrer reported that the '07 IVFA Convention may include a Pumper Pull and Fire Fighter War.

Auburn had an open house for their new training facility.

Good of the Order: Denver will hold their annual Beef Roast on October 7. Bremen Fall Stag will be October 5.

The program for the evening was presented by Curtis Mills and Wayne Black of Denver who spoke on their Emergency Response Unit. Started in late 2004, this group made up mainly of First Responders and EMTs supports the fire service without actually fighting the fires. They fill bottles and clean hose and generally do many of the tasks that often take firefighters away from attacking the fire.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Paul Martin of Bourbon.

It was moved by Mike Long and seconded by Allen Durst to adjourn.

Refreshments were served by the host department.

The next meeting will be November 9 at La Paz.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Sichelka,
District 5 Secretary-Treasurer

DISTRICT 7 CHAIRMAN

Maurice 'Mort' Sorg

JULY 17, 2006
PONETO

Guests: Jean Smith, Public Relations Director Northeast.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by the membership.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Sorg announced there have been three firefighter deaths in the district since the last meeting.

Chairman Sorg introduced the new Mr. IVFA, Ivan Nevil of Geneva.

Chairman Sorg invited all members to attend a training session at Poe on September 23, 2006 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The training will be conducted by Lutheran Air.

Chairman Sorg announced the 2008 IVFA Convention will be held at Belterra Casino, Resort & Spa. This is located in the Markland Dam Area.

Jean Smith, Public Relations Director Northeast advised the membership of current information

and legislation proposals.

Election of officers: Maurice "Mort" Sorg was re-elected district chairman. Gary Markley was re-elected district secretary.

Chairman Sorg announced the next District 7 meeting will be at Preble on September 18, 2006.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Gary L. Markley
Secretary

SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

PREBLE

Guests were: Dr. Scott Lee, Turning Point Behavioral Health Center (Bluffton). Gary Robison, Indiana State Fire Marshal Office, Jean Smith, Public Relations Director Northeast.

Chairman Sorg called the meeting to order at 8:12 p.m. and the membership recited The Pledge of Allegiance.

The first roll call was answered by 30 members from 11 departments.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Sorg provided current information and local updates as well as news for the 2007 IVFA Convention. In addition, Chairman Sorg announced IVFA motorcycle license plates will be offered in the future.

Chairman Sorg announced the Indiana Weekend at Emmitsburg, Maryland will be held September 29, 30 and October 1, 2006.

Chairman Sorg introduced the new Midwest Award winner, Jim Hower of the Ossian Fire Department.

Gary Robison told the membership of the need for departments to report updates on their progress toward completing the NIMS requirements as this will affect monies such as grants.

Jean Smith announced the upcoming "Fire Prevention Week" and this year's theme, "COOKING FIRES - Watch what you heat".

Les Marckel of Decatur Fire Department announced information

on the District # 3 Training Council.

The second roll call was answered by 30 members from 11 departments.

Chairman Sorg announced the next meeting will be November 20, 2006 at Roanoke. This meeting will include "Miss Flame" judging.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Dr. Scott Lee provided a presentation Post incident stress and ways to deal with this situation.

Gary L. Markley
Secretary

DISTRICT 8B CHAIRMAN

Lloyd E. Wright

On July 12, 2006 District 8B held its meeting at the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department, Salamonia, Indiana at 7:30 p.m. A lunch was served before the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by district chairman, Lloyd Wright with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

There were 35 members present from seven different departments.

Guests attending the meeting were Don Cushman, Public Relations Representative and Mark Sales, Midwest Fire representative.

A report was made on the convention that was held in June, thought that everything went well and everybody had a good time. Next year's convention will be held in Evansville.

Election of officers was held with the following being voted in: district chairman, Lloyd Wright, assistant chairman, Eddie Smith, secretary and treasurer Deb Thorpe.

A discussion was held about forming

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a committee to come up with ideas on how to help with the expenses for the Miss Flame Contest.

The departments were reminded that their IVFA dues are to be paid by the end of July.

Different department's fundraisers are as follows: 1. Pennville Vol. Fire Department will have a parade on July 15th at 3:00 p.m. with water ball to follow at 4:30 p.m.; 2. Bryant Vol. Fire Department will have a Sausage & Pancake Breakfast on Sept. 9 & 10. Also will have a parade on Sept. 9; 3. Ridgeville Vol. Fire Department will have a Chicken & Noodle supper on August 12 from 4 to 7 p.m.; 4. Montpelier Vol. Fire Department will have a parade on September 2 at 2:00 p.m. Water ball on Sunday, September 3 at 1:00 p.m.

Next district meeting will be held at the Salem Twp. Volunteer Fire Department on September 13, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday September 13, 2006 District 8B held their meeting at the Salem Twp. Fire Station, Daleville, Indiana at 7:30 p.m. A lunch was served before the meeting consisting of chicken, macaroni & cheese, cole slaw and drinks.

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Roll call was taken with the number of fire runs for each department. There were a total of 30 people from six different departments. They had a total of 102 fire runs and 120 EMS runs. Guests were Carol & Marlene Thrawley from District 13A.

Some more discussion was held on a way to raise money for the expenses of the Miss Flame contest.

Jeremy Woods gave a talk on Methamphetamine Labs. The different topics were What is methamphetamines, How are they made, What type of products are used in making them, and What can we do.

Different fund raisers that are happening are as follows:

1. The Salem Twp. Vol. Fire Department will hold a tractor pull on September 15 and a pork chop dinner on October 7 from 4-8 P.M.;
2. Stoney Creek Vol. Fire Department will have a pork chop dinner on September 23. They will be serving all day;
3. Pennville Vol. Fire Department will be holding a hog roast in October;
4. Salamonia Vol. Fire Department will be holding a fish fry at their station on November 11 from 4-7 p.m.;
5. Ridgeville Vol. Fire Department will be having a tool and toy auction on November 24 at 6:30 p.m.

District 8B's Miss Flame contest will be held January 10, 2007 at the Ward Twp. Volunteer Fire Department in Saratoga, Indiana. If you have any girls that are eligible for this please see me for an application.

The next District 8B meeting will be held at the Union City Vol. Fire Department, Union City, Indiana at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see all of you there.

Lloyd Wright,
District 8B Chairman

DISTRICT 11A CHAIRMAN



Robert Meyers

Districts 11A and 11 B held a joint meeting/picnic September 17th at Fairbanks Park in Terre Haute. There was a lot of good food and fellowship.

Our next meeting will be held at 1:00 pm November the 19th at the Sandford Fire Department.

I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the families of Errett

Miller and Jennifer Held. Errett was well liked by those around him. He loved the fire service. There were approximately 400 people in attendance for his services. Jennifer, granddaughter of Bob and Joann Hays, will be missed by her many friends, both young and old. She was an outgoing young lady looking forward to being a Miss Flame contestant. It was said that she could fix almost anything that was broken ... with a roll of duct tape. Since this is the last issue of the paper for the year, I would like to wish each of you a bountiful Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Until next time, work safe and keep warm.

Robert "Bob" Meyers
District 11A Chairman

DISTRICT 11B CHAIRMAN



Wm. Brent Bush

GREENCASTLE
JULY 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order by chairman Bush.

The pledge to the flag was led by Sgt-at-Arms, Jack Giles and the Invocation was given by Don Steward from the Floyd Twp. Fire Protection District. Chairman Bush introduced the guests present which included president Jack Kerney, vice president Larry Ketchem, secretary Larry Bartlow and Sgt-at-Arms Bill Bush.

The district auxiliary chairperson, Patty Stephens introduced her guests. The roll call was taken with 30 members from nine departments plus three guests answering the roll.

Chairman Bush presented 50 year cards to Howard Hedge of the Roachdale Fire Department and to Ted Salzman of the Floyd Twp. Fire Protection District. Chairman Bush then presented 25 year pins to Mike Davies of the Fillmore Fire Dept, Ted Salzman, Don Steward, Eugene Buchanan, Tim Jenks, Roger Wright, Ernie Enlow and Richard Wood of the Floyd Twp Fire Protection District. Those absent from the awards ceremony were Dan Heavin, Paul Heavin from the Fillmore Fire Dept and Mark Nelson and Paul Enders from the Floyd Twp. Fire Proto Dist. These firefighters will receive their pins at a later date.

The annual Midwest Fire and Safety Award went to Mike Davies of the Fillmore Fire Dept.

A motion to suspend the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was made, seconded and passed. A motion was made to suspend with the reading of the treasurer's report. This was seconded and the motion passed.

At this time, Chairman Bush turned the floor over to the election committee chairman, Bill Bush who conducted this year's election.

The following were nominated and elected. Chairman - Brent Bush, Vice Chairman - Larry Southard, Secretary-Treasurer - John Davies, Sgt-at-Arms - Jack Giles.

A motion was made to leave the office of chaplain as it currently is with Con Mankin serving in this position. The motion was seconded and passed.

The district Miss Flame, Brittney Short was introduced to those present. Chairman Bush mentioned the awards winners that were announced at this year's convention along with the site of the 2007 and 2008 conventions.

Vice president Ketchem spoke about the awards and how to submit names for the various awards. President Kerney also spoke on the workings of the selection committee. A motion was made and seconded to

make the Mr. IVFA committee go back to having the last three winners decide the next year's winner's name at the February meeting. This motion passed.

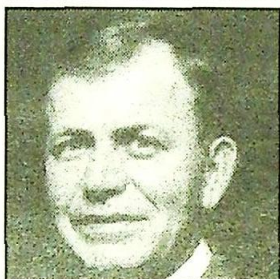
President Kerney spoke about mandatory training. The book and CD are done. He reviewed the bills that will be presented at this year's legislation session. He also discussed the two new programs the IVFA has been involved with along with the state death benefit.

The new officers for the district auxiliary were announced. Chairman Bush presented the host certificate to Chief Bill Newgent of the Greencastle Fire Dept. Various upcoming department fund raiser dates were announced.

Having no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned with the benediction given by Don Steward.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Secretary

DISTRICT 12 CHAIRMAN



Larry E. Bruner

Greetings from District 12. Where did the summer go? Now is the time for the on station training we didn't get accomplished this summer.

Our May 21st meeting was hosted by Jamestown Volunteer Fire Department with 16 members from seven departments present. Guests included: IVFA vice president Larry Ketchem and his wife Barbara, District 12 WCPR Diane Harrison and her husband, Harold; and Rod Pressel from Hoosier Fire.

Rod gave a presentation on a new item called the DRAG Rescue device, as well as other items from Hoosier Fire that are new to the fire service. Rod talked about the fact that uniformity in air packs are being considered so all units would be compatible in the event of mutual aid incidents. The proposed legislation died due to the fact that it would have been unfunded by the State and would have been a major expense to most departments.

Our July 16th meeting was held at Hazelwood Volunteer Fire Department with nine members present from six departments. IVFA vice president Larry Ketchem led discussion on the upcoming fire chiefs orientation for 2007.

Al Mandel, vice president Ketchem and chairman Larry Bruner will be working on an amendment to update the Bridgeport Scholarship Program.

Our September 24th meeting was hosted by Perry Twp. VFD in Boone County. There were 10 members present from five departments. Guests included PRWC Diane Harrison and husband Harold; Brian Russell from Jones & Associates Insurance.

"To Hell and Back", an educational program of the reality of burn injuries was shown and discussed.

Our next meeting will be held November 19th hopefully at the new station for Monroe Twp. VFD.

Respectfully,
Larry Bruner

DISTRICT 14 REPORT

Charlie Moon, Chairman

Greetings,
Hope everyone has had a great summer.

District 14 has made a change in officers this year and we're excited about the up and coming year.

Our next meeting will be November 8th at 7:00-p.m. at the McCullough Volunteer Fire Department.

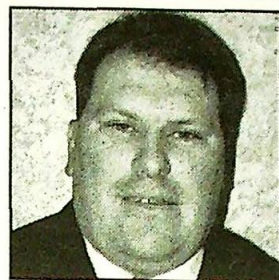
Miss Flame applications will be available at this meeting.

District 14 pageant will take place in February.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season.

Charlie Moon
District 14 chairman

DISTRICT 15 CHAIRMAN



Steve Anderson

It is with a heavy heart I write this quarter, for District 15 has lost a dear friend. McCutchanville firefighter Jim Hungate passed away Tuesday, September 19 at his residence. Jim was an IVFA member since 1990, and had been on the Evansville Convention host committee the past three conventions. His wife Tammy is the recording secretary for the IVFAA. Jim was honored with a Memorial Service and firefighter funeral. Our prayers go out to the families of IVFA and IVFAA members that have lost loved ones this past quarter.

Our district is working very hard to continue the tradition of great conventions held in our area. We have some neat ideas planned, but we are not ready to release all of the details. One thing you may be interested in is that we are looking into ways to revitalize the games. Hopefully, by next quarter we will be ready to release our new and improved games lineup.

Our next district meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 21st at Smith Twp. - Cynthia VFD. Remember that we have 50 year gold cards and 25 year pins to award to deserving individuals. Contact your district chairman to schedule a presentation.

Finally, make sure you take advantage of the many websites with information that can be used to improve your skills, and improve your department. There are many sites now that have online training classes available. Also, keep in mind that both the IVFA and the IN DHS websites have training calendars listing classes that are available for your members.

Until next time, stay safe. Steve Anderson, District 15 Chairman

DISTRICT 16 CHAIRMAN



Paul Holcomb

I would like to start by giving a great deal of thanks to everyone that has been working so hard with me to get District 16 on its feet again.

I would not have been able to get everything back into order in such a short time without you.

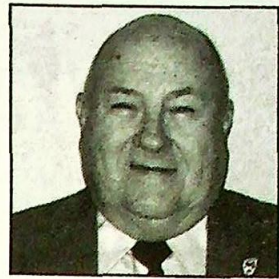
Over the past few months as many of you know, we have been rebuilding District 16 from the ground up.

I will have to say that I am very pleased with our member participation, but would still like to see more members at our district meetings in the future.

I would also like to take this time to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and looking forward to seeing you all in the near future.

Paul Holcomb
District 16 chairman

DISTRICT 17A CHAIRMAN



Jack Harker

My last District 17A meeting was held at Edwardsport Volunteer Fire Department.

There were 20 members present representing six departments. There were five guests present.

A 25-year pin was given to Roy C. Spanger of Edwardsport for his years of service for the fire department.

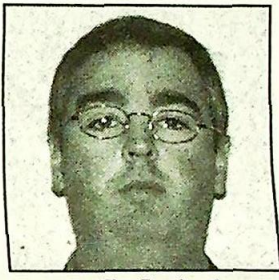
Tom Nowaskie from REMC was guest speaker and he spoke about safety when approaching power lines.

The next District 17A meeting will be on November 15th at Worthington Volunteer Fire Department. I hope to have a good turnout.

The District 17A January meeting will be the annual sausage supper hosted by Vincennes Township Fire Department on January 20, 2007.

Submitted by:
Jack Harker,
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 17B CHAIRMAN



Tim Deckard

Greetings fellow firefighters, District 17B welcomes aboard Chief Jason Lewis of the Oolitic Fire Department as 17B vice chairman and Chief Steve Nolan as our secretary.

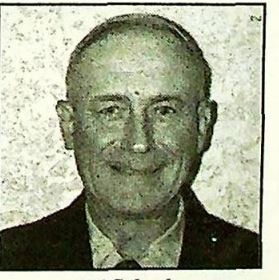
The district wishes to thank Dawn Hilleburg, our district Miss Flame, for all of her involvement in many activities throughout the district this year.

Congratulations to Shawswick Fire Department Lawrence County recipient of the 2005 CEDAP grant and Chief Faron Livingston of Bloomington Twp. Fire recipient of the Midwest Fire award.

As the year draws near to the end of 2006, let us be thankful for all we have and may the Christmas spirit fill your hearts with joy and happiness.

Sincerely,
Tim Deckard, Chairman 17B

DISTRICT 19 CHAIRMAN



Ed Scheele

Sunman Rural Fire Department firefighter Jordan Craig departed for the United States Navy on July 26th. We wish him well wherever he may go.

The district Miss Flame contest will be November 16th at the Milan Volunteer Fire Department. If your department is going to have a young lady representing your department, let me know before the meeting.

Letters for Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandburg, and Angel Awards need to be at the IVFA office by February 1, 2007. Letters for district Midwest Award need to be sent to me before the January meeting or brought to the January district meeting.

Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman

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From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow



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QUARTERLY MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2006
COLUMBUS, INDIANA

President Jack Kerney called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M. Chaplain Jerry Cohen gave the Invocation. President Kerney introduced Games Chairman Steve Lane. He also introduced the new District Chairmen for this year. They are: District 5 Tony Farrar, District 6 Gerald Sprague, District 14 Charlie Moon, District 17A Jack Harker and PREC Scott Harris.

Vice President Larry Ketchem led pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Kerney called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting by the Secretary Bartlow. Past President Jim Parker stated that the statement on page 4 line 1 "Motion passed by show of hands" should read "Motion did not pass by show of hands". A motion was made by Past President Parker to accept the minutes as corrected. Mort Sorg made the second. Motion passed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT JACK KERNEY: Attended 11 district meetings, one Convention 2006 meeting, four Summit meetings, two 2007 Conventions, three Board of Firefighter Standards and Education, one chief's meeting and one open house for a total of 4825 miles.

VICE PRESIDENT LARRY KETCHEM: Attended three Summit meetings, six district meetings, two Convention 2006 meetings and two Tri-County meetings for a total of 2650 miles.

CHAPLAIN JERRY COHEN: Did four Memorial services, attended four district meetings and one Summit

meeting for a total of 674 miles.

SECRETARY LARRY BARTLOW: Attended two district meetings. Had a great time at Convention.

TREASURER BEV HARKER: Attended six District meetings, one Memorial service and several Fundraisers. She also went over of the budget report for the quarter and explained the comparison to the 2006 Budget. Note all district chairmen turn in Voucher for \$50 for your district secretary. Also turn all vouchers in a timely manner. Discussion by Past President Zeeks about payment of voucher for representative to National Volunteer Fire Council in the absence of one delegate to the meeting. President Kerney appointed Jean Smith to fill in. Action referred to Board action.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PRNE JIM BRADFORD: Attended eight district meetings, one DHS meeting, one Summit meeting, one Gold Card presentation, two newspaper meetings, eight fundraisers and three memorial services.

PRNE JEAN SMITH: Attended six district meetings, one department, and two funeral services.

PRWC DIANE HARRISON: Attended one memorial service, two district meetings and was unable to attend two district meetings due to conflict with work. Thanked everyone for their support of the auction at Convention.

PREC SCOTT HARRIS: Attended two district meetings.

PRSW JIM ABRAMS: Attended six district meetings. Had a great Convention.

PRSE BOB MCKINZIE: Attended three district meetings, visited with three departments and several fundraisers.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

PAST PRESIDENT KOEHLER: Attended several district meetings, Gold Card presentations, and Indiana Fire Institute meetings. Driven 1268 miles this quarter.

PAST PRESIDENT ZEEKS: Congratulations to the 2006 Convention committee for a great job.

PAST PRESIDENT GLANT: Pass. **PAST PRESIDENT PARISH:** Great job on the Convention

PAST PRESIDENT BRUNS: Pass. A great job for your Convention.

PAST PRESIDENT PARKER: Pass.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 1 TOM ORRELL: Held last meeting May 16, 2006 at Washington Twp. Fire Dept. District 1 had 24 members from 11 departments

and District 2 had 20 members from six departments. A demonstration of the Bomb Squad robot by C. Douthett and C. Eckert of the Porter County Sheriff's Police. The next meeting is August 16, 2006 at Chesterton Fire Department. Had one death in the district this past quarter.

DISTRICT 2 PAUL WATLAND: Last meeting held at Keener/DeMotte Fire Department on July 19, 2006. District 2 had 39 members representing seven departments and District 1 had 15 members representing nine departments. Neal Banton from REMC talked on safety when pulling meters and other electrical hazards. The next meeting will be August 16, 2006 at Chesterton Fire Department. All officers in District 1 & 2 were re-elected.

DISTRICT 3 DAVE KAUFMAN: Held meeting on July 20, 2006 at Kingsford Union Fire Department. They had 39 members representing nine departments. The program was on the State Mutual Aid Program. The next meeting will be held on September 21, 2006 at the Kankakee Valley REMC (Cass-Clinton).

DISTRICT 4 TERRY SMITH: Held meeting July 26, 2006 at Walkerton Fire Department with 19 members representing six departments present. The next meeting will be October 25, 2006 at Baugo Twp. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 5 TONY FARRAR: Last meeting was held July 13, 2006 at Rochester Fire Department with 14 members representing nine departments present. The district officers were elected at that time. The next meeting will be September 14, 2006 at Mentone Fire Department.

DISTRICT 6 DAVE ELICK: Held meeting July 21, 2006 at Wolf Lake Fire Department with 21 members from seven departments. Next meeting to be announced.

DISTRICT 7 MORT SORG: Held meeting at Poneto Volunteer Fire Station on July 17, 2006 with 32 members representing 10 departments. The next meeting will be September 18, 2006 at Preble Fire Department. District officers were re-elected.

DISTRICT 8A BILL PAPE: Held meeting Wayne Twp. Fire Department on July 12, 2006 with 13 members representing five departments. The next meeting will be September 13, 2006 at White River Volunteer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 8B LLOYD WRIGHT: Held meeting July 12, 2006 at Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department with 23 members representing nine departments. Had the election of officers for the district. The next

meeting is September 13, 2006 at Salem Twp. Volunteer Fire Department in Daleville.

DISTRICT 9A JON RANDLE: Absent.

DISTRICT 9B RANDY DENTON: Absent.

DISTRICT 10 DAVID ISRAEL: Held meeting May 17, 2006 at Westport Fire Department with 26 members representing 12 departments. Discussed new items in Fire Service, insurance coverage fire departments need to carry and Plyovent Exhaust Systems gave short program and information in the dues packets. The next meeting is August 16, 2006 at Hartsville Volunteer Fire Department.

DISTRICT 11A ROBERT MEYERS: Held meeting on July 16, 2006 at Van Buren Fire Department. All district officers were re-elected at this meeting. The next meeting is a joint picnic with District 11B on September 17, 2006 at Fairbanks Park.

DISTRICT 11B BRENT BUSH / JOHN DAVIES: Held meeting on July 12, 2006 at Greencastle Fire Department. Presented two Gold Cards, nine "25Year" pins and the Midwest Award. Election of officers was held. The next meeting is the picnic with District 11A on September 17, 2006.

DISTRICT 12 LARRY BRUNER: Absent.

DISTRICT 13A CAROL THRAWLEY: Held last meeting on July 18, 2006 at Spiceland Fire Department with 20 members representing seven departments. Presented Midwest Award, 25 Year pins, and held the election of district officers. The next meeting will be at Green Twp. Fire Department.

DISTRICT 13B DENNIS SPEARS: Held meeting at Centerville Fire/Rescue on July 20, 2006 with six members representing four departments. The next meeting will be at New Lisbon Fire Department on September 19, 2006.

DISTRICT 14 CHARLIE MOON: Held meeting August 9, 2006 at Own Twp. Fire Department with 22 members representing eight departments. PRSE Bob McKinzie gave report on the Summit, the Convention and the proposed Legislation. EMA Director Duane Davis of the Jefferson Co. reported on the 800Mgh radios and answered questions. The next meeting will be November 8, 2006 at McCulloch Fire Department.

DISTRICT 15 STEVE ANDERSON: Held meeting July 15, 2006 at Ohio Twp. Fire Department with 19 members representing 10 departments. A committee was established to work at ways to increase district participation. The next meeting will be September 19, 2006 at Patoka White River Fire Department.

DISTRICT 16 PAUL HOLCOMB: Held last meeting July 5, 2006 at Jackson Twp. Fire Department with 25 members representing five departments present. Total Fire Group/Towers Fire Apparatus gave the program. District election was held. The next meeting will be September 26, 2006 at North Washington Fire Department.

DISTRICT 17A JACK HARKER: Held meeting July 19, 2006 at Richland Taylor Fire Department. Election of officers was held. Jack Harker elected chairman. The next meeting will be September 18, 2006 at Edwardsport Fire Department.

DISTRICT 17B TIM DECKARD: Held meeting July 18, 2006 at Oolitic Fire Department with 19 members representing six departments. Election of officers was held. Next meeting to be announced.

DISTRICT 18 CHARLIE PARKER: Held meeting July 20, 2006

at Rockport Fire Department with 71 members representing 20 departments present. District elections were held and all officers were re-elected. The next meeting will be September 21, 2006 at Carter Fire District.

DISTRICT 19 ED SCHEELE: Held last meeting on July 27, 2006 at Aurora Emergency Rescue with 34 members representing nine departments present, election of officers was held. The next meeting will be September 28, 2006 at New Trenton Fire Department.

DISTRICT 21 DON FULTZ: Held meeting July 31, 2006 at Johnson Twp. Fire Department with 21 members representing eight departments present. Election of officers was held. The next meeting will be November 28, 2006 at Kirklint Fire Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONVENTION: DAVID ISRAEL - Revisions to the Convention Guideline are:

Line 3 - Hotel shall be in charge of assigning rooms.

Line 13 - Letters for Convention Book from Dignitaries need to be in by April 1. Line 19 - Committee needs to arrange for block of rooms for Miss Flame

Line 37 - All photos are property of the host Committee. Photos of Memorial service need to be to Chaplain by July 10. Names need to be put on pictures.

EXECUTIVE: JACK KERNEY - Will meet this evening at 6:00 P.M.

BUDGET: BEV HARKER - Will meet at November meeting.

INSURANCE: JACK KERNEY - Meet last night to discuss the LOSAP program to formulate the cost and personal interest in such program to present to the Legislature. The amount of money necessary to implement this could be very expensive. Take our estimate back to insurance company to see if figures are right. Do you feel we need to spend our Legislative dollars on this program? Much discussion on the issue with many options that are available to pursue.

GAMES: STEVE LANE - Had four waterball teams this year. Looking to change the type of game at next year's convention. More details will be available later. Steve found in Al Mendel's record that Fairview Park paid for a Cart Race in 2005 but event was cancelled. Entry fee of \$15 was not refunded and was to be applied to this year's event. Did not find this information until after this year's event. The \$15 could be applied to the 2007 Games entry fee.

BRIDGEPORT: CARL BRUNS - Discussed some of the problems with the program. All applications shall be on forms that are dated August 12, 2006. All old forms must be thrown away now.

Meeting recessed at 5:40 P.M.
Meeting reconvened at 8:30 A.M.
Morning message by Chaplain Cohen.

President Kerney asked for update on the details of Greg Freed's death from Terry Smith. Need to get information for the Bridgeport Committee to make a ruling on eligibility.

EDITOR'S ASSISTANT: JIM BRADFORD - Mailed 17,372 copies of August paper. Officers need to make sure all addresses, E-mail address and phone numbers are correct. Need to make sure all pictures are of good quality. Deadline for the next issue is October 10, 2006. Working to get all addresses in the correct form for the postal system.

AD-TAKER: MITCH PARISH - Doing well only three or four outstanding bills at this time.

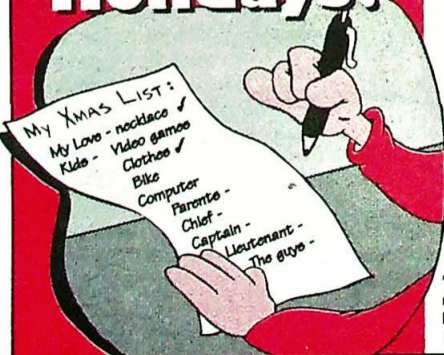
CLOTHING CLAIMS: JIM BRADFORD - One claim this quarter for glasses. Paid the claim.

AWARDS: LARRY KETCHEM - Awards went great except for one glitch and it is being taken care of.

FIRE SCHOOL: LARRY KETCHEM - Nothing.

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Secretary's minutes . . .

CONVENTION MINUTE DIGEST: LARRY BARTLOW - Nothing at this time.

LEGISLATIVE: JIM PARKER - Nothing new or changed at this time.

MR. IVFA: MORT SORG - Congratulations to this year's winner Ivan Nevil.

BY-LAWS AND SOG: JIM PARKER - Have two SOG changes: (1) At a District 11A meeting held in Carbon on July 16, 2006 the following SOG was proposed for change: V. CHAPLAIN -- 1. The Chaplain may select Associate Chaplains from each PR Area to conduct services at which he may be unavailable or as assigned. SOG Proposed Change -- (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. First reading was on August 13, 2006. Shall be re-read and voted at the November 2006 meeting.

(2) At a District 11B meeting held in Greencastle on July 12, 2006 the following SOG was proposed for change. XIV ANNUAL AWARDS --

1. Mr. Indiana Volunteer Fireman: This award recipient is selected by the five (5) most recent recipients. (The oldest recipient is retired from the committee upon presentation of the award at the annual meeting). Nominations for the award must be in the hands of the committee by February 1 preceding the annual meeting. The award shall include a red blazer with Mr. I.V.F.A. patch and gold numerals of the year. It will include a trophy as mandated by the annual meeting of 1996: (a) No less than two (2) feet in height; (b) Fireman at top to be in full fire fighting attire with hose coming under and out of right hand with legs spread as though there was pressure on the nozzle, and the left hand on the fore part of the nozzle; (c) The object of the trophy is to instill our members to work harder, and any member of the Association may win this award on the merits of the work he has done in the past year. SOG Proposed Change: 1. Mr. Indiana Volunteer Fireman: This award recipient is selected by the three (3) most recent recipients. (The oldest recipient is retired from the committee upon the presentation of the award at the annual meeting). Nominations for the award must be in the hands of the committee by February 1 preceding the annual meeting. The award shall include a red blazer with Mr. I.V.F.A. patch and golden numerals of the year. It will include a trophy as mandated by the annual meeting of 1996: (a). No less than two (2) feet in height; (b) Fireman at top to be in full fire-fighting attire with hose coming under and out of right hand with legs spread, as though there was pressure on the nozzle, and the left hand on the fore part of the nozzle; (c) The object of the trophy is to instill our members to work harder, and any member of the Association may win this award on the merits of the work he has done in the past year.

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 (3) most recipients are not available for the Mr. IVFA selection meeting, the next most recent recipient will fill the vacant position. First reading was August 13, 2006. Shall be re-read and voted on at the November meeting.

LOGO: CHARLIE PARKER - Pass.

MEMBERSHIP: STEVE ANDERSON - Check membership list for dues history to find department that are not been members.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: LARRY KETCHEM - Based upon what DHS is trying to lay out for us and what we

have tried in the past; I think everything for Public Education is at a standstill. We have to take a stand, but where do we go for guidance for Public Education.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: MITCH PARISH - Next meeting is in Oregon.

FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE: MITCH PARISH - Next dinner will be February 5, 2007. Discussion on a joint Convention of Fire Service. Need input from this organization on what stand we need to take in the future.

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTERS STANDARD AND EDUCATION: JACK KERNEY - Attended two meetings. Much discussion on making Firefighter I & II mandatory. This issue was tabled indefinitely at this time and no action is planned at this time. Several variances to rule on at present time.

Secretary Bartlow researched SOG's about where an Associate PR Chaplain will be selected from. SOG states he may be from the PR area.

Bob Meyers found in his old minutes that in November 2003 Chaplain Page announced that the PR Chaplains were in place. Also at that same meeting in board action a motion was made that the State Chaplain or his designee be paid \$75.

President Kerney instructed Secretary Bartlow and Past President Jim Parker to research the old minutes on this issue.

HISTORIAN: JOHN DAVIES - Asked if any district chairman knew of a fireman with 75 years service.

FDIC: JACK KERNEY - Will have booth space at FDIC in 2007.

WEB SITE: BUZ KOEHLER - Working with IVFAA to get their information on line. Updating 25-Year pins and Gold Card list.

CONVENTION 2006: BILL PAPE - Thanked everyone for coming to Convention.

CONVENTION 2007: STEVE ANDERSON - Meeting monthly at present time. Convention will start on Wednesday. Looking for sponsors for some events.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing on the updating of the billing cost of fire equipment used in fire run from State Fire Marshal.

NEW BUSINESS: Next meeting is November 4 & 5, 2006. Room reservation deadline is October 10, 2006. Look at increasing mileage reimbursement.

IVFA license plates for motorcycles will be available January, 2007.

Ways to provide funding for EMS runs.

IVFAA PRESIDENT JOANN HAYS: Thanked IVFA for our support in the past. Asked our district chairmen if they don't have an IVFAA Chairman please help find one for your district. This would help the IVFAA to increase their membership.

CENTRAL OFFICE: JACK KERNEY - Entering dues at present time. Also working with printer problems without having additional printers. Hoping when all bugs are worked out of new system they will be able to do away with one printer and maybe two. Membership seems to be holding its own; about as many new members as dropped members.

Motion to adjourn made by Jim Parker. The second made by Jerry Cohen. Motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2006 Chairman Koehler called the Board meeting to order at 11:10A.M.

Chairman Koehler called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Steve Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Jim Parker made the second. Motion passed.

(1) Increase mileage, current rate is

35 cents per mile. Federal mileage rate is 44 cents per mile. Much discussion.

Motion to raise mileage to 40-cents was made by Jim Parker. Paul Holcomb made the second. This will be voted on at the November meeting.

(2) Auxiliary room payments for another year. Rooms to be paid at \$50 for all quarterly meetings and two nights at Convention for those IVFAA officers whose husbands are not IVFA officers receiving compensation. This will be reviewed next August.

Motion by Richard Glant to continue the payment for one year. The second by Bob McKinzie. Motion passed.

(3) Expense voucher for Ivan Nevill for mileage. To set up a Memorial service for a department. Motion by Jack Kerney to pay this \$35 mileage expense. Mitch Parish made the second. Motion passed.

(4) Expenses voucher for Jean Smith for attending NVFC meeting in Washington D.C. for \$1586.70. Motion by Carol Thrawley to pay this expense. Second was made Jack Kerney. Motion passed.

(5) Request by Convention 2007 for the \$4000 advancement for start up money. Jack Zeeks made a motion to grant this request. Richard Glant made the second. Motion passed.

(6) Expense voucher for Charlie Baker for service and mileage. Motion by Jack Kerney to pay this expense. Don Fultz made the second. Motion passed.

Voucher from Chaplain Pete Taylor, District 11A for one memorial service. Motion by Tim Deckard to pay this expense. Steve Anderson made the second. Motion passed.

(7) Request by Chaplain Cohen to attend Chaplain Training Conference in St. Joseph, MO. at a cost of approximately \$500. Motion by Jack Kerney to allow this expense. The second by Jim Parker. Motion passed.

Larry Ketchem asked about our insurance coverage on our equipment that various people have in their possession.

Motion by Jack Zeeks to adjourn after benediction by Chaplain. Richard Glant made the second. Motion passed.

Larry L Bartlow,
Secretary

Orrico appointed sales rep for Midwest Fire & Safety Equipment

Mike Mikoola, president of Global Emergency Products, recently announced the appointment of Mike Orrico as apparatus sales representative for the northwest Indiana & northeast Illinois territory.

Mike Orrico has been appointed as Apparatus Sales Representative for Midwest Fire & Safety Equipment, which was recently acquired by the parent company of Global Emergency Products. Mike will work with fire professionals in Northwest Indiana and Northeast Illinois, assisting them with specifications and acquisition of Pierce fire apparatus.

With a total of 29 years of fire service experience, Mike has spent 19 years as a career firefighter. He is currently serving as Lieutenant on an engine company and worked for nearly nine years assigned to a heavy rescue company. Prior to that, Mike devoted 10 years as a volunteer, paid-on-call firefighter. Mike has also spent the past 18 years in emergency vehicle sales and service.

Global Emergency Products is the authorized Pierce fire apparatus dealer in Illinois and Midwest Fire & Safety Equipment is the authorized Pierce dealer in Indiana. Both companies are wholly owned by Temco Machinery, Inc. based in Aurora, IL.

Assistant chief loses life enroute to fire call

Posey Township Clay County Volunteer Fire Department, Staunton, IN mourns the loss of their Assistant Chief Errett Miller.



Photo courtesy of Tribune-Star/Jim Avelis

Errett Miller is survived by his wife, Jackie, their children Chad and wife, Angela; Tracy Miller and fiance, Steve Verbonitz; his father, Jerry Miller and wife Ruth of Hanes City, Florida; his mother Gloria Miller of Brazil; three sisters Evelyn Brown and husband Glen, Roselyn Novotney and Amy Gittner and husband Cory; several nieces and nephews and other extended family.

Miller had been a member of the department for over 20 years. He was very active in the department, enjoyed training others, and had held all the officer positions at various times. His son, Chad is also a member of the department and daughter, Tracy had previously been a member.

His hobbies were hunting, fishing, woodworking and the fire department.

Funeral services attended by over 200 firefighters were held September 8, 2006 at the National Guard Armory in Brazil. A procession from the Armory went through Staunton past the firehouse to the cemetery. A garrison flag was displayed by the Brazil and Greencastle aerial fire trucks.

Spanger awarded 25 year pin



Roy C. Spanger, Edwardsport Volunteer Fire Department, receiving his 25 year pin from District 17A chairman, Jack Harker on September 18th.

(submitted by Jack Harker, District 17A chairman)

Time again for 2007 Miss Flame competitions

ATTENTION ALL DISTRICT CHAIRMEN:

It is the time of the year to begin thinking about holding your Miss Flame competition. Last year we had a record number of entries. It would be great if we could have that number or more this year.

If you are a young lady who is interested in being a candidate in your district; please contact your district chairman (he or she) and let them know you would like to be a candidate in your district competition.

The 2007 convention committee is planning a number of things for the Miss Flames.

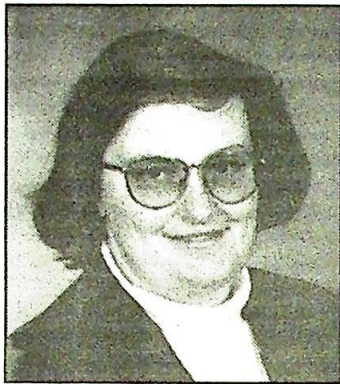
I can guarantee that each of you will have a rewarding experience as well as opportunities to make new friends and renew old ones. The competition will provide an opportunity for you to be able to express yourself and will help to give you experience in the personal interview process. Scholarships are provided by the Mary Mackin Scholarship Fund to those who write the award winning essays.

I look forward to meeting all of you. Any questions, feel free to contact me.

Best wishes to all of you during the holiday season.

Barb Kerney
Miss Flame Chairman 2007
812-867-2641

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Hello Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

It has been a very busy and sad quarter.

I hope everyone got their dues in on time. I had a few calls with questions concerning dues and memberships. I worked with the Central Office and I think we got everything resolved. If you ever have any questions please call. If I don't know the answer, I will find it out for you.

I attended as many meetings and fundraisers as my work schedule has allowed me this quarter. I encourage all departments to send at least one representative to their district meetings and bring back the information that is presented at the meetings.

I spent a week at Posey Twp. Vol. Fire Department to offer our help during the tragedy of losing a fellow brother in the line of duty. Our prayers and thoughts are with Errett Miller's family and the Posey Fire Department.

I would like to thank president Jack Kerney who came up Monday night to offer his help and vice president Larry Ketchem and District 11-A chairman Bob Myers who also spent part of the week at Posey to offer their help. Lewis Twp. firefighters Bryan Husband and Jack McFarland also donated their time and resources that were needed. District 11-A chaplain Peter Taylor spent the week with us comforting the members and he also had a part in the funeral as well as conducted the gravesite service. During this week I learned a lot although I hope I never have to use it. Posey Twp. chief Larry Temple and I are working to put together guidelines of what needs to be done in a line of duty death. If interested please let me know and I will get you a copy of the lessons learned. I would like to thank every department that came, called or sent cards to offer their respects.

I also learned about an organization called "Supporting Heroes"; I can't say enough about this organization. At convention I heard the Kentucky

Firefighters were bringing a \$3,000.00 check up to the Smith family. Well, let me tell you that it is so much more than that. Eric Johnson (National Executive Director) and Rebecca Grignon (who lost her husband in the line of duty and is a member of the Supporting Heroes) arrived on Tuesday morning and spent the week. There were willing to do whatever was needed. They helped with some of the bills that we did not have money for. Plus it was a real asset having people that were familiar with the funeral details and it helped members of family and department that could talk to someone that had been through what they were going through.

"Supporting Heroes" is just not an organization that is there during the funeral and days following the tragedy. They will come back in a couple of months to check on the family. They will sit down with the family and figure their outgoing expenses. They send them monthly checks for up to 10 to 12 months or until the Safety Officer Benefit pays, so that they don't have to worry about bills while they are trying to get their lives back together. "Supporting Heroes" also offers counseling help and anything else that the family or department might need - they are just one phone call away.

I can't encourage all firefighters enough to become a member and support this worthwhile organization. It is \$120.00 per person or \$200.00 per couple. This is another way of supporting our Brothers and Sisters in Fire, EMS and Police in Indiana and Kentucky. Learn more about them at www.supportingHeroes.org.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Bob and Jo Ann Hayes in the loss of their granddaughter Jennifer. A beautiful service was held in her honor. What a tragic loss of a young life.

Our prayers and thoughts are also with Larry Ketchem and family in the loss of his brother Jack.

Our heartfelt sympathy to all those who have lost loved ones.

By the time you read this Fire Prevention week will be over. I hope each department did something in their communities and schools. As you all probably know we lost too many lives to fire last year.

We have had quite a few funerals in our area this quarter which has gotten Jack McFarland thinking he has come up with a form which you can fill out while you are alive to help your family at the time of your death. My department has had each member fill one out with their wishes and put one in their file and one for home. It is an excellent idea; if anyone is interested in the form or the idea behind it please call me or Jack McFarland at cell 812-890-8722.

I just got home from Indiana weekend at National Fire Academy in Emmetsburg, Maryland. I encourage everyone to attend Indiana weekend at

least once. The classes are very good as well as meeting other people from around the state as well as the state that goes with us. Next year it is in March.

Again I will remind you it is not too early to start nominating fellow firefighters and auxiliary members for

Don't forget the Hoosier Burn Camp Auction on Wednesday night at convention. If you would like to donate anything just let me know.

Thank you for your support and allowing me to serve you another year as WCPR.

If you have any questions or

concerns that I can help you with please call 812-665-2319 or email me at dharrison@airNwire.com, or any upcoming events please let me know and we will do our best to be there.

Be safe, Diane Harrison

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The cool days of fall, leaves on the ground, and frosty white mornings are upon us. I for one find this time of the year the most enjoyable. This is the lull between the end of a busy summer, and getting ready for the upcoming holidays. Welcome to the 2006 Fall/Winter Edition of the IVFA FireLine.

We continue to expand the web site by adding a section for the IVFAA (Auxiliary). Currently we have the Officers and District Chairwomen on the site, and will hopefully be adding more information in the future.

We also continue to build on the fire department database, now up to 458 departments as of the 2nd week in October. I would like to reiterate something I mentioned in an earlier FireLine; I do not post any departments until I have received a department information form. This is the official notification for allowing up to post their information. This would also be a good time to remind those departments that do have their information posted that as information changes please remember to send me an updated form.

The For Sale section still seems to be the hot ticket on the web site. This page gets a lot of attention, and I have received emails telling me that items were sold as a direct result of being posted on this page. Check it out - there are usually some great deals posted there!

2007 is just weeks away and that mean another Legislative Session is on tap. We need to start spreading the word in our District and department meetings about paying attention to the bills being proposed. Every week during the Legislative Session we post a report and provide detailed information of the status of each bill being considered. We also provide a "Get Involved" identifier when we need our members to "get involved" by contacting your legislator and letting them know your agreement or disagreement with the proposed bill. This will be the 3rd year we have been posting reports and the results of the number of members accessing this information from the 1st two years have been somewhat disappointing. In 2007 we really need to get the word to all members to read the reports and be involved with important decisions that could affect them.

District Chairmen; I know that you are handing out 25 & 50 year membership pins. However, I am not getting that information, so those individuals' names are not being added to the web site. The latest names entered were from a list dated March 4 of this year. If you have handed out pins since then, please send me the members name, their department name, and the district they are located in.

Finally, I want to wish the most pleasant of Holiday Sessions, and a Happy New Year. It is a pleasure for me to support the association and membership as your web master. Thank you again for your support.

See you "on-line".
Smoke Eater
IVFA Web Master

2006 Legislative Session by SHOKRINA RADPOUR BEERING, ESQ. IVFA LOBBYIST AND COUNSEL

October 10, 2006

Since the end of the session last Spring, the Indiana Legislative Council has established interim study committees on various topics authorized by the legislature. Most of these committees were established by resolution effective June 13, 2006; however, many interim study committees, statutory commissions, and current committees were not formed until August. Study committees are to finish their work on or before a meeting deadline of October 31, 2006. Each committee must submit a final report to the Legislative Council within ten working days after the final meeting of the study committee. Study committees cannot recommend a draft of a bill unless a majority of the committee's members approve the draft at a public meeting of the committee; proxy votes are never allowed at study committee meetings.

The Public Health and Safety Study Committee is reviewing two issues which the IVFA has monitored

previously; smoke detectors and sprinkler systems in health facilities (including nursing homes) and food handling regulations for tax exempt organizations. The interim study committee on Government Administration and Regulatory Matters is also looking at tax exempt organizations, specifically funding issues and the establishment of procedures and controls regarding nonprofit entities authorized by state statute and created by state agencies. The Public Health and Safety Matters subcommittee currently has a meeting scheduled on October 24 (these meetings are always subject to change). The Governmental Administration and Regulatory Matters subcommittee does not as of today have a meeting scheduled.

I am hearing that major issues for this next legislative session will be the creation of jobs and property tax relief. Organization day, which is the day that leadership for the House and the Senate is decided, will be November 21, 2006. I anticipate seeing several new faces at the Statehouse in January. If you speak to your State Representative or Senator after the election regarding supporting the IVFA, please be sure to let me know and I will introduce myself to that person if we have not already met. I will be meeting with State Representatives and Senators to garner support for the Association's legislative agenda, as determined by the IVFA's Legislative Committee over the summer and listed in my column in the previous newspaper. This agenda is posted on the Association's website, where my weekly letters and reports to the Legislative Committee members will also be posted after Session has started. I look forward to working with 2007 President Ketchem and the Legislative Committee Members, and we will be asking you to contact your legislators at various times to express support, or opposition if necessary, regarding proposed bills. I very much appreciate the opportunity to work with the IVFA again this year.

Ramsey VFD builds new station

Members receive 25 year pins

District 16 secretary, Heather Holcomb presented the Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department with an IVFA clock in recognition of opening their new station.

Along with Michael Bosse, Donald Briscoe, Paul Martin and Robert Pate receiving their 25 year pins at their June monthly meeting in recognition of their 25+ years of service in the fire service and the IVFA. - submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman

Second annual Chaplain Institute set for April 2007

The Indiana Fire Chaplains Corps and the Federation of Fire Chaplains will have their second annual Great Lakes Regional Fire Chaplain Institute, April 17-18, 2007 at the Wayne Township Education Center, 700 N High School Road, Indianapolis, IN.

Courses in Basic Fire Chaplaincy and Critical Incident Stress Management Basic Group Crisis Intervention.

This class is taught by Critical Incident Stress Foundation approved instructor, Linda Holt.

This class is open to Fire, Police and EMS personnel.

Contact: Chaplain Jim Burns, Institute Director, Great Lakes Fire Chaplain Training Institute, 15 E. Main Street, New Palestine, IN 46160 - (317) 861-4548 or Jerry Cohen, IVFA Chaplain, P.O. Box 8826, Michigan City, IN 46361-8826 - (219) 324-3039.

Cost is \$100 per course + FFC Basic Training Manual (\$69.95) or CISM Training Manual (\$20.00).

February deadline: January 10, 2007

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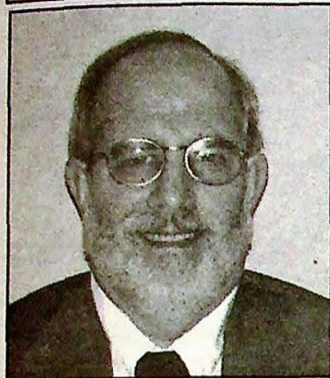
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**Public Relations
Director
Northeast
Jean Smith**



**Robert Cleveland
awarded 25 year pin**

District 5 chairman Tony Farrer, PR Northeast Jean Smith, District 6 co-chairman Don Kissinger, presented Robert Cleveland, Plain Township Fire Department with an IVFA 25 year pin at Kosciusko County firemen's fish fry September 21, 2006. (submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast)

**Jerry Clase
awarded 25 year pin**



District 5 chairman Tony Farrer, PR Northeast Jean Smith, District 6 co-chairman Don Kissinger presented Jerry Clase of Etna Township Vol. Fire Dept. with an IVFA 25 year pin at Kosciusko County firemen's fish fry September 21, 2006. (submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast)

I was invited to attend the 2006 Kosciusko County Firemen's Fish Fry. Home and Farm Mutual Insurance Company, in part, sponsors the event.

Attendees of this event include all 15 departments within Kosciusko County, including neighboring departments who provide mutual aid.

Guest speakers were Fire Marshal Roger Johnson, District 5 chairman Tony Farrer, and PR Northeast Jean Smith. This special event also awards outstanding firefighters from each department and the association. Attending were many vendors that displayed the latest fire gear, equipment and trucks on display at this event. This group knows how to put on a fish fry, you won't go home hungry.

Once again we start Fire Prevention Week, October 8th-14th. This year's theme is Prevent Cooking Fires. This is a reminder to prepare the community along with our school children the proper techniques of fire safety. Cooking equipment was involved in 118,700 reported structure fires, the largest of any major cause. 75,300 of these were reported as fires of the interior of a cooking device or appliance. Reported 3,700 outdoor grill fires. Microwave ovens stand out for the leading number of scald burn injuries.

Hope to see you at your district meetings.

Jean Smith
Public Relations Northeast

**Happy
Thanksgiving!!**

**February
deadline is
January 10,
2007**

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

"MISS FLAME" CONTEST OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
(PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLACK INK)

NAME _____ SOCIAL SECURITY # _____

ADDRESS _____
NUMBER & STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

BIRTH DATE _____ AGE _____ (MUST NOT BE 19 BEFORE CONVENTION)

PARENTS NAMES _____

IVFA/IVFAA MEMBER (SEE GUIDELINES) _____
(QUALIFICATION AND RULES #1) NAME & RELATIONSHIP

SPONSORING DEPARTMENT _____
NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER

DISTRICT # _____ CHAIRMAN _____
IVFA IVFAA

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT _____

ORGANIZATIONS, HONORS, HOBBIES _____

SIGNATURE DATE

THIS FORM AND THE ATTACHED CONSENT FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE IVFA DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR THE DISTRICT CONTEST. THE IVFA DISTRICT CHAIRMAN WILL FORWARD THE FORMS TO THE STATE IVFAA "MISS FLAME" CHAIRMAN.

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE STATE CONTEST MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING; TWO PHOTOS, DIGITAL QUALITY; MUST BE FORWARDED TO THE ADDRESS BELOW BY THE IVFA DISTRICT CHAIRMAN.

BARBARA KERNEY
2412 SE. BROWNING RD.
EVANSVILLE, IN 47725
1-877-606-4832 OR 812/867-2641

THE IVFA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE CONTEST UPON NOTIFICATION TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

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STATE FIRE MARSHAL**
<http://www.state.in.us/semal/osfm.html>
**INDIANA VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER'S
ASSOCIATION**
www.ivfa.org
**INDIANA FIRE
CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION**
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CATHERINE MASON (Deceased)	1961-1963
RUTH FORD (Deceased)	1959-1961
RUBY PROBST (Deceased)	1958-1959
PAULINE GLAUB (Deceased)	1956-1958
LORETTA KUSTRON (Deceased)	1955-1956
VIDA BARE (Deceased)	1953-1955

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

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STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2006
COLUMBUS, INDIANA
 Call to order: President Joann called the quarterly meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Ten guests were introduced. New District 11B chairman Juanita Owens was introduced. Other new chairmen will be in attendance at the November meeting.
 Prayer: Chaplain Beth gave prayer.
 Pledge to the flag: Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam led the ladies in pledge to the flag.
 Roll call: Recording secretary Tammy, there were 23 officers, and 10 guests present.
 Joann had sent a letter out to all district chairmen to let her know if they would not be attending this meeting so that we would know how to carry on in their absence. Joann would like for district chairmen to please send someone to the meeting if it is impossible for them to attend.
 Minutes: stand approved as read.
 Treasurer: Dorothy explained about the M/M Fund. There is going to be a separate account set up for it. Also Dorothy has receipts that show when anyone donates to the fund, that way we will now exactly what is in the fund.

\$16,945.75
 Respectfully submitted
 Dorothy Reiter
 Treasurer, IVFAA
 Treasurer's report stands approved as read.

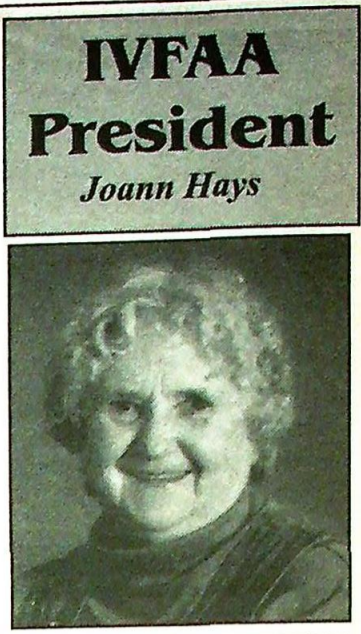
Correspondence: Malinda had letter from Joann about having a line officer's meeting on Saturday evening at Columbus. Malinda sent a correction to the IVFA newspaper with correction of past presidents' addresses. Also a list of e-mail addresses was sent around to make sure it is correct before putting in the newspaper. A thank you card from Martha Thomas, thanking everyone for the cards and plant after her surgery. Was glad to see Martha in attendance. Glad she is doing much better. Also had seven thank you cards from Miss Flame contestants. Joann told everyone to be sure and get a receipt if giving a donation to the Mary Mackin Fund. Make sure and give the money to Tammy, the recording secretary. Everything goes to her first then she will send it on. Joann had a card to read from Grace Lantz thanking Joann for always remembering her. She has bad eyesight but she has church women to help her. A new fire station has been built and when it is completed it will be dedicated to Dewayne and other firemen who die in the line of duty. Joann encouraged anyone that can to attend the dedication if possible. We don't know yet when this will be.
 Membership: Tammy said there are 18 departments, 27 individuals, two life, 228 paid by department for a total of 257. This year 2006, 23 departments, 37 individual, 27 individuals, two life and 290 paid by department for a total of 329. If no number by auxiliary name one has not been issued yet. Please let Tammy know of any changes so she can get them updated.

Balance on hand May 31, 2006 = \$12,897.82

Income:	
Dues	725.00
Interest	3.33
Jewelry	350.00
V.P. Project	3,011.00
Unrelated Inc.	1,102.23
M/M Fund	281.46
Total Income:	\$5,473.02
Disbursements:	
Operating	36.79
V.P. Project	300.00
Awards & Gifts	81.84
M/M Fund	1,006.46
Total Disbursements:	\$1,425.09
Balance on Hand Aug. 8, 2006 =	

COMMITTEES FOR 2005 - 2006

AUDITING Barbara Kerney - Chm. Phyllis Vargo Jean Parish	PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY Phyllis Vargo - Chm. Lou Bartlow Toni Sorg Beth Caudill	BY-LAWS Toni Sorg - Chm. Rosie Johnson Barbara Ketchum Lee Cohen Crystal Ambruster
BUDGET & FINANCE Lou Bartlow - Chm. Dorothy Reiter June Cahill Maxine Davies	LOIS BOAZ Rosie Weisenbach - Chm. Eula Ashbury Carolyn Zeeks	MISS FLAME Patty Stephens - Chm. EJ Smith Miriam Schaeckel Barbara Kerney Susie Stout
GAMES Marilyn Dever - Chm. Susie Stout E.J. Smith	NOMINATING Susie Stout - Chm. June Cahill Patty Fultz	JEWELRY E.J. Smith - Chm. Karen Freestone Marilyn Dever Patty Fultz
CHINESE AUCTION Barbara Parker - Chm. Crystal Ambruster Lois Parker Carol Moody	HISTORIAN Ann Moss Phyllis Vargo	INSTALLATION Barbara Parker Maxine Davies
PARLIAMENTARIAN Toni Sorg	INSTALLATION Barbara Parker Faye Sallee	SCHOLARSHIP FUND Eula Bush - Chm. EJ Smith Barbara Kerney Marilyn Dever
V. PRES. PROJECT Martha Thomas - Chm. Sharon Angel Malinda Bell Glenda Fagg Rosie Johnson	MEMBERSHIP Jane Ferro - Chm. Beth Caudill Tammy Hungate Karen Freestone Crystal Ambruster Joann Hays	



Chaplain's report: Beth sent six thinking of you cards, sent flowers to Martha, and a death was reported to her from District 12. Discussion was held on selling Bible to an auxiliary for a deceased member, if dues have not been kept up to date. Barb Kerney suggested this would be a small way of saying we still care and thank you. Lou made motion to do this and Barb K. seconded; was agreed to sell Bibles for \$25.00; was approved to do this. Beth said she needs to order more Bibles. A motion was made by Jane Ferro and seconded by Lou; was approved for Beth to do this. She will order a dozen Bibles. Flower fund was discussed. A suggestion by Barb Kerney to have a "Happy Fund", put a dollar in for every happy thing a person had happen to them. Quite a few dollars were collected. Barb K. received two thank you cards from Miss Flames.

We have two new auxiliary members, past president Buz and wife, Carol. Buz talked about website -- about us getting our page going. Lou Bartlow is working on this.

A ten minute break was called -- meeting re-started at 9:25 a.m.
 Convention report: Steve Anderson, Convention 2007 chairman said everything is going really well. They have already turned in the charm design to E.J. Discussed several ideas for Saturday games. Suggested we put our cookbooks on the website.

President Joann turned our meeting over to vice president Martha. Joann had to attend to a matter at the men's meeting.

Miss Flame chairman: Patty discussed Miss Flames. Had 22 girls for 2006. Would like to make a challenge to see another record breaker for 2007 Miss Flames.

Financial Study: Lou -- everything fine at this time.

V.P. Project: Martha discussed about maybe changing items for the raffle, but better stay with something fire-related. Jane Ferro seconded a motion by Toni Sorg for Martha to look into something else, along with a fire truck. All approved.

By-Laws: Toni Sorg, a discussion was held on bylaws. Lou motioned that any member can belong to auxiliary, with Sharon Angel seconding -- all were in favor -- this passed.

Jewelry: E.J. Smith has some 2006 tie tacs left. She has a lay out of charm for 2007. E.J. getting prices on bracelet and earrings. Will bring to November meeting. E.J. going back to getting 24 charms, would be on a one time set up fee. Faye Sallee said that maybe district chairmen go back and ask their district chairman if interested in getting pins. Tammy suggested discussing with men. E.J. did discuss this with the men and they are in favor of this. Need to pass information on to districts and put on webmaster.

Joann thanked Patty for doing such a nice job with Miss Flames.

Historian: Ann Moss absent due to her husband being ill.

President's Advisory: Lou said everything fine. She was filling in for

IVFAA secretary's reports ...

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Phyllis Vargo due to her mother being ill.

Lois Boaz: No one in attendance to give a report.

Games: not discussed.

Old business: Martha has 13 cases of cookbooks. Held a discussion on this. It was decided to put them out in the field one more time. Jane Ferro discussed membership meeting that was held on Saturday afternoon with her committee. Discussed certificates and different things to have for ladies for their service in auxiliary. Jane looking into things, will have info at November meeting. Updated bylaws will be brought up at November meeting. Jane having E.J. look into cost for set up and price of pins with IVFAA logo. E.J. will have info at November meeting. Jane will have a meeting on Saturday, November 4th at 3 p.m. by pool. Joann returned to continue leading our meeting.

Auditing: Barb said auditing fine. A discussion was held that if something happened and no money was donated for the Mary Mackin Fund, that the organization is not responsible for this fund. Joann will be letting ladies know about what committees they have been assigned to.

Chinese Auction: Barb Parker discussed about doing something different. She is open to suggestions, it was decided to leave as is for a couple more years.

Installation: Barb Parker wants to know if she should use the long or short version of swearing in. Anyone new do the entire installation.

New Business: E.J. to go ahead and check on pins. Lou motioned to do this and then took back her motion. Will go with purchasing men's logo IVFA pin, get a quantity of 100. Lou motioned and Jane seconded. All was in favor of doing this. A discussion was held on bylaws and their wording were held. Rosie Johnson asked about new flags. We have not been able to get back to this yet but will try to in November.

Entertainment and next meeting: Will be a gathering on Saturday, November 4th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Next meeting will be Sunday, November 5, 2006 at 9 a.m.

Have a safe trip home. Adjournment: 12:35.

Closing prayer: by Beth, chaplain. Submitted by corresponding secretary IVFAA Malinda Bell

IVFAA QUARTERLY MEETING 2006 CONVENTION THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2006 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Just as president Joann Hays was calling order, she had everyone to give a hug and tell them you love them, because God loves you. This was a very nice way to start our meeting. Then Joann called immediate past-president Barbara Kerney to come forward and receive a corsage and Barb is also our acting convention chairman. Joann thanked Barb for doing such a nice job with the Miss Flames. Call to order was at 9:15 a.m.

Chaplain: Beth Caudill read a prayer "Gift of Giving".

Pledge to the Flag: Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel said our flag is on the stage ready for opening night, first time, let's give the guys the praise that we have ever been able to have our flag up at the meeting; then Miriam led the pledge to the flag.

Roll call: Recording secretary Tammy Hungate -- 25 officers and four guests.

Minutes: Recording secretary Tammy Hungate read minutes. Minutes stand approved.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Dorothy Reiter.

Balance on hand May 6, 2006 = \$14,175.30

Income: Dues:370.00

Interest:	1.48
V.P. Project	151.00
Unrelated Inc.	100.00
M/M Fund	625.00
Total Income: +\$	1,247.48
Disbursements:	
Operating Exp.	2500.00
Phone & Postage	24.96
Total Disbursements: -\$	2,524.96
Balance on Hand May 31, 2006	\$12,897.82

Respectfully submitted Dorothy Reiter, Treasurer IVFAA

Dorothy said we did have a \$10,000.00 CD since the Mary Mackin CD did mature on June 19th. She did have the money for Miss Flame entry fees and did receive other donation and also District 3 sent some donations and District 3 would like to give a \$100.00 each year. Dorothy actually got a brand new CD interest rate up to 3.8 now. Dorothy deposited \$706.46 -- CD up to \$3,211.84. There are two separate CDs, one is just for the Mary Mackin Fund, the other is \$10,000.00 from our personal account (IVFAA account) won't mature until 10 months. Had to take out for a year to get better rate for Mary Mackin Fund. She will explain it again at the next meeting. Treasurer's report stood approved.

Correspondence: Corresponding secretary Malinda Bell read a thank you card from Marilyn Dever; Maxine Davies had fallen while going to work, was glad to see that she is doing okay and was able to attend the convention; Sharon Angel had also been in the hospital, good to see her also. Have two (2) new past president's addresses: Loretta Nulliner, 3091 Dumas Avenue, Spring Hill, Florida 34609 - Telephone # 352-686-8905 and Barbara Surber, 4259 N. 600 E., Franklin, Indiana 46131 - Telephone # 317-738-4226. Also the family of Genevieve Davis, District 17A member of the Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. auxiliary thanked the district and the state for the lovely memorial service that was held for their mother.

Membership: Tammy Hungate - no change for 2005-2006 - 804 members. 2006/2007 total members paid - 72.

Auditing: Barb Kerney will have a meeting Saturday afternoon at the quarterly meeting in August at Columbus.

Games: Marilyn said no games this year.

Financial Study: Lou Bartlow - nothing going on.

Miss Flame: Barb Kerney filled in for Patty. We have 22 girls this year.

V.P. Project: Martha Thomas, \$170.00 in cookbooks that were bought, \$914.00 raffle money. May have done better if had been closer to registration. Downy Insurance helped with the fire truck.

Bylaws: Toni Sorg, still working on book.

Jewelry: E.J. Smith, has sold all 12 charms that she had ordered. She still has tie tacs.

Chinese Auction: Barb Parker said have a good selection of items.

Nominating: Susie Stout all ready.

Historian: Ann Moss was absent.

President's Advisory: Phyllis was absent.

Lois Boaz: Rosie was absent.

Parliamentarian: Toni Sorg okay.

Installation: Barb Parker ready.

Membership meeting Saturday afternoon by the pool at the quarterly meeting in August.

Old business: Tammy gave a report on new laptop computer, printer/copy, laptop bag and cart paid \$1,397.77. Wrote a check back to auxiliary \$1,102.23. Has everything in computer but membership.

New business: no new business.

Chaplain report: Beth Caudill has list of names for the memorial service. She will have some names that she will read that will not be listed in the program.

Convention report: Nothing. President Joann Hays just got news she and Bob have a great-grandson weighed in at 8 lbs. & 12 ounces & 21 inches long. Entertainment and next meeting date: did not discuss entertainment. Next meeting will be August 12 and 13th at Columbus. Adjournment time: 3:06 p.m. Closing prayer: Chaplain Beth read a very nice poem.

Submitted by corresponding secretary IVFAA Malinda Bell

IVFAA CONVENTION MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2006 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Call to order: President Joann Hays welcomed everyone. Was a nice Koffee Klutch and memorial service.

Prayer: Chaplain Beth Caudill.

Pledge to the flag: Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel, thanked everyone for the picture.

President Joann welcomed the Lois Boaz winner and Mr. IVFA's wife. Miriam asked if we liked our flag flying with the men's. The answer was with great applause.

Roll call: Recording secretary Tammy Hungate - 29 officers, five guests, 47 members. Barb Kerney presented the queen and her court for 2006.

Treasurer's report: Dorothy Reiter read the financial statement for 2005-2006.

Balance brought forward June 1, 2005.....\$21,925.59

Income: Dues:3735.00

Interest:32.65

Jewelry236.00

V.P. Project3,554.00

Unrelated Inc.120.00

Mackin Fund850.60

Total Income June 1, 2005 to May 31, 2006 = \$8,528.55

Disbursements: Operating Exp.\$13,252.96

\$10,000.00 CD

Annuals200.00

Phone & Postage123.53

Jewelry819.28

Awards & Gifts359.56

M/M Fund2,800.69

Total Disbursements June 1, 2005 to May 31, 2006 = \$17,556.02

Balance on Hand June 1, 2006 \$12,897.82

Subject to Audit

IVFAA Treasurer Dorothy Reiter

Correspondence: Correspondence secretary Malinda Bell read a thank you card from Marilyn Dever. Glad to see Marilyn. Also Maxine Davies and Sharon Angel -- so glad you all could attend the convention. Malinda had two past presidents new addresses: Loretta Nulliner, 3091 Dumas Ave., Spring Hill, FLA 34609, phone # 352-686-8905 and Barbara Surber, 4259 N. 600 E., Franklin, IN 46131, phone # 317-738-4226. Also the family of Genevieve Davis, District 17A member of the Odon/Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. auxiliary thanked the district and the state for the lovely memorial service. Genevieve was the late Carl Davis' wife. Carl was District 17A chairman and PRSW for several years for the IVFA and he was also Mr. IVFA.

Membership: Tammy Hungate - 2005/2006, 56 departments, 55 individuals, 22 life, 727 paid by September for a total of 804.

President Joann Hays gave out certificates for service. She had district chairmen to come forward and receive them.

Chaplain's report: Beth already has a list started for 2007 Memorial Service.

Jane Ferro celebrated 32 years of wedding bliss. Congratulations, Jane. Joann has 59 years.

Auditing: Barb Kerney said will be at 3:00.

Games: Marilyn said there is going to be games after all. Toni gave some information about Burn Camp.

Barb and Jack Kerney gave \$100.00 to Mary Mackin Scholarship Fund. Financial Study: Lou Bartlow - nothing.

Miss Flame: Barb Kerney sat in for Patty. Not too early to start thinking about a Miss Flame for next year.

V.P. Project: Martha Thomas gave report on the raffle, Chinese Auction and cookbooks.

By-Laws: Toni Sorg - hope to have out next week.

President's Advisory: Phyllis absent.

Lois Boaz: Rosie said had a great committee and thanked everyone. Introduced the new Lois Boaz, Jeanette.

Parliamentarian: Toni says okay. Old business: None.

New business: Joann said when passing on chairman briefcase, you have list of things that go in case. Tammy gave a report on new laptop computer, printer/copy, laptop bag and cart - paid \$1,397.77. She wrote a check back to auxiliary in the amount of \$1,102.23. Has everything in computer but memberships.

Eula Bush said she will be giving two scholarships at banquet this evening. E.J. Smith explained how the Mary Mackin Scholarship Award was started. This is in memory of her mother, Mary Mackin.

Convention report: District 15 Steve Anderson came in and told us it will be in Evansville in 2007, at the Executive Inn. Convention will be June 14 to 17, 2007.

We broke for a 15 minute break.

Nominating: Susie Stout - nominations for officers 2006/2007: president Joann Hays, vice president Martha Thomas, recording secretary Tammy Hungate, corresponding secretary Malinda Bell, chaplain Beth Caudill and Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel.

Installation: Barb Parker and Maxine Davies had the honor of installing the 2006/2007 IVFAA officers.

Entertainment and meeting date: no discussion about entertainment. Next meeting will be August 12 and 13, 2006 at the Holiday Inn in Columbus, IN.

Adjournment: we adjourned.

Prayer: Meeting was closed with prayer by Chaplain Beth.

Submitted by corresponding secretary IVFAA Malinda Bell

AUGUST 12, 2006 LINE OFFICERS' MEETING COLUMBUS, IN

A line officer's meeting was held Saturday, August 12th at Columbus.

Several topics were discussed. President Joann Hays said we have (3) three new district chairmen.

District 11A -- Beverly Taylor District 11B -- Juanita Owens District 3 -- Christine Stephens.

Past president Barb Kerney suggested having a meeting with new chairmen. This is a very good idea.

Ann Moss and Phyllis Vargo will not be in attendance at our quarterly meeting on Sunday, August 13, 2006. Ann's husband is ill and Phyllis' mother is ill.

New committee chairmen will be named.

Reflection and opinions needed about Chinese Auction.

Everybody work together, help each other. Need district chairmen to write articles for the IVFA newspaper about their district meetings and things happening in districts.

Discussion on Lois Boaz Award. Can a person who just does things in the community be a candidate for Lois Boaz Award? A lady must be an auxiliary member.

No district can fold a district.

Vice president Martha Thomas says she has 13 cases of cookbooks left. A discussion was held if we could reduce the price of the cookbook?

Also Barb Kerney suggested about placing an ad in the IVFA newspaper. Barb will do this. Contact person will be Martha.

A discussion was held if we were going to start paying mileage again?

Chaplain Beth Caudill has had a death reported to her from District 1. A discussion was held about a Bible for the family. Auxiliary would buy the Bible from us if member dues are in arrears. Beth usually gets 12 at a time. There are six (6) in a box. Discussion held on selling for \$25.00 a Bible. This will be discussed at the Sunday meeting.

A discussion was held about the Flower Fund. This fund is just for the line officers. Barb Kerney had an idea for us about having a "Happy Fund". This will be discussed at the Sunday meeting.

President Joann Hays doing history on Memorial Cross.

In attendance for this meeting were line officers: president Joann Hays, vice president Martha Thomas, recording secretary Tammy Hungate, corresponding secretary Malinda Bell, treasurer Dorothy Reiter, chaplain Beth Caudill, Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel and past president Barb Kerney.

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Crown Point VFD holds coloring contest during Fire Prevention Week



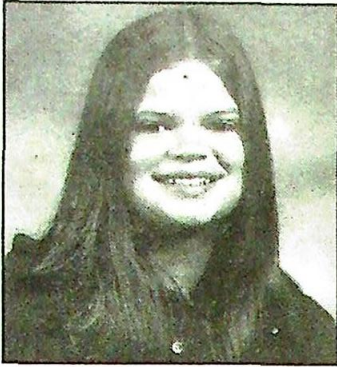
Pictured are the winners of the 2006 Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department Fire Prevention coloring contest.

Pictured along with the winners is division chief Mark Baumgardner, Sr. and assistant fire chief Gerard Abraham.

(submitted by Marge Baumgardner)

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In Memory of Jennifer Diane Held



Jennifer Diane Held passed away September 16, 2006. Services were held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at the Maryland Community Church with Vince McFarland officiating. Interment was in Grandview Cemetery. Arrangements were by DeBaun Springhill Chapel.

In memory of our granddaughter Jennifer Diane Held, who went to be with Jesus on Saturday, September 16, 2006 at the age of 14.

Jennifer was a member of the Honey Creek Auxiliary and was a member of the IVFAA for 10 years.

For all of you who loved her and knew her, you know what she represented in life to all of us.

For you who didn't know her as well, I would like to tell you about her active life.

She was a very busy little girl. She made wonderful grades and was always on the honor roll.

In grade school, she played the cello. She loved music and when she went to Middle School she was active in volleyball for these years, she played tennis and she loved being in the band. She played the drums which her brothers Dustin and Nick inspired her to do it. She even had a set of drums at home. She also loved singing and just this spring she entered a contest at the eighth grade level and she won in that contest. She sang "Over the Rainbow"; it was simply beautiful.

She was so active in PAW (Performing Arts Workshop); she was in this for three years and they performed in the summer when school was out.

She was very active at church where she sang in the choir and attended church camp every summer for years. She was a good Christian.

This fall (August) she attended South Vigo High School as a freshman. She was so excited because she made the band and was looking to being in it for four years.

She had also tried out for a part in "Bye Bye Birdie" which she was to play the part as a newspaper reporter.

Jennifer was also very active in the Fire Association, as she always went with us to our district meetings and state meetings. She started coming probably before she was two-years-old. She loved it and loved all of you. She had so much fun, swimming and meeting new friends thru the state. You spoiled her, you know! She loved it.

Jennifer has always looked forward to running for Miss Flame and this would have been her year, as she would have been 15 in March. She liked helping with the 11-A Miss Flame dance and always went with us to 11-B dance in February in Dana.

She knew how the contest could go, if you don't win you could run the next year. She said "Grandma, if I don't make it this year, I'll run the next year, but can I go to convention with you and grandpa next year?" I told her, "You sure can, but Jennifer you will always be my little Miss Flame and someday, you'll wear that crown. We are always proud of you."

So, Jennifer is in heaven now and she has received her crown. God has seen to that.

Thank you for letting me tell you about our beautiful granddaughter, Jennifer, who we will miss.

Bob and I and our daughter, Diane, and her brothers want to say "thank you" for all of you who traveled to the memorial service or her funeral. I can't mention names - there were so many of you. You know who you were. I'm afraid I'll miss you.

For your calls, cards, flowers, monetary gifts given toward her funeral expenses, as there was no insurance. It was greatly appreciated, bless you all.

There will be no way that we can thank you all enough for your love you have given her. I just know you made her so happy over the number of years. Lou, thanks for the green dress. She loved it.

I will have to say thank you to one of her very special friends (Uncle) Pete Taylor - chaplain for District 11A, who gave her memorial service. Know it was hard on you, Pete, and also to Auntie Bev. Thank you and all of your auxiliary ladies who helped you. I know it wasn't easy for you.

Our friends and family, we say may God bless all of you and give you strength and kindness for seeing us thru this sadden times in our life. We thank you.

We just don't understand, all we know is God needed another angel, so

he called Jennifer home.

At Jennifer's visitation there were hundreds and people were in line for one hour or half and at her funeral there were hundreds there also. Her service was beautiful. On the screen at the church pictures were shown of her thru the years.

She looked very beautiful in her band uniform as South Vigo Band director asked if we would like for her to wear it. How fitting it was. She would have been proud to know they thought so much of her.

And at the end of the service Jennifer sang "Somewhere Over The Rainbow", as it had been taped the day of her contest and it was put up on the screen for all of the church to hear and see.

At the end of her service and her brothers carried her to the hearse. There were green balloons with messages on them and released into the sky. As these balloons went up a cloud shaped like a butterfly appeared and it broke apart as the balloons went up.

At the cemetery as the hearse was arriving the South Vigo High School drum line and the bagpipe player was playing the school song. It was so beautiful and the weather was perfect and the band was in their uniforms. It was so hard on them but they were able to see it thru.

Don't forget to hug and give your child a kiss as they go to bed.

Sadly missed,

Bob & Joann Hays, grandparents; Diane Held and Greg and Becky Held, her parents; her brothers Robbie, Michael, Dustin, Nicholas and Stephen Held; Ellison Ross and Matthew Held, niece and nephew; and her special friends, Amanda, Colleen and Sara and her love of her life, Lucky (her dog).

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one,

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when day is gone.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,

Of happy times, and laughing times, and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun,

Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

If the essence of my being has caused a smile to have appeared on your face or a touch of joy within your heart, then, in living, I have made my mark.



Ed Kipker awarded 25 year service pin

District 5 chairman Tony Farrer, PR Northeast Jean Smith, District 6 co-chairman Don Kissinger presented Ed Kipker, Warsaw Fire Department with an IVFA 25 year pin at Kosciusko County firemen's fish fry September 21, 2006.

(submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast)

Don Kissinger past District 5 chairman awarded "Thank You" Award

President Mitch Rader of the Kosciusko County Firemen's Association

presents the Thank You Award to Don Kissinger, District 5 chairman of 12 years of dedicated and outstanding service to the district.

Presented at Kosciusko County firemen's fish fry and award ceremony, September 21, 2006.

(submitted by Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast)



Special recognition awards given to Gregg Twp. VFD members

A new ambulance for Gregg Twp. VFD



In November of 2005 Gregg Twp. put their second ALS unit in service. This is a Horton ambulance on a Ford E450 chassis. Gregg Twp. covers EMS service for four townships.



At Gregg Twp. VFD's annual fish fry, two individuals were recognized for outstanding work in their area of expertise.

Cody Stader (left) was awarded the Firefighter of the Year Award and Alan Banks, a 17-year veteran was awarded the EMS Personnel of the Year Award.

Good job, gentlemen.

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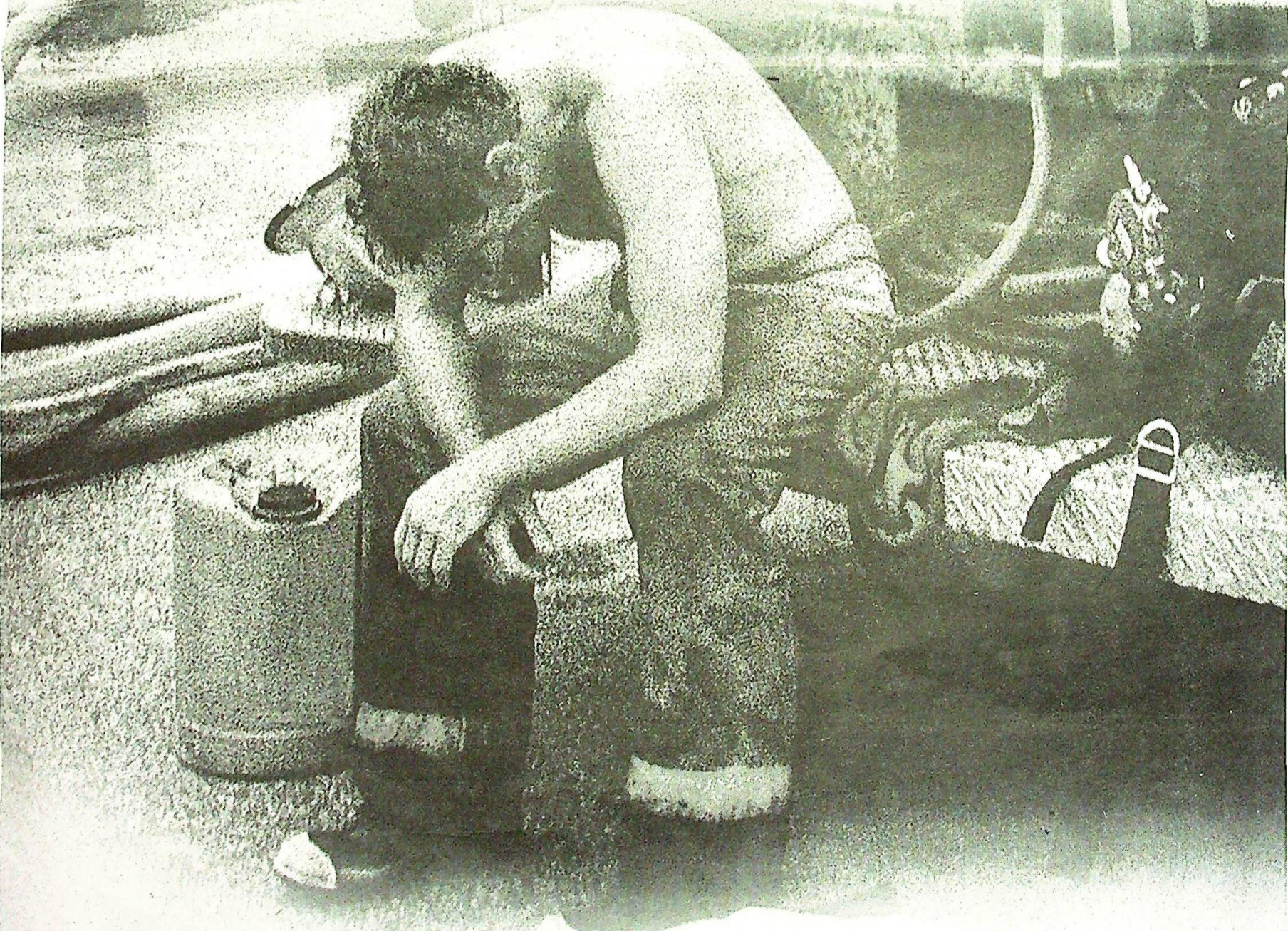
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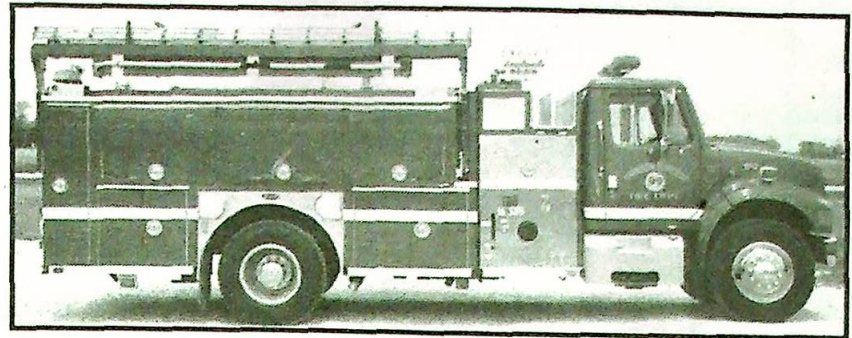
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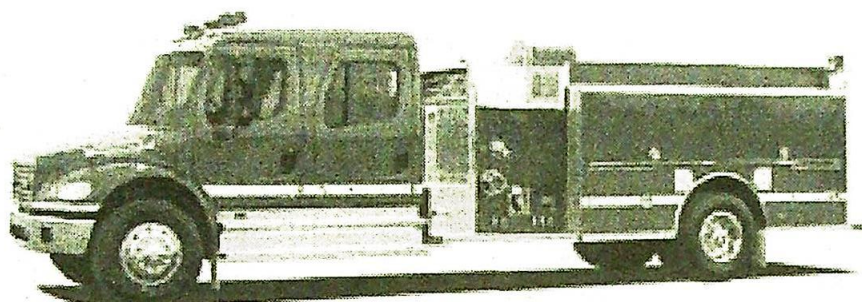
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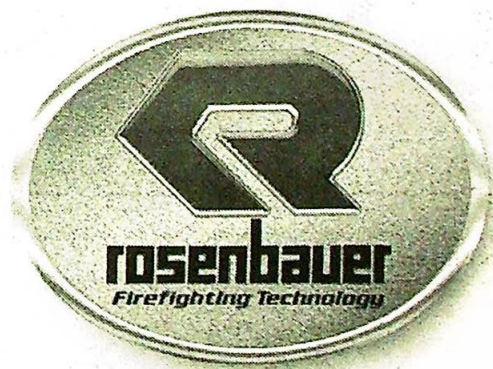


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Jim Bradford**



This is the last paper for the year 2006. We have tried to get all of the articles and pictures that were submitted to the paper in on a timely basis. Regrettably, some of the pictures were of such quality that they were not reproducible.

Letters of nomination for the Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandburg and Angel Awards must be received by February 1, 2007. If you have any questions about any of the awards, contact your district chairman or any state officer. You probably know someone who is very deserving of one of these awards.

Although this might be a little early, the convention for 2007 will be in Evansville on June 13-16.

I hope everyone has a great holiday season this year and will see you at the district meetings.

Jim Bradford
PRNW

**DISTRICT 11B
IVFAA REPORT**

Juanita Owen, Chairman

Greetings everyone!

As Patty Stephens stated in the August IVFA paper that was her last letter. She has served us a good five years.

My name is Juanita Owen, the new 11-B district chairman. I will do my best to fill Patty's shoes. I hope I can do as well as Patty has, but it will be quite a challenge. I and my husband, Dorman have been members of the Reelsville Volunteer Fire Department and IVFA for several years.

District 11-B was hosted by District 11-A for our September picnic at Fairbanks Park in Terre Haute, Sunday, September 17, 2006. A good time and plenty of good food and beautiful weather was enjoyed by all attending.

District 11-A has been hit by very sad times in September. Joann Hays, our state president and husband Bob, lost their only grandchild, Jennifer Held.

Tammy Hungate lost her husband. These two loved ones were called home to heaven, our sympathy goes out to both families.

The next District 11-B meeting will be held at Reelsville Volunteer Fire Department Sunday, November 12, 2006 to kick-off the holiday season with a meal of turkey and all the trimmings. It sure has been a short year. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Juanita Owen,
District 11-B Chairman
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**Pershing Twp. F.D. Deputy Fire Chief
retires from active duty with department**



Rebecca D. Scott

Pershing Township Fire Department has announced the retirement of Deputy Fire Chief Rebecca D. Scott from active duty. Scott has served with the all volunteer department since 1977. Her retirement became official on August 1, 2006.

Scott had the distinction of being the first female active duty firefighter to serve in Jackson County. She rose through the ranks serving as a lieutenant, captain, assistant chief and finally deputy fire chief. She was an Indiana Certified Emergency Medical Technician and held Master Firefighter Certificates in Tactics, Fire/Arson Investigation, Instruction, and Management. Scott had served the department in staff positions as secretary, treasurer, and Public Relations officer during her tenure. She had held the responsibility as training officer and medical officer as well as her other duties.

Scott has been honored as a

recipient of the Midwest Fire and Safety Outstanding Firefighter on two occasions. She is a member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association and Jackson County Local Emergency Planning Committee. Scott has been a CPR and First Aid instructor for the American Red Cross for over 20 years.

"I am leaving the fire department at exactly the best time," Scott commented. "We are blessed with a core group of young firefighters who will build upon the foundations we have laid. In my 29 years as a firefighter/EMT I have seen many advances and improvements. We now have access to superior training, dependable equipment, and gifted firefighters. I have been and will continue to be very proud of Pershing Township Fire Department."

Scott cites a desire to pursue her interests in writing and inspirational speaking as the primary factor in her decision to leave the fire service at this time.

"God only loans us so much time in this life. I have learned so much and benefitted from my time with Pershing Township and I will always call those years a blessing. But now there are other avenues I want to investigate. I do hope to have opportunity in the future to speak to

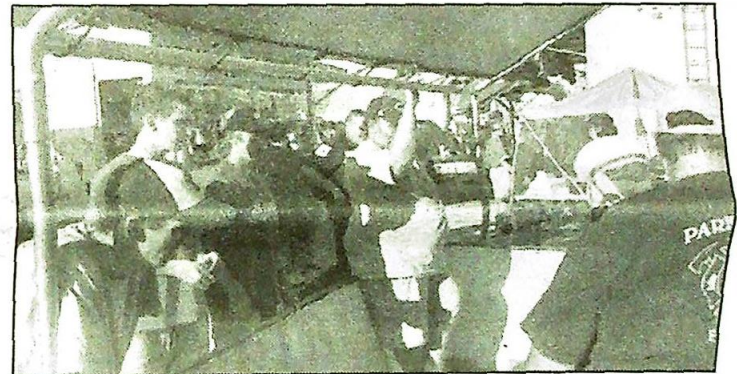
groups and organizations about volunteer fire units. Most people have no clue what they owe these men and women and why they should be concerned and active in supporting the vital, lifesaving work of their local fire departments."

Scott is a graduate of Brownstown Central High School and holds a Bachelors of Arts Degree from Kentucky Christian College in Grayson, Kentucky. She is a member of First Christian Church of Columbus and is author of Moments: Celebrating Everyday Experiences with God, published in 2005 by AuthorHouse. She has written several freelance articles published in magazines and journals. She is a humorous, motivational, and inspirational speaker working through her ministry founded in 2003 called "A Lily of His Field".

Scott is the daughter of the late Kathleen Scott Cornett and stepdaughter of Winfred Cornett of Seymour. She is employed with Dicksons, Inc., a leading supplier of inspirational gifts worldwide. She is also an independent sales representative for Premier Designs Jewelry.

Scott is slated to deliver an evening workshop entitled "Life in the Fire" scheduled in October at the Jackson County Public Library in Seymour.

Parker VFD holds dime pitch at local fair



(At right): Parker Volunteer Fire Department holds a dime pitch at the local fair.

(submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations)

**New Washington
firefighters receive
25 year pins**

At the NWVFD August meeting I had the opportunity to present 25 year pins to Mike Dickey and Danny Stoner.

These two guys served in many different roles over the years. They are a great asset to our organization and their own department.

Great job guys!!!
(submitted by Charlie Moon)



Training discussed during drill

Brian Stephens and Jimmy Wyman discuss training with Fire Chief Rodney Rodeffer during a mock fire drill.

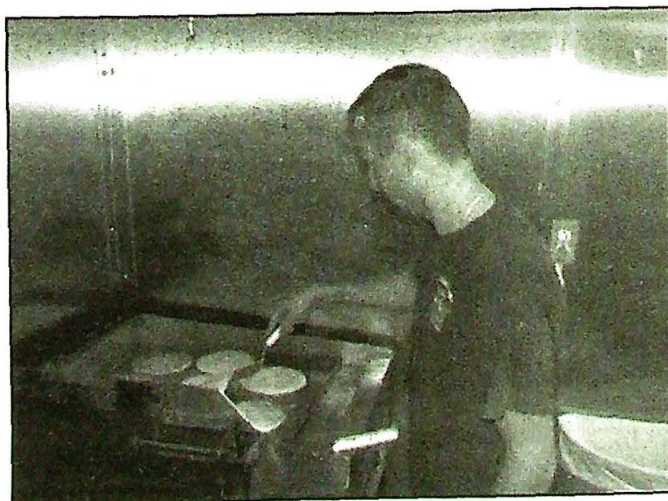
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**Fire chief Rodeffer prepares
pancakes for annual breakfast**

PARKER VOLUNTEER Fire Department's Fire Chief Rodney Rodeffer prepares pancakes for the annual firemen's pancake breakfast.

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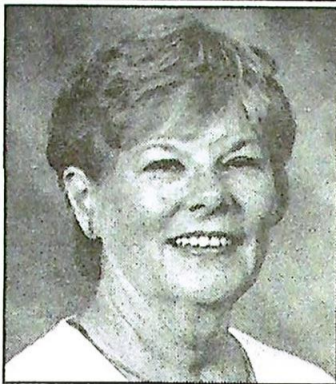
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From The Treasurer

Beverly Harker



Since the last newspaper came out time has gone very fast for me.

I have attended seven district meetings, four funeral services, a farm safety program, games at Bloomfield, two parades, a Fire Prevention open house and two fundraisers.

I am now working on a budget for 2007 to present at the November state meeting. Our source of income is yearly dues, royalty from credit cards and interest from bank accounts and CD's.

The officers work hard to operate the association and stay within their budget.

As treasurer, I try to keep them informed on what money is coming in and going out.

Hope everyone had a good Fire Prevention week. Kids use the knowledge they learn during that time when they are faced with an emergency. Keep up the good work.

submitted by
Beverly Harker,
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Message from Indiana State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson



When we came to this assignment it was clear firefighter training was a top priority.

Well trained fire services have always been important. Today that need has expanded.

September 11, 2001 our nation changed forever. Firefighters learned the necessity of working in jurisdictions away from their own.

States working with each other never occurring in the past. A variety of departments working as one, for the most part never took place before is looked at as routine operational assignments.

September 2006, The International Association of Fire Chiefs reported on the following initiatives:

1. IMAS Instate Mutual Aid System (Community to community, community to state).
2. MASTF Mutual Aid System Task Force. (Mutual aid between states), state to state, state to nation.
3. MABAS, Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. (Indiana's plan to support these projects).

All of these efforts call for education and understanding by our fire and emergency services.

The importance of these programs could mean the difference between success and failure of a major event in your community.

"No Fire Agency is an Island". There will be times you need help, over and above anything you have planned for.

Our world changed forever that day in September. Today terrorists plan to disrupt our way of life again. That is

added to an already heavy assignment of natural events, and accidental emergencies that can tax out resources in quick fashion.

The catastrophic chemical fire in North Carolina last week on any given day might occur in our state.

Evacuating 20,000 people, everything from hospitals, nursing homes, schools and homes are something we must train for.

Every fire department, urban area of rural countryside, should recognize you might be called to respond to incidents similar in nature.

Everyone who answers the call needs to work and train together, training as one, preparing for whatever comes your way, in order for "Everyone to Go Home".

Prior to 2006, Indiana was one of only a handful of states in our nation that failed to provide state funded training.

Every state surrounding Indiana provided state supported training. Kentucky has 22 state regional training locations and a fleet of semi trucks with numerous mobile props, from crash over chambers to confined space rescue units.

Those vehicles are used at fire departments unable to travel to one of their numerous training sites.

Illinois has over 480 adjunct instructors coordinated by the state fire training council providing educational opportunities in every corner of their state.

For decades Indiana firefighters were required to train themselves. For that you should be commended. Our

firefighters and emergency responders are excellent, you have worked hard and trained well.

Unfortunately if you were from the northern part of the state, you might train one way, south, or central might train differently.

Unity was missing. For that to occur we needed to implement efficient all hazard training on a statewide level.

In event of a major emergency requiring numerous responders working together, many might not have the same level of training or skills needed to interact in a safe, proficient manner.

In 2005, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Division of Training became the agency responsible for all hazard training, replacing the system in place, with a goal of providing quality testing and education programs for not only firefighters but also for a wide range of emergency service disciplines.

Now, less than two years since taking office, with the support from Governor Mitch Daniels and state legislature, a basic firefighter training program is in place. Additionally, Homeland Security regional training locations are being established in 10 DHS districts with basic funding to support this initial opportunity for all hazard training.

The first regional training partnership was dedicated in Auburn on August 9, 2006. At the dedication Governor Daniels said his support for statewide training was a priority and his hope for half of the district concept programs organized by year end was a target.

So what does this mean for the beginning firefighter? First, the basic training program is now much easier to comply with; the end result is the same if you're in Gary or Madison.

Basic skills test has been refined eliminating nonessential materials previously a serious concern. Our state now is in compliance with neighboring states, and nationally.

New firefighters better know what is needed for them to complete their training.

Realistic goals can be established, providing safety and skill levels clearly defined providing all departments with unified education.

Regional training centers are being organized by local fire departments, best suited for areas they live and work in.

Having local agencies decide through planning councils made up of their own membership is crucial for successful training programs.

In some cases it might be prudent to share resources and train responders

from other areas, especially in large areas where a closer facility might be more convenient.

Our long range plans call for adjunct instructors and mobile props similar to successful programs in use in nearby states.

An advantage especially for volunteer firefighters unable to leave their communities.

1. It retains the fire force close to their response area during training sessions.

2. Delivers quality training for those working regular jobs providing for their families, unable to travel for volunteer service training.

Additionally, career firefighters in smaller communities not having resources as their large urban counterparts will be provided on-site training, providing mutual aid education opportunities with neighboring departments.

Large urban areas will have greater resources should emergencies require mutual aid responses to their city.

These programs require serious commitment from firefighters statewide to determine their future by preparing and training with others.

The future may not be easy, but seldom do good things come without effort.

We need focused leaders actively participating.

Without dedication, future programs could be in jeopardy.

Working with legislators for funding is critical. Unified fire services for the common good are extremely important for these efforts to succeed.

Saving one firefighter from harms way is payment for many.

Protecting our communities in a more effective manner is our duty.

Sincerely,
Roger Johnson
Indiana State Fire Marshal

What Has Changed?

It has been five years, what has changed? Prior to 11 September 2001 the mind of the firefighter was filled with the thoughts of structure fires, rescuing victims, flashovers, back drafts, extrication of persons trapped in vehicle accidents, training, meetings, time away from their family. Since that dreadful day, terrorism, biological attacks, and weapons of mass destruction, have become a very real part of the firefighter's lives, unfortunately this is something that has changed. When six fighters perished in an abandoned warehouse in Worcester, MS several years ago the entire fire service was in shock and grief. Thousands of firefighters turned out for the funerals. How could a department cope with such a loss? After 11 September 2001 the fire service has had to learn how to deal with loss and grief on what before would have been an unthinkable level. Sadly, this is something that has changed.

But think about it... what has not changed? Following the attacks, fire departments, especially small city and small town volunteer fire departments were mantled with the title of being our nation's "Hometown Heroes", guess what reader?? They always were!! These are people from our community that respond to a call for help of any kind, at any time of the day or night. Who endanger their health or perhaps their very lives to come to the aid of another. Did you think they started doing this five years ago? No, that hasn't changed. Members of volunteer fire departments still carry on with the tasks that the public is rarely aware of. They work on the trucks and the equipment to ensure that they are always ready. When projects are done at the Fire Stations, they do them. They are carpenters, electricians, and plumbers all so that the department may

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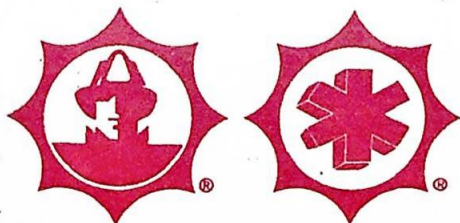
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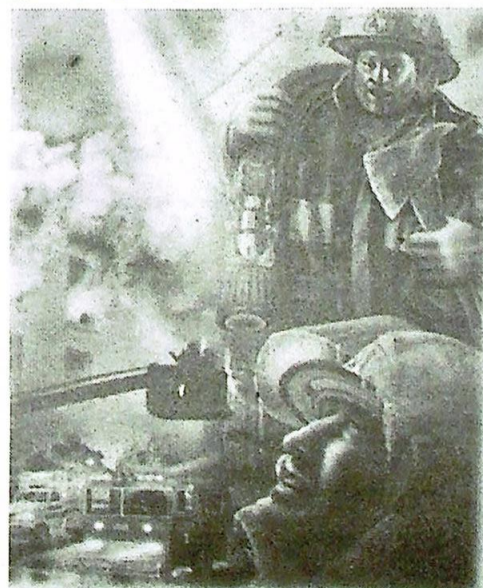
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conserve funds and thus may be able to purchase some new equipment when budgets continue to shrink and they have to do more and more with less and less. This has not changed since 11 September 2001. When funds do come, they come as though from an eyedropper. Despite all of the grand promises from federal and state governments, volunteer fire departments have seen very little or in most cases nothing at all. Financial resources have become entangled in a bureaucratic quagmire of political posturing and allegations of misappropriation, nothing has changed. Fire department members spend countless hours in attempts to educate the public to the dangers of fire, but children still start fires with the matches or lighters carelessly left within reach by adults. Smoke detectors are not present or are not working because of dead or worse, missing batteries. Households don't have organized escape plans, and electrical circuits are still overloaded. But the fire department still comes, sometimes getting a "thank you" in

return, nothing has changed. When a member of the fire service dies, whether they were retired or still active, other department's members still gather in their dress uniforms (if their department can afford them) to honor one of their own. A person who chose to serve their fellow man in one of the most selfless of ways. When perhaps a bell rings, and the sounds of "Amazing Grace" are heard from the bagpipes, they will stand together, saluting and wondering, "aiff I going to get through this?" Gosh...that hasn't changed either.

And when after a fire, a little boy or girl with a grin from ear to ear walks up to a bone tired firefighter and proudly proclaims, "when I get big... I'm gonna' be a firefighter!!"

That firefighter will still fight back a tear of pride, and will remember why they do it. Perhaps it's good...that some things have not changed.

*An essay by
John C. "Bull" Smith
Huntingburg Volunteer Fire Dept.
IVFA Dist. 18*

Mary Mackin Scholarship winners announced

The 2006 winners of the Mary Mackin Memorial Miss Flame Scholarship are Ashley Hountz, District 19 and Katelyn Rickelman, District 18.

This fund was established when the I.V.F.A.A. received \$300 from Mary Mackin's family to be used as the Auxiliary saw fit. A committee was appointed to evaluate various options and recommended that a scholarship fund be established to promote and enhance the Miss Flame contest.

It was felt that if the monetary prizes/awards to be received by the various winners were more enticing, it would get more young ladies interested in competing in the contest; ultimately getting more contestants and their parents actively involved in the I.V.F.A.A. and I.V.F.A.

As stated above, the fund is starting with \$300. To perpetuate and enhance the fund, the I.V.F.A.A. will put \$100 annually in the fund instead of buying bonds for the Miss Flames. The budget for the administration of the contest is \$300.00. Currently, an application fee of \$25 is assessed each district for their contestant to enter the Miss Flame contest. Depending on the number of contestants and the application fees received annually, all over \$300 will be put into the Scholarship Fund. A commitment from Jack and Barbara Kerney for an annual donation of \$100 has also been received. We expect that others will also want to donate to this worthwhile program. This fund and any contributions will be set up in a special "Mary Mackin Memorial Miss Flame Scholarship" interest bearing account.

Starting in 2004 and subsequent years until the scholarship fund grows enough to be reevaluated, the Miss Flame will receive \$100, the runner-up \$50 and Miss Congeniality \$50.

In addition, each Miss Flame contestant is being asked to submit an essay of 250 words or less stating their involvement with their fire department, how it has affected their lives and how it will in their future. They will turn them in at the "mixer" at convention. The scholarship committee will review them and decide on the two best ones. They will receive \$50 each.

This program allows for up to five girls to receive awards or even one could receive more than one. For instance, the Miss Flame could also win one of the essay awards. This scholarship money may be used toward tuition, books, or other expenses.

We appreciate the Mackin family's donation and allowing the I.V.F.A.A. to establish the scholarship fund.

Involvement

by Ashley Hountz, District 19

My involvement with the fire department has been with me since I was a little kid. Now I have finally lived up to my dream of being just like my dad as a firefighter. I previously just joined the Sunman Fire Department in March. I will continue to volunteer my time as a fireman in the future, because I love helping people in need. As I have grown up I realize that we as firemen and women matter a great deal throughout the community.

Firefighting runs in my families' blood. My dad has been a fireman for over 18 years now. My mom, my grandma, and two of my aunts are in the IVFAA. My grandma previously just won the Lois Boaz Award and my grandpa retired from 50 years in the Morris Fire Department. I realize that this is a job not everyone can handle. Not only is hot and miserable in the bunker gear but people's lives lay on the line every time there is a call. Through many hours of training and studying I got my mandatory hours put in while I was a cadet, so as soon as I turned 18 I could join right away. Through this I learned the main definition of a firefighter. That is: A courageous person who cares about the goodwill of others sometimes before themselves. I also learned many life skills throughout this training. Some would include: teamwork, dedication, trust in fellow members, and it also teaches us not to take life for granted, which many of us do every day. Firefighters possess a certain quality that is

undetermined, they somehow learn to be strong and to cope with the things they may encounter. My favorite saying that people always ask me is, "Why do you want to run into a burning building while everyone else is running out?" I answer them by saying, "I'm a proud volunteer firefighter. I love saving people's lives and this is what I have been trained to do."

There are many other ways that I am involved in the fire department. When I was a little kid I used to go and help my dad fill up the pop machines, take out trash, or just tidy up. Since then I have been mowing the lawn for over 10 years now. I also take part in our annual festival, and attend weekly Monday meetings whenever time prevails. Since I was elected as the District 19 Miss Flame I have also been attending the men's and women's district meetings. I have spent many hours volunteering my time at many local fire departments throughout our area, whether it's their festival or other type of fundraiser.

This involvement has changed by life drastically. I have met many new people throughout this adventure. I have seen things that I never thought would be possible; however, there are many other things that I have seen from being a firefighter that I hope I will never run into again. This involvement over many of years has taught me to become a better person and to not take little things for granted. This is all part of why I will continue to dedicate my life in the fire service.

According to Webster's dictionary a firefighter is, "someone who is trained to fight fires," but I've come to learn that they're much more than that.

A firefighter is a person who goes above and beyond to help save someone, putting their lives on the line to ensure the safety of the public.

My dad has been a firefighter for almost 20 years so I've always been involved.

When I was young I would go to the station, look at those big red trucks and hope that someday I'd be a firefighter.

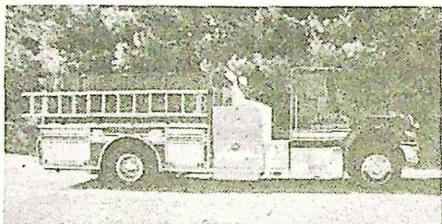
Every year I'd help bake cookies for the open house. The firefighters became a second family to me and I will always look up to them.

Now that I'm older, my responsibilities with the department have grown. I help with fund-raising at the St. Henry fest and I still help at the open house. Now that I'm District 18 Miss Flame I attend all department and district meetings. This experience has enabled me to meet many people and voice my opinion. It's also given me the opportunity to visit schools and talk with children on the importance of fire safety.

Overall, it's changed my life. I'm more conscious about the fact that I'm a role model for young children and I have to set positive examples. Also, in the future it will help me to be more aware of the safety issues that many parents overlook. In addition it will help me be a leader in all that I do.

*Katelyn Rickelman
District 18 Miss Flame, June 28, 2006*

Swayzee VFD takes delivery



of a 2006 Pierce Contender

Swayzee VFD (Grant Co., District 8A) put into service their new 2006 International Pierce Contender from Midwest Fire & Safety of Indianapolis as Pumper #3 on August 2, 2006. Pumper #3 has a 1250 gpm Hale pump with a 1000 gallon poly tank. This truck will be first out on all fire alarms and mutual aid responses. *(submitted by Swayzee VFD)*

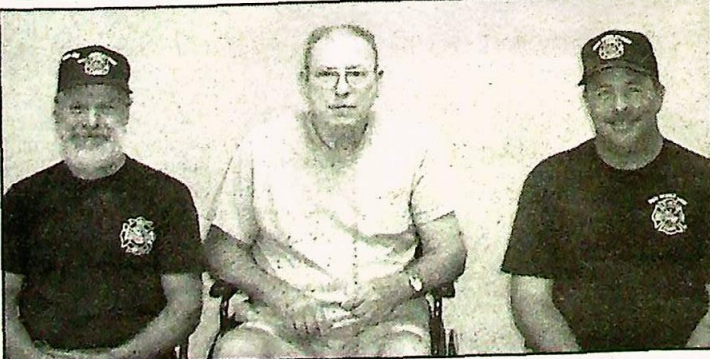
New Middletown VFD members receive 25 year pins and IVFA clock

District 16 chairman, Paul Holcomb presented an IVFA station clock to the New Middletown VFD along with three of their members receiving their 25 year pins at their August monthly meeting in recognition of their 25+ years of service in the fire service and the IVFA.

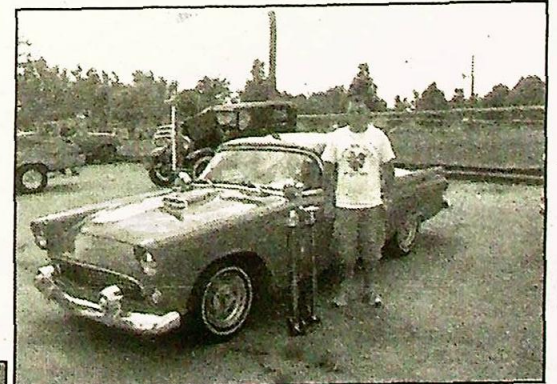
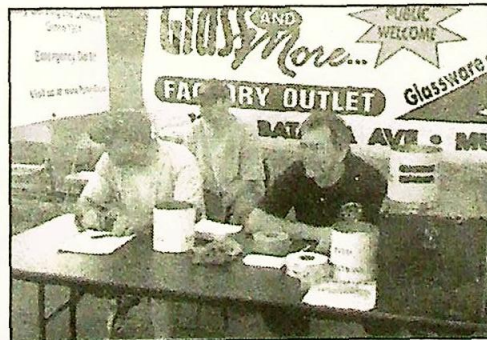


Top photo: pictured (left to right) Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman and Chief Jerry Gleitz.

Bottom photo: pictured are Scott Weis, Dave Stewart and Jerry Gleitz. *(submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman)*



Annual car show a success



PARKER VOLUNTEER Fire Department's third annual car show was a success. Visit website to view more photos at www.parker-fire.com.

(submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations)

Volunteers from across the country help to rebuild southern Indiana church

Baker Chapel Rebuilding

DeGonia Springs, Indiana in Warrick County was the location for this year's New York Says Thank You Foundation's annual rebuilding project.

Each year since 9-11, this group of volunteers has picked a location somewhere in the U.S. that was stricken by some kind of disaster. This was in response to all the help that New York received after the 9-11 terrorist attacks.

Previous sites included: Slidell LA (Katrina), LaSalle Co., IL (F3 tornado), and San Diego Co., CA (wildfires). Volunteers from New York and the three other sites converged in this small community in southern Indiana to help rebuild a local church destroyed by the November 6, 2005 tornado.

The group arrived in Evansville on Thursday night to a crowd of people waving American flags.

After a community breakfast in Boonville, the volunteers made their way to the worksite for full days of construction.

After a night of softball vs. some former high school 3-A state champs and local first responders Saturday night, the group joined the entire church congregation and a large contingent of emergency workers that responded to the tornado, for Sunday morning's worship service. After the service, everyone gathered for a group picture in front of the new building.

The New York volunteers left in time to return for the events taking place at home, in honor of the fifth anniversary of the 9-11 attacks.

(submitted by Steve Anderson, District 15 chairman)



Photos taken at the Memorial Service on Sunday, September 10, 2006.

In the top photo – an FDNY Chaplain and bagpiper led a delegation of local and national firefighters to the service.

In the middle photo – an ISP Color Guard marches in the procession.

Bottom left photo – An FDNY firefighter signs the shirt of a young church member.

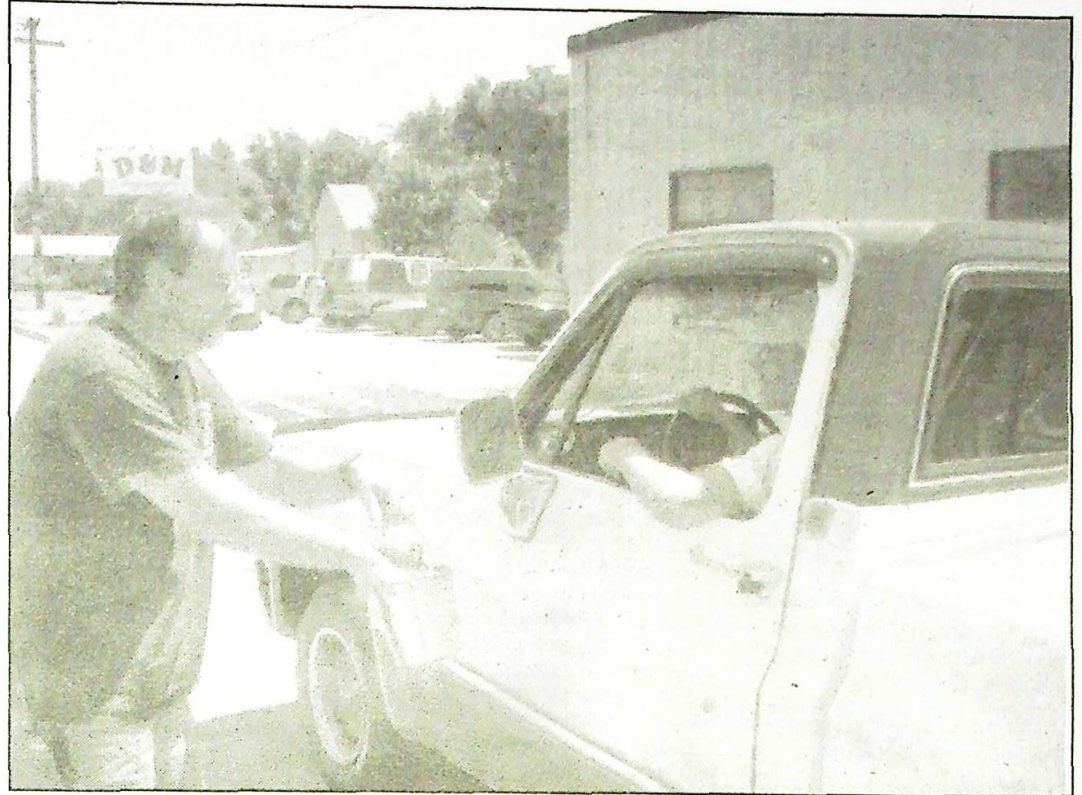
Bottom right photo – A group shot of everyone in attendance in front of the new building.





Payzent takes part in training session

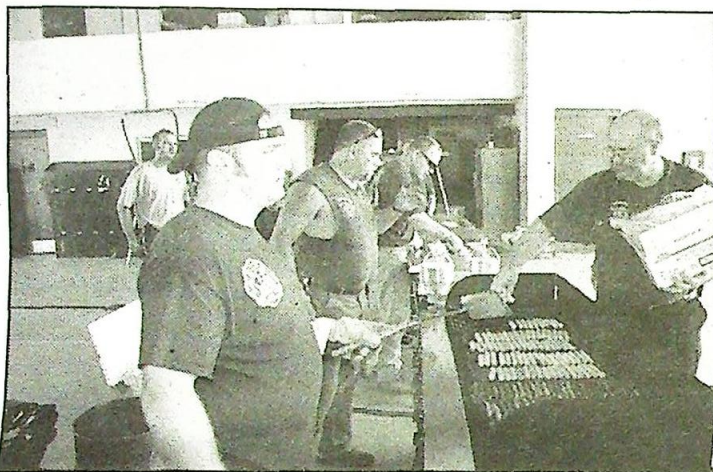
CALEB PAYZENT with the Parker Volunteer Fire Department takes part in a training session. *(submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations)*



Collects for church Food Pantry

PARKER VOLUNTEER Fire Department's Terry Darling collects money for local church food pantry. *(submitted by Ed Caldwell, Public Relations)*

Crown Point Ladies' Auxiliary hosts pancake breakfast



Pictured are volunteers who helped the Crown Point Volunteer Ladies' Auxiliary at the 12th annual pancake breakfast. Those shown are Erik Schmidt, Randy Lambert and Lenny Dunlap. This was a record year for the ladies. They had served over 900 for breakfast and the ladies could not have done this without the help of all their firemen! *(submitted by Marge Baumgardner)*

Crown Point VFD golf outing held June 23 at Summertree



The Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department golf outing was held June 23, 2006 at Summertree Golf Course, Crown Point. Pictured at right are Tim Martin, Mark Schweitzer and Dave Crane, members of the group.

Also pictured in the bottom photo are Linda Abraham and Vera Corning, who helped serve hot dogs to the golfers during the day. Fun was had by all!

(submitted by Marge Baumgardner Crown Point Fire Vol. Ladies Auxiliary)

St. John chief awarded 25 year pin



St. John VFD Chief Fred Willman is presented his IVFA 25 year service pin by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman. - *submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman*



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I attended District 17B's meeting hosted by Oolitic Volunteer Fire Department. Elections were held. Officers are: Tim Deckard, 17B chairman, Jason Lewis - vice chairman and secretary-treasurer Steve Nolan.

District 15's meeting was held at same time. Elections were held. Officers are: Steve Anderson, District 15 chairman, vice chairman C.L. Mitchell, secretary-treasurer Barb Kerney, Sgt.-at-Arms Harry Logan and Chaplain Andrew Seib.

District 17A's meeting was hosted by Richland/Taylor Volunteer Fire Department. Elections were held. Officers are: Jack Harker, District 17A chairman, Sam Emery - vice chairman, secretary-treasurer Courtney Hasler. A 25 year pin was presented to Lee Baker, Richland-Taylor Volunteer Fire Department.

District 18's meeting was hosted at Grandview Volunteer Fire Department. Elections were held. Officers are: Chuck Parker, District 18 chairman, Kenny Lau - secretary-treasurer, Sgt.-at-Arms Ed Discus, chaplain Brother Giles Mahieu.

The following deaths were reported: Robert Edward, Central Perry Vol. Fire

Dept., Charles Feigel, Rockport Vol. Fire Dept., Floyd DeKemper, Dubois Co. Vol. Fire Dept. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and departments.

I attended a Farm Safety course at Bedford Hospital Annex, hosted by Jones & Assoc. Insurance Co. and Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman.

I attended District 17A's meeting hosted by Jack Harker, September 18 and Edwardsport Vol. Fire Dept.

Roy Spangler received his 25 year pin. He is on Edwardsport Vol. Fire Dept.

A spokesman for REMC spoke about farm safety and accidents with electricity.

Next meeting will be November 15 at Worthington Vol. Fire Dept. and sausage supper January 29, 2007 at Vincennes.

I attended District 15's September 18th meeting at Toyota Volunteer Fire Department. Our thoughts and prayers go to Jim Hungate's wife Tammy and son Allen on his death.

State Trooper Compton spoke about resources of their agency.

Bruce Adams received his 25 year pin. He is on Toyota Volunteer Fire Department.

Next meeting is November 21st at Cythiana.

I attended District 18's meeting in Dale at Carter Vol. Fire Dept. September 21st.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of David Blair, Connelton Vol. Fire Dept., Harold Schroeder of Grandview Vol. Fire Dept., and George Eichmiller of Hayeville Vol. Fire Dept.

Jeannie Aushauer received her 25 year pin, a member of Carter Fire District.

Next meeting will be held November 15th at Ireland Vol. Fire Dept.

Our thoughts are also with Joann Hayes and her family on the passing of her granddaughter.

I attended a graveside service for Jack Ketchem, Larry Ketchem's brother. Our thoughts are with his family.

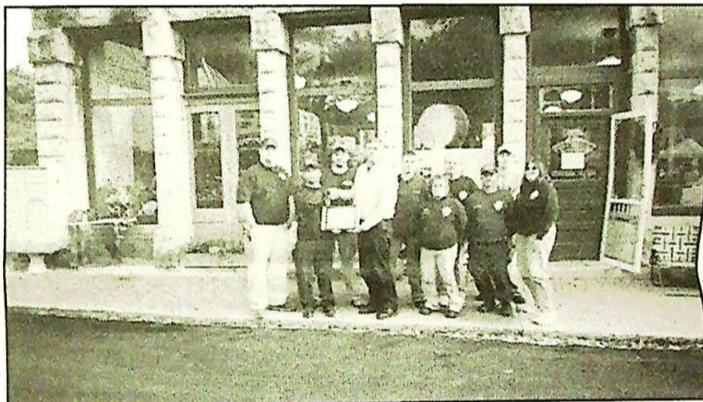
PRSW
Jim Abrams

Crown Point VFD members gather for group photo before parade



Members of the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department take a group picture before they participate in the Crown Point annual 4th of July Parade. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner, Crown Point VFD ladies' auxiliary

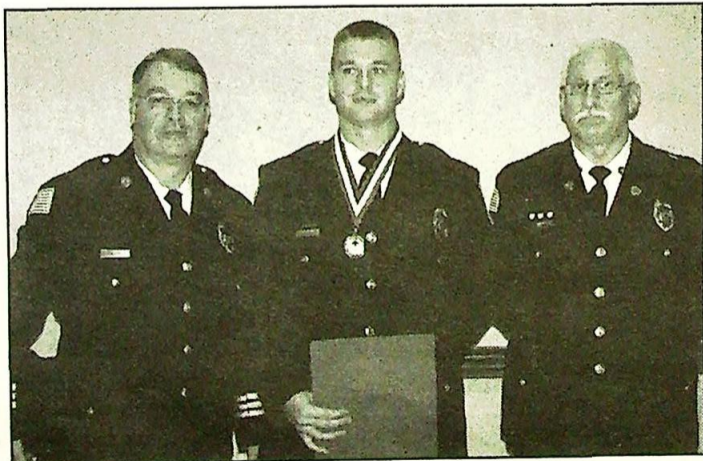
Stinesville VFD recognized for 50 years



At the annual Stinesville Stone Quarry Festival, the Bean Blossom Stinesville Volunteer Fire Department was recognized for their 50th year anniversary.

IVFA District chairman Tim Deckard presented members of the fire department with a certificate standing in front of the general store in downtown Stinesville. - submitted by Tim Deckard

2006 American Red Cross of NW Indiana Heroes Banquet held in September



Pictured (left to right) are Crown Point Fire Rescue Division Chief Mark Baumgardner, Sr., Paramedic/Firefighter Mark Baumgardner, Jr., who received the Hero Award for 2006 along with Fire Chief Mark Oster who accepted the award on behalf of Tom Walters Paramedic/Captain (not present) at a banquet held on September 7, 2006 at The Radisson Ballroom. - submitted by Marge Baumgardner, Crown Point VFD ladies' auxiliary

Fire Chief Livingston awarded District 17B Midwest Award



District 17B chairman Tim Deckard presented Bloomington-Twp. Chief Faron Livingston with the IVFA District 17B Midwest Award. - submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman

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Jasonville VFD celebrates 100 years of serving community



Jasonville Fire Department celebrates 100 years – Front row (left to right) Brian Pilant, Chief Harold Keller, Assistant Chief Daren Sluder, Russell Keller. Back row (left to right) Mark Mesner, Mike Keller, Ross Deschamp, Timothy Sargent, Mike Duckworth, Davy Neal. Not pictured – John Boucher.

On May 6 and 7, 2006 Jasonville Volunteer Fire Department celebrated their 100th anniversary of serving their community. The activities started Friday night with a dinner to honor all the firefighters that have served on JVFD in the past 100 years. All firefighters that were in attendance were presented with a certificate. Firefighter Mark Mesner put together a power point presentation that brought us up through the years with pictures of all the firefighters. Local town historian Max Griffith gave a presentation on how the department started and the highlights of the department that had been recorded.

On Saturday the celebration was for the entire community. Mayor Clark spoke; citizens spoke from the crowd. The department received many awards: A letter of congratulations from President of the United States George W. Bush -- which was special delivered by the U.S. Post Office, a letter of congratulations from Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels, certificate from Indiana House of Representatives, certificate from Bruce Borders, state representative, a plaque from Office of the State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson, a certificate from IVFA, a plaque from IVFA District 11-A, a certificate from City of Jasonville Mayor Dorman Clark.

Firefighter Mark Mesner and town historian Max Griffith presented their programs to those in attendance.

I would like to extend my congratulations to all the Jasonville firefighters and wish them another 100 years of serving their community. -- submitted by Diane Harrison, PRWC

Russell Keller honored with surprise party



On September 10, 2006 Jasonville firefighter Russell Keller was surprised with a party given by Jasonville Volunteer Fire Department in his honor.

Russell retired after 31½ years of service to his department and community.

More than 50 friends, family and neighbors joined in the celebration. Heartfelt thanks to Russell for his many years of dedication to Jasonville and its citizens. They also honored Russell's wife, Carolyn.

Pictured are Carolyn Keller, Russell Keller, Jasonville Fire Chief Harold "Pude" Keller. -- submitted by Diane Harrison, PRWC

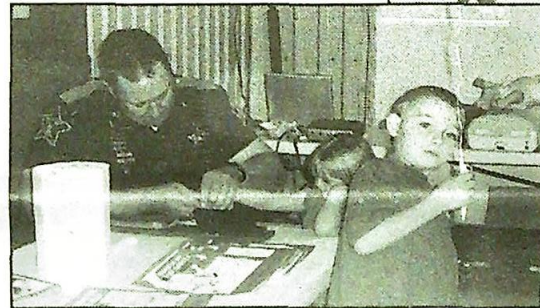
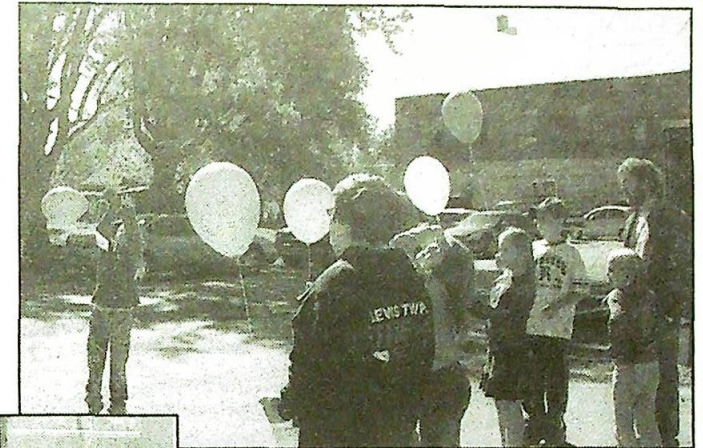
Lewis Twp. VFD kicks off Fire Prevention Week with open house

The Lewis Twp. Volunteer Fire Department kicked off Fire Prevention Week with an open house on October 7, 2006.

This department had not had this event in several years. It was a great success. There were a number of organizations set up: American Red Cross, St. Vincent Clay Hospital, Clay County Health Department, Clay County EMA, Trans-Care, Southwestern Ambulance, Air E Vac, Lifeline, Clay County Sheriff Department fingerprinted and did rope repelling and let the spectators who wanted to repel. Wright Twp. Safety House, Shirley Feree with Springer Insurance, DNR.

There was also a Kid's Corner set up especially with things for kids to do related to fire safety. The department had demonstrations on auto extrication and RIT. There was a display set up educating people on what they need to have in their survival kit in case of a tornado or some other type of disaster.

Plus there was free food for everyone. Event chairman Jack McFarland feels that this year's open house was a huge success and is already working on ideas to make next year's one even better. -- submitted by Diane Harrison, PRWC



In the top photo (left) – District 11-A and state runner-up Miss Flame Micajah Green helps Lewis Twp. Volunteer Fire Department in kicking off Fire Prevention Week at their open house. In the top photo (right) – Rope repelling was very popular at the Lewis Twp. open house. In the center photo – Lewis Twp. hosted a balloon send off to get fire prevention messages across the state. In the bottom photo – Many parents took advantage of getting their children fingerprinted by the Clay County Sheriff's Department.

Members awarded red jackets

District 11-A chairman Bob Myers and PRWC Diane Harrison present Jack Wilson, a member of the Wright Twp. Volunteer Fire Department with his red jacket to honor him for being awarded the 2003 Ollie Sandberg Award at the annual District 11-A and 11-B picnic.

Pictured are District 11-A Bob Myers, PRWC Diane Harrison and Jack Wilson. -- submitted by Diane Harrison, PRWC



District 11-A chairman Bob Myers and PRWC Diane Harrison present this year's 2006 Ollie Sandberg Mental Attitude Award winner Howard Green with his red jacket.

Howard has been an active member of the Wright Twp. Volunteer Fire Department for many years.

Congratulations! Pictured are District 11-A Bob Myers, PRWC Diane Harrison and Howard Green. -- submitted by Diane Harrison, PRWC



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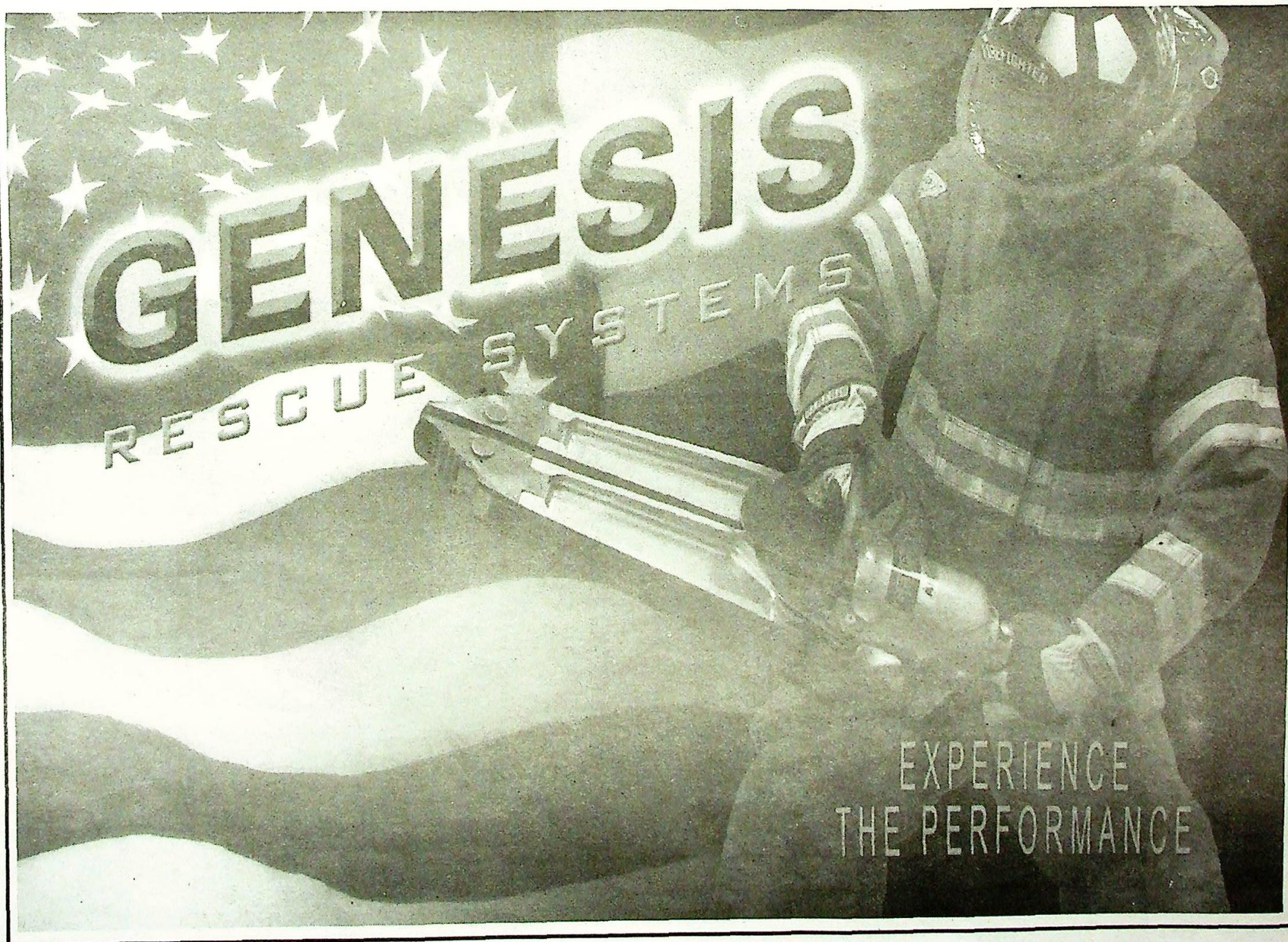
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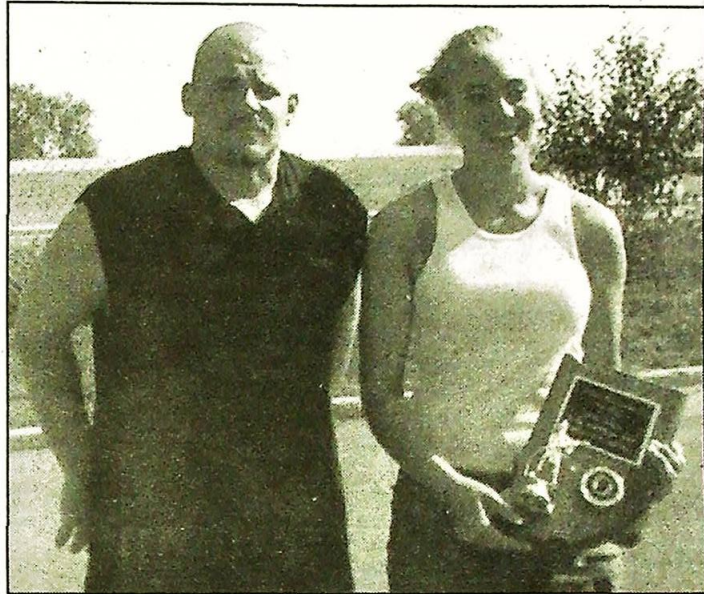
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2006 Convention highlight



Andy Wright, Pennville Volunteer Fire Department, Pennville, IN, won third place in the water ball contest which was held on Saturday morning of the 2006 convention. Accepting the plaque along with Andy is Melinda Harris, District 8B Miss Flame. - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman

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IVFA SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

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

Renewal Months by First Letter of Your Last Name

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

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

BMV PROCEDURES

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

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

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

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Department Name _____ Department # _____

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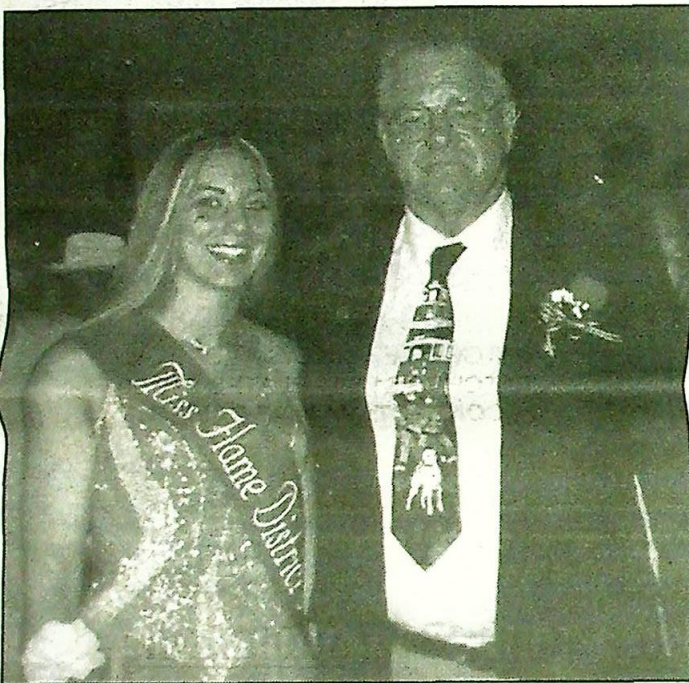
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*District 8B chairman
escorts District 8B Miss Flame*



Escorting Melina Harris, District 8B Miss Flame is Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman. - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman

*Robert Ramseyer receives
2006 Midwest Award*



Accepting the 2006 Midwest Award for District 8B was Robert Ramseyer from the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured from left to right are: Mark Sales, Midwest Fire Service, Robert Ramseyer, and Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman. - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman

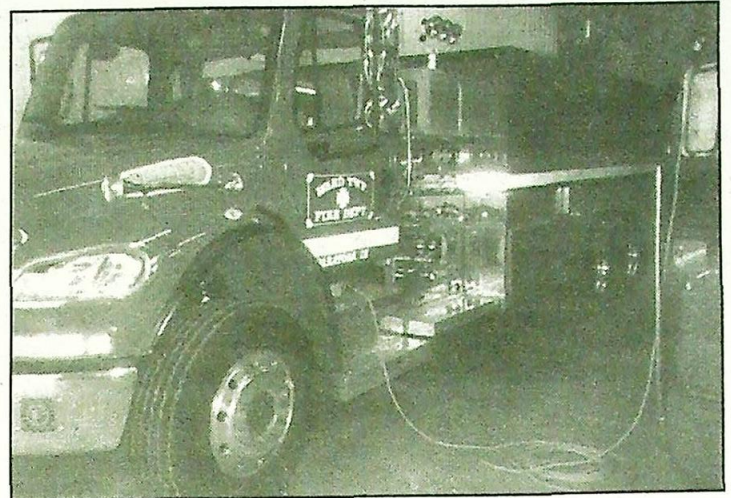
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**Pennville VFD holds rescue
training for area fire departments**

On September 23rd the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department, Pennville, Indiana held rescue training for all area fire departments. For the training they used a roll over with a bus and car. - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman

**Ward Township VFD receives
new pumper and tanker**

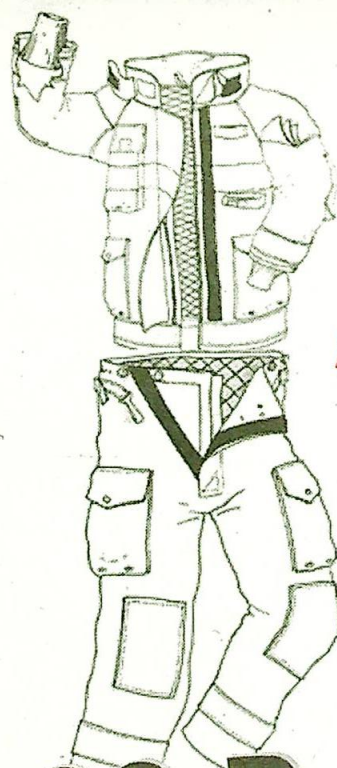


Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department received their new pumper and tanker fire truck in August. It has a 1250 pump and holds 3000 gallons of water. - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman

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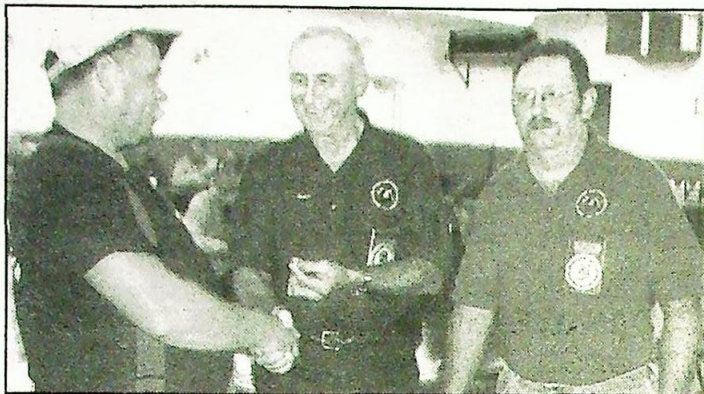
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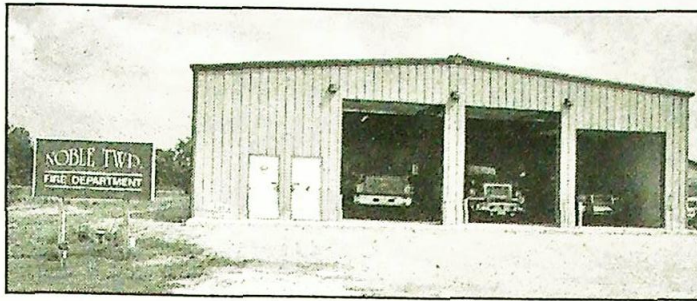
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William Aaron receives 25 year service pin



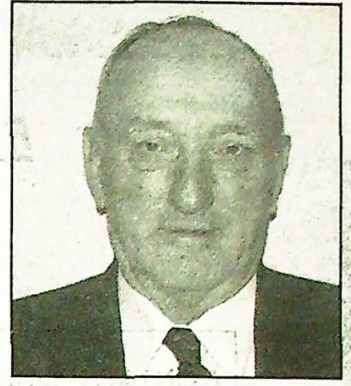
New Trenton volunteer firefighter William Aaron receives his 25 year pin from Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman and Bob McKensie, PR Southeast. Also receiving a 25 year pin was Darrell Smith. - submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.

Noble Township receives I.V.F.A. clock for new station



Noble Township, Wabash Co. South Station receives an I.V.F.A. clock for their new station. (Pictured from left) - Sue Ridenour, Noble Township Trustee, Amber Farrer, District 5 Miss Flame, Jean Smith - PRNE, Tony Farrer, District 5 chairman, Chief Eric Overman, co-chair Don Kissinger. - submitted by Don Kissinger.

Sergeant-At-Arms Bill Bush



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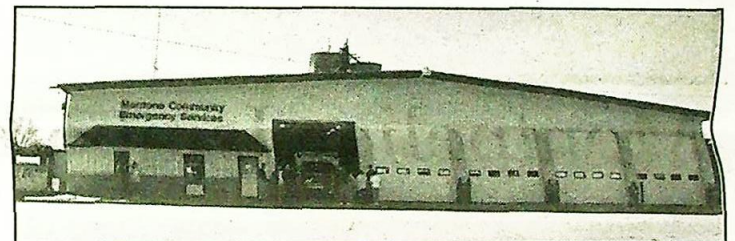


New Trenton receives IVFA clock for station

New Trenton V.F.D., District 19, receives an IVFA clock for their fire station. Pictured (left to right) - Fire Chief Don Maucher, President Brian Roleson, PR Southeast Bob McKensie, and District Chairman Ed Scheele. - submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman.

Mentone FD holds open house for new Emergency Services building

On April 15, Mentone Fire Department held an open house for their new Emergency Services Building. District 5 chairman Don Kissinger presented Chief Butch Warren and firefighters with an IVFA clock. - submitted by Don Kissinger.



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Montpelier Jamboree parade held September 2nd



Accepting the plaque at the Montpelier Jamboree parade on September 2nd for the Firefighters' Choice was Lloyd Wright, fire chief of the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department. -- Submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman



After the Montpelier Jamboree parade held on September 2nd, the Eaton Volunteer Fire Department was given a plaque for having the oldest fire truck there.

From left to right -- Mac Hines, Shawn Sharp, Matt Grove. -- Submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman



Melinda Harris, District 8B Miss Flame getting ready to ride in the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department Jamboree parade held on September 2nd.

She is riding on the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department First Responder truck driven by Lloyd Wright, Fire Chief. -- Submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman



Chester Township Volunteer Fire Department, Wells County was given a plaque for having the newest fire truck at the Montpelier Jamboree parade held on September 2nd. Pictured is Aaron Thompson.

Accepts fire station clock



Robbie Mixell, president of the Yorktown Volunteer Fire Department, Yorktown, IN is shown receiving a new clock for their recently remodeled fire station. Presenting the clock to him was Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman. -- Submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman

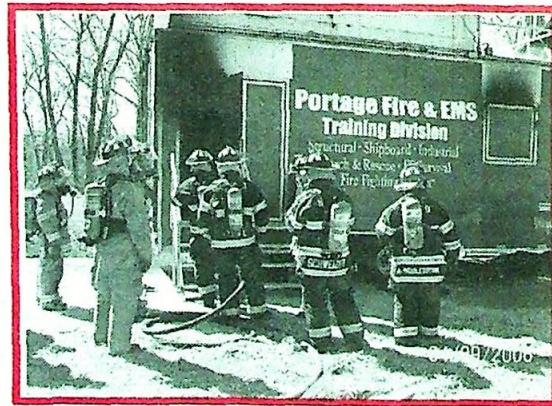
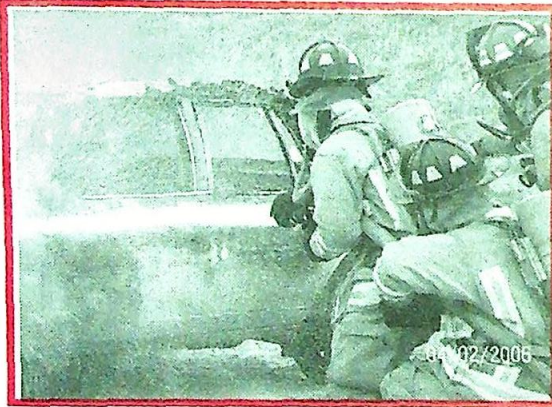
Awarded 50 Year Gold Card



Bourbon fireman Charles King receives his 50 year Gold Card from District 5 chairman Don Kissinger and co-chairman Tony Farrer. -- submitted by Don Kissinger, District 5

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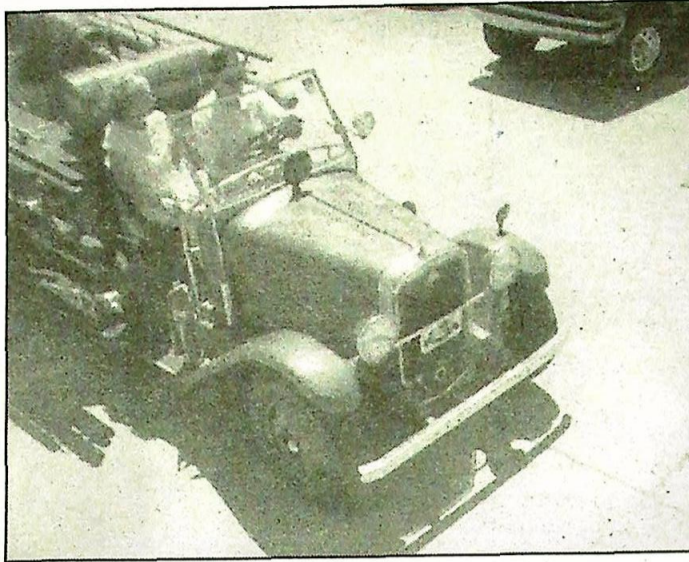
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Pennville VFD holds annual parade



On July 14th the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department held their annual parade. Coming down the street is the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department's fire truck. -Submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman



Carl Imel of the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department driving their antique fire truck. Wonder which is the antique, Carl or the truck? - Submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman

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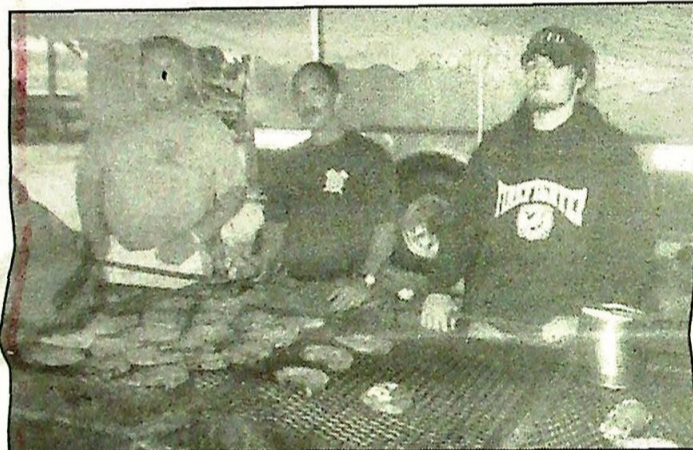
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Stoney Creek holds pork chop dinner

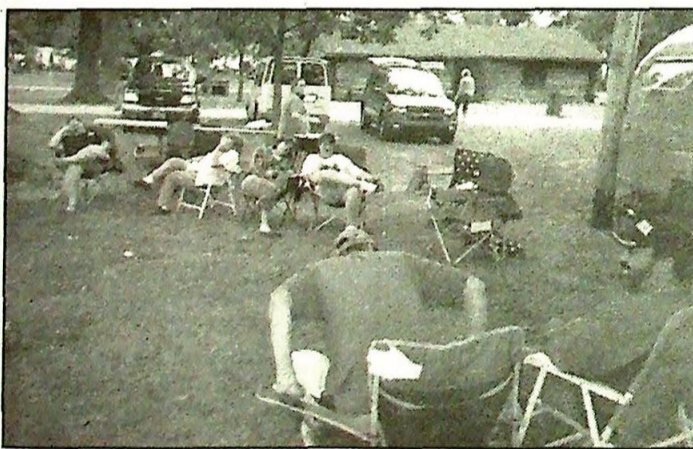


In the photo on the left - Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department held a pork chop dinner on Saturday, September 23rd.

Hey, you better watch them pork chops so they don't burn!

In the photo on the right - Wonder if Mike Lykins, fire chief of the Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department is trying to tell Rickey Compton, fire chief of the Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department how good the pork chops were. - Submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman

Members enjoy July 4th cookout



The Salomon Volunteer Fire Department enjoying a cookout after the 4th of July water ball contest held at the Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, IN by the Portland Volunteer Fire Department.

Looks like they all need a nap! - submitted by Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman

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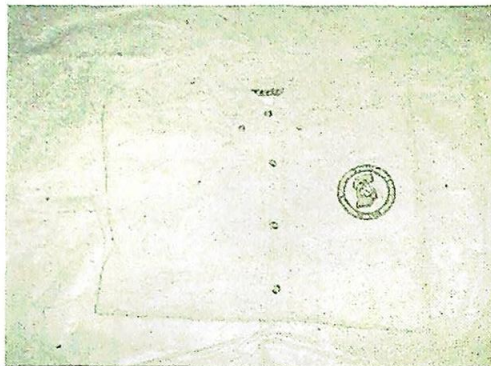
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Department bids farewell to fellow firefighter

Craig departs for Great Lakes Naval Training Center

Sunman firefighters gathered at their station on July 24, 2006 to wish one of their fellow firefighters a fond farewell to the United States Navy.

Firefighter Jordan Craig departed for Great Lakes Naval Training Center on July 26, 2006. He spent two months there as a Seaman Recruit.

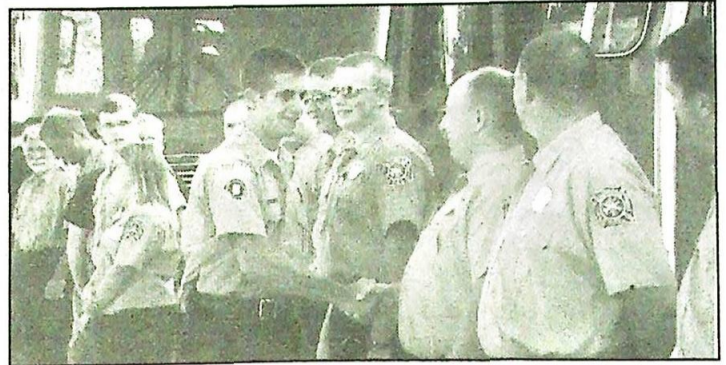
Jordan graduated as a Sailor on September 22, 2006. He will remain in Great Lakes Naval Station until November 13, 2006, at which time he will be sent to Coronado, California for BUD's Training.

Jordan remains an active member of the Sunman Fire Department and the IVFA. His father, Bill Craig is the assistant chief of the Sunman Fire Department, and stated that we are all very proud of Jordan and his accomplishments and training.

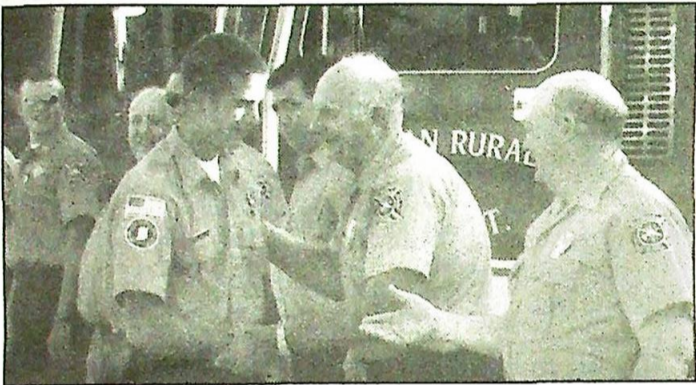
We wish him God's blessing and safe passage wherever his travels may take him. - story and photos submitted by Ed Scheele, District 19 chairman



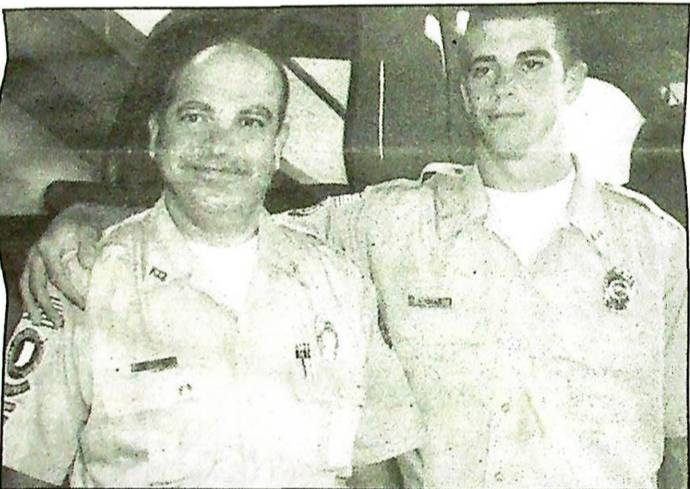
Members of Sunman Rural Fire Department at farewell party for Jordan Craig.



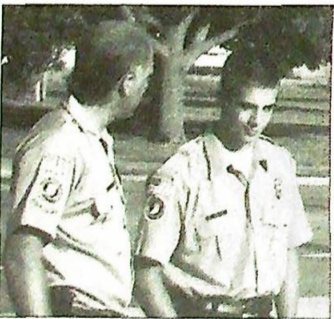
Sunman firefighters wishing Jordan a fond farewell.



Sunman firefighters wishing Jordan a fond farewell.



(Left to right) - Bill Craig and son Jordan at the farewell party for Jordan.



Sunman fire chief Dave Smith wishing Jordan a fond farewell.

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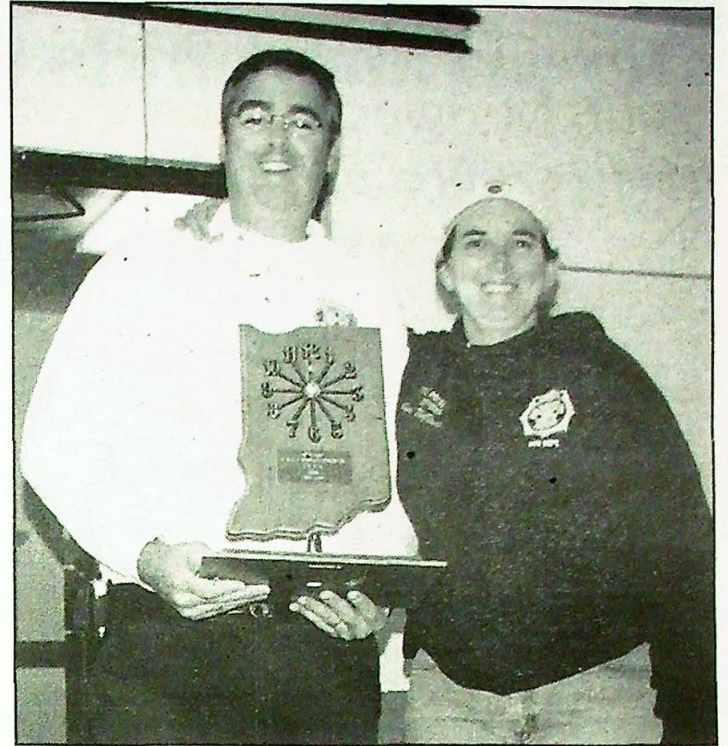
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Vicki McGlocklin winner of IVFA clock

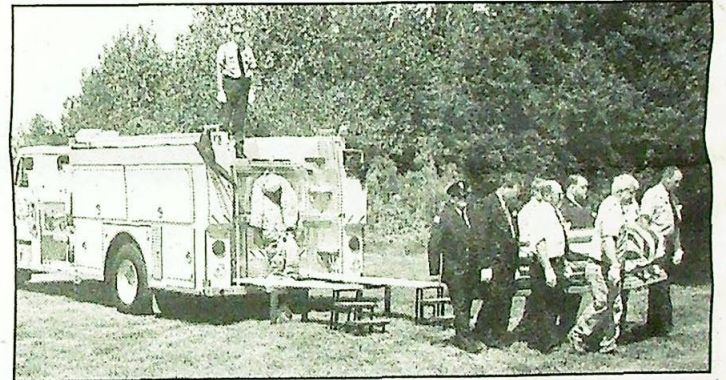
District 17B chairman Tim Deckard presents the IVFA clock raffled at the FDIC show to winner Vicki McGlocklin of the Bean Blossom Stinesville Fire Department. - submitted by Tim Deckard, District 17B chairman

Presented plaque



Vice chairman Dave Phelps, Chief Keller, PRWC Diane Harrison - plaque presented on behalf of District 11-A and certificate from the IVFA - submitted by Diane Harrison, PRWC

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Posey firefighters carry assistant chief Errett Miller to his final resting place. See page 13 for story and additional photo. - submitted by Diane Harrison, PRWC

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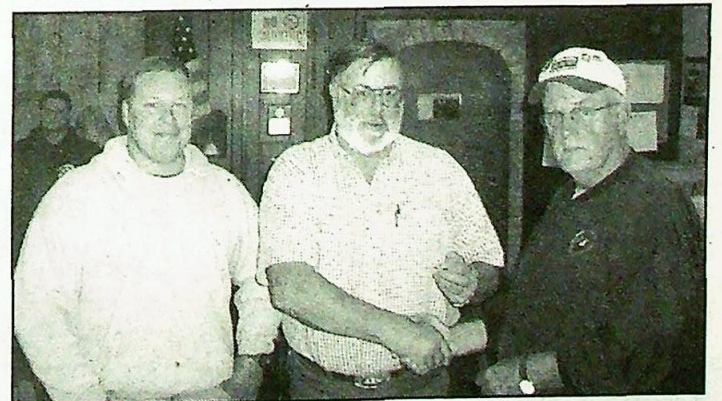


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Kennedy awarded IVFA 25 year service pin



Doug Kennedy is awarded his IVFA 25 year pin by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman as Ryan Kennedy, his son, looks on.

Pictured (left to right) - Ryan Kennedy, chief of Lake Dale VFD, Doug Kennedy and Paul Watland, District 2 chairman. - submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

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William Casbon presented 2006 Midwest Award



Pictured (left to right) – William Casbon, chief of Porter Twp. Volunteer Fire Department is being presented with 2006 Midwest Award for District 2 by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman. – submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.



Klahn presented 50 year Gold Card

William L. Klahn is being presented with his 50 Year Gold Card. Pictured (left to right) – Paul Watland, District 2 chairman, Buz Koehler, IVFA Board Chairman, William L. Klahn, 50 Year Gold Card recipient, (retired member of Lake Hills VFD) and Ronald Vale, Lake Hills VFD treasurer. – submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.

Rink presented Gold Fire Axe



On August 6, 2006, Dean Rink retired from the Clinton Fire Department after serving the community for 26 years in District 4. Fire Chief Abe Schlabach presented Dean with a Gold Fire Axe. Gary Robinson, Indiana's Fire Marshal Assistant for home security, also presented Dean with the Indiana State Meritorious Service Award. Pictured are Dean Rink and Fire Chief Schlabach. – submitted by Terry Smith, District 4 chairman

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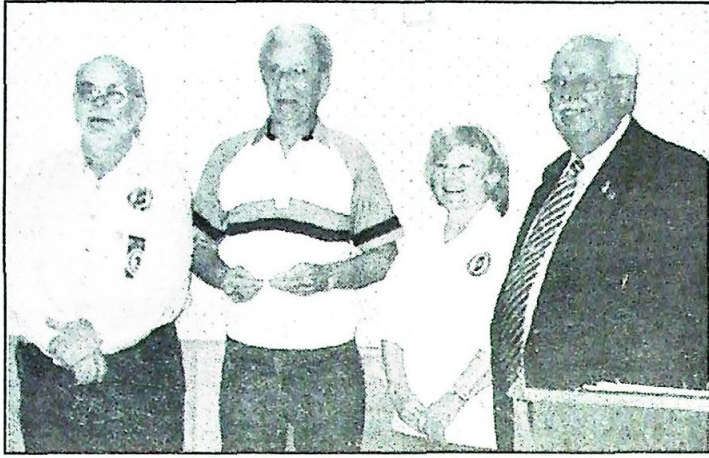


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Bob Showalter presented 50 year Gold Card



District 17A chairman Sam Emery presents Bob Showalter his 50 year Gold Card - Montgomery VFD Chief 1968 - 2004 with Beverly Harker - state treasurer and Jack Kerney - president IVFA. - photo by Dwayne Murphy, submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.

Bicknell fireman presented 25 year pin



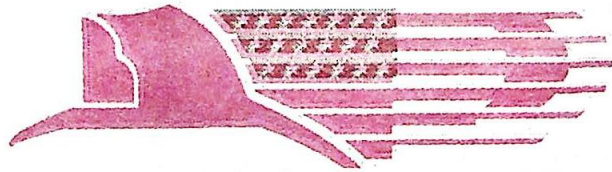
Michael Smith (Bicknell Fire Department) - left - receives his 25 year pin from IVFA District 17A chairman, Sam Emery - right - submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.

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again, I even love,
Those friendly men who've
come today,
In clean white coats to take
me away, away!
- submitted by Jerry Cohen

25 Year awards presented



Sam Emery, District 17A chairman presents 25 year pins to Tim Showalter (Montgomery Fire Chief) and Terry O'Brian and Steve Murhy, Montgomery firemen with Beverly Harker, state treasurer and Jack Kerney, IVFA president. -photo by Dwayne Murphy, submitted by Sam Emery, District 17A chairman.



Lockhart members awarded pins

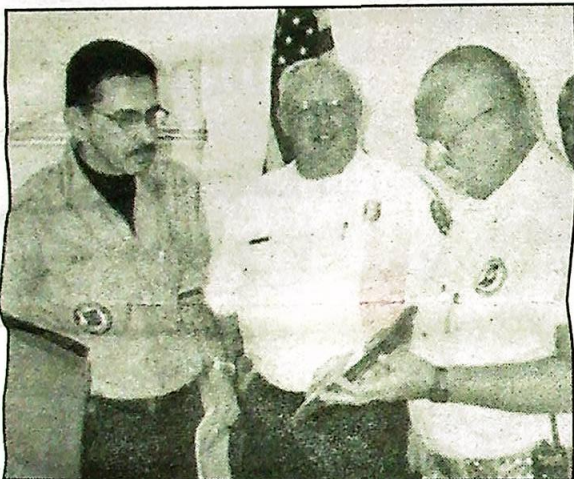
Lockhart Township Fire Department members, Stendal, IN, Gary Caldemeyer and Rick Houchin receive 25 year IVFA membership pins from District 18 leaders.

Left to right - Chuck Parker (IVFA District 18 chairman), Gary Caldemeyer (LTF), Rick Houchin (LTF), Marty Holman (IVFA District 18 vice chairman) and Kenny Lau (IVFA District 18 secretary) - submitted by Larry Riesenbeck

Happy Holidays!

Fish fry and dedication dinner held recently

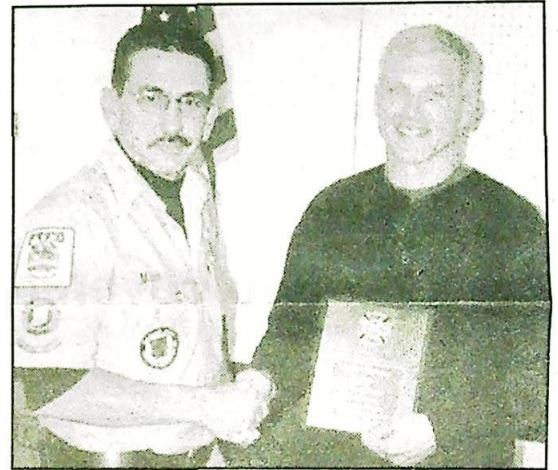
The Kosciusko County Firemen Association hosted a fish fry and dedication dinner on September 21, 2006. At the dinner were Don Kissinger, District 5 co-chairman, Jean Smith, Public Relations Northeast, Roger Johnson, State Fire Marshal, Tony Farrer, District 5 chairman and Amber Farrer, District 5 Miss Flame. Several awards were given. - submitted by Tony Farrer, District 5 chairman



Don Kissinger received a service award for 13 years as a 5th District chairman. Pictured (left to right) - Mitch Rader, Roger Gellbaogh and Don Kissinger. - submitted by Terry Farrer, District 5 chairman



Chief Larry Neher of the Claypool Fire Department was named Fireman of the Year. Pictured (left to right) Mitch Rader and Larry Neher. - submitted by Terry Farrer, District 5 chairman



Jerry Lybarger, Mentone Fire Department was named Volunteer of the Year. Pictured (left to right) Mitch Rader and Jerry Lybarger. - submitted by Terry Farrer, District 5 chairman

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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)

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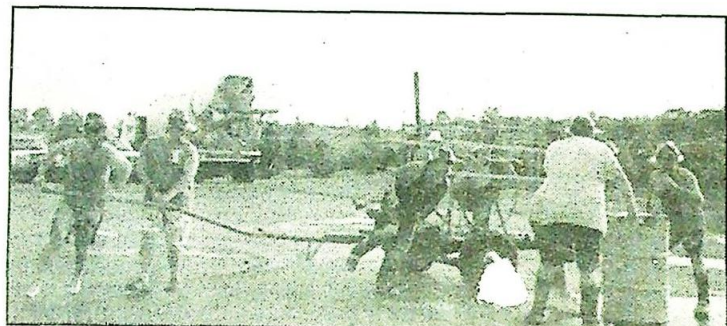
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International waterball held September 9



International Waterball was hosted by Bass Lake-California Twp. Fire Department on September 9, 2006.

There were 13 men's teams and four women's teams.

Bremen's men's team placed first, Elwood's Ohio placed second and Washington Twp. placed third.

Bremen's women's team placed first, Washington Twp. placed second and Bass Lake placed third. - submitted by Terry Farrer, District 5 chairman

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