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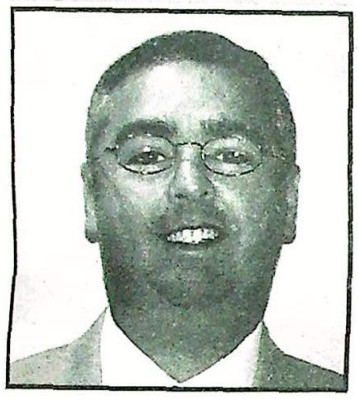

Greetings,

As the fall colors begin to show this means a lot of hard work once again has been spent this summer by volunteers protecting their communities with hard work and commitment.

Just a few things to remind, and inform everyone about.

As IVFA members you are entitled to additional ***BENEFITS*** with NO cost to YOU. IVFA has teamed up with American Income Life Insurance Company to provide an additional 3,000 for accidental death and dismemberment benefit. All you have to do is fill out completely a beneficiary card and mail into the American Life Insurance Company. Everyone should by now have been contacted by mail or phone with the information. If you have not, please contact your district chairman for this information, or call them at 1-800-495-1213.

There have been some issues regarding ***BLUE LIGHTS*** - if you are using one please make sure you follow the Indiana State Code IC 36-8-12-11. PLEASE follow the law and make sure you're carrying your IVFA membership card current for that year. Not much can be said if you are following and obeying the law. Just remember you are asking for the right of way NOT demanding it nor is it giving you the right of way. It has been in thought that we need to educate the public on why we use the Blue Light, and that is underway so be looking and preparing to help.

The IVFA leadership is taking an active part in a committee organized by the state of Indiana titled ***In-Time*** an Indiana Traffic Incident Management group to ensure quick clearance initiative for our roadway. I understand the major problem occurring with the state law enforcement at the scene of a motor vehicle accident of wanting our emergency vehicles moved while we are protecting our own. We are taking this very serious and are standing up for YOU and making our voice heard for your protection. As things develop more I will share this info on.

In very recent months there have been concerns raised over ***Fire Department Insurance Billing.*** If you are billing for services please make sure you are following the Indiana Code 36-8-12-13, 36-8-12-16 and or 36-8-12-2-6 all fall in lines with what the fire department can bill for services. There are some residences within the state that have received costly bills from a billing company that are charging for items and service that ARE NOT within the charge law for fire departments. Furthermore had also been noted in the letter NOT to contact their local fire department or additional charges will be added. We serve the residences and we need to protect them from such company that give US a bad name and in the same time a black eye. Please don't misunderstand me, we need to get our cost back within the law, but charging for services that can't be will only backfire on us and make our road a VERY much harder road to travel.

Local Government reform - Well we hear it again. It is once again time to fight for what is RIGHT and what we need at the local level. Our township local government is much needed and we need to educate our residences what would happen if our local government went away. The Volunteer Fire Department is the heart of every community and as the leader of the state tries to control the local beat let's once again stand up for what we have been called to do and serve our neighbors.

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers past IVFA state chaplain Jerry Cohen as he faces cancer. May God bless him each day and give him strength. May you have a blessed filled Holiday Season and may the Joy of the season bring you peace and happiness.

Keep safe; bring everyone home. Thank you for ALL the time you put into protecting your communities.

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Deep down below

Story from Lt. James Schultz
Cedar Lake Fire Department

The Cedar Lake Fire Department is pleased to announce the newly certified Emergency Rescue Divers for the department. These divers on the department went through a four day class through the Lake County Divers Supply with members from local departments in the surrounding areas and some from as far as South Bend, IN.

The class consisted of learning different diving operations and techniques in and out of the water. To become an Emergency Rescue Diver (ERDI) certified as these members did, it takes a lot of stamina and will power. The members of the department went through this class with great pride, always sticking together with keeping their community safe in their mind.

"Saving one person's life makes it worth all the effort" was the motto between members when the got tough in the class. A little of what they had to go through started out as classroom time, then onto pool diving of freestyle swimming 400 meters. Immediately following they had to swim another 400 meters with snorkel fins and mask,. 800 meters with all the gear weighing approx. 175 lbs. by themselves. Next exercise was towing another diver in a simulation with the same gear on. Next few days consisted of lake diving operations/search and recovery. Last day entailed river diving in 3 knots of water approx. 15 feet deep.

An overview of the Cedar Lake Aquatics Team: Consists of 13 divers in which now eight are rescue divers and five open water divers. The Cedar Lake Fire Department actively trains with Lake Dale Fire Department, Crown Point Fire Department along with other departments within Lake County. The Fire Department has a trailer which outfits the members to perform their duties as divers along with a boat which aides in these operations.

Pictured: front row, right to left: Paramedic Tom Doughty, LT/EMT Jim Fleming, FF/EMT Bill Maleckar, LT/EMW James Schultz.

Back Row: FF Travis Schilling, FF/EMT Jeremy Kuiper, FF/EMT Ben Martin, Engineer/EMT John Stansu. – *submitted by Lt. James Schultz, Cedar Lake Fire Department.*

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The I.V.F.A. plate is to recognize those that are members of the Association and to allow their communities to know who among them are volunteer firefighters.

This began back in 1990 when the Association petitioned the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for a special plate.

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

The Association began distributing the plate forms required to get the plate.

To cover the cost of administering the paper work associated with the plate we attached a $5.00 fee.

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

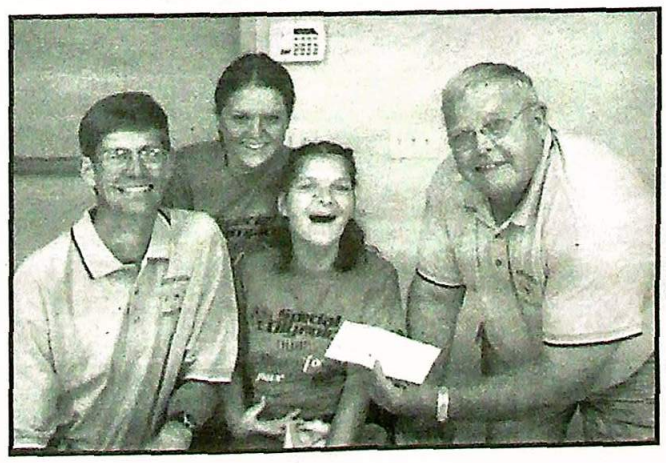
We have continued that each year to present and in 2002 we added approximately $10,000 to the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

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

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

Huntingburg VFD donates to Special Olympics

At the September 16 meeting of the Huntingburg Vol. Fire Department *(Dubois Co. Dist. 18)* HVFD Treasurer Ray Kissling (right) and HVFD Secretary John "Bull" Smith (left) presented a donation check in the amount of $546.00 to Miss Allison Werne of the Dubois/Spencer Co. Special Olympics. Also pictured is Miss Werne's sister, Katelyn Willis. The funds were raised during the department's annual roadblock. Miss Werne serves as the Secretary of the Athletic Leadership Program (ALP) and is a Special Olympic swimmer. She is the 27-year-old daughter of Terry and Gail Werne of rural Huntingburg.



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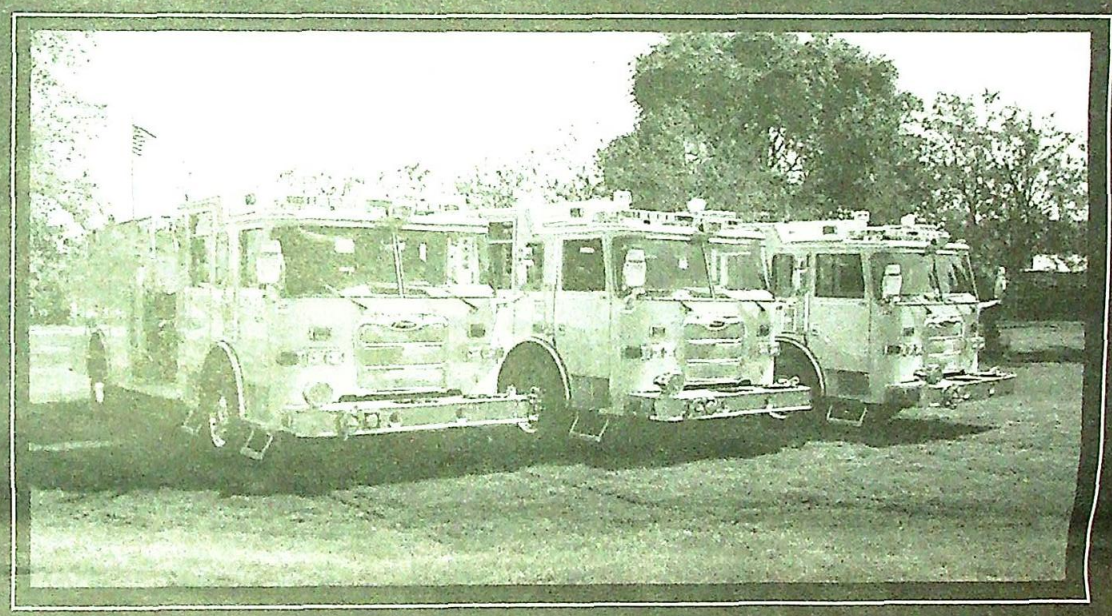

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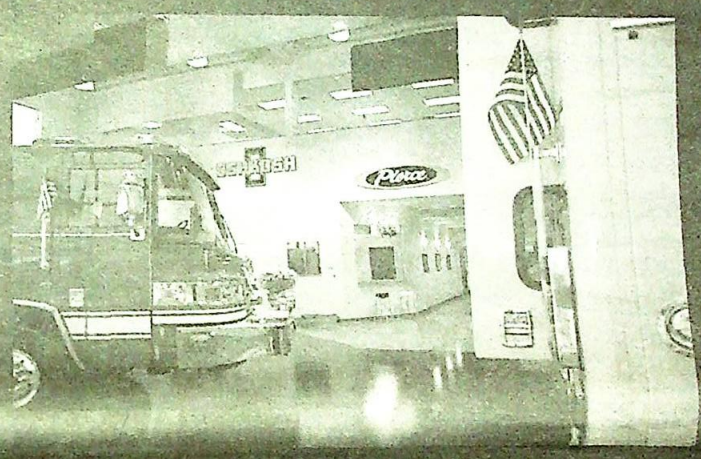

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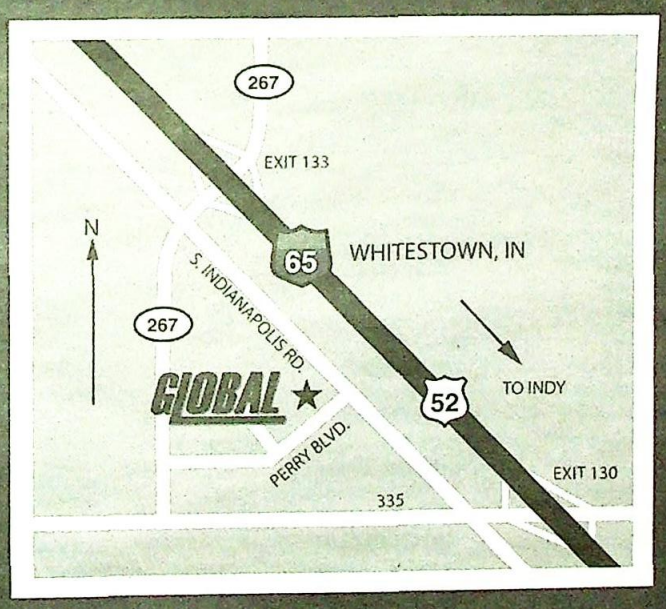

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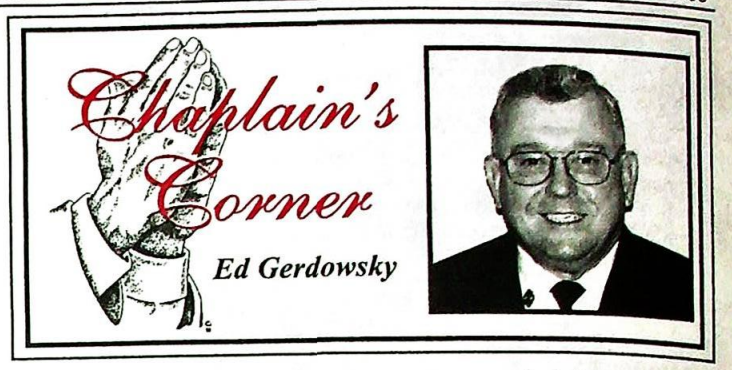

Now that the warm days of summer are gone we can look forward to the cool days of autumn with God's many colors dressing our trees. I hope this finds all of you doing well and enjoying God's many gifts. He certainly blesses us with many.

I have done several Memorial services and ask for your prayers to the families of our fallen firefighters. This is a very emotional and hard time for those who have to go through the loss of a loved one. While God continues to take care of us it is still a hard time. Just knowing the love and support of our fellow firefighters is there for us gives much comfort to all.

I again want to thank all of my Chaplains for their support and helping me out when the Memorial Services are far away and I cannot make it in time. It is with them we are able to serve you in the best way. If anyone feels we need to do something different or can use a back up for them, please let me know. We want to serve those in need the best way we can and in a caring manner.

We have had several Chaplain training classes and want to get as many Chaplains involved as we can. It can only better us and help us to be the servants God wants us to be.

As our past Chaplain Jerry Cohen is going through tough times now, we need to lift him up in prayers and ask our loving Savior, Jesus Christ to keep him wrapped in His loving arms. God is a good and gracious God and He will take care of our brother firefighter Jerry. Remember to pray for his wife and family also as this is very hard on them.

I am certainly open to any ideas or concerns you may have and ask you to share them with me at any time. You can always call me on my cell phone which is in the paper.

I would now like to leave you with a little verse:

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not .... for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee. – Deuteronomy 31:6.

Thank God For The Many Good Deeds of Our Volunteers:

With all the evil in this world, there is also a lot of good, and there is no finer example of it than the volunteers. These are the people who may be very busy, but are nonetheless willing to give of their time and talents to some worthy cause they believe in. They may be the Pink Ladies (or whatever they're called) at the hospital, the museum docents, the helpers at the library, the committee members working to save wildlife species, or those in other areas of endeavor. At your House of Worship, which may also need some volunteer assistance, thank God for those unselfish, dedicated people who ask nothing in return but the success of their efforts. If you are able to, you might consider becoming a volunteer for some cause. There is no better way to feel good about yourself.

"They helped every one of his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage." – Isaiah 41:6

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Quips from Miss Flame chairman

With the falling leaves, smell of burning wood, the beautiful displays of pumpkins and fall foliage, we know fall has arrived. I always look forward to this part of our calendar as it is my favorite time of the year. It also signals that the holidays are around the corner and the new year will be approaching.

It is also a reminder that some districts will begin to hold their Miss Flame completion to select their representative for 2010.

I am excited to again this year to serve as your chairman. I hope with great expectations that every district will have a candidate. It is not too early to begin to prepare for your district event.

In planning make sure that all your departments in your district are aware of when your contest is being held, where it will take place at and that every one is invited to participate if they meet the criteria.

In the next few weeks I will be sending out Miss Flame packets to all district chairmen. Please look at them and see that they get distributed to those who need them. If you have questions concerning any part of the program, please phone me at 812-867-2641.

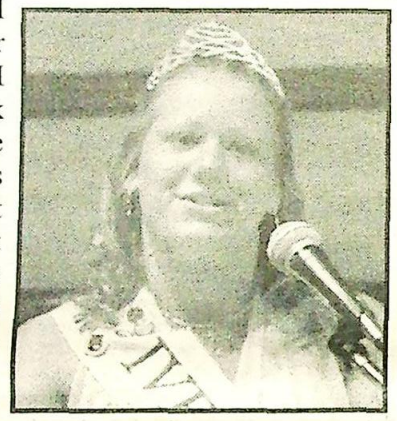
This is a great experience for our young ladies. Offer your support and encouragement.

Thanks as always for your interest and assistance.

Barb Kerney
2010 Miss Flame chairman

A Farewell From Your 2008 Miss Flame

First of all I would like to apologize for not getting this into the last paper. I had a very fulfilling year as your Miss Flame. I would like to thank everyone that helped me throughout the year. I was able to meet so many great people. I feel my project for Riley's Children's Hospital was a success as we were able to donate over $1800. The other Miss Flames and I had a great time visiting the children and the hospital during convention. I have made so many new friends and will miss you all so much. It has been a sincere honor to represent the people that give so much of themselves in the service of others. My best wishes to our current Miss Flame and all of the District Miss Flames. And to everyone in the IVFA, thank you for all the opportunities and your help. God Bless.



Kristen Wylie

February 5, 2010 Deadline is January 5, 2010 12:00 Noon

Faron Livingston awarded Firefighter of the Year Award

The Indiana Firefighter of the Year Award, sponsored by, The American Legion Department of Indiana Burton Woolery Post No. 18, Bloomington, Indiana

On behalf of the 100,000 Legionnaires of the State of Indiana, we are proud to announce that Fire Chief Faron Livingston was awarded the Firefighter of the Year Award at the American Legion State Convention, held in Indianapolis, July 11th, 2009. The award was presented by State Commander Ralph Tolan during the general session of the convention.

This award was presented also to Law Enforcement personnel, Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Personnel each year.

Faron is a proud member of the Fire Service and his credentials would make up many pages of documentation, i.e. Rescue, EMS, Hazardous Materials, Knowledge of Arson Origin and Cause, Fire Investigations, Fire Science, Terrorism Response, and numerous firefighting certifications are just a few of the skills necessary to truly say that someone is a Firefighter in these modern times.

He is well known and respected throughout the community and the State of Indiana. He has helped save lives, assisted with the rescue of many people, and has been present to give comfort to those in need.

His father, the late Fire Chief, Dale Livingston, would have been proud with his son's nomination as a candidate for this award. His father served the Bloomington Township Fire Department from 1971 until 1993.

American Legion Post Commander Richard Moldenhauer, who submitted Livingston's nomination said, "I have always known Faron as an excellent firefighter, a true professional, a community leader, and a proud and loving husband and father."

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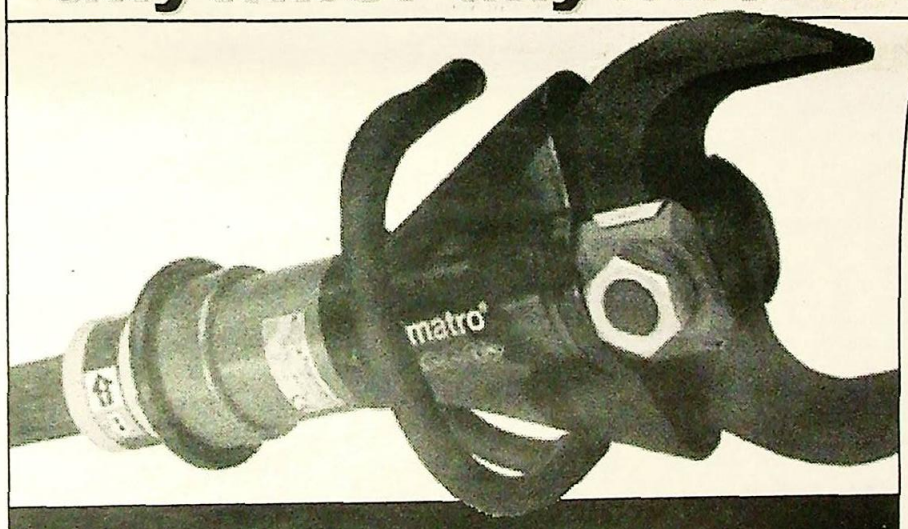

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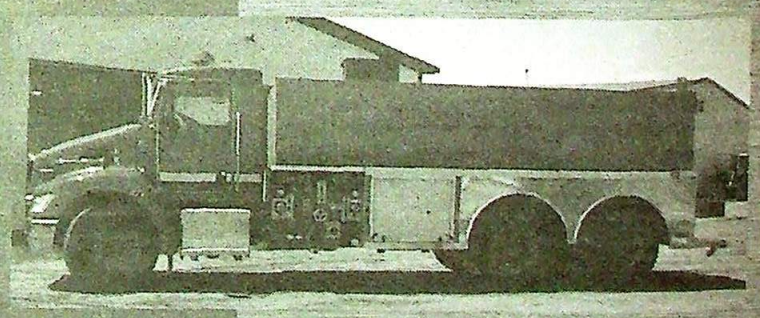

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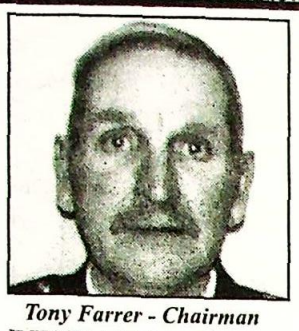
DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 5 CHAIRMAN



Tony Farrer - Chairman

IVFA District 5 meeting
May 14, 2009

Location: Warsaw Fire Department, Station 2, Warsaw, IN

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

Meeting was called to order by district chairman Tony Farrer at 19:41 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance following. IVFA assistant chaplain David Sickelka opened the meeting with a prayer. Thanks were expressed to the host department.

Guests: Mort Sorg, PRNE and wife, Toni.

Roll call: 20 members representing seven departments.

Minutes of the March 12 meeting were approved as read.

Chairman's report: Tony Farrer reported that the quarterly meeting was held and that the 1-800 Fire line is in service. The proposed bylaw change that would prohibit revisiting any bylaw change for a period of two years was approved by the required number of districts to go into effect. Starting in February the deadline for the IVFA paper will be the 5th of the month.

Clothing claim forms must be signed by the department chief and the district chairman and the article damaged must be put on the form and sent to the IVFA.

2009 Convention will held in Indianapolis at the Pyramids June 17-20. Registrations need to be postmarked by May 21 to get the early registration discount. There will be an Antique Fire Truck Show at the Wayne Township Training Grounds July 18.

A bid for 2011 Convention is being put in by Districts 4 and 5.

Michelle Baxter represented American Income Life Insurance Co. that handles the new death and dismemberment policies for IVFA members.

Legislative Report: IVFA Lobbyist Larry Curl is interested in any ideas for legislation to attach to bills. John Buckman took a lot of heat regarding testing and training.

The next quarterly meeting will be July 31-Aug. 2.

A 25-year pin was presented to Robert Hanes of the Claypool Fire Department.

PRNE Report: Mort Sorg reminded members that old addresses and beneficiary information can be updated when sending in the dues. IVFA license plates are available for $5.00 with the income going to fund scholarships and provide line of duty death benefits. Some departments are allowing their dues to lapse for financial reasons.

State Fair Safety Day is still awaiting confirmation from Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

Twenty-nine people applied for the Bridgeport Scholarships this year.

Smoke alarms for the hearing impaired are available through the state fire marshal.

The Baskin-Robbins benefit for cadet programs had lots of people in attendance in Fort Wayne. The Fire Corps. Program encourages local citizens to volunteer at their local fire stations, freeing up personnel to do other things.

Mitch Parish had a stroke at the last quarterly meeting and was taken to Methodist Hospital. As of this meeting, he is in Francesville recuperating.

May 27 will be visitor day at Hoosier Burn Camp.

The IVFA had a booth at FDIC in Indianapolis at which people could sign up to win a clock. It drew quite a number of people.

The Burn Trailer from Indiana Department of Homeland Security will be at this year's IVFA Convention. Full gear will be required in order to participate.

Mort Sorg attended the National Fire Caucus in Washington, D.C.

District 5 had two deaths in the last year and they will be remembered at the memorial service during the convention.

Concerns: Earl Kulczar, retired Bremen firefighter, is recuperating at home from a major heart event.

Good of the order: Bremen Fireman's Festival will be June 30 - July 4 with waterball on July 4.

Bourbon Summerfest will be the middle of August.

Hoosier Burn Camp will have a motorcycle ride sponsored by Crown Point Fire and Rescue May 27th at a cost of $25 per bike.

The Legislative Committee is working on a Legislator of the Year Award and hopefully it will generate some good PR.

The 50/50 drawing was held.

The next District 5 meeting will be at the Winona Lake Fire Department, July 9, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
David Sickelka, Secretary

On September 10th, District 5 meeting was hosted by Aubbenauble Volunteer Fire Department (Leiters Ford).

Refreshments were served before the meeting and the meeting was called to order at 7:30 by chairman Tony Farrer.

Chief Mike Temme led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer by PRNW Associate Chaplain Dave Sickelka.

Roll call was taken with 26 members and six departments.

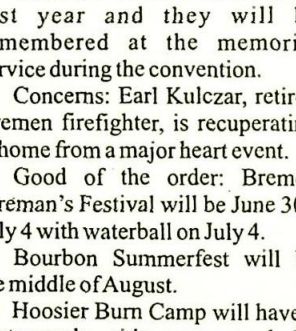
-Guests: PRNE Mort Sorg and Toni, Jean and EJ Smith. Both gave their reports.

Jay Cunningham from Kewanna-Union Twp. Fire Department received his 25th year pin.

Next meeting November 12 - Atwood Fire Department. Miss Flame contest that night.

Tony Farrer
5th District chairman

DISTRICT 6 REPORT



Jerry Sprague - Chairman

Greetings from District 6,

It is now November and the cool fall season is upon us. Before we know it, there will be snow falling up here in the north. Hope that everyone is staying safe out there. Thanks to the Albion Volunteer Fire Department for hosting our meeting in July and the Metz Volunteer Fire Department for hosting our meeting in September. My sincere thanks to the men and women from Albion and Metz for their hospitality and the food and refreshments they provided. They were great!

It has been a busy time with attending fundraisers and fire department functions the last few months. It seems as though there are two and sometimes three events scheduled the same Saturday each weekend. There are still 16 departments in District 6 that I do not have an e-mail address for. You know who you are as you received your flyer via snail mail. Please take the time to send your department's e-mail address to spralawn@ligtel.com. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. It is going to be held at the Union Township Volunteer Fire Department east of Columbia City. The station is located south of US 30 on 500 East. This meeting will have our judging for our Miss Flame for District 6 for 2010. To all District 6 departments: Bring a young lady to represent your department in the judging. It is a rewarding experience for all of the candidates.

If any of the departments or individual firefighters have problems or concerns, please call or e-mail me. I will do my level best to help you out. Better yet, bring them to our next meeting on November 24.

Since the holiday season is fast approaching, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

E.G.H.
Jerry Sprague (Spook),

DISTRICT 7 REPORT

Walt Reiter - Chairman

District #7
July 20, 2009
Nottingham Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

Chairman Reiter called the meeting to order at 8:23. Pledge of Allegiance was led by chairman Reiter. First roll call answered by 24 members representing eight departments. May minutes were read and approved.

Guests: Ivan Nevil, past president IVFA, Mort Sorg, IVFA Public Relations Northeast.

Chairman Reiter: 2009 Convention was a success. 2010 Convention will be at Terre Haute; there is a special rate for early registration. 2011 Convention will be in South Bend being hosted by Districts 4 & 5. District 7 Global Award was presented to Classic Marble and Stone of Hoagland because of the appreciation of the business allowing employees to leave when duty calls. Owner Mike Sorg said he feels this is his contribution to the community.

Officers elected at Convention were announced.

Mort Sorg, PRNE: Please make sure that membership addresses current. Any undelivered papers are returned at expense of the IVFA. Also make sure that any name changes or changes to beneficiaries are current. This is sometimes overlooked. Mort passed the floor to Ivan Nevil.

Ivan Nevil, past president: Ivan spoke about legislative issues. HB1205 affects an increase to workman's comp for the fire service. HB1236 protects injured at incident or late reporting to work due to incident employees cannot be disciplined by employer. If you are deemed an essential employee the employer does not need to let you go. The IVFA started a Legislature of the Year Award; this year it was presented to "Bill" Robert Bishof. The IVFA Legislative committee is looking for any ideas or recommendations to be taken to the state legislature.

Mort Sorg explained that a portion of the $5 license plate fee goes to help support the Bridgeport Scholarship and Death Benefit.

Chairman Reiter opened the floor for election of officers.

Nomination from the floor for chairman Walt Reiter. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Motion passed. Nominations from the floor for secretary Richard Sorg. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Election of officers will stand.

Chairman Reiter: Will require a signed note from the fire chiefs stating who will be the three delegates and two alternates for convention. More information to follow.

Chairman Reiter and Mort Sorg, PRNE presented Donald Oswati, Ossian, his pin for 50 years of service.

Upcoming events: Swiss Days breakfast July 26. Poe Days Aug. 21 and 22.

Next meeting September 21 at Ossian.

Chairman Reiter closed the meeting at 9:01 with 24 members representing eight departments.

Beverly Lockwood,
Acting Secretary

District #7
September 21, 2009
Ossian V.F.D

Meeting called to order 8:11 p.m. Chairman Reiter led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance. First roll call answered by 30 members representing 9 departments. Minutes of the July meeting read and approved.

Guests: Ivan Nevil, Past President IVFA; Mort Sorg, IVFA Public Relations Northeast; Chris Walker, IDHS District 3 Training Coordinator.

Chairman Reiter presented 2 proposed by-laws changes. Article 4 adds Section 14. a. must be an active member of the IVFA for three years. b. Must be a member of a department with at least five active members. c. Live in the area which they represent. Motion was made and seconded to accept. Motion passed. The second was Article 5 section 14 add d. The Public Relations Officer must live in the PR area that they represent. Motion was made and seconded to accept addition. Motion passed.

Chris Walker, IDHS Dist. 3 Training Coordinator; Adams, Allen, Huntington, LaGrange, and Miami counties need to have nominations in for recommendations for county training coordinator. Look at the web site for latest training. Some classes are available on-line. Notes from Board of Training and Standards meeting were presented. They are looking at a bridge program from mandatory FF to FF I & II. Mandatory and FF I & II would be taught out of the same curriculum. 2 new props soon to be available a SCBA confidence course and a sprinkler head prop.

Ivan Nevil, Past President IVFA; Any ideas for the legislation committee just let them know. NIMS needs to be put into use for all incidents. A lawsuit is currently going on in New York over a department not using NIMS at a fire that a firefighter fatality occurred.

Mort Sorg, PRNE; Discussion at the quarterly meeting that there has been a problem with a billing company in the state charging excessive charges. State Police have been making a big push to keep highways open during emergencies. Left over funds from 2009 Convention presented to two burn foundations. At the Board of Training and Standards meeting trying to figure out a way for 17 year olds to get FF certification so that the certification can apply toward college credit. The state fire marshal spoke briefly on the state public safety license plate. Mort reminded that the IVFA license plate $5 of the fee goes toward Bridgeport Scholarship Fund.

Chairman Reiter; Discussion at the Quarterly Meeting about combination departments in the state belonging to the IVFA. A committee is set up to present problems/concerns and offer solutions to fire department and training issues.

Chairman Reiter and Mort Sorg presented 50 year pins to Jim Hower and Doyle Middaugh.

Ossian Fire Chief Ed Connet presented Tom Somers with a department plaque for 44 yrs. service.

Next meeting will be at Poe November 16. Auburn Fire Chief Mike VanZile will be speaking on concerns of accidents involving livestock.

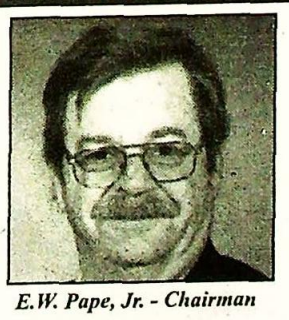
Hoagland Longaberger Bingo October 11 and Turkey Dance November 14 at the Hayloft.

Poe peanut brittle time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. with 28 members representing nine departments.

Richard Sorg
District 7 secretary

DISTRICT 8A REPORT



E.W. Pape, Jr. - Chairman

Hello firefighters,

Well, we made it thru summer. Fall and winter is upon us. Please take care in the responses that we make on our roads in the state of Indiana.

Check with your chiefs or instructors about continuing education offered by the state or your task forces.

It seems that each department is to be up on their NIMS. There is a message sent to all the departments on my list that I sent out.

Keep your departments in the

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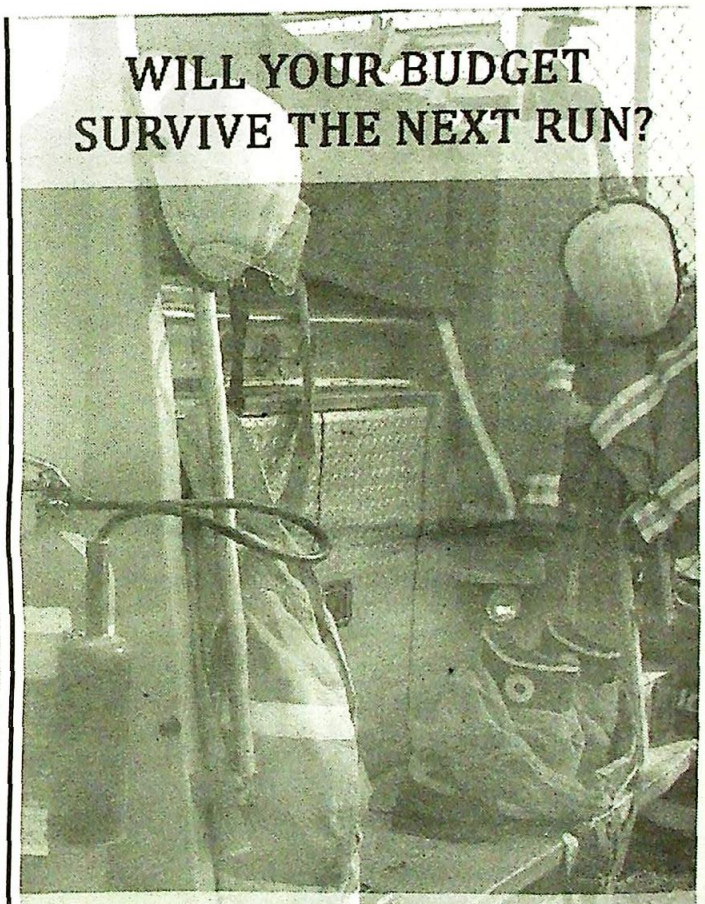

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 8A

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district and myself on upcoming events. Please read the IVFA website.

All for now. Please attend the district meetings.

All my respect to all.

Bill Pape
District 8A chairman

DISTRICT 8B REPORT

Lloyd E. Wright - Chairman

District 8B held their September meeting at the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department on the 9th at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Lloyd Wright. Chairman Wright led the body in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Twenty-five members representing seven departments were in attendance. The second roll call was held with how many runs your department had made. There were a total of 20 fires and 84 EMS runs.

The minutes were read and approved as well as the treasurer's report.

Chairman Wright read the changes that are being made to the IVFA by-laws and the group then voted on them. Also talked about how some departments are using a billing company to bill for their fires. Explained to them that they needed to be careful how much they are billing the insurance companies for. He also told them about how they need to be using the website to put their meeting and fundraisers on it.

Chairman Wright presented John Corwin of the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department with the 2009 Global Award.

The next meeting will be held at the Portland Fire Station on November 11 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed the good food and conversation after the meeting.

Lloyd E. Wright,
District 8B

DISTRICT10 REPORT

John Ray - Chairman

Greetings from District 10,

The August district meeting was held at Hartsville, and it certainly brought about a change in my life! I am John Ray, of the Hartsville Department, and was elected as the new district chairman, succeeding David Israel. We would like to thank David for his many years in fire service and his dedicated work for District 10. David is a 3rd generation fire fighter in his family, and his son Justin is continuing the family tradition. Also elected at that meeting, was Jim Davis of Hartsville, who begins his term as district secretary.

It was an honor for me to present two of our district firefighters with 50 year pins. Ivan Shinolt from Elizabethtown and Leon Workman from Hartsville, were recognized for their years of dedication and service to their communities. Gary McDonald from Hartsville was presented with a 25 year pin. Whether you have served for 5 months or 50 years, your dedication and commitment to the safety and well being of your communities through your fire service work, is important and appreciated. We are especially mindful of this during October, which is Fire Prevention month. Thank you for all you do to get out into the schools, businesses and other organizations to talk about the importance of fire safety.

Scott Chasteen and Doug Spitler of Greensburg Department were presented 25 year pins by vice president-elect David Israel and myself. Danielle Matthews who is our 10th District Miss Flame, announced that she is collecting cans of nonperishable foods for the Food Bank, which helps firefighters who are out of work.

Our next meeting will be held October at Trafalgar Fire Department in Johnson County. In November the German Township Department will be hosting us. At that time, we will be holding the 2010 Miss Flame Contest.

It is a privilege and honor to be selected as your representative for 10th District IVFA, and I look forward to getting to know each of you and working hard to meet the challenges ahead in the coming year!

John M. Ray
IVFA 10th District Chairman

DISTRICT 11A REPORT

Jack McFarland - Chairman

Greetings from District 11-A,

Our last meeting was held at Thunderbird Fire Department. Thanks to Chief Quilliam and all the folks at Thunderbird for their hospitality. John, thanks for the hamburger.

District 11-A presented Don Vermillion with a Red Jacket for receiving the Ollie Sandberg Award. Dave Phelps was given the Global Award. Congratulations, guys!

Jack Kerney gave an update on Education Standards. Jack also said the two bills that the IVFA was pushing for were signed by the Governor.

Diane Harrison said Supporting Heroes will be doing a Boot Drive in October. The Hoosier Burn Camp auction at the convention raised $2,134.00. Thanks to everyone for helping.

District 11-B chairman Larry Southard said anyone having training problems in the state could contact him.

Elections were held. Chairman: Jack McFarland and Vice Chairman: Dave Phelps, Secretary/Treasurer: Kallie Rehmel, Sergeant-at-Arms: Bernie Anderson, Chaplain: Pete Taylor.

Bill Bush gave an update on the 2010 Convention to be held at Terre Haute.

Larry Southard announced that the 11-A and 11-B picnic will be held in Hillsdale at the Firehouse on September 13th.

The 11-A and 11-B picnic was held at the Hillsdale Firehouse. A good time was had by all. A short meeting was held with one by-law voted on.

District 11-B chairman Larry Southard presented the Global Award to Anthony Rohr and President of the Board Larry Ketchem presented Connie Mankin with his 50 year Gold Card and pin at the picnic.

District 11-A had two deaths this quarter. Captain Russell Keller passed away on Wednesday, September 23. Captain Keller was a 35 year member of the Jasonville Fire Department. Arthur Hart, a founding member of the Center Point Fire Department, died on September 24. Our sympathy goes out to both families.

Thanks to District 11-A Chaplain, Pete Taylor and to all of you who made both memorial services.

Our next meeting will be November 15th at the Wright Twp. Fire Department in Midland on State Road 59 just south of Jasonville.

Until next time, Brothers and Sisters, be careful out there.

Jack McFarland
District 11-A chairman.

DISTRICT 11B REPORT

Larry Southard - Chairman

Floyd Twp.
July 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Southard. The District Honor Guard presented the colors.

The Invocation was given by district auxiliary chaplain Maxine Davies and the Pledge to the Flag was led by State Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush.

Roll call was taken with 26 members from eight departments answering the call. Chairman Southard introduced the guests present and the auxiliary district chairman Ketchem introduced her guests. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

John Buckman, IDHS Chief of Indiana Firefighters Training System, spoke on the future of training in the state fire departments. If there are any questions, contact John Buckman at his office. A question and answer session followed his presentation.

Jack Kerney updated those present about the newly passed state law.

Chairman Southard then presented Ted Salzman and Gene Buchmen of Floyd Township Fire Dept. their 50 year pins.

Chairman Southard opened the floor for nominations for the district officers for the coming year. The following were elected:

Chairman – Larry Southard
Vice Chairman – Jeremy Mankin
Secretary-Treasurer – John Davies
Sgt.-at-Arms – Jack Giles
Chaplain – Mono Pastore

A motion was made and seconded for the district to give the District Honor Guard $400.00 to purchase braids and flag holders. The motion passed.

Chairman Southard presented Chief Wood of the Floyd Twp. Fire Department the host certificate.

Bill Bush, the 2010 convention co-chairman, spoke about next year's convention projects.

Auxiliary chairperson Barb Ketchem announced that the district picnic would be held on September 13th at the park next to the Hillsdale Fire Station.

Chairman Southard then called for announcements from any department present concerning their fund raisers.

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

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies, Secretary

District 11-B
Hillsdale
September 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by chairman Larry Southard who called on the district auxiliary chaplain, Maxine Davies for the opening prayer. The state chaplain, Joann Hays asked those in attendance to remember those who were sick and those we have lost. Chairman Southard then turned the meeting over to the state secretary, Larry Bartlow.

The reason for this meeting is to approve the proposed By-Law additions from the By-Law committee.

They are as follows:

ARTICLE IV - Sect. 14

(a) The district chairman and the district secretary must be an ACTIVE member of the Association for three (3) years.

(b) Must be a member of a fire department with five (5) ACTIVE Association members.

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ARTICLE V - Sect. 14

(d) The PR Director must live in the PR area that they represent.

Secretary Bartlow, after reading the proposed additions turned the meeting over to chairman Southard who called for the vote. The vote was unanimous in favor of the additions. With no further business to transact, Chairman Southard dismissed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies - Secretary

DISTRICT 12 REPORT

Larry E. Bruner - Chairman

Greetings from District 12,

Our July meeting was held at Decatur Twp. Fire Department Station 71 with 11 members present from five departments and six guests. Jennifer Dant, representative from MDA and Tyler Parsons, State Ambassador for MDA, spoke with us about research being done and how money collected stays at the local level for patients' use in the area. Bernie Goodwin from IPL did a slide show on electricity and gave advice about how firefighters should not pull meters.

Our September meeting was held at the Eel River Twp. VFD with 17 members present from six departments and two guests. Chief John Buckman, State Fire Training Director, spoke with us about training requirements, state laws, and how the fire service has changed in the last 30 years and how it will continue to change in the future. Gary Robison, IDHS Risk Manager, spoke about the EMS Commission, what's happening in the future and websites we can use to assist us in our daily operations.

I would like to take a moment to talk with you about membership dues and leadership responsibility. As leaders it is our job to know the dangers of the business and how to protect our firefighters and EMS personnel. When we fail to pay our IVFA dues on time we fail to provide affordable benefits to our personnel. Dues received after July 31st are late and personnel lose benefits and membership for a period of time. Payment will immediately reactivate membership, however, the Bridgeport Benefits will be forfeited for one year. Other benefits will resume when payment is received. Bridgeport benefits include the $1,500.00 Scholarship and the Line of Duty death benefits. The IVFA only administrates these funds and has been able to change the reactivation time from three years to one year. The requirements set and the funds furnished for these benefits came from the sale of equipment at Bridgeport Fire Department. Don't let your personnel lose these benefits. Be the leader they need and ensure their IVFA dues are paid in a timely matter.

Our next meeting will be held at Liberty Twp. Fire Department Station 32 in Hazelwood on Monday, *November 23rd at 19:00. Hope to see you there.*

District 12 chairman
Larry Bruner

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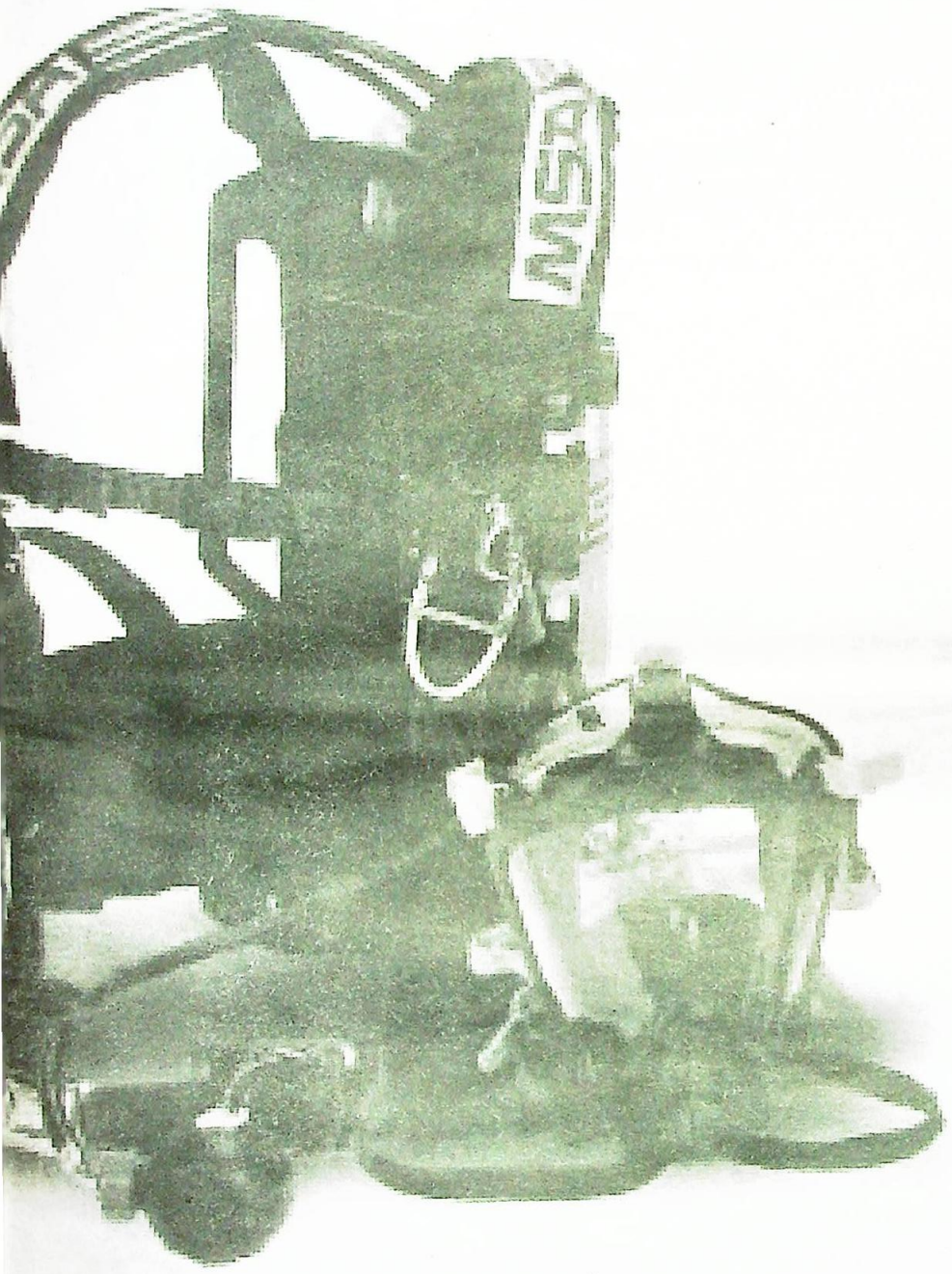

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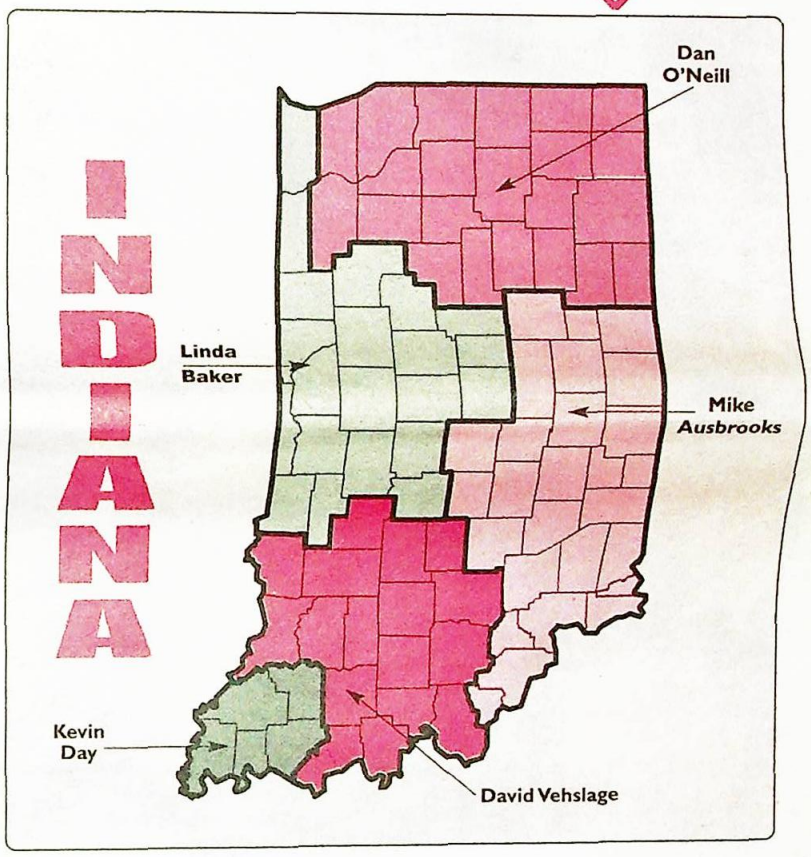

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT14 REPORT

Rick Cannon - Chairman

My name is Rick Cannon. I am the new district chairman for District 14.

We had our district meeting in June and I was elected as district chairman. My vice chairman is Brett Roberts from Deputy Fire Department. My secretary/treasurer is Dan Stoner from New Washington Fire Department. My district chaplain is Tom Sellmer from McCullah Fire Department and Al Williamson, P.R. Director.

Just wanted to let everyone know that the district has been busy with two district funerals and was at the Jim Zeeks funeral.

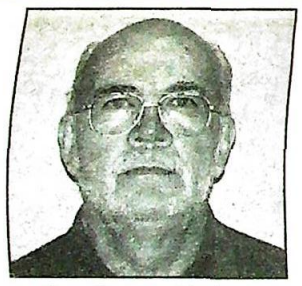
Also handed out some of the new 50 year pins to some members. Also had two district softball tourneys that all the money went to the Hoosier Burn Camp, (thanks to Lovett Chief Don Thomas and the Jennings County firefighters).

Had two district meetings; one with Stat flight air ambulance having an in-service training on hot loads. Also we took part in the Supporting Heroes Boot Drive.

Looking at trying to get out to other departments in the district. If you have something going on or need me to speak at a meeting, just call me at 502-523-2665 or e-mail me at rcannon3301@yahoo.com.

Thanks, Rick (Gravey) Cannon, District Chief, Sellersburg Fire Department.

DISTRICT 17A REPORT



Sam Emery - Chairman

July 23rd I had the honor of presenting 50 year pins to Jerrell Holtsclaw, Fairplay Grant Switz City VFD, James Noel Worthington - Jefferson VFD and Eugene Hardesty, Lyons VFD. Thanks for your many years of service.

July 24th I delivered 50 year pins for Philip Taylor, Bill Thomas and William Traylor, all of the Petersburg VFD. Thanks for your many years of service.

August 27th Loogootee VFD was host of the IVFA District 17Ameeting.

State Rep. Mark Messemer spoke on legislation going on and the things that affect the Fire Service.

IVFA state officers Tim Deckard - president, Beverly Harker - state treasurer, Jim Abrams - PRSW, also spoke on issues affecting the fire service and that we need to keep a close watch on items affecting us.

I presented a 25 year pin to Mike Ringwall, Martin Co. Fire & Rescue and Loogootee VFD. Thanks for your years of service.

Johnny Johnson, Richland-Taylor & Bloomfield VFD was presented with his 50 year pin, having already received his 50 year Gold Card. Thank you for your years of service.

Elections were held and the officers for the coming year are: Sam Emery - chairman, Scott Byers - vice chairman, Courtney Hasler - secretary/treasurer, Beverly Harker - chaplain, Johnny Johnson - Sgt.-at-Arms.

Thanks to the Loogootee VFD for hosting and to Downey Insurance for providing the meal.

August 15th Richland-Taylor VFD had an awards night for two members of the community and the Richland-Taylor chief for their efforts in the accidental fire that injured two boys. Their efforts to help them at the time. All their efforts were what was needed. A sad note to this is that later both boys passed on due to their injuries.

August 17th I delivered a Bible, grave marker and 50 year pin to Washington for Russell Burris. Condolences to the family.

August 18th I attended IVFA memorial services for Jimmy Zeeks, Marion Twp. VFD. My condolences to the family.

September 15th I delivered a rose to Jason Kohlman in memory of his father, David Kohlman, Elnora VFD.

September 15th I attended District 15 meeting near Evansville. A good presentation was given by a member of the State Police.

September 19th Richland-Taylor VFD took part in the Scotland Festival.

September 22nd District 17A meeting was held at the Richland-Taylor Scotland Station.

Tim Deckard, IVFA president, spoke on legislation and other items of concern to the fire service.

Jim Abrams, PRSW discussed several items including how voting is to be done on the district level.

Beverly Harker, state treasurer asked everyone to get their new 911 address turned in so you can continue to get the paper.

I introduced the proposed bylaw additions, Article IV - Section 14 was voted on to be accepted. Article V - Section 14 (d) was voted on and accepted to be added.

August was Greene Firefighters Association Field day; a good meal was enjoyed and fire games were

Until next time, stay safe.

Sam Emery
District 17A chairman

DISTRICT 19 CHAIRMAN

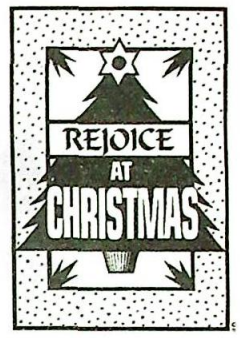
Ed Scheele

As I am writing this letter it is getting harvest time in southeast Indiana and the weather will soon be getting cold. Be careful when the wintery weather conditions hit your area. Take time to be safe.

Our district Miss Flame contest will be November 19 at Friendship V.F.D. Young ladies must be between 15 and 18 years old by the state convention next year. If your department will have a candidate to represent you, let me know as soon as possible. I congratulate Rachael Butt on being runner-up at the convention last June.

Letters for Ollie Sandburg, Mr. IVFA, and Angel Award need to be at the IVFA office by February 1st. *Letters for district Global Award need* to be brought to the district meeting in February or sent to me before the meeting. Every department has candidates worthy of the awards, so get letters sent in.

District 19 chairman
Ed Scheele



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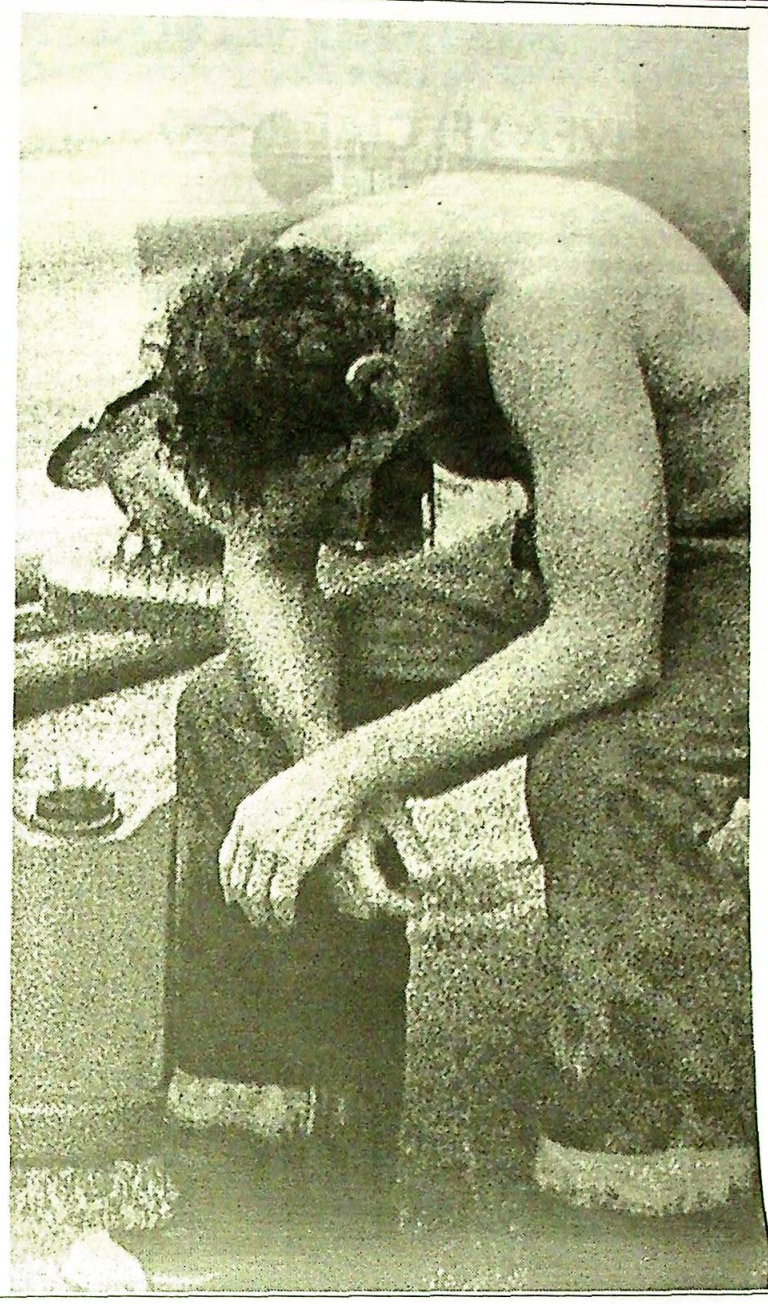

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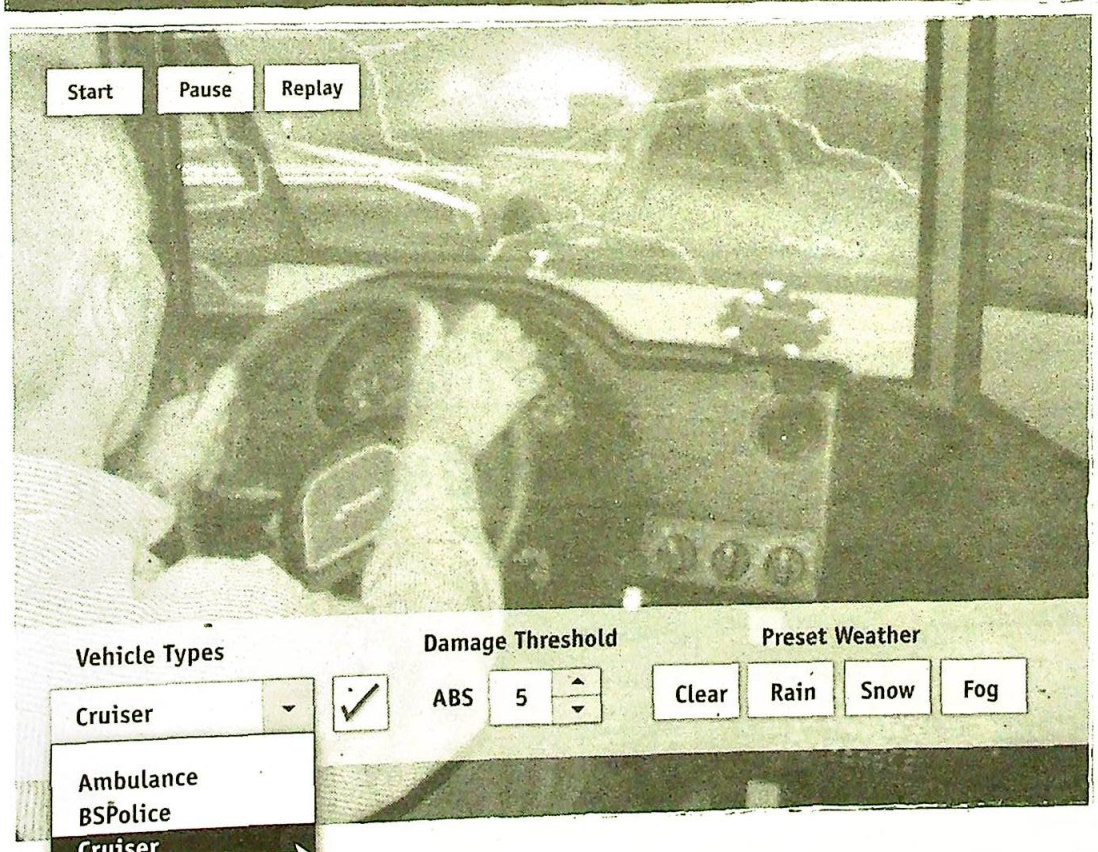

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Beginning	Ending	
Corporate fleet vehicles		Saturday, January 31
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BRIE	BUSD	Saturday, March 7
BUSE	CHAN	Saturday, March 14
CHAO	CONN	Saturday, March 21
CONO	CURL	Saturday, March 28
CURM	DICE	Tuesday, April 7
DICF	EDDY	Tuesday, April 14
EDEA	FERG	Tuesday, April 21
FERH	FRYA	Tuesday, April 28
Personalized license plates		Thursday, April 30
FRYB	GLOR	Thursday, May 7
GLOS	GUMZ	Thursday, May 14
GUNA	HART	Thursday, May 21
HARU	HILE	Thursday, May 28
HILF	HUCH	Sunday, June 7
HUCI	JERR	Sunday, June 14
JERS	KEEL	Sunday, June 21
KEEM	KNUD	Sunday, June 28
KNUE	LAWR	Tuesday, July 7
LAWS	LOPE	Tuesday, July 14
LOPF	MART	Tuesday, July 21
MARU	MCKI	Tuesday, July 28
MCKJ	MILL	Friday, August 7
MILM	MUND	Friday, August 14
MUNE	NUNG	Friday, August 21
NUNH	PATT	Friday, August 28
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1. Submit or mail (1) license plate request form to the BMV for each license plate requested.
2. This form must be the 'original' form (with the raised seal on the bottom right hand corner.
3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of $15 for each plate requested *in addition to all* other registration fees and taxes.
5. Follow ALL directions supplied to you by the BMV.

This is the general outline of the steps needed to renew Special License Plates. The IVFA only supplies the necessary authorization form(s) to obtain the IVFA Special Recognition License Plates. Upon receiving the form(s), members must follow and complete all BMV regulations in order to receive the plates. **Please do not send vehicle registrations to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, only to the BMV.**

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IVFA QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

From The Secretary

Larry Bartlow

DIGEST OF CONVENTION 2009 MINUTES

TIM DECKARD: I'm going to ask Chaplain Ed Gerdowsky to lead us in the morning prayer.

ED GERDOWSKY: Let's bow our heads. (OFFERS PRAYER)

TIM DECKARD: I ask you to remain standing and ask vice-president Buz Koehler to lead us in the pledge.

BUZ KOEHLER: I would ask that each of you remember our soldiers who are fighting for us across the water. I would like to hear the pledge come fro your heart.

MEMBERS OFFER THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

TIM DECKARD: All district chairmen please distribute your delegate vouchers and see that they are filled our properly. Remember, only one delegate from each department will receive mileage from their home to Indy and back. Also, district chairmen, please poll your district delegates and record them on the roll call sheets. I'll ask that the mileage committee come forward. To my left is the credentials committee, headed by Larry Bartlow. The mileage committee, headed up by Beverly Harker and those committee members are Don Cushman, Al Williamson, Jim Abrams and Richard Glant.

At this time I ask you to focus your attention to the rear of the room and ask Barb Kerney and the Miss 2009 Miss Flame and her court to please enter the room.

BARB KERNEY: Every one of these girls are a winner. On behalf of the girls I would like to thank you for your support as you do every year. And thank you for the gifts that they received this year. I'd like to introduce our new Miss Flame for 2009 Micajah Green, District 11A. The runner up is Rachel Butts, District 19. We want to thank Kristen Wiley for all she did in 2008.

TIM DECKARD: Let's give Barb Kerney a hand. Barb and her committee work so very hard. The girls now are on their way to Riley Hospital to do some work at the hospital this morning.

A district chairman, if you need any mileage forms Sergeant-At-Arms Bill Bush has those. Also district chairmen, if you're running for an office this morning, I asked that, when your votes are being turned in to the credentials committee, you have your vice-chairman or your secretary or someone designated from your district, to bring it to the Credentials Committee.

I'm going to ask for the reading of the minutes of the 2008 annual meeting. If you plan on speaking before the body this morning, we ask you to come to the mike. State your name and the district you're representing.

MIKE MACKIN, District 6: Make a motion that we accept the minutes as printed.

TIM DECKARD: We have a motion on the floor by Mike Mackin.

BILL BUSH: Sergeant-at-Arms, I second it.

TIM DECKARD: Motion on the floor and a second. All signify by saying aye. The ayes have it.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report – This last year I traveled 4981 miles for the Association. It's been a very busy year so far. And moving very busy with the legislative. And you'll hear more of those things that we were participating in our legislative report. Mr. Vice-President.

BUZ KOEHLER; Thank you, Mr. President. I traveled about 4200 miles since the first of the year. As the president said, it has been very busy, it's been exciting. I have enjoyed that time going out into the departments and also working on legislation. I wish you all a good day. Thank you.

TIM DECKARD: Chaplain's report.

ED GERDOWSKY: No report at this time, Mr. President.

TIM DECKARD: Sergeant-at-Arms.

BILL BUSH: Thanks, guys. We went out eleven clocks to fire departments. And they've all been delivered to you. If I can help you in any way, I'm in the paper, or call my wife. Thank you.

TIM DECKARD: Thank you. I've been asked to make an announcement from your treasurer. Your mileage is a round trip. So make sure you fill out your mileage, it is round trip from home and back. To Indy and back.

Chairman of the Board.

LARRY KETCHEM: Pass.

TIM DECKARD: Moving into our PR districts.

PR NORTHWEST JIM BRADFORD: I'll pass.

PR NORTHEAST MORT SORG: Pass.

PR WEST CENTRAL DIANE HARRISON: Pass.

PR EAST CENTRAL DON CUSHMAN: Pass.

PR SOUTHEAST JIM ABRAMS: Pass.

PR SOUTHEAST AL WILLIAMSON: Pass.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JIM PARKER: Pass.

CARL BRUNS: Pass.

IVAN NEVIL: Pass.

MITCH PARISH: Pass.

RICHARD GLANT: Pass.

JACK ZEEKS: Pass.

BUZ KOEHLER: Pass.

JACK KERNEY: Pass.

LARRY KETCHEM: Pass.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 1 TOM ORRELL: Pass.

DISTRICT 2 PAUL WATLAND: Pass.

DISTRICT 3 DAVE KAUFMAN: Pass.

DISTRICT 4 TERRY SMITH: We have a meeting coming the 24th of June at North Liberty in Spencer County.

DISTRICT 5 TONY FARRER: Pass.

DISTRICT 6 JERRY SPRAGUE: Next meeting July 28th at Albion, Indiana at 7:00 p.m.

DISTRICT 7 WALT REITER: Pass.

DISTRICT 8A BILL PAPE: Pass.

DISTRICT 8B LLOYD WRIGHT: Pass.

DISTRICT 9A LEIGHANNE ELLIS: Pass.

DISTRICT 9B RANDY DENTON: Pass.

DISTRICT 10 DAVID ISRAEL: Pass.

DISTRICT 11A JACK McFARLAND: Pass.

DISTRICT 11B LARRY SOUTHARD: Pass.

DISTRICT 12 LARRY BRUNER: Pass.

DISTRICT 13A CAROL THRAWLEY: Respectively pass.

DISTRICT 13B DENNIS SPEARS: Pass.

DISTRICT 14 CHARLIE MOON: June 25 at 7:00 is the next meeting at Kent.

DISTRICT 15 STEVE ANDERSON: Pass.

DISTRICT 16 PAUL HOLCOMB: Pass.

DISTRICT 17A SAM EMERY: Pass.

DISTRICT 17B LUKE KLUENDER: Pass.

DISTRICT 18 JOHN SMITH: The next meeting will be held on July 16th at Jasper.

DISTRICT 19 ED SCHEELE: Pass.

DISTRICT 21 DON FULTZ: Pass.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CENTRAL OFFICE: Jack Kerney:

JACK KERNEY: I'd like to say one thing. Your dues packets have been mailed to you. Remember: After July 31st you're late and you lose your fight to vote. Make sure your dues are paid on time.

PUBLIC MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING DIANE HARRISON: Pass.

ELATIONS AND EDUCATION JACK McFARLAND: Pass.

TOM SELMER - District 14: Mr. Chairman, a question of Jack. Is that for the whole year if you're late?

JACK KERNEY: I stand corrected. If you're late you can still vote. What you lose is your Bridgeport benefits, which is your Bridgeport Scholarship and your death benefit. It does not affect your AD&D. But you vote whether you're late or on time. I'm sorry.

TIM DECKARD: Website, Mr. Vice President.

BUZ KOEHLER: I've been asked to inform everyone that the Webmaster will be on vacation from June 27th to July 13th. So if you have items that need to be up on the website – fundraisers and meetings, etcetera, please do so before June 27th. Thank you.

TIM DECKARD: Logo Committee John Smith:

JOHN SMITH: Pass at this time.

TIM DECKARD: Editor's Assistant: Jim Bradford.

JIM BRADFORD: I'll pass. Starting in January, the cut off will be the 5th instead of the 10th of the month.

TIM DECKARD: Everybody hear that? Starting January of 2010 for your articles to be in the quarterly newspaper, the date has been moved back to the 5th instead of the 10th. That information will be coming out in the August paper.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE: David Israel.

DAVID ISRAEL: Later on in the process of the annual meeting we have to decide where we're going in 2011. We have three bidding for that. District 4 and 4 which would be in South Bend. District 14 which would be Clarksville. District 8B which would be Muncie.

TIM DECKARD: Board of Firefighters Standard and Education – Jack Kerney.

JACK KERNEY: I want to thank everybody for coming to the meeting. Again, I want to apologize that it wasn't a very lively meeting.

JACK KERNEY: I do want to thank everybody for coming and your inputs are greatly appreciated. We need your input. You know, we work very hard to get these meetings at night. The next one is Terre Haute, July 26th. Hope that everybody's that in that area can show up. Please support us.

TIM DECKARD: National Volunteer Fire Counsel.

JACK KERNEY: Our next meeting is the latter part of September in Iowa. The fire station grant money is now available. So if you have a shovel ready project, I suggest you get on line and apply for that fire station grant.

TIM DECKARD: Fire Services Institute:

BUZ KOEHLER: Pass.

TIM DECKARD: At this time I'm going to ask for our Nominating Committee chairman Ivan Nevil to come to the platform.

IVAN NEVIL: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to welcome everybody. The first thing I'd like to do is introduce the Nominating Committee Jim Abrams, Steve Anderson, David Israel and myself. We were challenged with coming up with a slate of officers for this meeting for the coming year. We have checked the validation that all nominees do meet the criteria established by the by-laws. Any nominee from the floor will be verified also that they can hold the office by meeting the criteria. Verification will be done by secretary Bartlow. Due to the fact that he has all of the roll calls of the state officers for the last six or seven years, to verify that yes, they do meet the two year requirements as being a district chairman or holding an office in the Association for two years prior to being elected. So without further ado, the nominating committee puts into nomination the name of Tim Deckard for president for 2009-2010. Are there any further nominations from the floor?

JERRY SPRAGUE, DISTRICT 6 CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir. We're nominating Mr. Dave Elick past vice president for the office if president.

JACK HARDY, DISTRICT 15: Seconds the motion. I move nominations shall cease.

JERRY SPRAGUE, DISTRICT 6: Second.

IVAN NEVIL: We have two names for the slate of office. We will take just a momentary brief pause to verify that Mr. Elick has met the credentials. I don't think it's going to

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

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

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STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

Malinda Bell
Corresponding Secretary

IVFAA State Quarterly Meeting
August 2, 2009
Sunday
Clarion Hotel
Indianapolis, IN

Call to order: President Beth called meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Prayer: Chaplain Joann thanked everyone for the cards and prayers while she was sick. Read a very nice poem before giving the prayer.

Pledge to Flag: Sgt.-At-Arms Miriam led the ladies in the Pledge to the Flag.

Before roll call Beth introduced new district chairmen. District 10 Janet Matthews, District 11A Debbie Vermillion, District 14 Bette Sellmer and District 21 Denise Routzahn.

Roll call: Recording secretary Lou did roll call. There were 21 officers and 12 guests.

Beth handed out new 2009/2010 committees and new Emergency Call list.

Minutes: Lou, June Cahill made a motion to dispense with reading of minutes. It was asked if there were any corrections or additions; there were none. Was seconded by Martha. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Dorothy read the treasurer's report. Treasurer's report stands as read.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Reiter
Treasurer IVFAA

Correspondence Report: Malinda read a Thank You card from the 2009 IVFA Miss Flame Micajah Green. Her e-mail address is missflame2009@hotmail.com or call her at 812-699-2788. Address R.R. 1, Box 163, Jasonville, IN 47438.

Miriam handed out new hand outs committees. Beth changed a lot of people around. On audit, Barb Kerney is added. Budget & Finance, Lou Bartlow is added.

Membership: Lou - 17 departments, 274 department members, 45 individuals, 22 lifetime for a total of 341 total membership. Leona discussed new forms. We have them; district chairmen are to take care of them and get them to Auxiliaries and fill out and get them back to Lou; will be permanent copy for file. Barb Kerney made up these forms for us; a big thank you to her. Reason for last four digits of S.S. on form because of some having same last name. Ladies that have been IVFAA members for 50 years why not give them a pin; this is something to think about. First time need everything, then only white form with phone number and list of names and money. District chairmen, make sure that your auxiliaries know when dues are due and keep in touch with auxiliaries – keep them updated on things. Everything is up-to-date now.

Chaplain's Report: Joann - we have lost two ladies since convention: District 11A and District 3. Joann did a count on Bibles. District 11A - Irene Blockson is in nursing home. Address: Lois Irene Blocksom, 3710 Kenny Simpson Lane, Room 308, Bedford, IN 47421. Past president IVFA Jack Cox's son is waiting on a kidney transplant. We should remember all of these ones in our prayers.

Cell phones are to be shut off at beginning of meeting. Beth forgot to announce this; but they are to be shut off before meeting starts.

Auditing: Barb Kerney said didn't have much to go on right now. Lou and her are going to meet with people to get everything back on track.

Installation: Fayee absent.

Financial Study: Toni would like to everybody here or what do you need to maintain your districts. She will need all this at November meeting even if you don't need anything to write down on paper.

Bill Bush discussed convention 2010 to be held at Terre Haute. He gave number of hotel - they handle registrations 812-232-6081 - Holiday Inn.

IVFA president Tim Deckard said November will be last meeting here at the Clarion Inn. He will give us all information then. We will still be in Indy. We will be at Crown Plaza, out by airport. The old Holiday Inn room rates will be $89.00 plus tax starting February 2010.

Miss Flame Barb Kerney: We had 20 girls; the judges were really amazed about girls; very difficult decision.

V.P. Project: Barb Parker. All cookbooks are sold. Barb said will have 1st: axe, 2nd: $200.00, 3rd: quilt, 4th: $100.00; tickets 6 for $5.00; will have them at November meeting.

Mary Mackin Memorial Fund: Phyllis absent. IVFAA donates $100.00 to fund. This was left off of fund. Phyllis will be adding this to it.

Buz came in and asked if anyone had any questions or anything for Web Master.

By-Laws: Susie - having a meeting in November on Saturday evening. Barb Parker said in by-law book page 12 top portion needs changed.

Convention Report: There will be a Jonah Fish Fry Wednesday night, Burn Center Auction, fireworks. Working on tours for women and men. Hotel #812-232-6081. There will be a pizza party Friday night for the children; any one 14 or over must have a banquet ticket. Will have a lot to tell us at November meeting.

Michelle Baxter, insurance lady, discussed forms. Make sure and tell if you belong to both organizations. We will receive a certificate for both. Her phone #317-432-9974. They donate to families who are needy, who may need food. This is for everyone. Barb Kerney made a suggestion that in November that everyone bring canned goods and etc. to donate to food bank.

Breaking at 9:54 for a 10 minute break. 10:05 resuming meeting.

A discussion was held about babysitting. There will be no babysitting available at the 2010 convention.

Jewelry: Marlene gave report - all districts have pins, sell them please and turn in any sales to her. She will give you a receipt.

Nominating: June - will be ready.

Historian: Joann and Phyllis. Joann got a box of items; gave to her ladies; keep bringing items to her.

President's Advisory: Fayee absent, Martha said doing a good job so far.

Lois Boaz: Wanda Johnson said need letters sent in February 1st deadline.

Parliamentarian: Toni. Okay.

Old business: Was none.

District 12 has disbanded.

Chinese Auction: Lora absent. She will be at November meeting.

New business: All district chairmen - there will be a class in November around 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. All chairmen are to attend. Be sure and bring briefcases. Lou asked about jewelry. We are to still keep state auxiliary pins and men lapel pins. Leona motioned to order new state auxiliary pins. Seconded by Martha. Motion carried. Toni motioned we table ordering until November. Barb Parker seconded; motion carried. All district chairmen are to bring back 25 year. November will discuss 50 year pins. Would like to give ladies their pins at convention, have ceremony for them, if not then do it at their district meeting have a ceremony. Will discuss this in November. District chairmen must hold four meetings a year. We want to know when meetings are held. Beth wants paper from chairmen with their meetings on them – month, date, time, where at, and other things they do in districts. Want to know when election dates are so know when new chairmen coming in. Send to officer's cards about your meetings so we can attend the meetings. Turn in all minutes to president – this is from all districts. If not holding district meetings and only coming to state meetings or convention they will not get any

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take long because I'm sure that everybody is aware that Dave has served as vice president for two years, as well as district chairman for three or four years.

IVAN NEVIL: Mr. Elick is eligible to hold the office of president. He does meet the criteria. Charlie Moon.

CHARLIE MOON: We would like to get a verification of what we discussed a minute ago on where both of them are volunteers, and what the criteria for actually holding the office of president or any other office within the organization and how that works. And we're questioning is that Tim is eligible to run for the office.

IVAN NEVIL: My interpretation of the by-laws is that as long as any member is in good standing of the department and has five members of the department that are members of the Association and they have held the office of district chairman, or any other state officer for a period of two years, is eligible to hold the office that they're being nominated for. Charlie – did that answer your question?

CHARLIE MOON: So paid or volunteer it doesn't matter?

IVAN NEVIL: It does not matter. It does not state in the by-laws. Any other question on the nomination process? Charlie, thank you for bringing it up. Sergeant-at-Arms, will you secure the doors, please.

District chairmen: poll your delegates for the office of president.

Mr. Deckard, would you care to address the members. District chairmen, kind of slow up on your process. The Credential Committee has some issues that they are dealing with. So they are not ready to tally the votes yet. So at this time we will have comments from Mr. Deckard and Mr. Elick.

TIM DECKARD: We're going to make a few changes in this morning's business. I thank you for your vote of confidence last year and putting me in the office of president. And ask you for your vote of confidence for this year. It has been a busy year as I stand before you, and you'll see some of the things we've helped the Association accomplish for 2009. It has been a very busy year for Buz and me, and other officers in this Association. And it has been our goal to get out making sure the Association is active for its members. And actually moving forward the organization for what the few men that started this organization in 1945, the pioneers and their ideas. It was our goal when we first started in 2009, we went back and looked at those goals to make sure that the, we were trying to move the organization in that area. So he and I appreciate your help and your assistance this last year, and ask for your vote for this year.

IVAN NEVIL: Mr. Elick, would you have any comments?

DAVE ELICK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Dave Elick. I'm a volunteer with the LaGrange Fire Department, LaGrange, Indiana, and I also volunteer my time with Johnsonville Township in Wolcottville. I've been a volunteer for 29 years. I have served as district chairman, and I've also served as your vice president. If I am honored to represent you as your president, my job will be to represent you, the membership, in the best way that you see possible. I would appreciate your vote for the office of president. Thank you.

TOM SELMER, DISTRICT 14: Because of our changing times, I would like to recommend to our executive officers, that they investigate this situation that has arisen because of our lot of our departments are township operations. And, as the times change and some of you have seen it, the Trustee will appoint a fire chief and pay him. And the next thing he does is appoint an assistant chief and pay him. And then he comes along and appoints an inspector and an investigator. And all the rest of the people in that department are volunteers. But those people are in command. And I think we need to take a serious look at this situation and come up with some answers to the problems that have arisen here this morning.

IVAN NEVIL: We have a motion on the floor to close the nominations. All of those in favor of closing the nominations for president with the two individuals say aye. Aye. Those opposed same sign.

We are in limbo for probably half an hour. So, Mr. President, if you would care to continue with the other business, I will find a seat.

TIM DECKARD: At this time I'm going to ask the lobbyist, Larry Curl, to come and share with us his report for 2009.

LARRY CURL: What an interesting morning all ready. Can I have the Legislative Committee stand, please? Let's give them a round of applause. It's been an interesting year and exciting. I've enjoyed it, thoroughly enjoyed. I was kind of getting a little depressed and a little concerned, a little worried. You get a little bit of gray hair, or in some case no hair, you're probably getting a little past dragging the hose at the 3:00 o'clock in the morning. I'm thinking what am I going to do. I've been in the fire service now way too long to quit, like a lot of you out there. And the opportunity came along for me to do this and I thought it was great. It's been a good year for me.

Let's talk about what's happened all this year. In November we asked that a couple of bills be offered up. And we found a representative by the name of Bob Bischoff. Do any of you happen to know Robert Bischoff? Bob stepped right up to the plate and says, "Folks, I'll help you any way I can." This bill is real simple – we think of a topic, we find a legislator, it goes before the General Assembly, and then it hits the governor's desk. That's a good piece of legislation. If it falls short of that and it doesn't get to the Governor's desk, then we're in trouble. Well, fortunately for us we did have two pieces of legislation. On the 12th day of January Representative Bischoff took House Bill 12-05 to introduce in the general session. And on May 1st the Honorable Governor Mitch Daniels signed that into law. Will become effective July 1st, 2009.

Let's go through the synopsis of 1205 real quick. A volunteer firefighter who is injured while performing their duties are protected from their employer from being discriminated against. That's the gist of the bill. And that is for a period of six months. We have passed a piece of legislation, it's signed into law, it becomes effective July 1, that if you are injured while performing your duties you are protected for a period of six months from being discriminated against on your job. Now let me talk to you a second about that. That bill really only protects those employees that are questionable to begin with.

Because I think we have employers that will be kind gentlemen and take care of the employees that are good employees. Those that are questionable, that are kind of an absentee problem or have an issue at hand, they're the ones that may get into a little trouble and we try to protect that. Please let's try not to do that. It's a great opportunity for us. Just in case we should have an employer out here that's not favorable to us.

Now, a couple of things that I need to say about that. At one of the district meetings, I think it was District 19 about a month ago, the question came up about a gentleman who lives in Indiana, is a volunteer in Indiana, and works in Kentucky or Ohio – does this bill protect him. Sorry, Indiana legislators could not write laws for Ohio. So no, it does not. So if you live in Indiana and you work outside the state, this law does not protect you on your job. We also cannot legislate federal employees. So if you work for the federal government, the state government cannot say you're going to do this. So there are a couple of exceptions to this. But we have that piece of legislation, it's good and we worked at it and made that happen for the betterment of the organization.

Next slide – House Bill 1362 was introduced in the regular session. Again, the Governor signed that into law on May 13th. It will become effective July 1st. The synopsis of House Bill 1362, very simply, we all have enjoyed the opportunity to have weekly indemnities provided to us if we're injured, unable to work. That has been at a level of $250 a week for I guess the beginning. I don't know how long that's been. We've had that level of $250. And, we did a little research that truly was minimum wage at that time. That's how we established the $250 a week that you would receive if you were injured. Since that time we have had an increase in minimum wage, and now we're behind. We're actually getting paid if we're injured less than minimum wage. Somebody thankfully in this organization thought that was horrible, and I agree. We at least ought to get minimum wage, should we not? That's the bare minimum. House 1362 brings us up immediately to what minimum wage is today. The second part of that is, minimum wage is going to increase on July 23 and we will have that automatic increase. July 23rd we'll be up to $293. And we have added into that particular bill an automatic clause that says if minimum wage goes up, so will our weekly indemnity.

You've heard us talk about it, as you've heard the legislative action issue, you have heard of the Kernan-Shepard Report. I hope by now at least you've had the opportunity to take a look at it and read it and form an opinion. As I travel around to several of the district meetings, I'll tell each and every one of you right up front – you should not take my opinion, my direction, my lead. This is an issue that you need to look at and study for yourself. Figure out the benefits, the harm, the good, the bad, that's going to affect you and your department. Quite frankly, there are some things in there that are concerning to us.

There are 27 recommendations in the Kernan-Sheperd report. A couple of those recommendations talk about local government reform. Local government reform is simply doing away with local government. That is the form. It's shared in a couple of proposed pieces of legislation. They wanted to do away with the local trustee. They wanted to do away with the township board and become a county operated governmental entity. While there are some benefits to consolidate, and there are some benefits to working together, there are some benefits to being a group-effort, there's a lot of uncertainty in what they're trying to do. What they were trying to accomplish under this Kernan-Shephard local government reform.

Out of the local government reform, out of the Kernan-Shepherd report, came a group of proposed legislation. But the one most important and the one that was on the table, and heard the loudest, was Senate Bill 512. Senate Bill 512 very simply put says, among other things, we do away with township trustees; we do away with town board. We hire a, we elect a county administrator. We elect a county chairman. We put one person in charge of the political process in the county. Then next we would go hire a county executive. We would hire a fire chief. We would hire some other staff. We were doing away with all local government. I said this several times, and I'll say it again today – we opposed on that bill not on the fact of we are opposing reform. We are opposing the bill based on the uncertainty of the language of that bill. The question was asked, what does the county fire chief do – well, we'll put together a public safety committee and they will determine all the rules and regulations. You know what – we don't like that. We can't live with that. That's not the right way to get. Let's get the rules out and let's figure out what we're going to do. And then let's go try to make something good happen. It scares me to pass a law with the intent to figure it out after we've passed the law. That's the wrong way to make it happen, in my opinion.

Now that we have gotten two bills passed, we were very successful with those and we are very proud to have gotten that far. Now we go into that Special Session. And as I've told many of you, I've relabeled that. I've even shared that with some of the legislators. This really is not a special session, it's a "Rekindle". Now what's the definition of a rekindle? Screwed it up and you've got to do it again. We failed to complete our job, we're called back to do it again, and nobody's happy about it. Is that a rekindle? That's special session. It's going on as we speak.

You know, those things happen, we understand that. And why are we in this special session. Because we couldn't pass a single bill that had to be passed in the regular session, which is a budget. They now have until June 30th to get that piece of legislation. It couldn't be done in the first four months, so they've got 30 more days to do that. I was fortunate enough to have a gentleman join me yesterday down there – Carl Bruns and Larry Ketchem and I went down just to kind of keep an eye on them and see what was going on.

I knew it was going to bring up the budget bill for a vote yesterday in the House. So in that process, we're down there watching it. We have the opportunity to and were fortunate to be able to speak to a couple legislators. It bothers me when they're concerned about what's going to happen. That's mighty scary.

If you talk to the legislators, they will tell you if you pass the Governor's bill I'm concerned about it. If you pass the Democrat's bill I'm concerned about it. If you pass the Republican's version of the bill I'm concerned about it. Now I'm really concerned about it. There's nothing out there that seems to be working right. We did not stay for the entire session yesterday, but I believe the House passed the Democratic version of the budget, a one year budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Today the Senate is back in session. And now they will take that piece of legislation and they'll go to work. And I will assure you, in the Democratic controlled House, when it's finished in the Senate, the Republican controlled Senate, it will not say the same thing as it did yesterday. It will go into a conference committee. Conference committees are real simple. Members of the House and members of Senate – two Republicans and two Democrats, they have a referee. They have a committee there that will go into behind closed doors, and try to figure out how we're going to get a budget. And the unfortunate part of conference committee is at that time, all bets are off, all language that we vote in there, any bills that wasn't passed before that we want to try to get in there can now be put in these legislation. We don't have good handle on what's going to come out in this budget process.

I know all of you studied this long and hard and kept up with the news. We don't know what's going to come out the conference committee. All ears have mouths, they'll listen to what's going on and they'll be out talking to people. We'll eventually find out what they're talking about. Hopefully we'll find out in time, a possibility to share some concerns if we get to that point.

That's kind of how the process went this year. It truly has been a good year; it's been a learning experience for me. It's been pretty valuable. I've enjoyed it. I'm very thankful for the opportunity.

How many of you went to the State House when we called and said hey, we need some folks at the State House. It does make a difference. Whenever we're, at the last minute when we find out we need to get some numbers. It does make a difference when we have you folks down there. We really do appreciate that.

Where do we go from here?

Let's say the session is over with and we're all sitting back resting on our successes. And we're done right? Wrong, wrong. Number one on the agenda; let's figure what we're going to do next year. And let's get that legislative agenda put together. We have a deadline of July 24th. We have put together a form. It will be on the IVFA website probably by the time you get home. And I encourage each and every one of you to go to the website and look at that form. It's called legislative proposal. We're asking you to submit your thoughts of what you'd like to see next year's legislative agenda to look like. We don't want to wait until November to put that together. We've got a deadline of sometime the latter part of July to fill those forms out and get them back to Mr. Ivan Nevil. He's the legislative chairman, committee chairman. Think about what will hopefully improve, what will help, what will be some things we need to do in appropriation.

The process will be real simple. We'll take all the suggestions we get, we will prioritize them. We will collect them and we will prioritize them, we'll sort through them. And

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allowance for room or any expense. If a district disbands, can it be reorganized? Yes, if enough can get enough interested in it. Carol Curl had asked this about District 12 since they disbanded, whatever she needs we will help her. You to have a quorum before can disband or make decisions. Beth asked if anyone knew anything about District 8 or District 8B starting up, she will check into this. Every chairman should have a list of everything they need in their briefcase. Make sure have calendar so can write down information. Keep record of meetings and things. Beth read list of what is to be in briefcases. Ladies, wear your pins to meetings.

First of year deadline will be for getting articles into newspaper is February 5th.

Entertainment and next meeting date: no entertainment. Meeting is November 7 and 8, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Clarion Hotel, Indy.

Please district chairmen – get to Malinda your secretary's name, address, and phone number so she can put this in the newspaper. Get this to her in November.

Adjournment: Martha made a motion to adjourn with a second from Barb Ketchem. Motion carried 11:10 a.m.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Joann gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
IVFAA Corresponding Secretary
Malinda Bell

DISTRICT 3 REPORT

Leona Uryga - Chairman

District 3

Minutes of the July 15, 2009 District 3 meeting

The meeting was held at the Michiana Shores Fire Department on July 15, 2009, with the auxiliary members enjoying a picnic type luncheon of finger sandwiches, salads, relish tray, desserts, and drinks.

The meeting was called to order by chairperson Leona Uryga and began at 7:10 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken: Coolspring Twp. four members plus a guest, Michiana Shores nine members and one individual.

The minutes of the May 20, 2009 meeting stand as read.

The treasurer's report was audited and Marge Wozniak reported the books are in order.

Miss Flame, District 3, Autumn Schumacher sent a thank you card expressing her gratitude to the IVFAA District 3 for sponsoring her to the state.

Chairperson Leona Uryga covered the new process for the membership form. Now, only three copies are needed (one for the local IVFAA, one for state IVFAA and one for Leona). The new membership form will be in a postcard form, but until they are printed, we must use the old forms. The new membership card will include a phone number and a beneficiary for insurance purposes.

District 3 Miss Flame, Autumn Schumacher, sang at the convention.

Chairperson Leona Uryga stated she has several cookbooks, created by Miss Flame, to sell. Also there are several pins and tie tacks with the IVFAA logo that are for sale.

Next year's convention will be June 16th-June 19th at the Holiday Inn in Terre Haute.

Get well cards will be sent to Mary Nowatzke and Joanna Hayes.

A memorial service was held for Coolspring Twp. member, Linda Jasker.

Coming events: No activities scheduled.

Nominations and election of officers was held.

Chairperson: Leona Uryga - nominated by Dolly Millick, seconded by Sara Johnson. No other nominations - nominations were closed by motion from Ruth Deutscher, seconded by Dorothy Moffitt. Motion carried.

Secretary-Treasurer: Joan Lewis - nominated by Leona Uryga, seconded by Dorothy Moffitt. No other nominations - nominations closed by motion from Dolly Millick, seconded by Ruth Deutscher. Motion carried.

Chaplain: Jodie Brinckman - nominated by Sara Johnson, seconded by Dawn Boles. No other nominations - nominations were closed by a motion from Gertrude Peterson, seconded by Dolly Millick. Motion carried.

Chairperson Leona Uryga asked Dorothy Moffitt to be the assistant chaplain. Dorothy accepted.

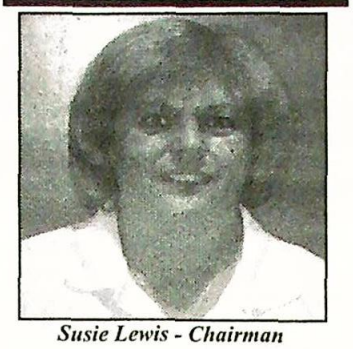
The next meeting is scheduled on September 16th at LaCrosse. On behalf of the IVFAA District 3, we'd like to thank the Michiana Shores Fire Department Auxiliary for hosting this meeting and providing a wonderful luncheon.

50/50 was won by Sara Johnson - $7.50. Everyone present won a door prize.

A motion to adjourn was made by Marge Wozniak, seconded by Ruth Deutscher; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joan M. Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer District 3

DISTRICT 7 REPORT



Susie Lewis - Chairman

July 20, 2009

The 7th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Auxiliary met on July 20, 2009 at the Nottingham Volunteer Fire Station.

The meeting was opened by chairman Suzi Lewis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by seven ladies from two departments, two individuals and one guest.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given.

The convention was discussed.

The new officers for 2009-2010 are president Beth Caudill, vice president Barbara Parker, recording secretary Lou Bartlow, corresponding secretary Malinda Bell, treasurer Dorothy Reiter, chaplain Joanne Hayes, and sergeant-at-arms Miriam Schaekel.

The By Law proposed at convention passed.

The babysitting service at convention was discussed at great length. Toni will bring it up further at the August officer's meeting.

Election of district officers was held. Suzi Lewis was nominated by Virginia Wilson, seconded by Becky DeKoninck. Nominations closed. Suzi was re-elected district chairman. Toni Sorg was nominated by Suzi Lewis, seconded by Joyce Nevil; nominations closed. Toni Sorg was re-elected secretary.

Upcoming meetings were announced. The September 21 meeting will be at the Ossian Volunteer Fire Station.

Miss Flame election and auxiliary Christmas party will be at the November 16, 2009 meeting at Poe.

January 18, 2010 will be held at Poneto.

March 15, 2010 will be held at Preble. This will be the bake sale.

May 17, 2010 will be at Roanoke.

July 19, 2010 will be at Uniondale. This will be election of officers.

Alice Sanders made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Beverly Lockwood.

Meeting adjourned.

Antoinette Sorg,
District Secretary

The 7th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Auxiliary met on September 21, 2009 at the Ossian Volunteer Fire Station.

The meeting was opened by Toni Sorg in the absence of chairperson Suzi Lewis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by six ladies from four departments.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given.

The August officer's minutes were read and discussed.

District 7 Miss Flame Kaylie Kongar stated that she was willing to attend any fundraisers if she was contacted.

The next meeting will be the Miss Flame judging for our district. If your department has any girls interested in running for Miss Flame, please contact either Walt or Suzie or Toni.

The meeting will be held on November 16, 2009 at the Poe Fire Station. We will also have a $5.00 Christmas gift exchange.

Upcoming events: Longaberger Basket Bingo, sponsored by Hoagland Auxiliary on October 11, 2009. Poe begins making peanut brittle the second Tuesday of October. Geneva will have their Halloween parade and chili supper on Saturday, October 24, 2009. Decatur will have their Calathumpian Parade on Monday, October 26, 2009. Berne will have their parade on October 27, 2009.

The January meeting will be on January 18, 2010 at the Poneto Fire Station.

The Bake Sale will be at the March 25, 2010 meeting at Preble.

Antoinette Sorg,
District Secretary

DISTRICT 10 REPORT

Janet Matthews - Chairman

I.V.F.A.A. District 10 meeting held on August 19th, 2009 at Hartsville, IN.

Meeting was called to order. Said Pledge of Allegiance. Janet read minutes from State Officers' meeting. Need to send minutes to Janet, I.V.F.A.A., president Beth Caudill and to paper. New membership forms get to Janet by November. Sent cards to Vicki Skaggy and Teresa Smith. Received Thank You card from Danille Matthews. Any fire departments that has a girl age 15 to 18 that's interested in running for District 10 Miss Flame forms need turned in by end of October 2009. Miss Flame is Micajah Green from District 11A. 2010 Convention will be held in Terre Haute; $50.00 per person til May 1st; rooms $98.00 + tax.

Roll call, Burney 1, Hope 2, 1 individual, 1 guest, 2 Individual Janet Matthews and Danille Matthews, past president Barb Parker.

Convention 2010 Mary Stafford will be a member of the I.V.F.A.A. for 50 yrs.

St. Paul fish fry Sept. 19th.

Treasurer's report was read. AIL Michelle Baxter food bank for I.V.F.A. and I.V.F.A.A. members. Feb 5th deadline for newspaper.

Next meeting Nov. 18th at German Twp. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Beth Snyder second by Carol Moody. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted
Cozette R. Neal

DISTRICT 11-A REPORT

Deborah Vermillion - Chairman

As your new district chairman for 11-A, I have attended several events.

On September 12th, I attended and worked my own fish fry at Sandford VFD.

On September 13th, I went to the 11A-11B picnic held at Hillsdale, and it was a good turnout.

On September 19th, I went to Carbon VFD fish fry and had a good time.

On September 26th I went to the Cory VFD fish fry.

I also attended the IVFAA memorial service for Lois Irene Blocksom. She was a very special person and friend.

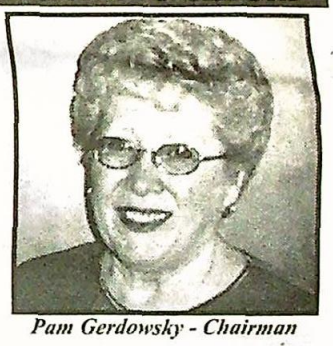
I have been working as a committee person on the 2010 convention (held in Terre Haute). My husband and I along with Joann Hays and her husband are working hard to get the Wednesday meal and the Friday banquet meal in order.

The next district meeting will be at Wright Twp. on November 15th.

I am looking forward to being your next district chairman and plan on going to your meetings and functions.

Deborah Vermillion
District Chairman

DISTRICT 19 REPORT



Pam Gerdowsky - Chairman

Sept. 12, 2009

Hi Ladies,

I hope you are all doing well and enjoying this nice weather. We had our last IVFAA meeting in Blooming Grove home of our president Beth Caudill. Those ladies there really know how to bake and make good food. It was really delicious. We appointed a committee for our upcoming elections in November, so if anyone is interested in running, please let Vi Bruns, Marilyn Smith, Elvera Wessel or Rosie Weisenbach

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we'll pick out hopefully two or three of the best pieces that think will benefit us the best. And try to move those forward through our legislative agenda.

I think one of our success this year was we didn't go out and ask legislators for all the 15 pieces of legislation. We thought we had a couple of things that were of value and interest to us, so we went and thought that out. I'd like to continue that process since we were successful with that. I know some of the appropriations that have legislative agendas with five, six, seven, twelve, fifteen bills. Not only do you work your lobbyist to death, you work your legislative committee to death. But it's hard to track all of those. So if we sort through and get a couple good bills up here, a decent piece of legislation that will work very well for us.

We need to continue to review the Kernan-Shepherd report. Again, I state to you that number one, Kernan-Shepherd is not dead, and it's not going away. It's very much alive and kicking to date, and will be back in 2009-2010 session. What do we want to do with Kernan-Shepherd? What do we want to do with local government? What do we want to do with county fire chief employment or hiring? Let's take a look at that and do something with that. The worst thin we can do is go downtown and say we don't like that. So we're opposing you. We don't like that so we're going to oppose you. You know what, if you want to oppose it, why are we opposing and what can we change to make it different or better. Those are the kind of things we need to be doing. Please, take a look over the next month or so at the Kernan-Shepherd report. Give your district chairman your ideas, state officers some information on what we can do to address Kernan-Shepherd on the level that's reasonable, feasible and hopefully workable for everybody. It's not going away. I guarantee you. Let's get proactive and quite being reactive.

We need to continue to drill our notification plan. During the session there comes a time where we need to notify our legislator and elected officials of our opinion. We couldn't get a call list. We need to continue to work on that to try to do something with that when we're thinking about starting a petition drive to address our concerns with local government reform. That's still in the thought process, there's still work to be done on that. If we come up with that, what we will do is, at all your fundraising events over the summer, we'll ask you to lay a petition out on the table and start getting signatures for that. The Legislative Committee and I need to sit down and really redefine that to see where we're at.

As I said before, we've got the one report on the website. We'll put the second one up there, a database of how do you know your elected official. Are you related to them, do you work with him, do you go to church with them. Do you live next door to them? If we could put together a database and all of you participate, or the majority participate, whenever we need to call on Senator Young, Representative Bischoffg, whoever it may be, whether it's hearing in committee or have a piece of legislation to promote, it would be immensely helpful to us to go to a data base and put in Senator Young's name and find out there are 20 of you out there have a real close relationship with Senator Young. So we can now start to work on as a team, to contact that legislator and try to share our opinion. As your lobbyist, I can go down there and work every day and meet with those folks and talk to them, but there's nothing like a constituent relationship. There's nothing like you knowing the person that they're dealing with. If we can put this database together, it will pay big dividends for us. Please go to the website, take a look at it and see where we're at.

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know before the Nov. 10th meeting at Morris. If you have any concerns please let me know and I will bring them up.

I have been going to some memorial services with my husband and they are most impressive. I am very touched by the closeness of our organization. Also be thinking of a Lois Boaz nominee. There are many deserving women out there who give so much to help our organization and support the firefighters.

I would also like to thank Lou Bartlow for her dedication and hours of work with the membership list along with Barb Kerney, JoAnn Hayes and many others who are assisting them in taking on this very important job so our records will be back where they need to be.

I attended the Sunman Auxiliary meeting to try and help explain the insurance with the help of Michele Baxter's papers she sent me. Thank you, Michele!

I am still trying to recruit new members but not having much luck. If any department in District 19 knows of some auxiliaries that would be interested, please give me a call and I will try to make it to a meeting and explain the importance of our participation in the IVFAA and how much it means to help support our firefighters and communities.

Have a very blessed day and pray for our organization and members each day. May you all be showered with God's many blessings!

Pam Gerdowsky
District 19

Card of thanks

Words cannot express our appreciation for all of your support at the passing of our beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother and Chief - Jimmie Zeeks.

To each and every member of the IVFA we want to let you know how much all of your calls, cards, donations, flowers, visits and funeral participation were appreciated.

To the Officers, we want to thank you for the funeral and memorial service, the likes of which the town of Mitchell have never seen. Jimmie, I'm sure, was looking down and smiling.

Our family, and the Marion Township Fire Department will never be the same – please keep us in your prayers.

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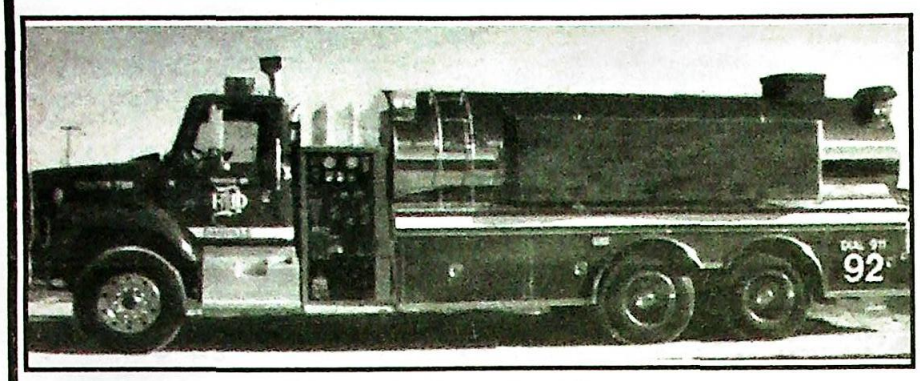

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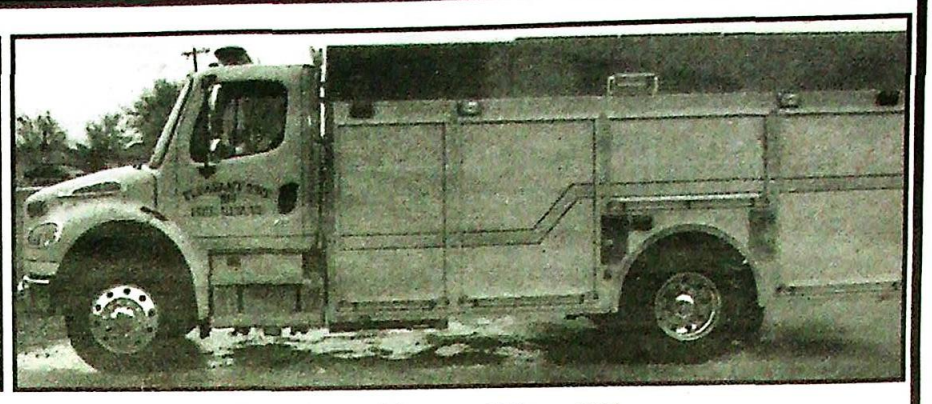

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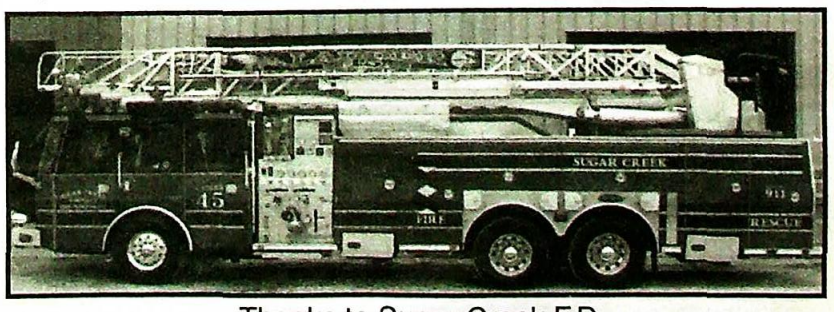

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Fillmore FD hosts 50th barbecue

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FILLMORE – Fifty years ago, the Fillmore Volunteer Fire Department needed a firehouse. To make it happen, a group of 11 firemen decided to have a fundraiser.

"Everyone had a fish fry," said Curt Smith, "so, we had a barbecue."

Smith, now 82 years old, is one of the original firemen who started what is today's largest barbecue in Indiana. He returned this year to help celebrate the 50th year. As a result of that barbecue, the tin shed next to the Post Office was built to serve as the firehouse. Smith even designed it.

"(The first barbecue) took six months to plan," shared Smith. "We planned for two days of food."

However, the two days worth of food – chicken, baked beans, cole slaw and homemade pie – turned out to last only two hours. The barbecue began at 5 p.m. that first day and by 7 p.m. the group was completely out of food.

"We went through 200 chickens in two hours," Smith recalled with a laugh. "It was the biggest crowd in Fillmore."

Firemen from Rockville, Greencastle, Cloverdale, Bainbridge and just about every other surrounding community went in search of more chickens and cabbage for slaw.

"We took cabbage from people's gardens," Smith added. "We had the local grocery store opened to get more food, too."

Today, the barbecue takes more than 500 chickens and the menu has grown to include hamburgers, hot dogs, fish and tenderloin sandwiches. In addition to the slaw and baked beans, French fries and fried mushrooms are served.

"All the pies and cakes are still made and donated (by local women)," noted current Fillmore fire chief Mike Davies.

The original event was held in front of the firehouse in an 8x8 tent. That tent is now a 60x90 and held behind the firehouse in downtown Fillmore. A committee led by the fire department's president Bob Bills undertakes the planning.

After 50 years, has become a place for the community to gather, visit and have good food.

"I never thought it would continue for 50 years," said Smith, who is the only surviving member of the original crew. "I got to be here for it."

Pictured are fire department president Bob Bills, left, barbecue co-founder Curt Smith, former fire chief John Davies, Fire Chief Mike Davies and Adam Davies, a first-year fireman. –*submitted by John Davies, IVFA historian*

While some aspects of the barbecue have changed, the goal remains the same – to build a new firehouse. The crew hopes to build a firehouse big enough to hold the barbecue inside. They feel certain the goal will one day become a reality.

"The community never lets us down," said Davies.

(This article was submitted by John Davies, IVFA Historian and courtesy of the Putnam County Banner-Graphic, Shannen Hayes, reporter.)

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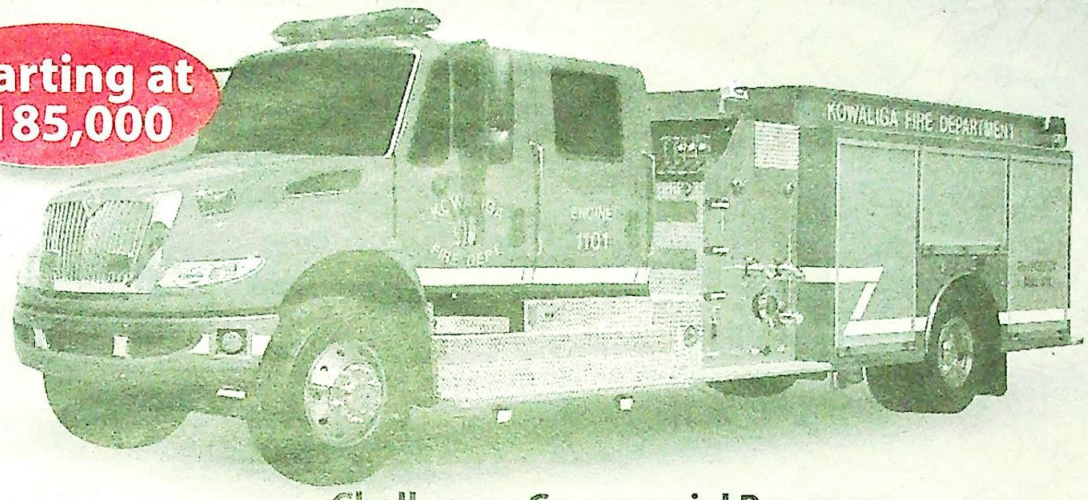

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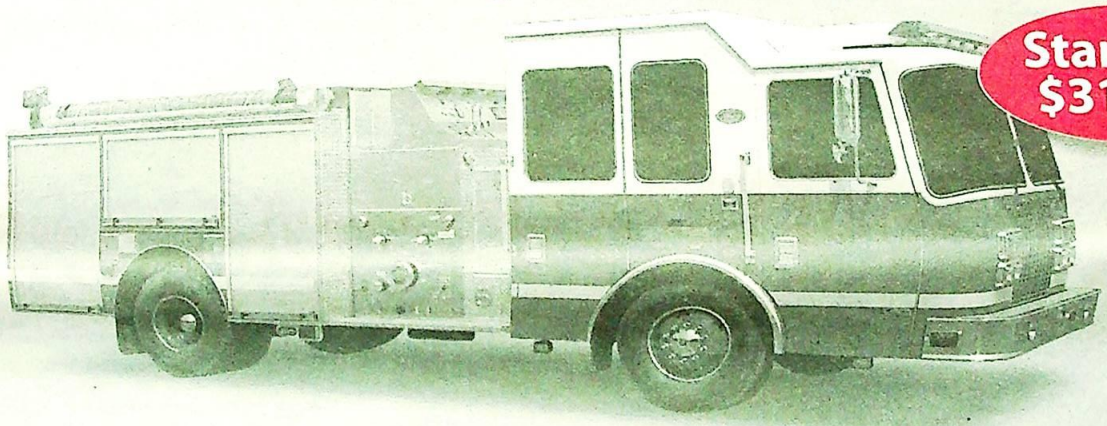

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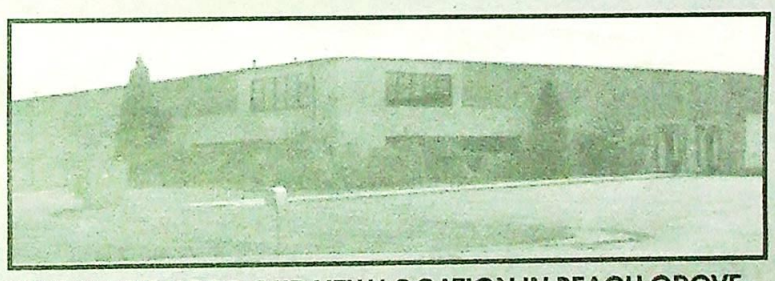

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Greetings to all,

Over the past two quarters I have sadly attended three I.V.F.A. funeral services and traveled to several meetings and events of our volunteer fire departments.

I have also been canvassing Clark County with Homeland Security, FEMA, and the SBA trying to get assistance for those residences that suffered from flooding events that struck more than once in five counties in the P.R.S.E. area.

I would like to congratulate Monroe Twp. F.D. in Clark County and the Sellersburg F.D. that will have celebrated their 60th year by the time this paper is published.

Also, I would like to congratulate the Clarksville/McCulloch F.D. Station 3 on the delivery of a new 100 foot platform made by Grimson. Photos of the new truck will be in the next paper.

Currently the firefighters are training with the new unit preparing for putting it in service shortly. The truck replaces a 34-year-old 85 foot Maxim ladder truck.

Hope to see everyone soon.

Al Williamson
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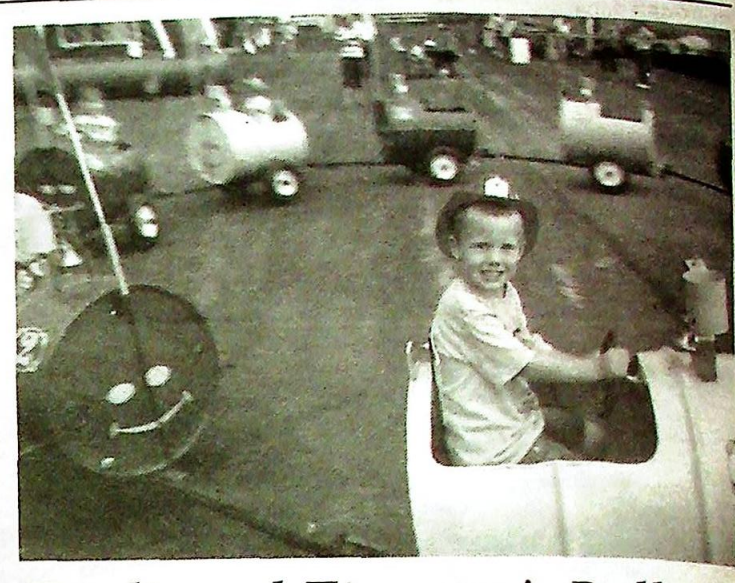

Ferdinand Fireman's Ball a huge success

On Saturday, 25 July, the Ferdinand VFD (Dubois Co. IVFA Dist. 18) held its annual Fireman's Ball. The event, now in its 49th year is used to raise funds that support the department's operational budget and to fund the Department's Fire Safety Program.

Theresa Lubbenhusen, president of the Ladies Auxiliary reported that proceeds from the bake sale portion of the event goes to fund Auxiliary programs such as prizes for the local library summer reading program, and dues in the IVFAA. A new program that Lubbenhusen reported is that the Auxiliary has established a fund to aid homeowners within the Ferdinand area who are displaced due to a house fire. "We will supply the family with a $100.00 gift card to our local grocery store for the purchase of food", Lubbenhusen said.

The event featured children's rides and games, chicken dinners, and other foods, a live band and dance and outdoor beer garden. One of the most popular rides gave future FVFD members a chance to "*drive their own fire truck for the first time*"!

Chief Dan Lindauer reported that over 1,200 dinners were served. "Our community shows us a lot of support, it always seems the whole town comes," Lindauer said.

Article and photo courtesy of John "Bull" Smith Dist. 18 Chair.

John Beadles awarded 25 year pin

At the District 18 meeting of 16 July, Firefighter John Beadles (left) of the Huntingburg VFD (Dubois Co.) was presented with his 25 year IVFA membership from Dist. 18 Chairman John C. "Bull" Smith.

Photo and article courtsey John "Bull" Smith

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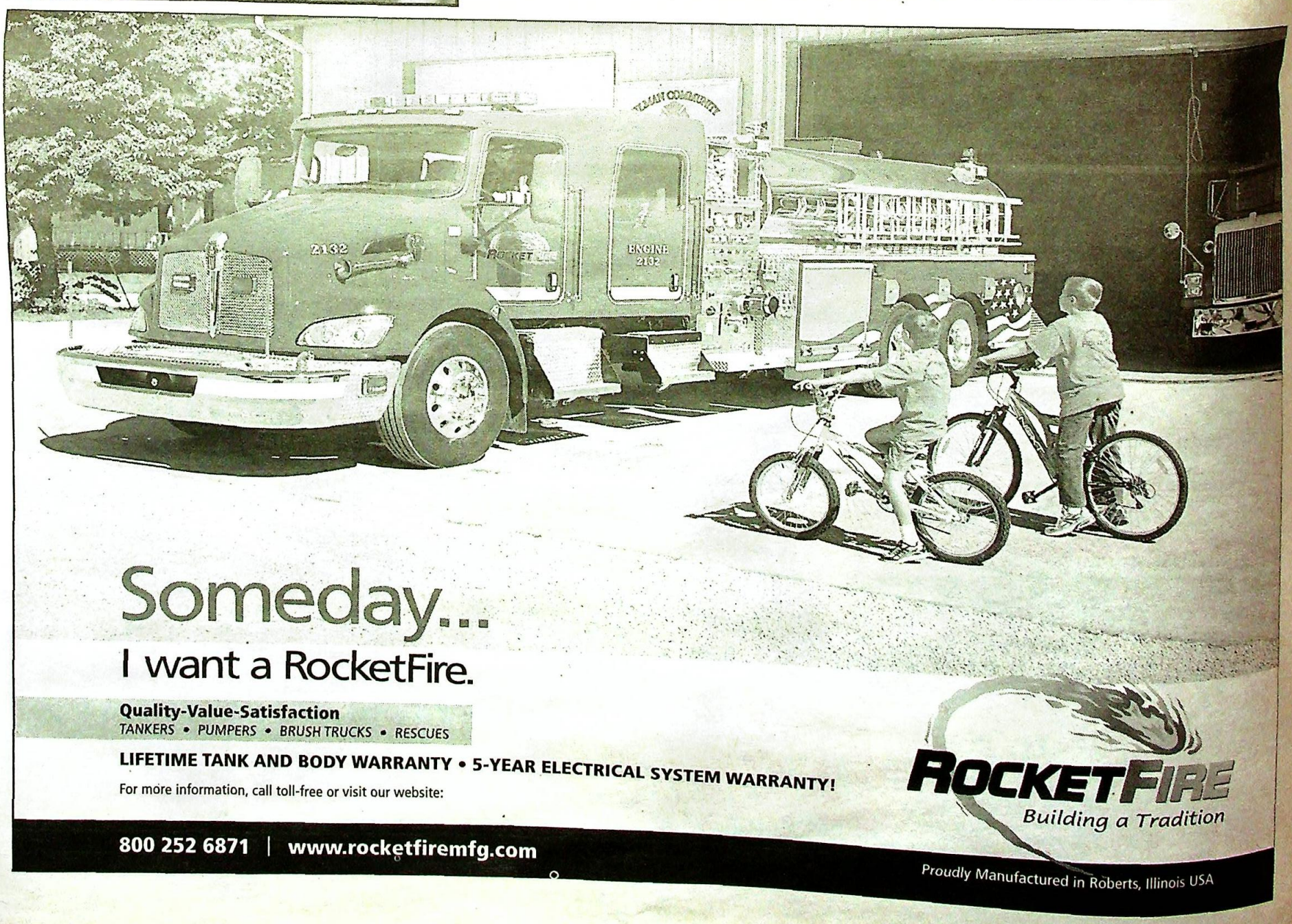

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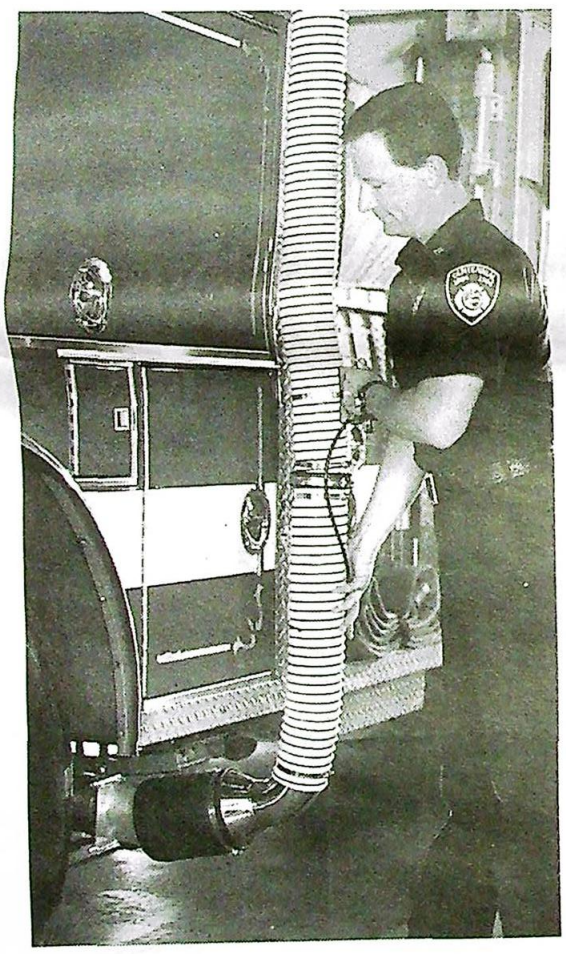

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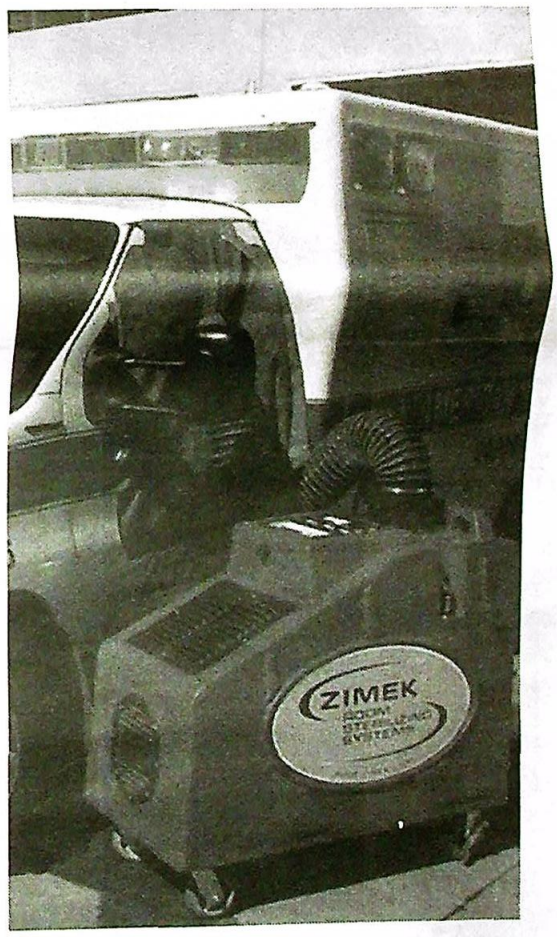

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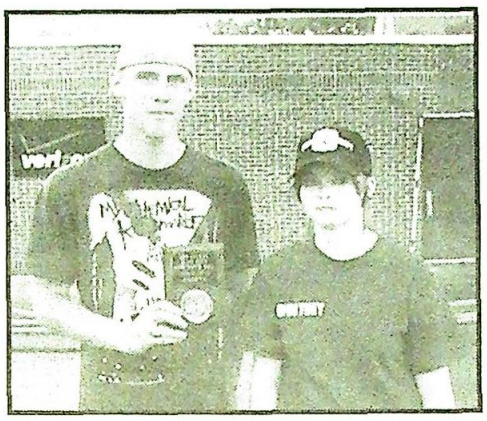
Dunkirk VFD holds waterball

The Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department held a water ball on May 30, 2009 during their Glass Days Festival.

Winner of the 1st place trophy was the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department.

Winner of the 2nd place trophy was the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department.

Winner of the 3rd place trophy was the Eaton Volunteer Fire Department.



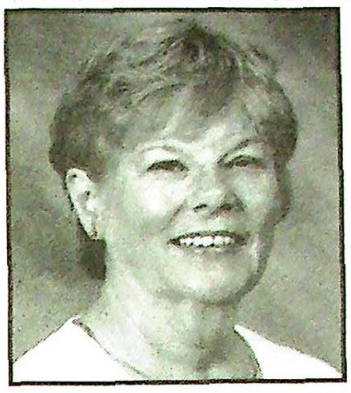
Winner of the 1st place trophy for the cadets was the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department.

Pictured (from left to right) are John Estep and Courtney Willoughby.

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

From The Treasurer

Beverly Harker



From the Treasurer:

Fall is here now and with it has come lots of rain in my area. It sure made it hard on the farmers.

I have attended seven meetings this last quarter and one memorial service. It is the 10th of October now and this past week I have been helping with Fire Prevention at my department, Vincennes Township, the kids have been very enjoyable.

I was in Utah when I heard of the death of past District 17B chairman Jimmie Zeeks. My heart goes out to his wife, Myra and family. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers this coming holiday season.

I hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Beverly Harker

Presented 50 year pin

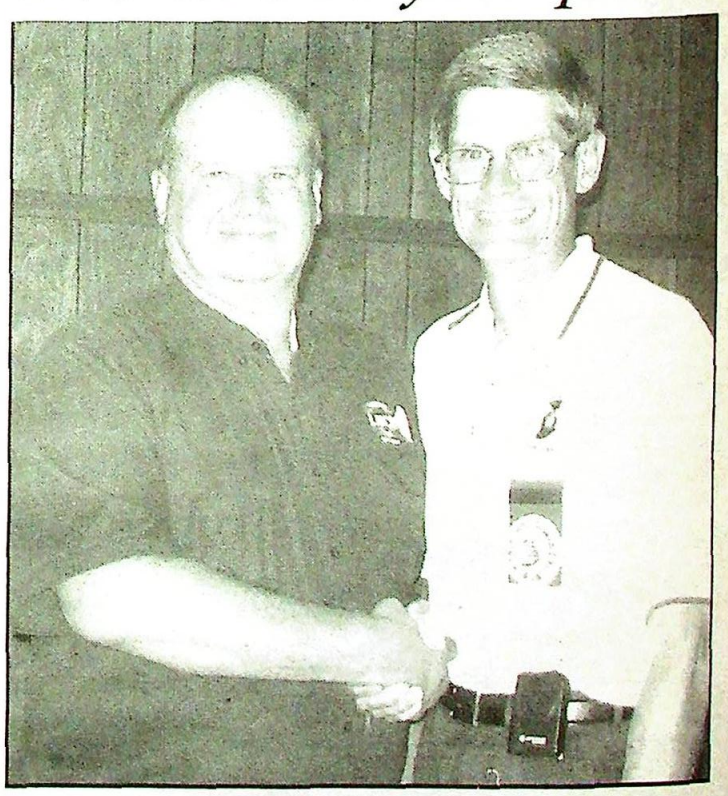
At the July 15 meeting of the Huntingburg VFD (*Dist. 18 Dubois Co.*) Marvin L. Boeglin (*center*) was presented with his IVFA 50 year membership pin.

Boeglin joined the Huntingburg VFD in 1959, served as Chief for 15 years, and served until 2002 when he retired from active duty.

Although retired, Boeglin still helps with Department fundraisers and is in attendance at Department functions. Presenting the award is Dist. *18* Chairman John C. "Bull" Smith (*left*) and Dist 18 Sec./Tres. Kenny "Pooch" Lau. - *Photo and article courtsey John C. "Bull" Smith Dist. 18 Chairman*

February 5, 2010 deadline is January 5, 2010 - 12:00 Noon

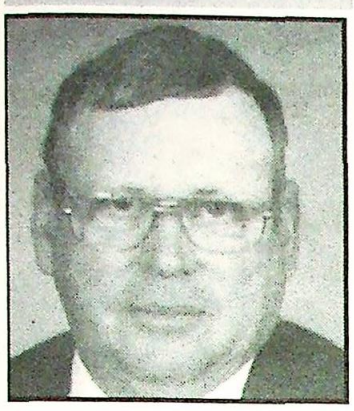
Todd Daming awarded 25 year pin



At the Dist. 18 meeting of 16 July, Chief Todd Daming (left) of the Luce Twp. VFD (Spencer Co.) was presented with his 25 year IVFA membership from Dist. 18 Chairman John C. "Bull" Smith. - *Photo and article courtsey John "Bull" Smith*

Public Relations Director Southwest

Jim Abrams



I attended the district meeting in Indianapolis the first weekend of August.

I attended District 15's meeting hosted by German Twp. Volunteer Fire Department on September 15th. Congratulations to Robert E. Smith who received his 50 Year Gold Card, presented by his son, District 18 chairman, John Smith.

Speaker was Major Tom Melville of Indiana State Police. The next meeting November 19 at Chandler Volunteer Fire Department.

I attended a memorial service for Jim Zeeks, District 17B, Marion Volunteer Fire Department. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and fire department.

I attended District 18's meeting, hosted by Tell City. Their next meeting is November 19th at Jasper Outdoor.

I attended District 17A meeting at Switz City Volunteer Fire Department September 22nd. IVFA president Tim Deckard spoke about legislation.

I attended a memorial at Jasonville, IN for Russell Keller of Jasonville Volunteer Fire Department. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and fire department.

I attended Carter Fire District memorial for fallen firefighters of District 18 on October 8th in Dale, Indiana.

This is our last issue this year, so I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,
Jim Abrams,
PRSW

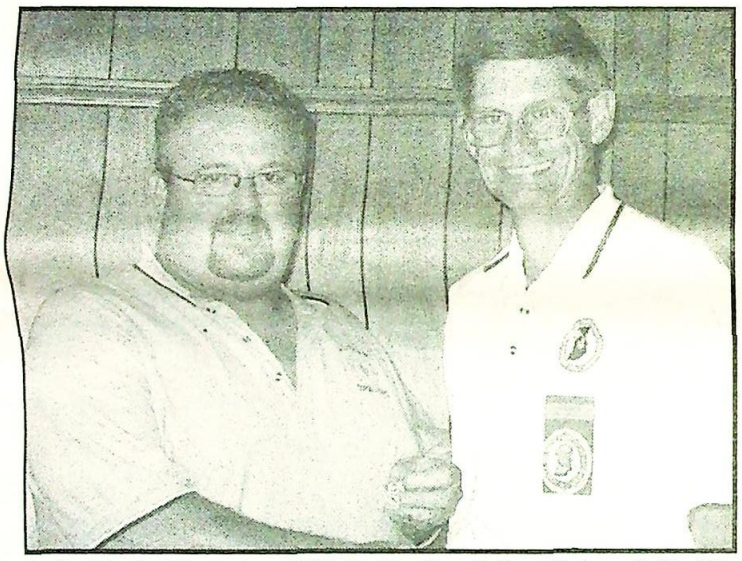
50 Year Gold cards awarded

On July 21st, Dubois VFD presented 50 Year Gold card holders a 50-year pin.

(Left to right): Leroy Friedman, Bill Fischer, Morris DeKemper, Orville Mathies, Gerald Terwiske, Dennis Heeke.

Not present were Ralph Seger and Wilmer Kreitzer. – *photo submitted by Joe DeKemper.*

Receives 25 year pin



At the District 18 meeting of 16 July, Fire Captain Scott Patberg (left) of the Huntingburg VFD (Dubois Co.) was presented with his 25 year IVFA membership from Dist. 18 Chairman John C. "Bull" Smith. – *Photo and article courtsey John "Bull" Smith*

Memorial service held

The Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department held a memorial service for all the area fallen firefighters on May 23, 2009.

Reading the names of the firefighters is Eddie Smith, Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department.

Also pictured is Ed Gerdowsky, the IVFA's chaplain. – *submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B*

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4. Never leave a space heater on when you go to sleep. Never place a space heater close to any sleeping person.

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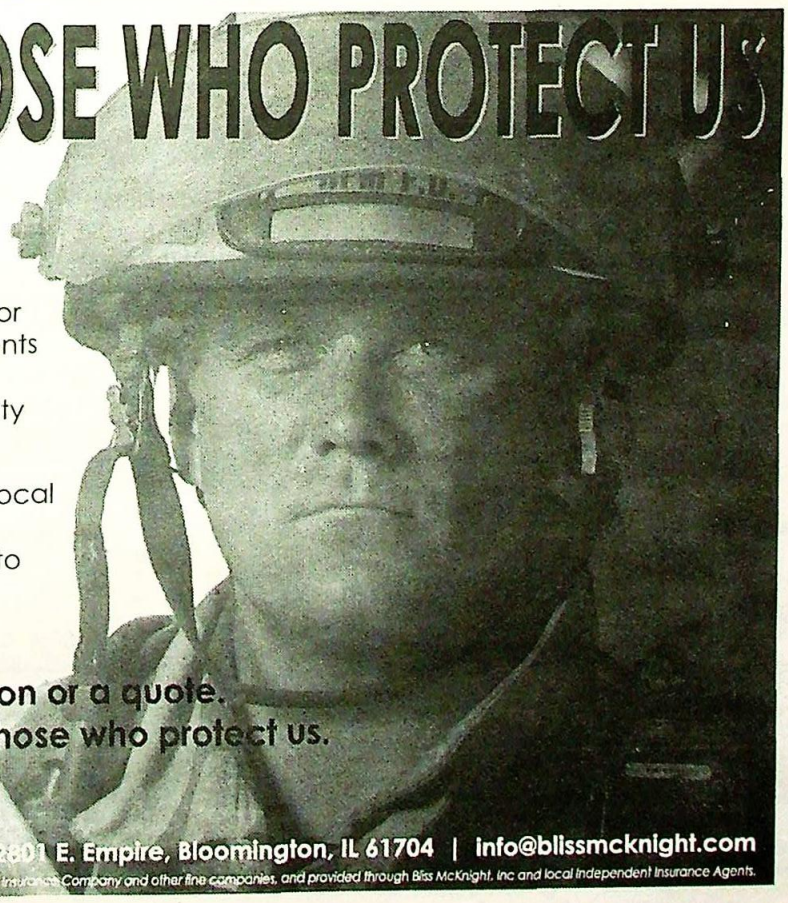

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Honoring our military

We are exceptionally proud of our members that are serving in the military; they not only place their communities first, they also place their country first. We would like to thank them for their service to their country. Below is a list of military personnel who are members of the Association and on active duty around the world.

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Department
Ryan	P.	Jackson		Argos Vol. Fire Dept.
Joey		Cope		Bainbridge Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Ryan	K.	Fairchild		Batesville Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Jerome	David	Brown		Benton Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael		Demo		Bloomington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Dessen	James	Miller		Brooklyn Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Beau	Steven	Gish		Cannelburg Vol. Fire Dept.
Brian	Lee	Hollingsworth		Chester Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Luke	Jacob	McDonald		Cicero Vol. Fire Dept.
Jason	A.	Dean		Cloverdale Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Matthew	W.	Ladd		Cloverdale Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Deana	Yvonne	Hakes		Concord Twp. Fire Dept.
Justin	Wayne	Miracle		Concord Twp. Fire Dept.
Paula	J.	York		Cordry-Sweetwater Vol. Fire Dept.
Andrew	C.	York		Cordry-Sweetwater Vol. Fire Dept.
Aaron	Dean	Myers		Covington-Troy Mound Fire Dept.
Frank	S.	James		Decatur Twp. Fire Dept.
Jered	Alan	Stetter		Dubois Vol. Fire Dept.
Robert	Anthony	Whitaker		Eel River Vol. Fire Dept
Rusty		Oeth		Elberfeld Vol. Fire Dept.
Joseph	L.	Sunday		Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Michael	Alan	Tobin		Ferdinand Vol. Fire Dept.
Jason	Leland	Meinhardt		Ferdinand Vol. Fire Dept.
Brian	Douglas	Ervin		Floyd Twp. Fire Protection Dist.
Bryan	Howard	Allen		Forest Vol. Fire Dept.
Ryan	Edward	Stahly		Geneva Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Brian	A.	Napier		Glenwood Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael	Brandon	Buckner		Hamilton Twp. Fire Dept.
Nichlas	Charles	Bohm		Hanna Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Larry	Dean	Strait	II	Hartford City Fire Dept.
Eric	Joseph	Vonderheide		Haysville Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Richard	Joe	Hamilton		Haysville Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Nicholas	Paul	Meyer		Haysville Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael	E.	Shaw		Jasper Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael	Anthony	Berger		Jasper Vol. Fire Dept.
Zachary	J.	Douglas		Lafayette Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Brian	R.	Schillke		Lake Station Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael	Anthony	Sabo		Lake Station Vol. Fire Dept.
William	Wallace	Weaver	Jr.	Madison Twp. Vol. Fire Co.
Odis	Ray	King		Marion Twp. Rural Fire Dept.
Brandon	Joe	Johnson		Marion Twp. Rural Fire Dept.
Tony	Errol	Nunley		Marion Twp. Rural Fire Dept.
David	C	Perry		Markle Fire Dept.
Brandon	M.	McVade		Merrillville Vol. Fire Dept. #2
Blake	Todd	Soller		Merrillville Vol. Fire Dept. #2
Spencer	Louis	Baumgartner		Michiana Shores Vol. Fire Dept.
John	Henry	Flowers	III	Milford Fire Dept.
Jeffery	Ryan	McClain		Milton-Washington Twp. Fire Dept.
Dustin	Thomas	Zehnder		Nevins Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Michael	B.	Dickey		New Chapel Fire Dept.
Joseph		Donahue		New Washington VFD
Dallas	William	Hutts		New Washington VFD
William	Jason	Goings		Noble Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Frank		Galvan		Ohio Twp. V.F.D. (Paradise VFD)
Aaron	Joseph	Bower		Ohio Twp. V.F.D. (Paradise VFD)
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William	M.	Kendall		Onward Vol. Fire Dept.
Ric	D.	Miller		Orange Co. Rural Fire Dept. #1
Robert	Woodrow	Lowe		Osolo Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Miles	Stephen	Stutsman		Osolo Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
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Casey	W.	Foye		Santa Claus Fire Dept.
Chris	James	Moore		Southeast Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Matthew	F.	Gaff		Southwest Vol. Fire Dept.
Richard	A.	Crunk		Sparta Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
Philip	J.	Murphy		St. Joseph Twp. Fire Dept.
Steve	A.	Myers		St. Joseph Twp. Fire Dept.
Luke	Albert	Peters		St. Joseph Twp. Fire Dept.
Tony	Joseph	Presley		St. Joseph Twp. Fire Dept.
Jordan	H.	Craig		Summitville-Van Buren Fire Dept.
Anthony	D.	DiMeglio	Jr.	Sunman Rural Fire Department Inc.
Terry	Lynn	Miller		Sunman Rural Fire Department Inc.
Gregory	Gilbert	Beard	Jr.	Topeka Vol. Fire Dept.
Harold	Eugene	Gieselman		Toyota Fire Dept.
Brandon	James	Harris		Toyota Fire Dept.
Dalton	Roy	Harris		Ward Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Joshua	Lester	Sorrels		Ward Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.
Ty	Bryant	Mercer		Waveland Comm. Vol. Fire Dept.
Lisa	Dawn	Ellis		Webster Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
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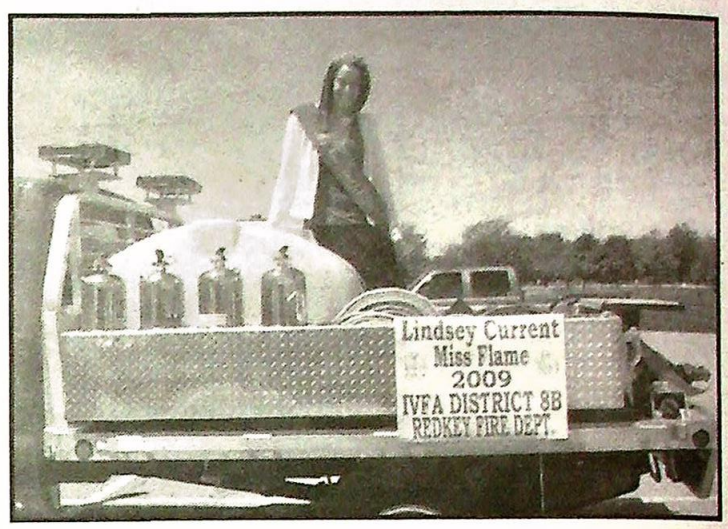
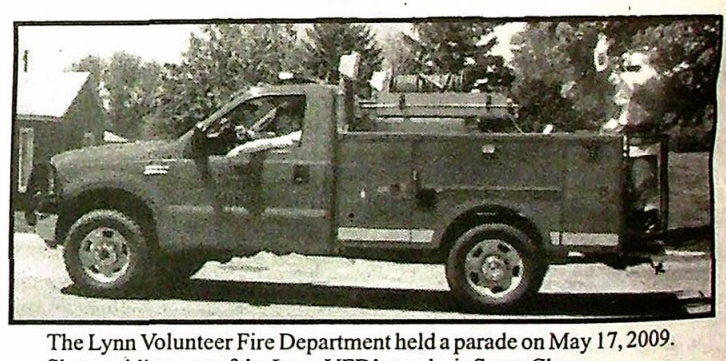
Lynn VFD holds May 2009 parade



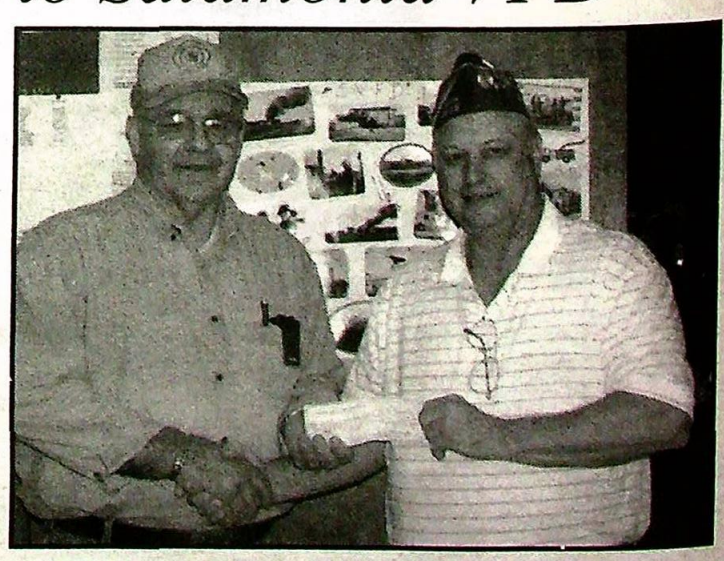
Attending the parade was Lindsey Current, District 8B Miss Flame, riding on the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department's grass truck. *– submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B*

Shown here in the parade is the Lynn VFD fire truck.



The Lynn Volunteer Fire Department held a parade on May 17, 2009. Shown riding one of the Lynn VFD's trucks is Santa Claus.

VFW presents check to Salamonia VFD



Richard Smith, Commander of the Fort Recovery VFW, presented the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department with a $400.00 check.

Pictured (from left to right) is Lloyd Wright, Fire Chief of the Salamonia VFD and Richard Smith, Commander of the VFW. *– submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B*

Public Relations Director West Central

Diane Harrison

Hi Fellow Firefighters and Friends,

Hope everyone had a good summer.

I am just getting home from Wright Twp., Lewis Twp., and Jasonville Fire Departments' Fire Prevention activities for our communities. We also spent all day Friday in Shakamak Schooks talking to K - 6 grades. Hope every department does some kind of Fire Prevention activity either in the schools or our communities. You never know, if what we teach them saves one life then our efforts are worth it.

The Membership and Marketing Committee participated in the Indiana Emergency Conference this year. I would like to thank Carol Thrawley, Jerry 'Spook' Sprague, Kristen Wylie, Sherry McFarland and Harold Harrison for helping me work the two day event.

I was able to attend District 21 meeting at Randolph-Romney Fire Department. There is a lot of good information at these meetings; every department needs to be represented.

I apologize to Districts 11A and 11B for missing their annual picnic and to District 12 for missing their meeting for medical reasons. But I am doing well and should be back on track now.

The 2010 Convention Committee is working hard to bring you a great time in Terre Haute. Please make plans to attend.

Thanks to everyone for the cards and calls, it was greatly appreciated.

Until next time stay safe.

Diane Harrison
West Central Public Relations

Classic Marble and Stone presented Global Award

The District 7 Global Award was presented to Classic Marble and Stone in Hoagland, Indiana and to its owner Mike Sorg and employees.

The award was presented by Mort Sorg, PRNE and Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman. – *submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.*

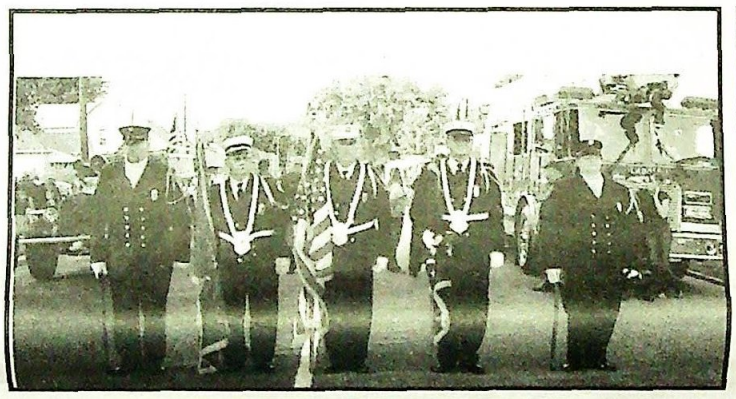
Dan Jordan receives 25 year service pin

A 25 year pin was presented to Dan Jordan of Markle VFD, District 7.

The pin was presented by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman and Mort Sorg, PRNE. – *submitted by Walt Reiter, District 7 chairman.*

District 11B Honor Guard

Participates in Clinton Little Italy parade

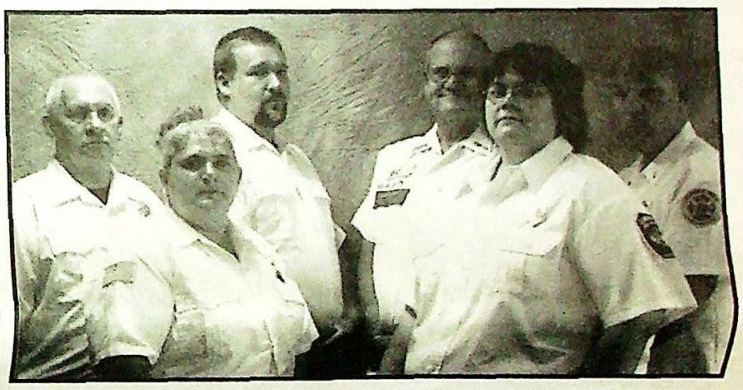


We are proud to announce the 11B District Honor Guard officers (left to right: back row) – President Jack Giles (Reelsville), Assistant Coordinator Kris Froschauen (Clinton City), Coordinator Dowayne Osborne (Cayuga), Vice President Don Klinge (Fairview). (Left to right, front row) – Treasurer/Photographer Kaye Hanna (Reelsville) and Secretary Niki Yates (Clinton City).

The 11B District Honor Guard Unit is open to anyone in the 11B District who holds an IVFA card. This is open to current and past members of any of the 11B District.

We are proud to say that we have had a good turnout on members joining, but there is always room for more.

Anyone interested in joining the unit can contact any officer to receive an application. – *submitted by Richard Cornelius*



The 11B District Honor Guard Unit was proud to be a part of the Clinton Little Italy Parade.

Left to right are: Kris Froschauen, Jack Giles, Don Klinge, Dowayne Osborne, and Niki Yates.

Look for us in future parades; we hope to have more of our members in upcoming parades. – *submitted by Richard Cornelius*

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Maurice "Mort" Sorg

PRNE and all Friends,

I hope everyone had a successful Fire Prevention Week. Be sure and remind your friends and neighbors to check their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors now that the winter season is upon us.

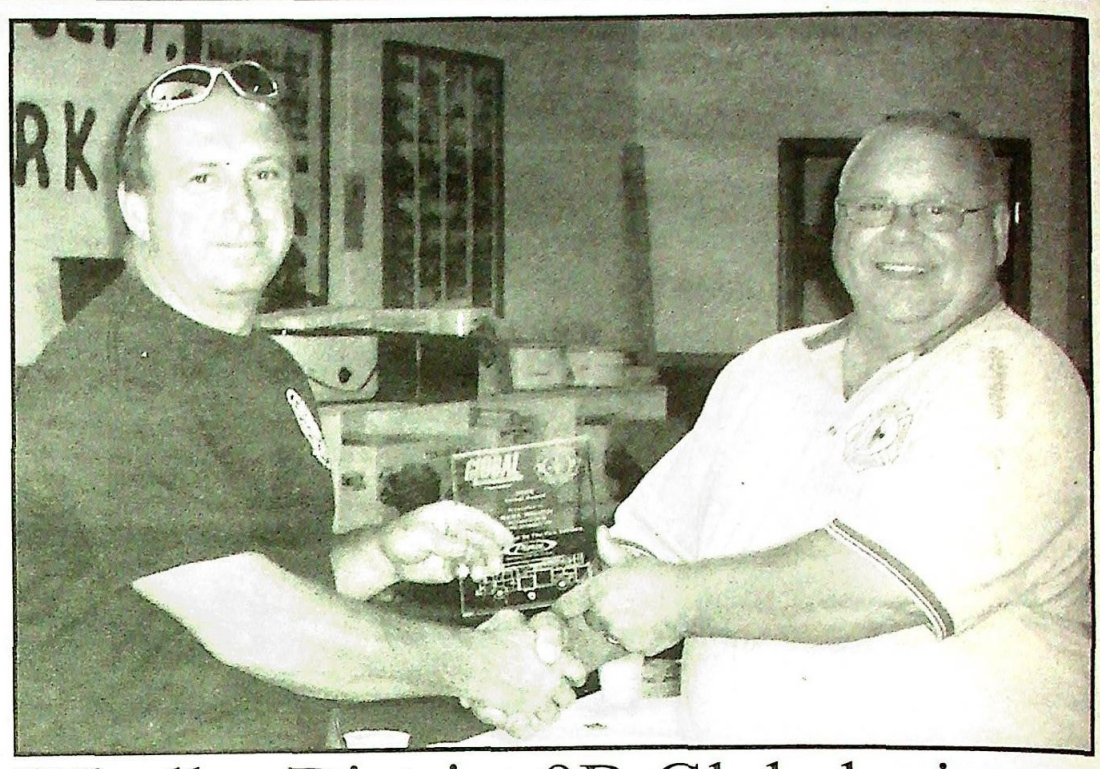
Be sure and stay in contact with the legislative committee and your legislators as the IVFA pushes for issues to better the volunteer fire service.

Don't forget to send nominations for all of the awards: Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandberg, Angel Award, Lois Boaz, and Global Award. There are so many deserving people out there. Take the time to sit down and write a letter of recommendation. The deadline for most of these awards is February 1, 2010.

This year will end nearly 40 years of serving as an officer of the IVFA. I would like to thank everyone for the true friendships Toni and I have formed over these years. Keep me informed as I still enjoy visiting your fund raisers and meeting fellow volunteer firefighters.

May everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving! A Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year from us folks from Poe to you throughout the state.

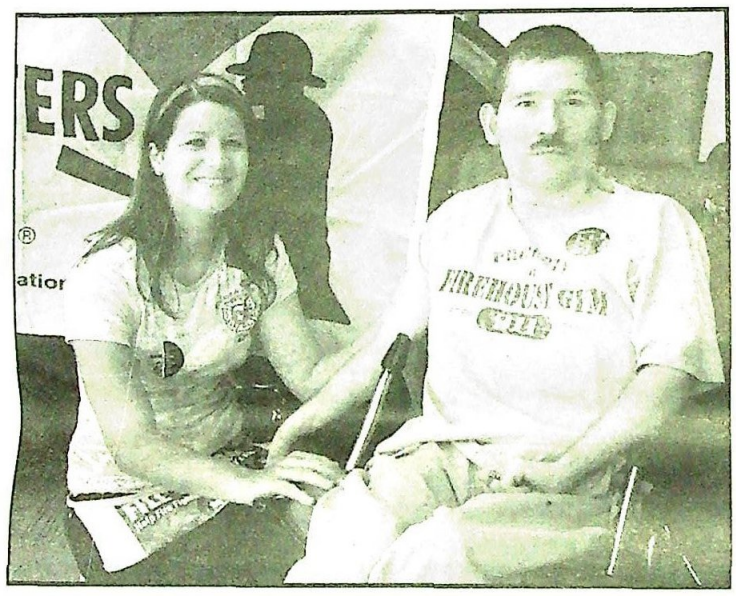
Mort Sorg
Public Relations Northeast



Windler District 9B Global winner

Randy Keith Windler has been a member on our department for 22 years and was chief for 18 of those years.

He is still an active member and serves as an assistant chief for the past 2 ½ years. – *submitted by Randy Denton, District 9B chairman*



Lake Station FD collects for MDA

Lake Station Fire Department collected $3,876.00 for MDA on Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13.

Shown is District 1 Miss Flame Mary Ann Fazekas with Michael Klym. – *submitted by Dave Klym, assistant chief, Lake Station Fire Dept.*

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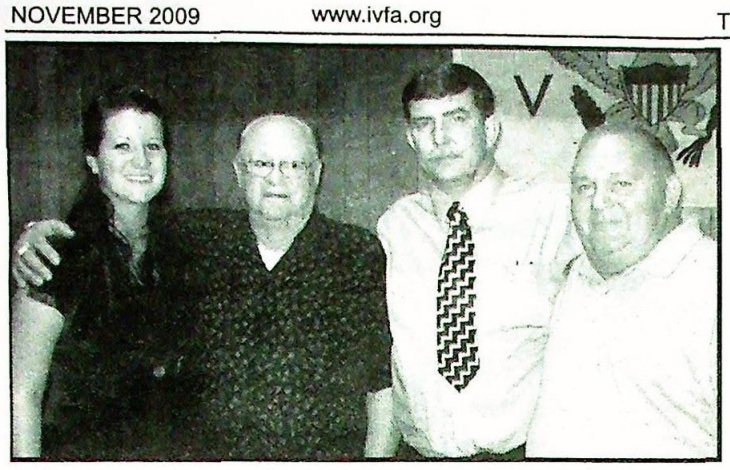
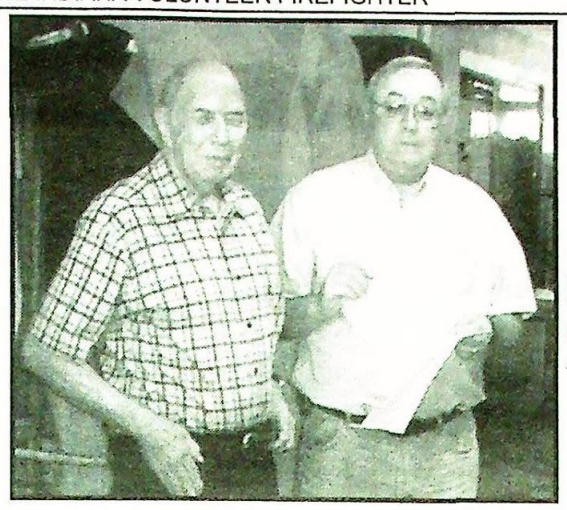


Retirement party held for Lake Station firemen

A retirement party for four Lake Station firemen was held at the V.F.W. on September 19, 2009.

Pictured are: District 1 Miss Flame Mary Ann Fazekas, Chief Ronald Good – 52 years of service, assistant chief Darrell Lowe – 23 years of service, assistant chief David Klym – 33 years of service.

Not pictured was fireman James Rosendaul with 28 years of service for a total of 136 years on the department. – *submitted by Dave Klym, assistant chief, Lake Station Fire Dept.*



Ray Wright presented with 50 Year Gold card

PRNW Jim Bradford presented retired Lake Station Volunteer Fire Department firefighter Ray Wright with his 50 year Gold Card at the department business meeting held July 14th. – *submitted by Jim Bradford, PRNW.*

25 year pins awarded to Griffith VFD members

PRNW Jim Bradford and District 1 chairman Tom Orrell presented Martin Michaels, Scott Delauro and Michael Cope of the Griffith Volunteer Fire Department with their 25 year pins at the department's September 14th business meeting. – *submitted by Jim Bradford, PRNW.*

From The Vice President

L.E. "Buz" Koehler

This is my last article as your Vice President and I want to thank all of you for your support during my term. I have had the unique privilege to travel around the state representing you and it has been a pleasure. It is hard to put into words the dedication I have witnessed as I traveled, at every department and every meeting.

I will continue to work for the volunteer firefighters wherever I go and whatever capacity or job I'm assigned to, as a past president. I will continue to travel to meetings and events and I will attend your department functions if you will send me an invite.

I will continue to serve on the legislative committee as appointed by our president and help in gathering information that will assist us with legislation before, during, and after legislative sessions.

The Web Site will continue to improve, and many more ideas will be planned for the future. If you have suggestions, please feel free to send your suggestions to the Web Master.

Please be safe out there and I'll see you at the district meetings.

Buz Koehler,
Vice President

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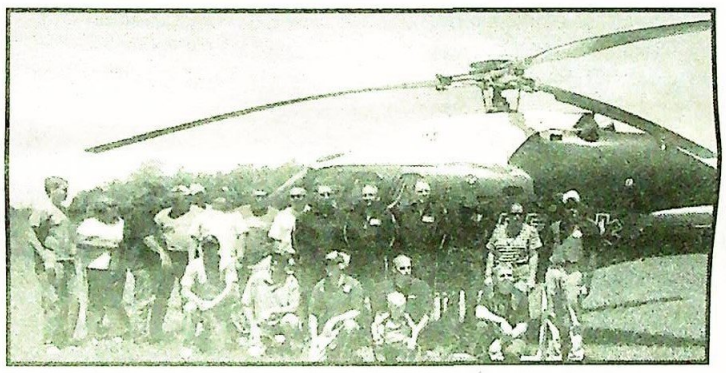
Salamonia VFD holds Life Air training



The Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department had training with Life Air from Muncie, Indiana on July 12, 2009 at the station.

Shown in the top picture above are the crew and members of the Salamonia department.

Area departments were also invited. – *submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B*

Compton completes Homeland Security training

Emergency Responder Ricky J. Compton, Sr., from Liberty Township Fire Department, recently completed Homeland Security training at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CPD), located in Anniston, Alabama.

The CPD is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and is the only federally-chartered Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) training facility in the Nation.

Rick is pictured in the second row on the right side. – *submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B*

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Space heater tips . . . . . .

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5. Turn the space heater off if you leave the area. Keep children and pets away from space heaters.

6. Have a smoke detector with fresh batteries on each level of the house and a carbon monoxide detector outside your sleeping area.

7. Be aware that mobile homes require specially designed heating equipment. Only electric or vented fuel-fired heaters should be used.

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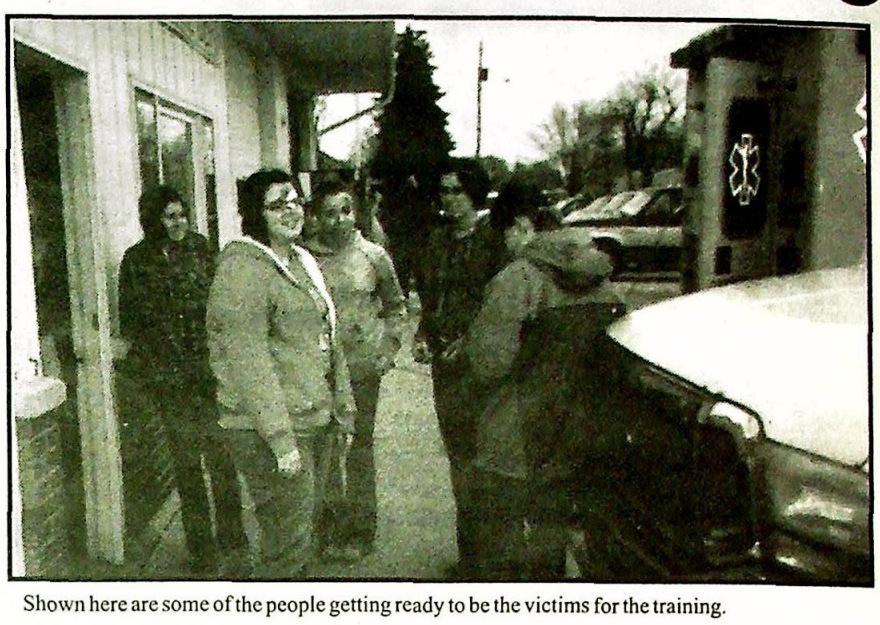
Salamonia VFD holds rescue training

The Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department held rescue training on April 19, 2009. Area firefighters, EMS, and Rescue 19 participated in the training. Shown here is a victim that was thrown out of the windshield of the car. Sure looks like the real thing. – *submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B*



Shown here are some of the people getting ready to be the victims for the training.

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IVFA 2010 Convention Itinerary

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WEDNESDAY - JUNE 16, 2010

12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Registration	Holiday Inn - The Village Green
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Vendor Displays	Holiday Inn - Chestnut Hall
10:00 a.m. - ??	Golf Outing	Hulman Links
2:00 p.m. - ??	Cornhole Games for Supporting Heroes	Holiday Inn -
6:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Opening Ceremony	Vigo County Fairgrounds
6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	Picnic	Vigo County Fairgrounds
7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Mixer	Vigo County Fairgrounds
8:00 p.m. - ??	Auction for Hoosier Burn Camp	Vigo County Fairgrounds
9:30 (Dark) close	Fireworks Display	Vigo County Fairgrounds

THURSDAY - JUNE 17, 2010

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Registration	Holiday Inn - The Village Green
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Vendor Displays	Holiday Inn - Chestnut Hall
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Judging (closed)	Holiday Inn – Gallery & Cherry
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Women Tour	Clabber Girl
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Men Tour	????
11:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Seminar ??	
11:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Another Seminar ??	
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Luncheon	Holiday Inn - Sycamore Grove
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Men Tour	????
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Women Tour	????
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Miss Flame Judging (open)	Holiday Inn - Gallery
3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	IVFA Officers Meeting	Holiday Inn - Gallery
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	IVFAA Officers Meeting	Holiday Inn - Terrace West
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Hot Dog/Beer Bust	Holiday Inn - The Village Green
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Opening Meeting	South Vigo High School
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.	Entertainment	Holiday Inn

FRIDAY - JUNE 18, 2010

7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.	Coffee Klatch	Davis Avenue Baptist Church
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Registration	Holiday Inn – The Village Green
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Memorial Service	Davis Avenue Baptist Church
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	IVFA Business Meeting	South Vigo High School
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	IVFAA Business Meeting	South Vigo High School
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Your choice
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1:30 p.m. - close	IVFA Business Meeting	South Vigo High School
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6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Banquet	Holiday Inn - Chestnut Hall
9:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.	Entertainment	Holiday Inn - Chestnut Hall

Converse Homecoming Days celebrated by many

CONVERSE – The Converse Homecoming Days were held in September and were celebrated by many, both young and old.

The weekend was highlighted by the big parade which included celebrities from Converse who have been inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame (members Phil McCarter, Bob Macy, and Monte Towe) and Indiana Football Hall of Fame member Jim Law, being honored.

The Converse Volunteer Fire Department offered waterball fights to area departments and the kids from the community.

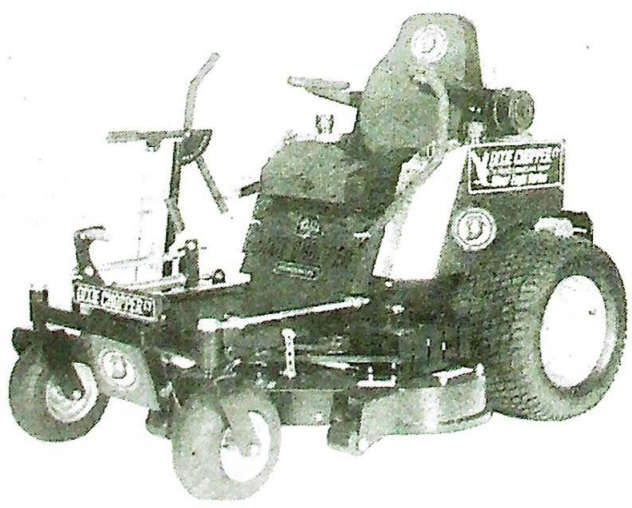
Below is the youngest fireman, 4 year old Will Warnock, competing with his Dad in one of the contests, along with cousin Blake Fox. – *submitted by Greg Warnock, Converse Vol. Fire Dept.*

Fundraiser tickets to be on sale

The Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association will be selling raffle tickets as a fundraiser for the 2010 Convention which will be held in Terre Haute, Indiana June 16-June 19.

The drawing will be held Friday, June 18, 2010.

1st Prize is a Model 2744 Dixie Chopper (shown at right).
2nd Prize is a 14" Echo Chain Saw
3rd Prize is a Stihl Trimmer



The Dixie Chopper is one of a kind. There will never be another one built like it. It has a special paint application that sets it off from the rest. The plant for these Dixie Choppers is located about one mile east of Fillmore, Indiana.

Bryant VFD receives plaque

The Bryant Volunteer Fire Department received a plaque for having the oldest fire truck in the Montpelier Jamboree Parade held on September 5, 2009.

Pictured from left to right are Eldon Morrical and Kylee Bell, District 8B Miss Flame runner-up. – *submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B*

Haubstadt Fire Territory breaks ground on new fire station

The Haubstadt Fire Territory recently broke ground on a new fire station. According to Chief Ross, the current station is land locked and is too small for the rapidly growing community.

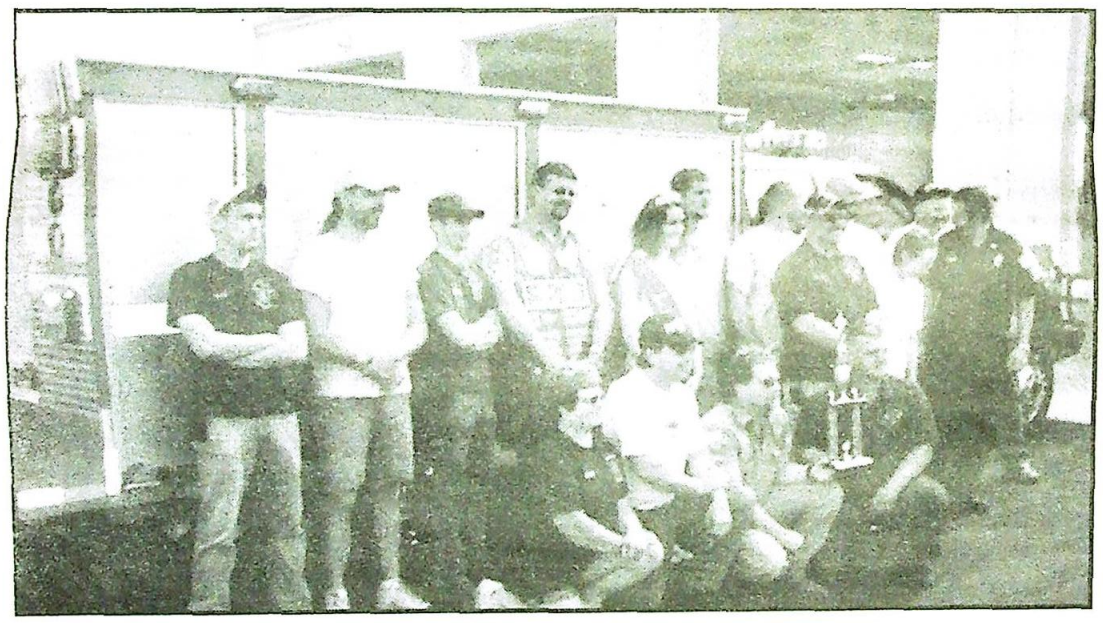
Russ Winkler owner of Holiday Foods donated 1 (one) acre of land and the fire department purchased the rest very reasonably.

The new station will have a grand opening in early 2010.

Pictured in the top photo - front row: Travis Meyer, Chris Hish and Paul Goedde. Second row: Steve Hisch, Justin Reising, Sandy Hipp, Ross Emery, Bo Ross, Brad Benkert and Kara Joyce. Third row: Corey Wilzbacher and John Joyce.

In the second photo are Chief Bo Ross and Russ Winkler, owner of Holiday Foods. – article and pictures by Jack Kerney.

Dunkirk VFD holds new station dedication



Pictured with the new rescue truck at the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department dedication are from left to right - front row: Renee Blumenhorst, Jack McDonald, Layne Wright, and Gary Green.

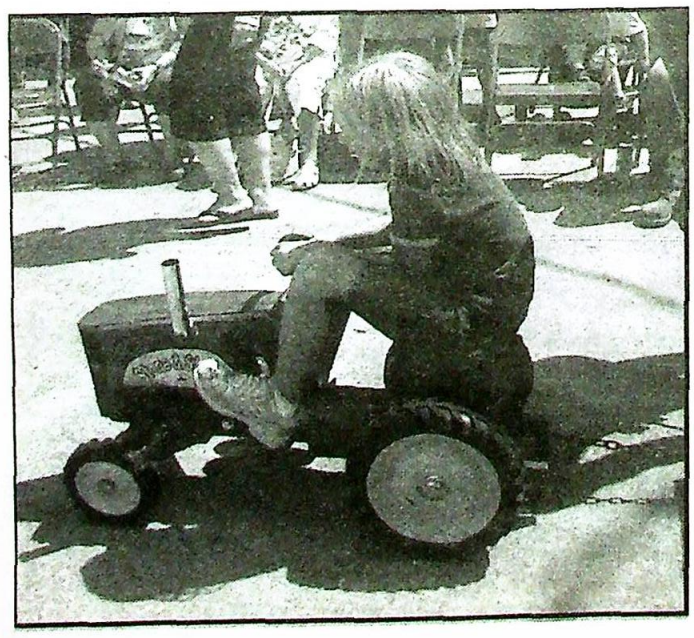
Back row - Michael Sisco, Tom Dornberger, Brandon Wilmann, Richard Long, Lindsey Current - District 8B Miss Flame, Nick Willoughby, Devon Messersmith, Shan Willoughby, Brandon Willoughby, John Willoughby and Megan Sollars. *–submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B*

The Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department held the dedication of their new station on May 30, 2009.

Lloyd Wright, District 8B chairman, presented them with a new clock.

Shown in the picture - from left to right are: Lloyd Wright, 8B chairman, Larry Wright, Jim Millikan, Lindsey Current - District 8B Miss Flame, and Richard Long.

Celestine hosts tractor pull



The Celestine VFD (Dubois Co., District 18) held its 26th annual tractor pull on Sunday, August 23 at the Celestine Community Club.

Participants competed in 10 different classes including a lawn mower division. The kids even got in on the fun as a contest was held for them as well, with contestants "peddling their way to awards".

Bar-b-que and fried chicken dinners, soup and sandwiches, and homemade desserts were also served. Unseasonably cool and dry weather added to the hugely successful event.

Hasenour commented, "Our community supports us a lot, and entries come from near and far to compete." Funds from the event to go to the operational expenses of the Department. *– submitted by John C. "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman.*

Classic cars roll in for the St. Anthony Fireman's Fest

On Saturday, August 15 the normal "quiet" in the town of St. Anthony was replaced by the roar of street rods and show bikes as the 13th annual "Show and Shine" was held.

The event, part of the St. Anthony VFD Fireman's Fest, now in its 18th year, brought in a total of 147 vehicles and 34 motorcycles.

St. Anthony Fire Chief Scott Uebelhor reported that this year's show was a new record number of entries, and plans are being made to be able to handle even more entries next year.

In addition to the car show, the fest also included activities such as games for younger kids, and a "corn hole" tournament for the grown-ups. A beer garden, live band entertainment, and a street dance were also held. The food is always a big part of the fest and choices ranged from chicken nuggets, ham and cheese burgers, to the "nearly world famous" St. Anthony fried chicken dinners, of which approximately 2,000 were sold.

Chief Uebelhor said, "this event is crucial to the community and assist surrounding communities, but the event is also a signature event for St. Anthony and Jackson township of working together for a cause and bringing thousands of people to town to enjoy a day of fun and a chance to win prizes from our raffle."

Uebelhor then remarked, "The raffle is the biggest percentage of income for the day, and we thank the 160+ businesses and individuals who donated prizes, and to the many, many people who purchased the tickets to anchor our day." *– submitted by John C. "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman.*

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Boone Township receives new E1 pumper

Boone Township received an 2010 E1 Pumper with money given to us by our County Commissioners and Council out of Riverboat revenue monies on July 13th, 2009.

Boone Township has waited and dreamed for ages of buying a new front line pumper. The last new pumper received was an 1992 E1. It is now time for our 1992 Pumper to rest. It will still be in service but now it won't have to work so hard for us. This new E1 holds 970 gallons of water, 30 gallons of foam, and pumps 1250 gallons per minute.

Our fire fighters are so excited to have a great apparatus in our building.

Thank you Harrison County. – *submitted by Paul Holcomb, District 16 chairman*

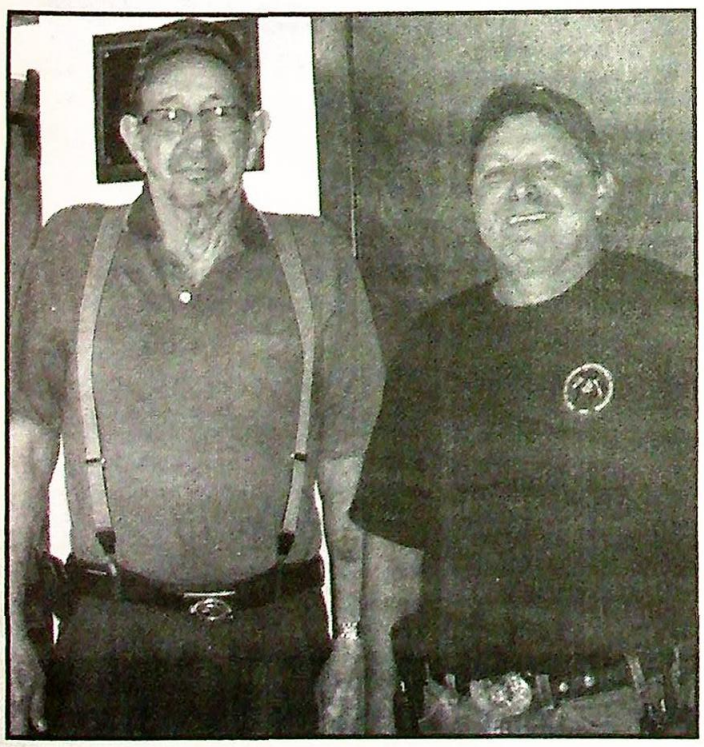
Firemen awarded 50 year pins for years of service

Louis Munier (left) of the North Madison VFD Fire Co. 5 receives his 50 year pin from District 14 chairman Rick Cannon.

Also Hirman Whisman received his 50 year pin at the IVFA District 14 funeral service and what a privilege to hand out these pins. – *submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman*

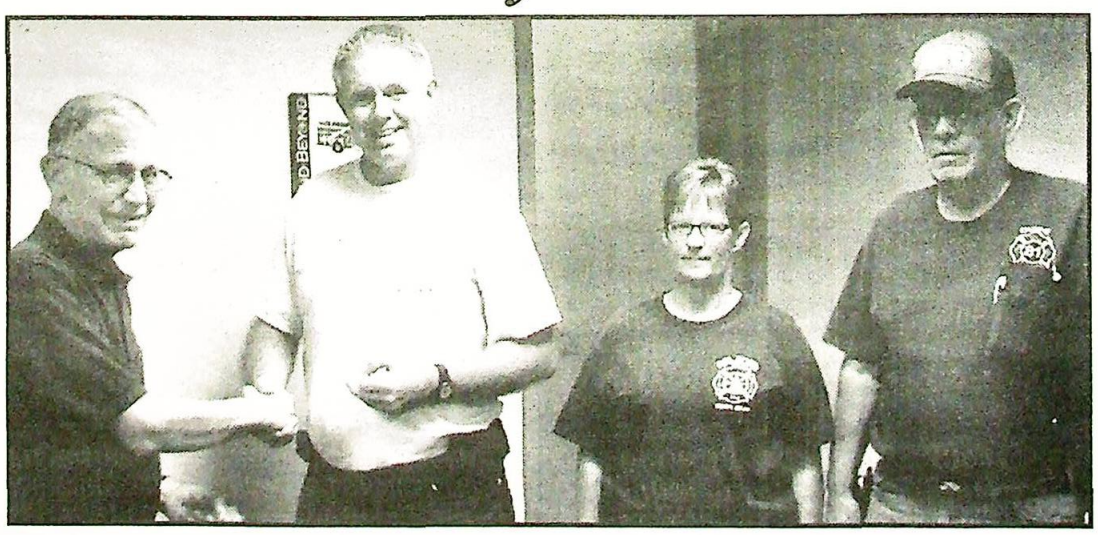
Twenty-five year pin presented to Jay Cunningham

Pictured (left to right) are District 5 chairman Tony Farrer, Jay Cunningham and Mort Sorg, PRNE director. – *submitted by Jean Smith.*



Bob Masters (left) of the Monroe Twp. Fire Dept. receives his 50 year pin from District 14 chairman Rick Cannon. – *submitted by Rick Cannon, District 14 chairman*

Eel River members receive 25 year awards



During our District 12 meeting at Eel River Twp. VFD, Chief John Berry, a 30 year veteran, received his IVFA 25 year pin with wife Debbie Berry, a 26 year veteran and Tom Lyle, a 44 year veteran.

Congratulations to all and thank you for your many years of service to the community.

(Pictured, left to right) – District 12 chairman Larry Bruner, Chief John Berry, Treasurer Debra Berry and member Thomas Lyle. – *submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.*

Two from Kouts VFD awarded 25 year pins

Harold T. Haman and Glen A. Olsen of Kouts VFD were presented their 25 year IVFA service pins by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman. – *submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.*

Roland "Bub" Wise presented awards

Roland E. "Bub" Wise was presented his 50 Year Gold Card and Certificate of Appreciation by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman and James Bradford, PRNW.

Also Bub was presented with a 50 year service plaque by Mayor David Uran of Crown Point. – *submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.*

Darwin Whited wins District 2 Global Award

Darwin R. Whited of Wheatfield VFD was presented the District 2 Global Award for 2009.

Paul Watland, District 2 chairman, made the presentation. – *submitted by Paul Watland, District 2 chairman.*

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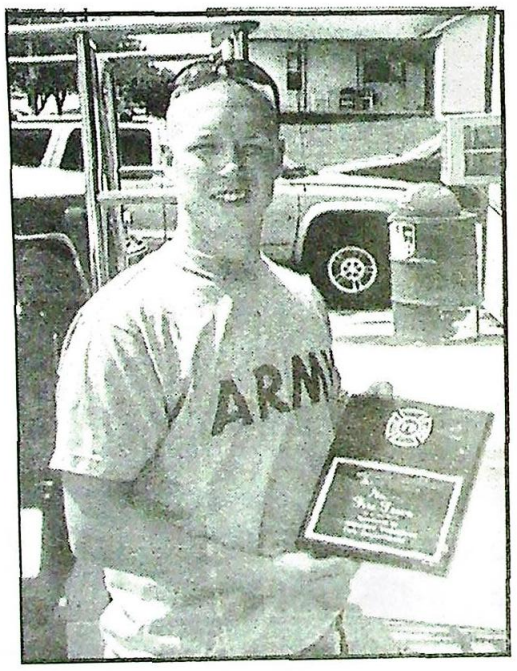
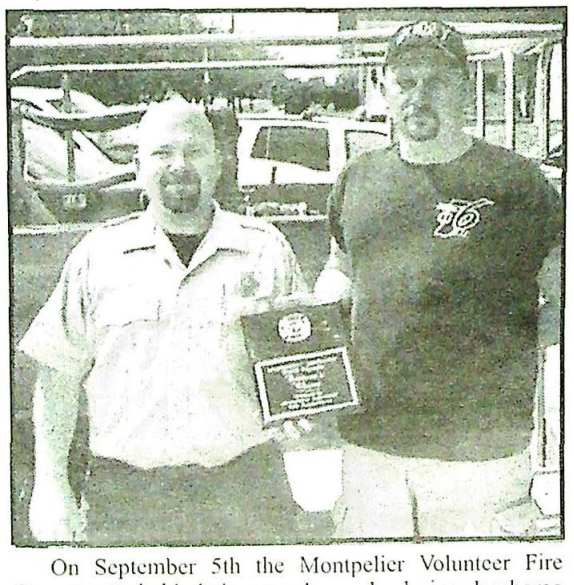
Montpelier VFD holds Jamboree Days in September



Receiving a plaque for having the newest fire truck at the annual Jamboree Day parade was Chester Township Volunteer Fire Department.

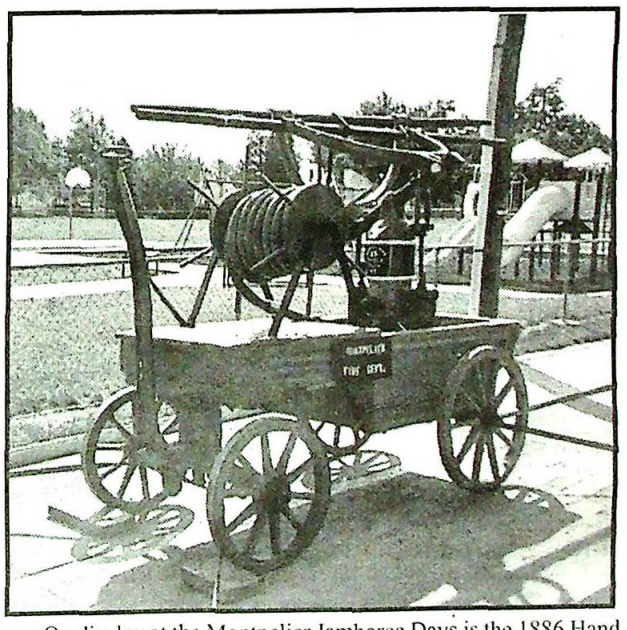
Pictured accepting the plaque is Tyson Zook.



On September 5th the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department held their annual parade during Jamboree Days.

Receiving the Firemen's Choice was District 6.

Pictured from left to right are Brad Elkins and Brian Osborn.



On display at the Montpelier Jamboree Days is the 1886 Hand cart owned by the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department.

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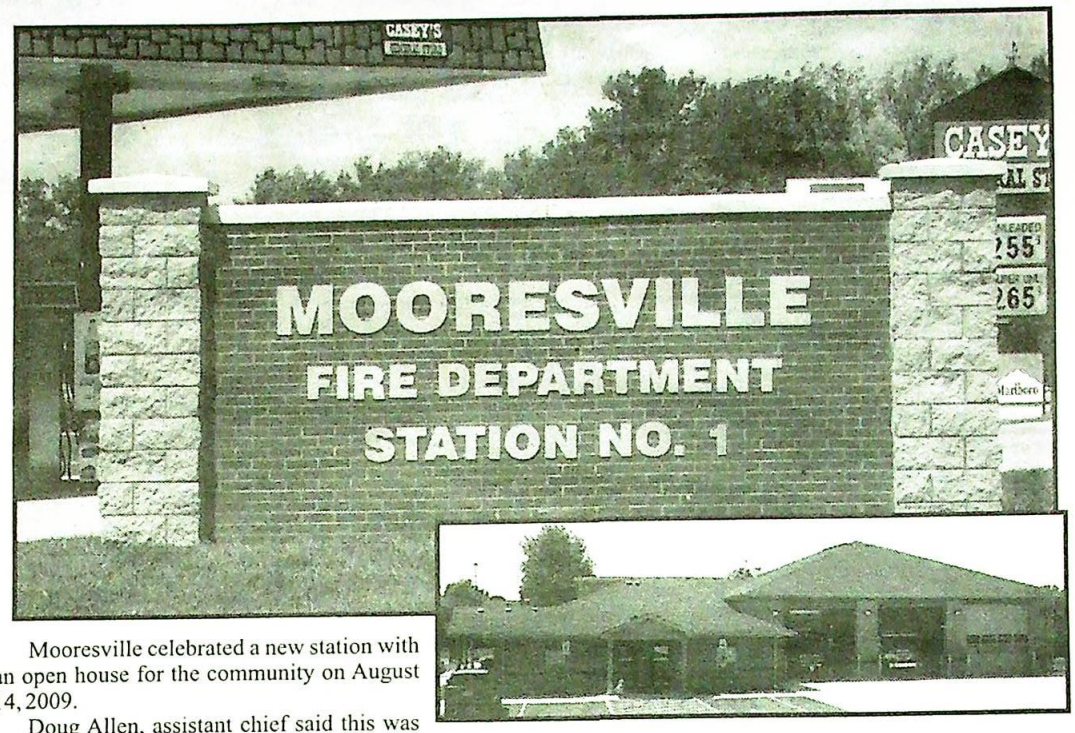
Waiting in line for the Montpelier Jamboree Days parade to start is Pennville Volunteer Fire Department's new 1998 Ford F350 grass truck.

A new station for Mooresville Fire Department

Chief Less Farmer receives IVFA clock for new station in Mooresville. Pictured (left to right) Chief Less Farmer and District 12 chairman Larry Bruner. – *submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.*



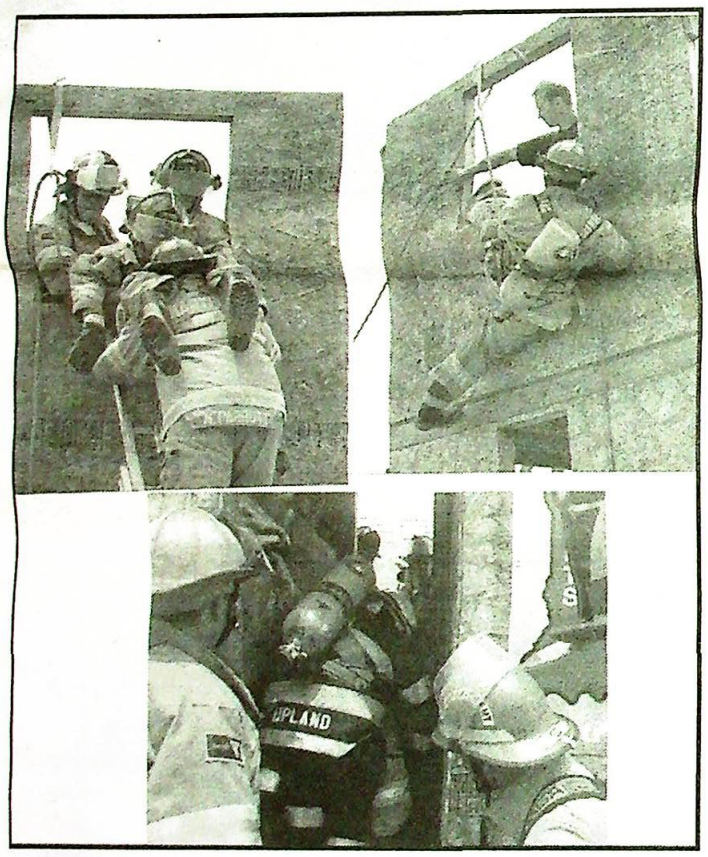
Mooresville celebrated a new station with an open house for the community on August 14, 2009.

Doug Allen, assistant chief said this was an extremely nice facility and a long time coming.

The 2.6 million dollar facility has housing, a training area, and a workout area to facilitate personnel.

Congratulations to the community of Mooresville on their new station.

Hartford City holds firefighter rescue class

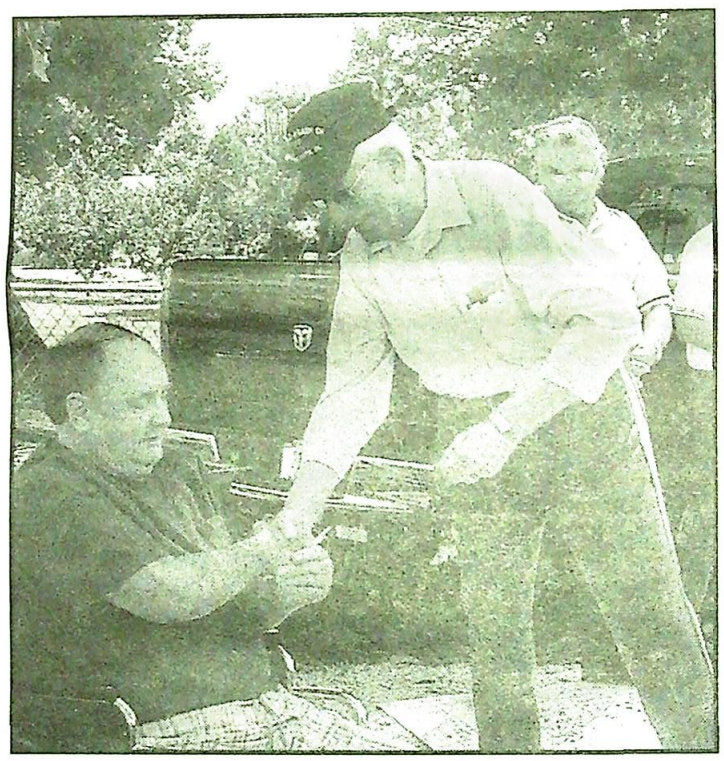


The Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department held a firefighter rescue class on June 6th and June 7th.

Firefighters from Hartford City, Montpelier, Upland and Marion participated.

The training was provided by the Indiana Firefighter Training Systems, District 6. – *submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B*

Connie Mankin presented 50 year Gold Card during annual picnic



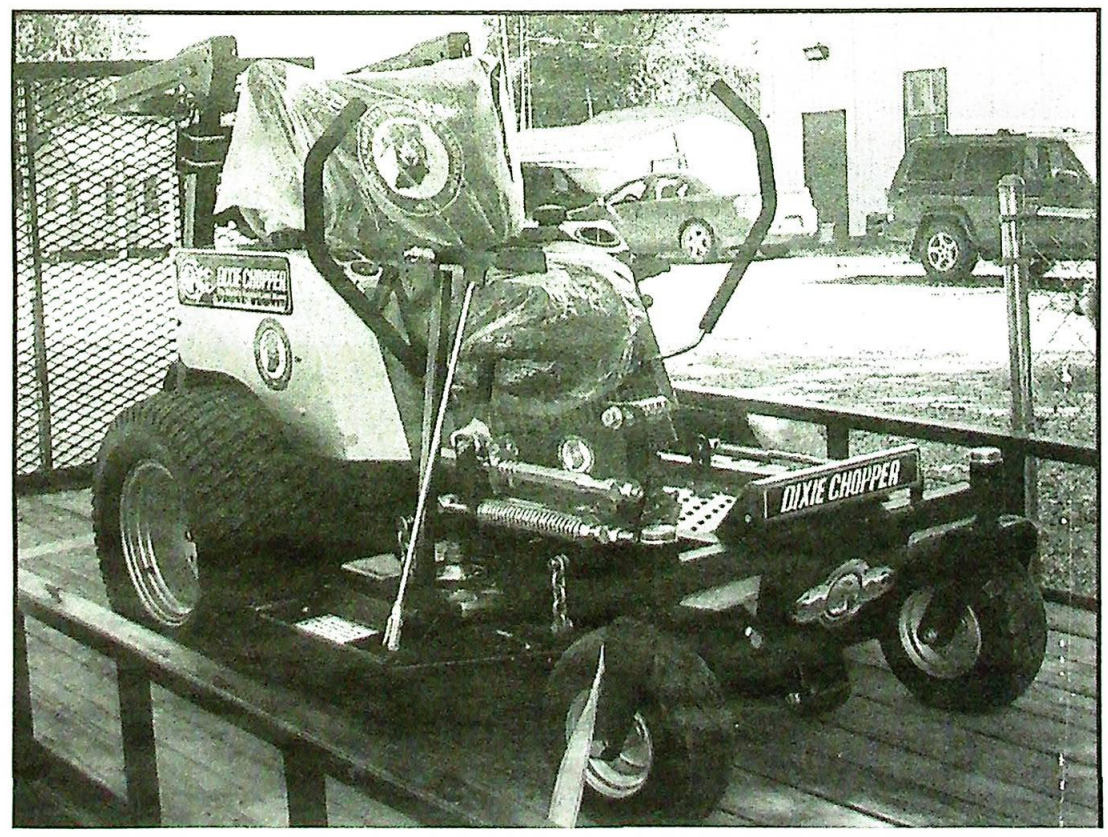
President of the Board Larry Ketchem presents Connie Mankin with his 50 Year Gold Card and Pin during the 11-A/11-B picnic. – *submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman*

2010 Convention committee selling tickets on Dixie Chopper

The IVFA 2010 convention committee will be selling tickets on this Dixie Chopper (pictured at right).

The tickets are 2 for $5.00.

If you need tickets or want some to sell, contact Lou Bartlow or 11-B chairman Larry Southard. – *submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman*



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Wright Township FD overall winners in Greene County games

Participants in the Greene County games - Wright Township Fire Department, won the over trophy with Richland Taylor, runner-up. – *submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman*

Haysville VFD hosts parade and Miss Flame contest

A bright and sunny day helped to provide for a huge success as the Haysville VFD hosted the IVFA District 18 Parade and Miss Flame contest on Sunday, 11 October. A total of 68 entries representing District 18 fire departments, along with local and civic organizations paraded the streets of Haysville.

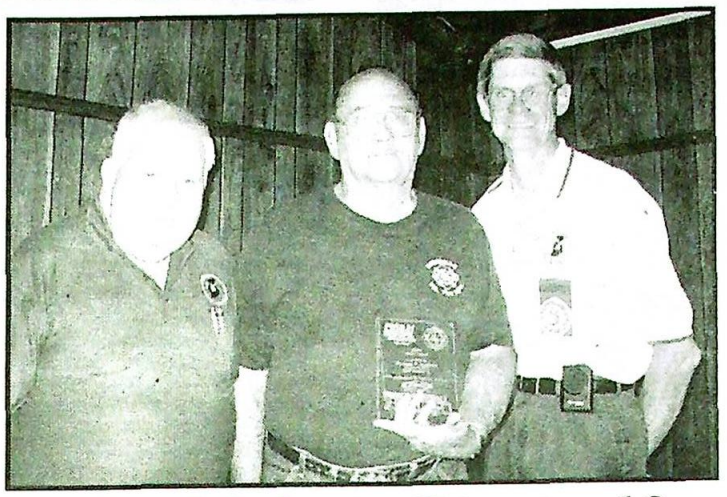
Following the parade, District 18 Miss Flame 2008 Hannah Verkamp, gave her farewell address and aided with the crowning of the new Miss Flame.

The 13 lovely ladies must have given the judges a "lot of work" trying to choose the finalists in the competition.

Riley Mehringer (*pictured far left*) representing the Haysville VFD was crowned "Miss Flame" for 2009. Riley is the daughter of John and Lori Fuhrman and Daryl and Kim Mehringer. Riley is 17 and a senior at Northeast Dubois High School. Riley will represent the Dist. 18 at the State Convention in June of 2010. First runner up was Chanel Tobin (*2nd from left*) representing the Ferdinand VFD. She is 17 and the daughter of Michael Tobin and Michele Jarboe. Chanel is a senior at Forest Park High School. Samantha Humbert (*2nd from right*) representing the Dubois VFD was chosen second runner up. She is 17 and the daughter of Keith Humbert and Joyce and Chester Partenheimer. Samantha is a junior at Dubois High School. Kelsie Andry (*far right*) representing the St. Anthony VFD was chosen "Miss Congeniality" by her fellow contestants. She is the daughter of Jeff and Joan Lechner and Patrick and Karen Andry, and a sophomore at Forrest Park High School. – *Article and photos submitted by John C. "Bull" Smith, Dist. 18 Chairman*

Hartford City VFD acquires new rescue truck

Shown here at left is Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department's new 1996 Freightliner rescue truck. – *submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B*

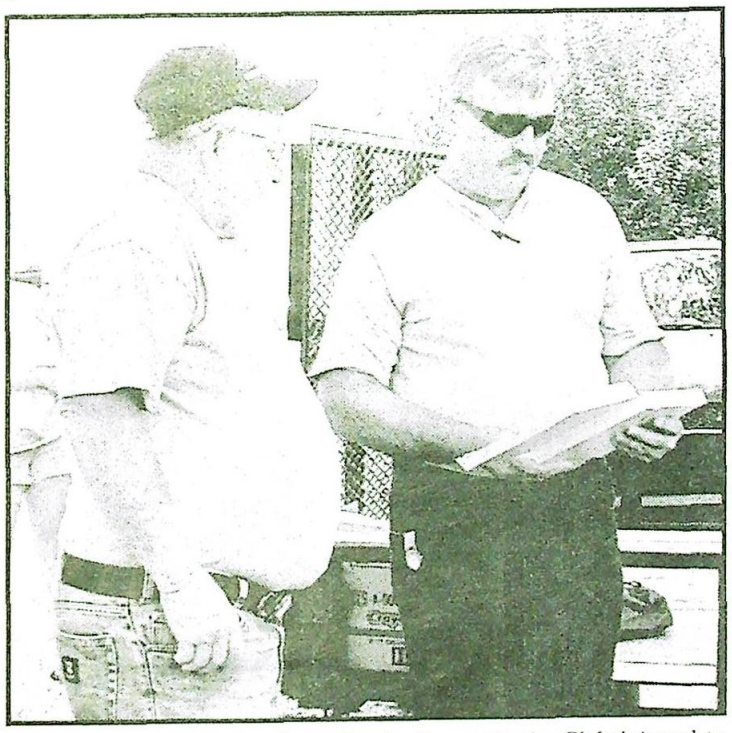


Richard Schmitt District 18 Global Award recipient

At the District 18 meeting of 16 July District Chairman John "Bull" Smith (*right*) presented the Global Award to Richard "Dick" Schmitt (*center*) while Dist. Sec/Tres. Ken "Pooch" Lau (*left*) read the following.

"The recipient of the 2009 Global Award for District 18 is no stranger to the fire service or the 18th District. Since this person joined his community's fire department many years ago, he continues to be active, although, maybe at a pace just a little slower than he used to be. Over the years, he has served in various capacities on the department, including chief, assistant chief, training officer, medical aid first responder (one of the first in his county) and also served on the board of directors. He is active in his church and also in his community, as well community organizations and their fundraisers. The winner has a heart of gold. He took a part-time job after retiring from his regular place of employment to supplement his income. When the economy started its downhill slide, he told his employer to give his job to someone who needed the money to support his or her family. In the past few years, he has become quite an accomplished chef. He is a past district officer who still avails himself to the district fundraisers and attends most all the district's memorial services. I know a lot of people have a favorite nickname for him (jokingly, of course) and I am one of them. But at this time we will refer to him as Friend. This year's Global Award Winner for District 18 is Richard R. "Dick" Schmitt, Haysville Volunteer Fire Department." – *Photo and article courtesy John "Bull" Smith & Ken "Pooch" Lau*

2009 Global Award presented to Anthony Rohr



District 11-B chairman Larry Southard presents the Global Award to Anthony Rohr during the 11-A/11-B picnic. – *submitted by Jack McFarland, District 11-A chairman*

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50 Year Gold Card Presentation

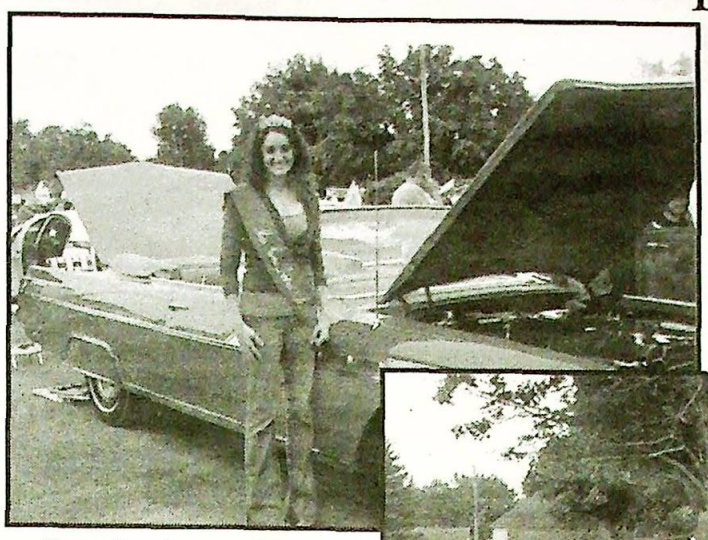
At the District 15 meeting of 15 September, Robert E. "Red" Smith (left) was presented with the IVFA 50 year membership Gold Card from his son District 18 Chairman John C. "Bull" Smith.

"Red" as he is known to just about everyone, was a founding member of the Smith Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. when it organized in 1954. He retired from active service in 1991.

Smith was an original staff member of North Posey High School when it opened in 1959, and retired in 1991 as Maintenance Supervisor.

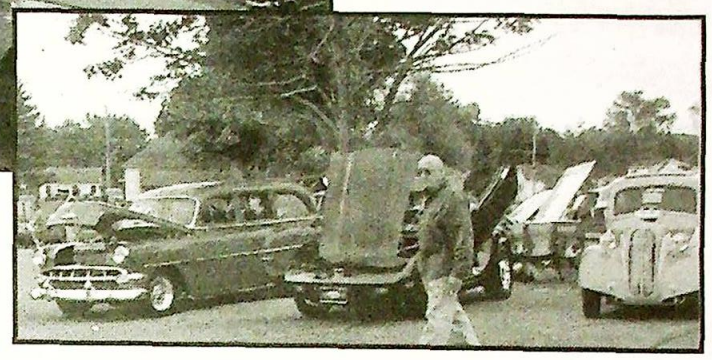
He and his wife of 54 years, Mary "Pat" have three children and seven grandchildren. – *submitted by John C. "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman*

Eaton VFD holds antique car show



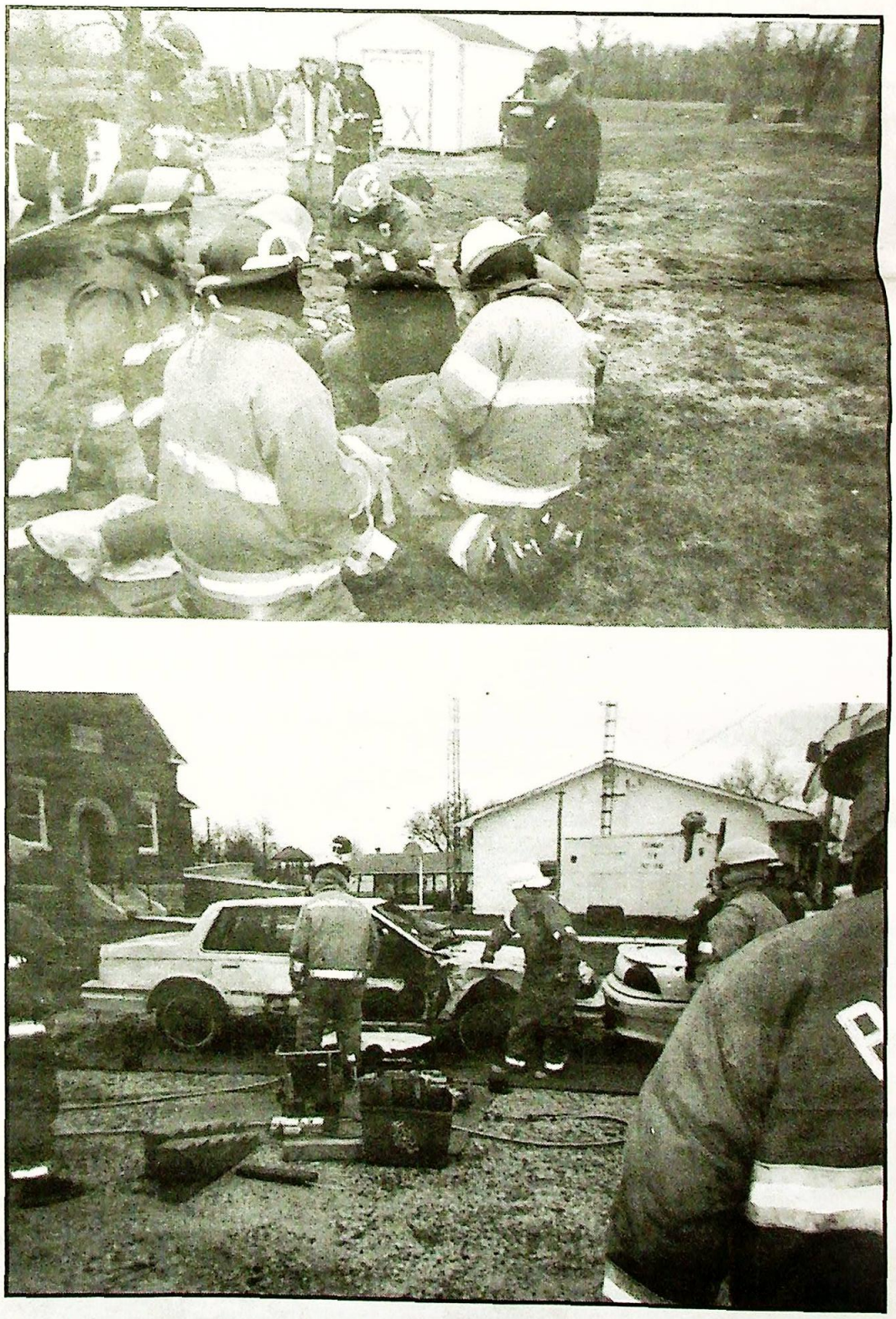
The Eaton Volunteer Fire Department held a car show on May 25, 2009 at their station.

Pictured here is Lindsey Current, District 8B Miss Flame with one of the cars. – *submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B*



Shown here is some of the crowd enjoying the Antique Car Show held by the Eaton Volunteer Fire Department on May 25, 2009.

Salamonia VFD holds rescue training for area firefighters



The Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department held rescue training on April 19, 2009. Area firefighters, EMS, and Rescue 19 participated in the training. – *submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B*

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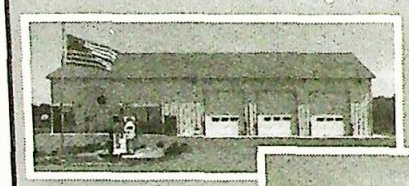

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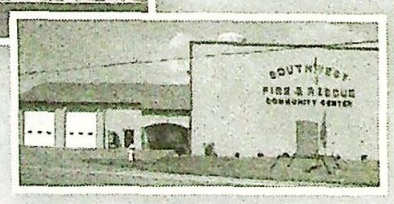

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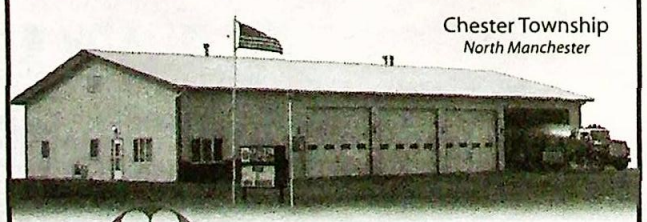

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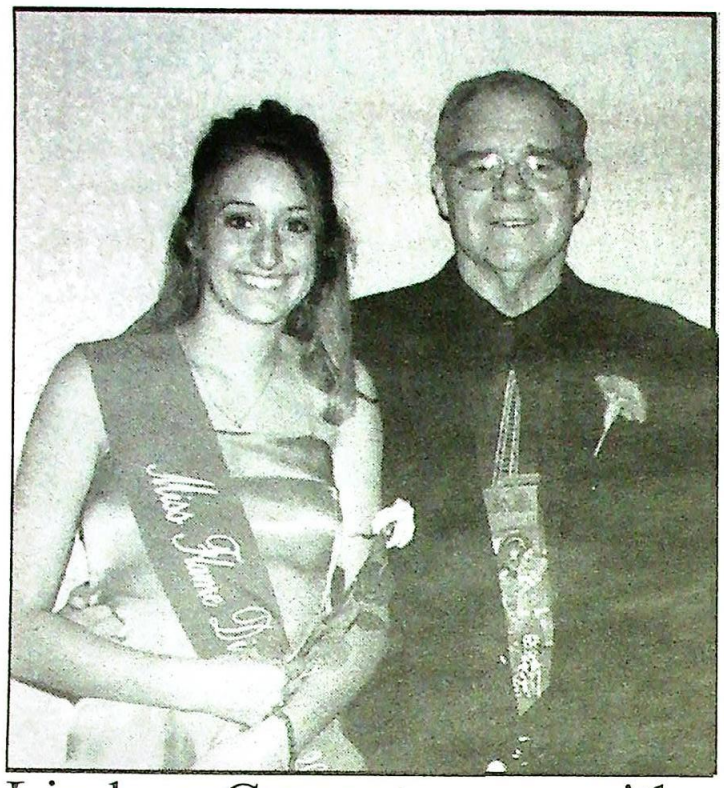


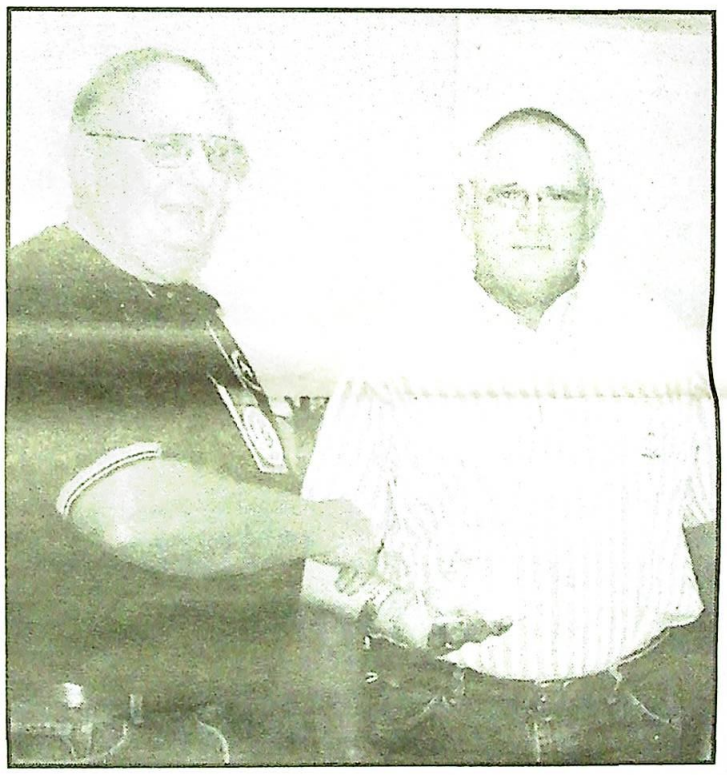
Lindsey Current poses with District 8B chairman Wright

Pictured with Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman is Lindsey Current, District 8B Miss Flame, at the convention held in June in Indianapolis.

Lindsey is from the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department. – *submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B*

Don Vermillion 2009 Ollie Sandberg award winner

District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland presents Don Vermillion a jacket from District 11-A in honor of Don being the 2009 Ollie Sandberg award winner. – *submitted by Jack McFarland, Distrit 11-A chairman*



Dave Phelps District 11-A Global Award winner

District 11-A chairman Jack McFarland presents Dave Phelps the District 11-A Global Award. – *submitted by Jack McFarland, Distrit 11-A chairman*

Mooresville station presented IVFA clock

Chief Less Farmer receives an IVFA clock for the new station in Mooresville.

Pictured (left to right) Chief Less Farmer and District 12 chairman Larry Bruner. – *submitted by Larry Bruner, District 12 chairman.*

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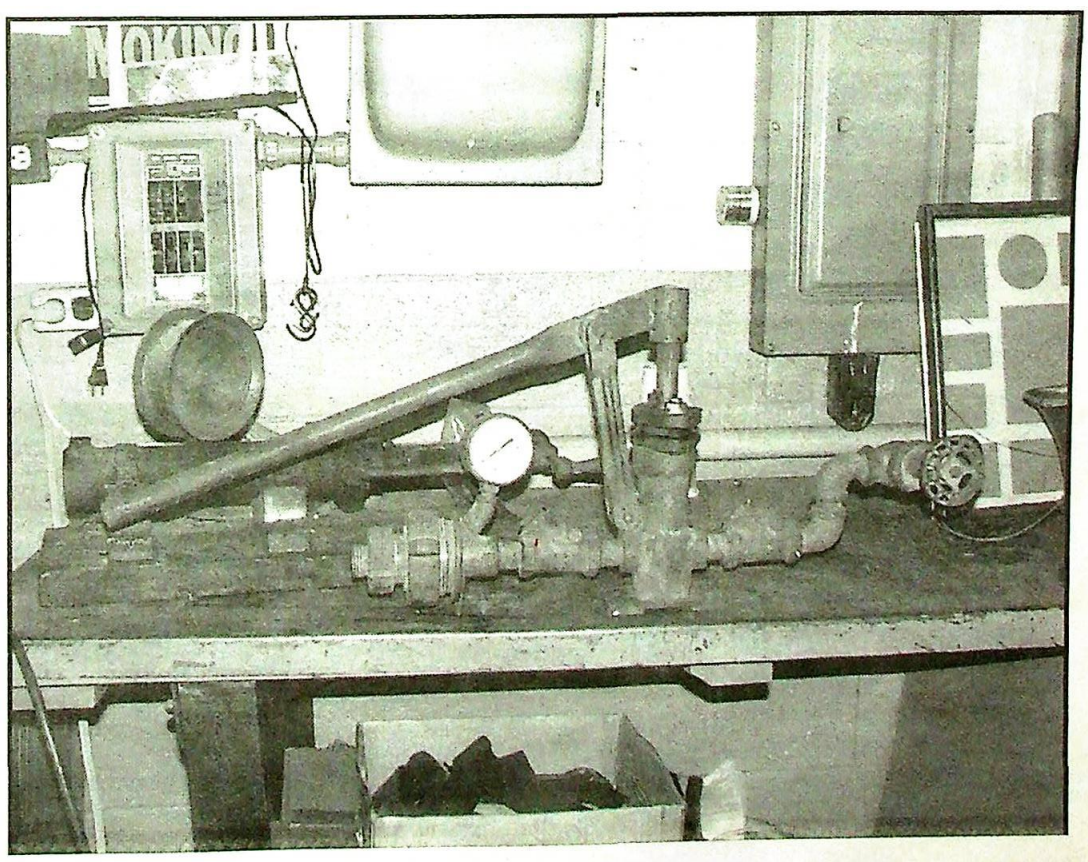
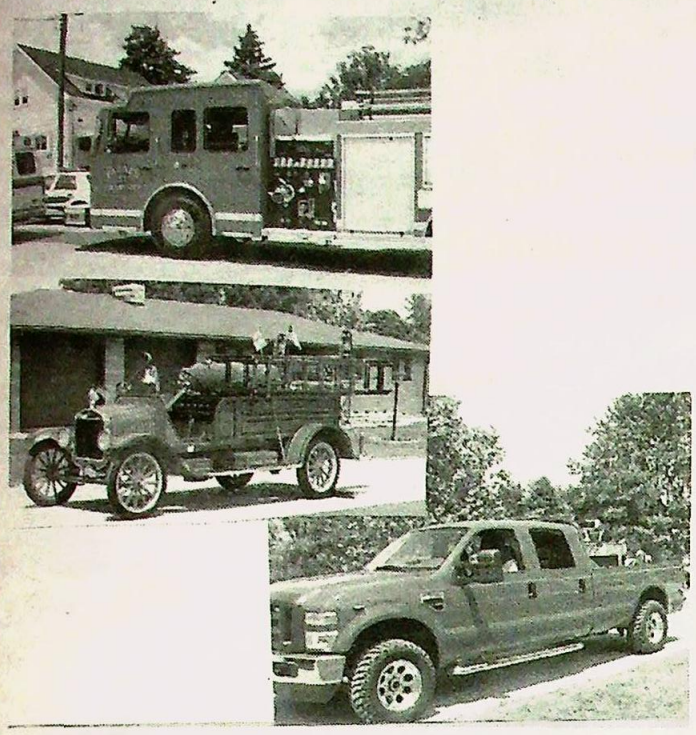
submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B



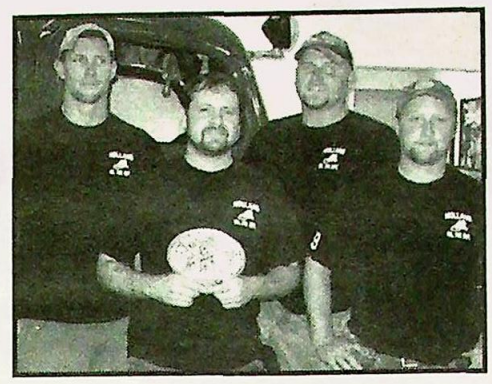
Several trucks participate in Parker City VFD parade



Parker City Volunteer Fire Department held a parade on June 13, 2009. Pictured here waiting for the parade to begin is the new Parker City VFD engine, Farmland VFD antique fire truck and West Union VFD new grass truck. – *submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B*

Huntingburg VFD hosts annual waterball contest

FIRST PLACE FERDINAND



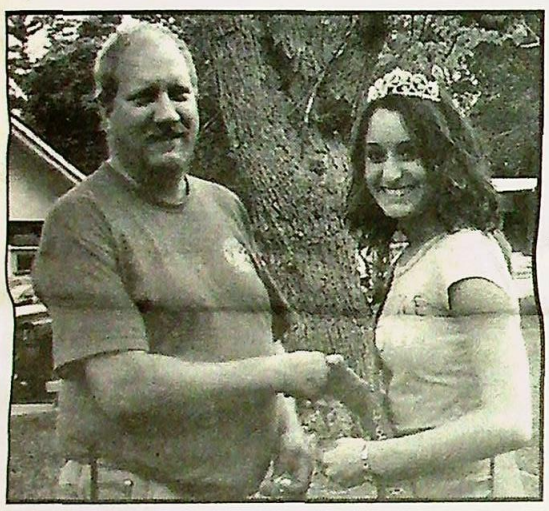
THIRD PLACE HOLLAND

SECOND PLACE HUNTINGBURG

As part of the Huntingburg Herbstfest, the Huntingburg VFD (Dubois Co., District 18) hosted the annual Waterball Contest on September 25.

Awards were presented to the following: First place Ferdinand, Second place Huntingburg, Third place Holland.

Article and photos provided by John C. "Bull" Smith, District 18 chairman.



Smith awarded 25 year service pin

Presenting Robert Bradley Smith of the Albany Volunteer Fire Department with his 25 year pin is Lindsey Current, District 8B Miss Flame.

This was given to him at their July 4th hog roast. – *submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B*

PLEASE NOTE TO ALL ADVERTISERS AND IVFA MEMBERS - THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE 5TH OF THE MONTH PRECEDING PUBLICATION

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NOVEMBER 5, 2010 IVFA PAPER - DEADLINE: OCTOBER 5, 2010 - 12:00 NOON

From The IVFA Office:

The Indiana Pipeline Awareness Association will be hosting their annual training. The training will be provided free to emergency responders on how to respond to a pipeline incident throughout Indiana. There will be 20 meetings through out January and February. The training is sponsored by the Indiana Pipeline and Local Distribution Companies as part of their requirements per RP 1162. Each attendee receives a dinner, door prizes, valuable pipeline company and product information. Firefighters receive 2 CEU's and police officers receive ILEA credits for taking part in a two hour training. Emergency Responders can go their web site at inpaa.org to register.

INPAA
Indiana Pipeline Awareness Association

Meeting	Date	Venue	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Time
Middlebury	1/4/2010	Das Essenhause	240 US 20, Middlebury	Middlebury	IN	46540	(800)-455-9471	5:30 p.m.
Plymouth	1/5/2010	Christo's	830 Lincolnway East,	Plymouth	IN	46563	(574) 935-9666	5:30 p.m.
Michigan City	1/6/2010	Clarion Inn and Suites	5820 S Franklin St	Michigan City	IN	46360	(219) 879-0311	5:30 p.m.
Merrillville	1/7/2010	Raddisson	800 East 81st Ave, Merrillville	Merrillville	IN	46410	(219) 769-6311	5:30 p.m.
Fort Wayne	1/11/2010	The Shiloh	3127 Carrol Road	Fort Wayne	IN	46818	(260) 637-3643	5:30 p.m.
Wabash	1/12/2010	Honeywell Center	275 W. Market Street	Wabash	IN	46992	(260) 563-1102	5:30 p.m.
Kokomo	1/13/2010	Rozzi's	920 Millbrook Lane	Kokomo	IN	46901	(765) 459-9218	5:30 p.m.
Lafayette	1/14/2010	The Trails	325 Burnetts Rd	Lafayette	IN	47902	(800)585-7294	5:30 p.m.
Muncie	1/19/2010	Cornerstone Center Arts	520 East Main Street	Muncie	IN	47305	(765) 281-9503	5:30 p.m.
Richmond	1/20/2010	Knights of Columbus	204 N 10th St.	Richmond	IN	47374	(765) 966-4852	5:30 p.m.
Indianapolis	1/21/2010	Firefighter Union Hall 416	748 Massachusettes Ave	Indianapolin	IN	46204	(317)262-5161	5:30 p.m.
Covington	1/25/2010	Beef House	16501 North State Road 63	Covington	IN	47932	(765) 793-3947	5:30 p.m.
Evansville	1/26/2010	Casino Aztar	421 NW Riverside Dr	Evansville	IN	47708	(812) 433-4000	5:30 p.m.
Terre Haute	1/27/2010	Holiday Inn	3300 US 41 South	Terre Haute	IN	47802	(812) 232-6081	5:30 p.m.
Plainfield	1/28/2010	Primo West	2353 East Perry Road	Plainfield	IN	46168	(317) 839-9900	5:30 p.m.
Salem	2/1/2010	Huber's Winery	19816 Huber Road	Starlight	IN	47106	(812) 923-9463	5:30 p.m.
Jasper	2/2/2010	Huntingburg Event Center	110 E. 14th St.	Huntingburg	IN	47542	(812) 683-2221	5:30 p.m.
Washington	2/3/2010	Washington Parks	501 Burkhar Dr	Washington	IN	47501	(812) 254-8234	5:30 p.m.
Bloomington	2/8/2010	Bloomington Convention Center	302 South College Avenue	Bloomington	IN	47403	(812) 336-3681	5:30 p.m.
Lawrenceburg	2/9/2010	Napolean Community Center	3675 West Main St	Napolean	IN	47034		5:30 p.m.

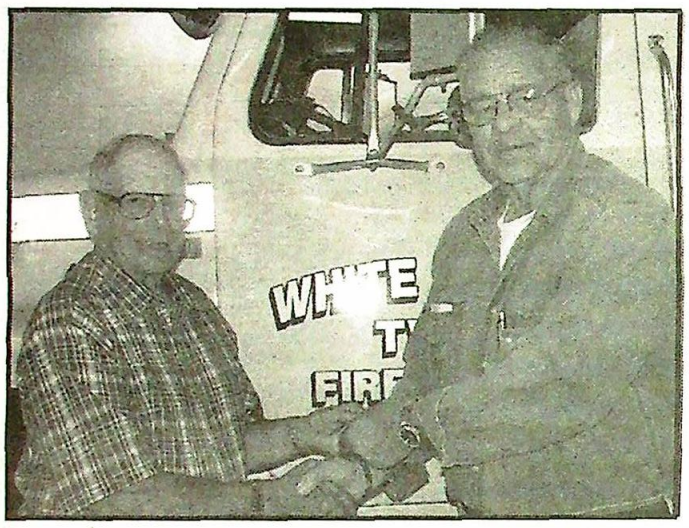
Many IVFA members receive 50 Year Gold Cards

Two members of the Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department received their 50 year pin.

Pictured from left to right are Ivan Bousman, Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman, and Robert Smiley.

John Crosbie of the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department received his 50 year pin.

Pictured from left to right are Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman, John Crosbie, John Corwin, Fire Chief and Rich Imel.

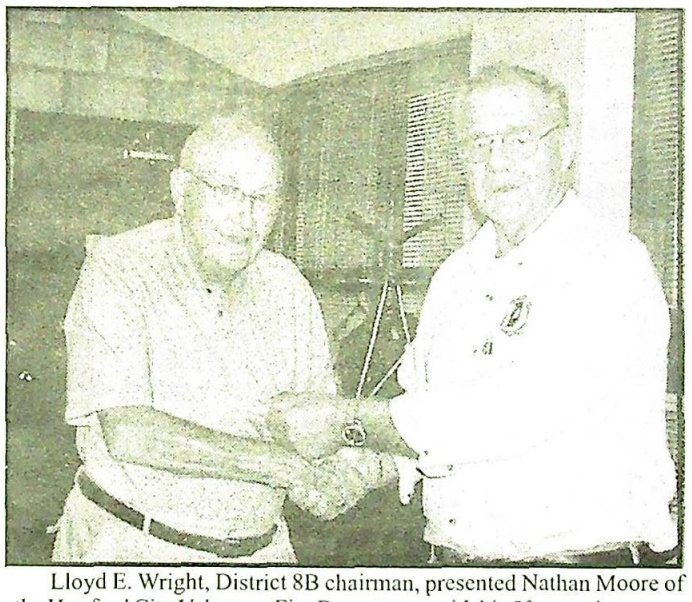


Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman presented Bud Harris of the White River Volunteer Fire Department with his 50 year pin.

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

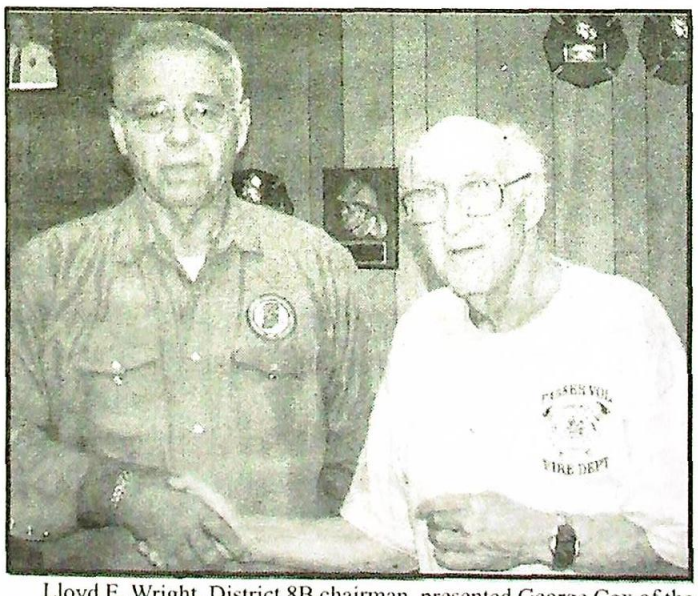
Lindsey Current, District 8B Miss Flame, presented Jay King of the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department with his 50 year pin.

Lindsey Current, District 8B Miss Flame, presented Carl Hoehamer of the Bryant Volunteer Fire Department with his 50 year pin.



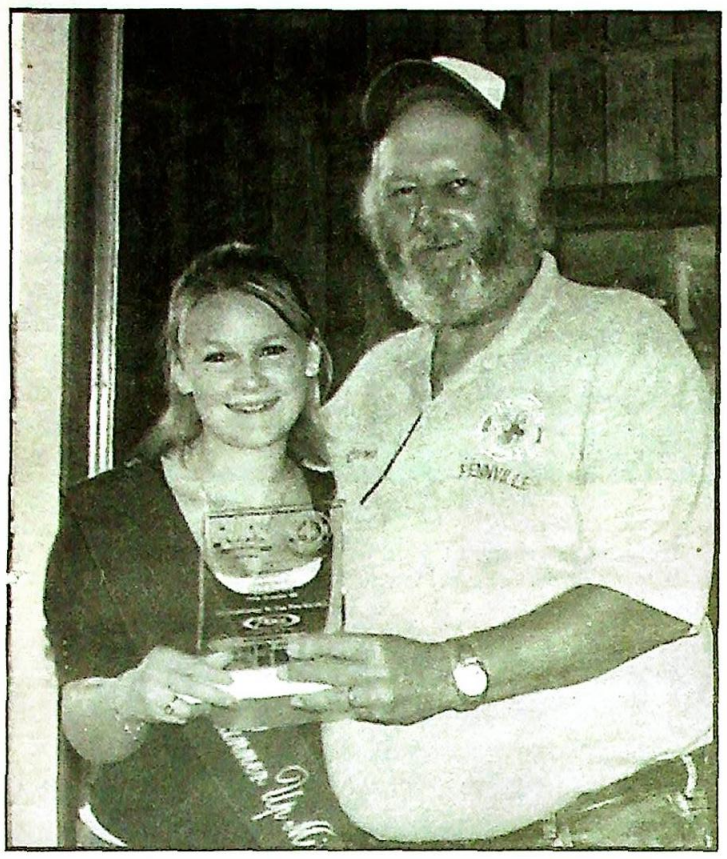
Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman, presented Nathan Moore of the Hartford City Volunteer Fire Department with his 50 year pin.

Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman, presented Gerald Stephen of the White River Volunteer Fire Department with his 50 year pin.



Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B chairman, presented George Cox of the Parker City Volunteer Fire Department with his 50 year pin.

John Corwin 2009 Global Award winner



John Corwin of the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department received the 2009 Global Award that was given away at convention.

Pictured presented the award to John is Kylee Bell, District 8B Miss Flame runner-up. – *submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B*

e-mail news articles, digital photos and advertisements to printco@nwiis.com

Due to space limitations not all news articles and photos were able to be published in this issue. Look for them in the February paper.

Salamonia VFD presented check

The VFW Post 6515 of Fort Recovery, Ohio, presented the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department with a $500.00 check.

Shown (from left to right) are Bruce Manor, vice president, Richard L. Smith, past post commander, and Lloyd E. Wright, fire chief. – *submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B*

NOTICE

TO ALL IVFA FIRE DEPTS.

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

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

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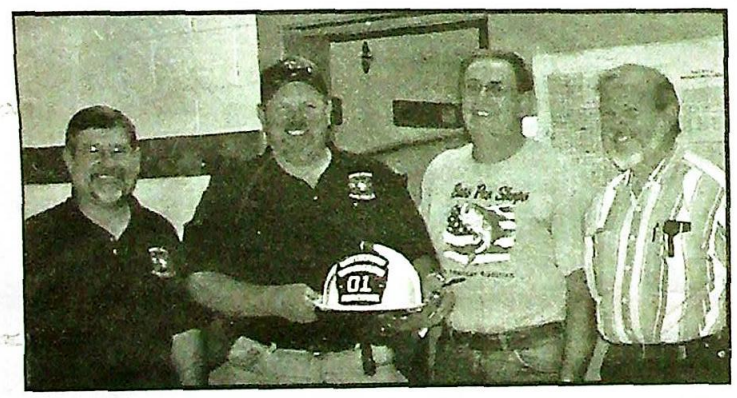
Stacey Lewis presented fire chief helmet for service



On September 1, 2009 the officers of the White River Volunteer Fire Department presented Stacey Lewis with a white fire chief helmet for his 13 years as chief.

Pictured giving Stacey the helmet are as follows - from left to right: Doug Simmons, assistant chief, Stacey Lewis, retired chief, John Wilt, captain and Dennis Brown, assistant chief. – *submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, District 8B*

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