



# FIRE NEWS

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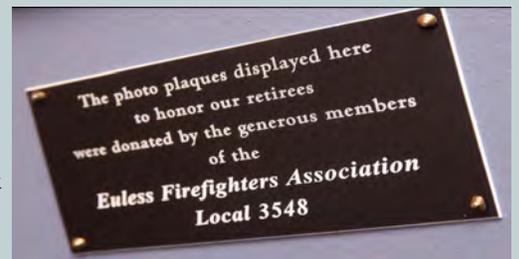
## RETIREE'S HONOR WALL

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Take time to view the photos at the Fire Administration building on the Honor Wall for the Eules Retired Firefighters. Note the Question-Mark picture is holding for the next retiree.



Steve Doty—President  
 Joe Forgione—1st Vice President  
 Sharon Finnegan—2nd V.P.  
 Susan Vest—Secretary  
 Dave Shanahan—Treasurer

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### The History Corner

By Vernon Gilmore



1950: Many Eules residents fought a grass fire for three days and after having finally extinguished it someone said, "We need a fire department!" (Bill Byers) The Eules Volunteer Fire Department formed shortly after that.



Chanc Bennett  
August 15



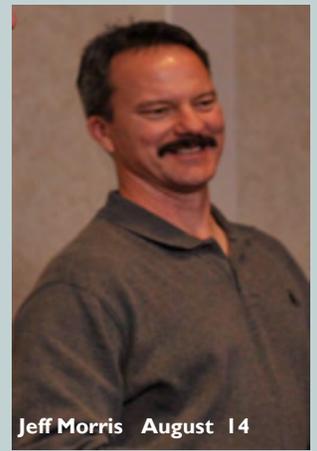
Jarrod Goodman August 29



Brandon Herron  
August 10



Cody Hughes August 1  
C.K. HUGHES FIREFIGHTER



Jeff Morris August 14



Jacob Smith August 7



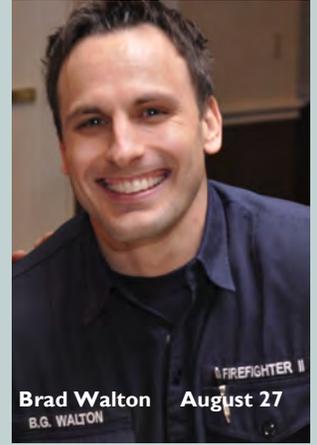
Shawn Soule August 14  
S.J. SOULE



Jerry Sutton August 26  
J.L. SUTTON

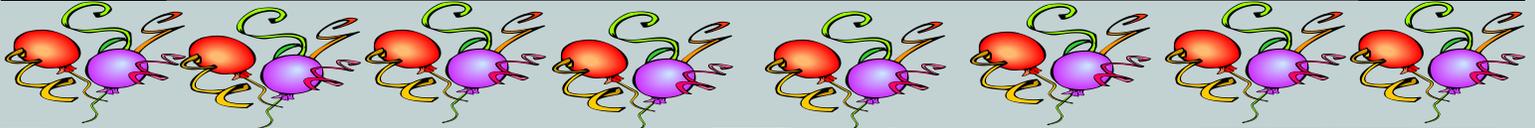


Brian Vann August 5



Brad Walton August 27  
B.G. WALTON FIREFIGHTER II

# FIREFIGHTERS' BIRTHDAYS



Melody Balkon August 3  
FITFUTURE KIDS FEST



Shirley Dailey August 22



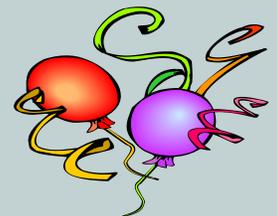
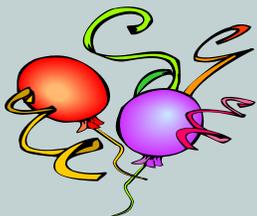
Steve Doty August 4



Susan Vest August 12



Julie Watkins August 12



## ALUMNI BIRTHDAYS

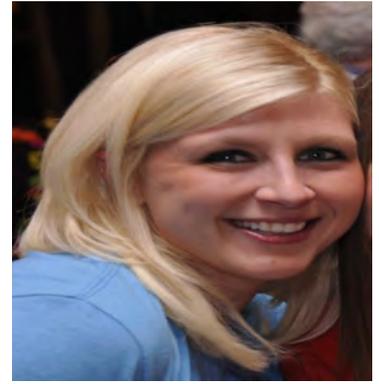
# SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES



Thomas Crist August 8, 1988



Jon Evans August 8, 1988



Ashley Howard August 6, 2007



Chris Sutterfield August 1, 2005



Jeff Morris August 10, 2000



## FIREFIGHTER SPOTLIGHT

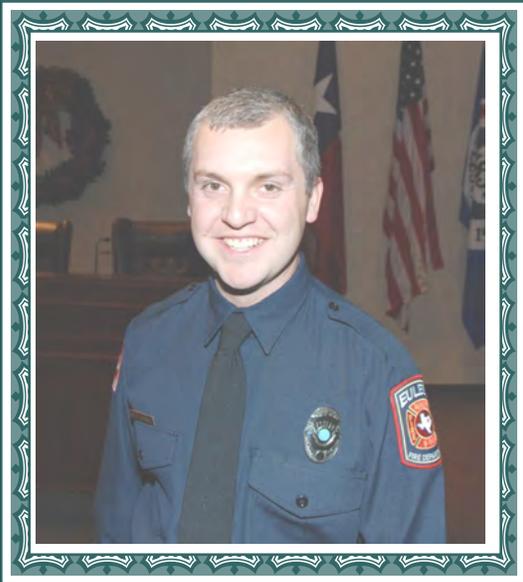
**Brandon Herron** was born in Midland, Texas on August 10th in 1985. He attended Westpark Elementary School in Benbrook, Texas. Brandon was in Fort Worth for middle school and high school, attending Monnig Middle School and Western Hills High School. He went to Wichita Falls to attend Midwestern University. Brandon now lives in Melissa, Texas and has been working with the Eules Fire Department since November 9, 2006.

Brandon's wife Michelle is a Pharmaceutical Sales Specialist and works for ASD Healthcare in Frisco, Texas. Michelle and Brandon have been married for five years. They have two dogs, Dayton an Iris Setter and Derby a Yorkie. Brandon's hobbies include mountain biking, kayaking, and fitness. He does not actually have a favorite book that he has enjoyed reading but he enjoys watching any movie that is scary or suspenseful. Brandon likes best the color white and his favorite food to eat is a steak. Great! He should really enjoy the fundraiser at Station #3 in October because Outback will be preparing an 8 ounce sirloin just for him, anyway he likes it.

Brandon indicated on the information survey that he has not had any extraordinary experience in his life nor an over-the-top vacation but he stated that he enjoys working with the Eules Fire Department because he has the opportunity to work with some of the best.. We hope you will be here for a very long time.



# FIREFIGHTER SPOTLIGHT



**Michael Hanks** was born in Irving, Texas on November 15, 1983, and he attended elementary school there. Michael attended middle school and high school in Pilot Point, Texas. He attended college at Tarrant County College in Fort Worth, Texas, North Central Texas College in Corinth, Texas, and American Public University online. Michael has worked for the Eules Fire Department nine years, since April 12, 2004.

Michael and his wife, Nicole, have been married four years. They have two boys, Easton who recently turned three and Cason who is 16 months old. Nicole has a pet Yorkie.

Michael enjoys spending time with his family, watching his boys grow up and deer hunting. His favorite book is *Best Damn Ship in the Navy* and his favorite movie is *Pulp Fiction*. Michael's especially likes the color green and eating chicken fajitas.

Michael said an interesting life experience for him was spending a winter in Sturgis, South Dakota to attend a refresher course when completing his paramedic training. He enjoys the training opportunities that are available through the Eules Fire Department. Michael also enjoys the fact that everyday has different unknown challenges that he and his fellow firefighters must address. We hope to have Michael with us for many, many, years to come.



## BITS OF INFORMATION

There still may be time to volunteer to help with the 9-1-1 stair climb on September 7. Please go to <http://www.dallasstairclimb.com/> and to the volunteer link on the web page for information. Training for this event is this Saturday, August 24. If anyone has questions, please contact Chief Morris as he is coordinating the climb team from Eules and is most familiar with the program.

Spaghetti dinner at Station 3 on Monday, September 30 at 6pm.

Steak dinner fundraiser tickets are available for purchase. Email [eulesscfa@gmail.com](mailto:eulesscfa@gmail.com) or call 817-323-0718.

Jarrod and Audrey Goodman have a baby boy— Jayce Layne Goodman. Born Thursday, August 15. Weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz.

<https://www.facebook.com/EulesFireDepartment> - Be sure to check it out!

# NEW CERT AND CFA CLASSES

**CERT** training is Wednesday, August 7 through September 25 at the Fire Administration building. Eleven alumni were present the first meeting to welcome the new class members. The training schedule is:

- August 21—Disaster Medical 1 taught by Chief Morris and Shift C
- August 28—Disaster Medical 2 taught by Chief Morris and Shift A
- September 4—Light Search & Rescue including Cribbing and Lifting taught by Vernon
- September 11—CERT Organization taught by Vernon
- September 18—Disaster Psychology taught by Vernon
- September 25—Terrorism taught by Corporal James Gordon with Euless Police Department
- September 28—Review, Test and Exercise Location is to be determined



The **CFA** class is Thursday, August 8 through November 7 at the Fire Administration building. Eleven alumni were also present at the CFA class to welcome the attendees. The training schedule is:

- August 22— Station 2 Shift A
- August 29— Station 2 Shift B
- September 5—Station 3 Shift C Search & Rescue
- September 7—Shift B Exercise to be determined
- September 12—Shift A Fire Hose, Apparatus, Hose Evolutions
- September 14—Shift C Exercise to be determined
- September 19—Shift B Air Medical & CPR
- September 26—Shift C NEFDA and Ropes & Knots
- October 3— Fire Cause & Determination and Accelerant Detecting Canine
- October 10 NO CLASS
- October 17—Shift C Emergency Medical Services
- October 24— Public Education and ECFAAA Presentation
- October 31—NO CLASS
- November 7—Shift C Graduation Dinner at the Library



Vernon teaching.



I Introducing Fire Administration Personnel



Introducing Station 3 B Shift Personnel

# COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER TO HELP A FIREFIGHTER FAMILY



Goal  
\$50,000



\$32,000  
Raised



# ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT

**Brandon Ballinger** was born in Haltom City and attended all his school years in Haltom schools. He moved to Euless in 1992 and has lived in Euless 21 years. Brandon works as a mechanical engineer.

Brandon said, "I have a wonderful wife, Janice, and four incredible children." Brandon's children are Sarah 16, Lucas 13, Reid and Thomas 10 (twins). The family dog is Daisy, a Black Mouth Cur.

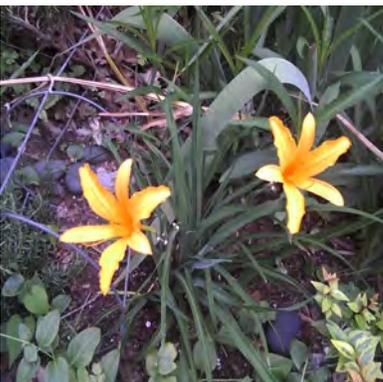
Brandon's hobbies are fishing and hunting. His favorite book is *Summer of the Monkeys* and his favorite movies are *The Natural* and *The Sandlot*. Brandon especially likes red and loves Italian food.

When asked, Brandon said an interesting life experience for him was coaching his three sons in Little League Baseball in Euless, Tri Cities and Irving. He said his favorite part about participating with the fire department and the fire academy was "the incredible people I have met." When Brandon attended the fire academy his favorite class was the DFW fire tower. He realized firsthand what it is like to be in a fire.

Brandon has traveled all over America including Hawaii and Puerto Rico. He met Waylon Jennings on the side of I-35 north of Sanger when he had stopped to help a woman who had fallen asleep while driving and ran into Waylon's bus. Waylon told the woman to not worry about it and gave her a big hug! When asked what he would like us to know further about him, Brandon said "Being a father of four children with the greatest wife a man could ask for is more reward than anyone could ask for." Brandon sounds like a man with a big heart. I hope we all get better acquainted.



## MORE SUMMER BLOOMS FROM SPRING FUNDRAISER





**EULESS CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
IS HOSTING A FUNDRAISER  
STEAK DINNER  
CATERED BY OUTBACK STEAK HOUSE**

**FIRE STATION #3 (202 S. MAIN ST.)**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2013**

**4:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

**TICKETS \$14.00 per person**

**For Information and/or tickets call**

**Jerri @ 817-323-0718**

**or email**

**[eulesscfa@gmail.com](mailto:eulesscfa@gmail.com)**

**LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

# FIRE ALUMNI RECOGNIZED

## July 10, 2013 at Volunteer Hours Award Ceremony



Sherri Browning—Bronze Award



Jerri Balken—Bronze Award



Melody Balkon—Bronze Award



Minuet Balkon—Bronze Award



Loretta Doty—Silver Award



Steve Doty—Bronze Award



Lorri Henderson



Jerrie Keller—Bronze Award



Sue Kosec—Silver Award



Barney Snitz—Bronze Award



Faye Stinneford—Gold Award



Tim Stinneford—Bronze Award



Betty Overstreet—Bronze Award



Don Martin—Lifetime Achievement

100—249 Hours Bronze    250—499 Hours Silver    500—Above Gold    Lifetime Achievement Award— 4,000 plus hours

The Eules Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association received the gold award for the alumni donating 500-plus hours to the Association.

# AUGUST 2013

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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					Coty Hughes Birthday  Chris Sutterfield 8 years anniversary		Melody Balkon Birthday
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Steve Doty B.D.	Brian Vann B.D.	Ashley Howard 6 years anniversary	Jacob Smith B.D.	Thomas Crist and Jon Evans 25 yrs anniversaries		Brandon Herron Birthday  Jeff Morris 13 years anniversary	
					Book Lover's Day		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	Susan Vest & Julie Watkins Birthdays		Jeff Morris and Shawn Soule B.D.	Chanc Bennett Birthday			
Son & Daughter Day		Left Handers' Day					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
				Shirley Dailey B.D.			
	Aviation Day						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Jerry Sutton B.D.	Brad Walton B.D.		Jarrod Goodman Birthday			