



FIRE NEWS

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NEW EVENT! KIDS' FIRE ACADEMY

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This past June, we held our first Kids Fire Academy. Twenty-one kids from across the region attended the five day event. The field trips, classroom instruction and hands-on training allowed each one to experience a little of what it's like to be a firefighter in the City of Euleless. Throughout the week, they learned how to tell a Truck from a Quint from an Engine, and what each apparatus is used for. They learned about Fire Department History, Ground Ladders, Fire Recognition, Extinguishers, Hose Streams & Nozzles, Ropes & Knots, Personal Protective Equipment, Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, Thermal Imaging Cameras, Vehicle Extrication, Air-Medical Transports and CPR. They were able to see the value of a Haul System as each one pulled a van across the parking lot, uphill. They handled the hose lines and sprayed water; they extinguished fires utilizing our new extinguishment simulator; they searched for victims with the Thermal Imaging Camera; they all competed in a Combat Challenge and participated in many other exciting activities. Following the CPR training, each cadet walked away with a Heart Savers certification card from the American Heart Association. They all learned the value of teamwork, coming together as a team to overcome obstacles and accomplish their assigned tasks throughout the week.



Camp Day 1



Academy.

Each day was started with Physical Training and ended with one of the cadets being recognized as Cadet of the Day. That cadet was then allowed to take home the prestigious Shield of Honor for the night. At the end of the week, a single cadet was recognized as the most Outstanding Cadet of the Academy. That cadet was allowed to keep the Shield of Honor as a remembrance of their time spent at the Kids Fire



Camp Day 2

Overall, the Academy was a huge success. According to the evaluations I have received, each cadet thoroughly enjoyed their time spent, the knowledge gained and the exciting fun they experienced. Thank you to the Colleyville Fire Department for giving us pointers and helping us to get started. Thank you to all of the instructors and volunteers who made this Academy what it is. Your untold hours of preparation for this event paid off and our community will reap the benefits of your labors. Thank you to the Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association for getting the ball rolling and for volunteering your valuable time each day to help this event to be a tremendous success. And thank you to Fire Chief Wes Rhodes for making this happen. Your commitment and personal participation made this Academy possible.

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



We now look forward to next year and to many years to come. Each year, we know we will continue to improve and grow into a Kids Fire Academy we can all be proud of.

Lieutenant Scott W. Stamps
Academy Director

FIRST ANNUAL KIDS FIRE ACADEMY

Alumni volunteers: Jerri/Melody/Minuet Balkon, Sue Kosec, Molly Maddux, Don/Linda Martin, Betty/Wayne Priddy, Barney Snitz, Faye Stinneford, Bill Stone, and Katrina Thomas



Camp Day 3



Camp Day 4



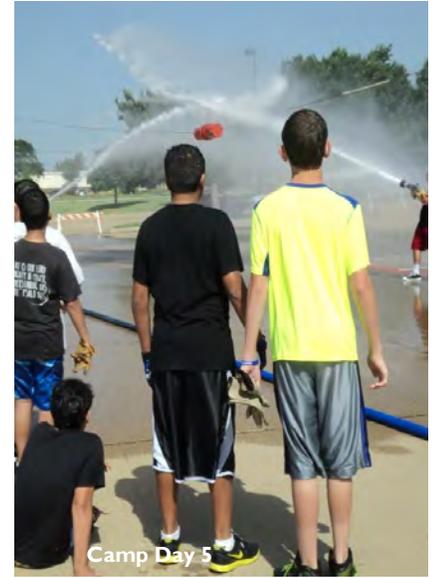
Camp Day 5



Camp Day 3



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Camp Day 4



Camp Day 5

Notes on Fire Safety from your Euless Fire Department More on Smoke Alarms



As your fire safety advocates, the Euless Fire Department encourages you to ensure that this fire safety tool is optimized to provide you and your family adequate time to escape a home fire.

Have a smoke alarm outside each sleeping area, one in each bedroom, one at the top of any stairs and one near the bottom of any stairs. If you install them on the ceiling place them no closer than 4" from the wall. If installed on the wall place them no closer than 4" from the ceiling and no farther than 12" from the ceiling. Keep them away from ceiling fans and vents where air can blow directly on them. If you install alarms to replace or augment existing alarms, we recommend installing wireless, interconnected alarms. If one sounds, they all will sound and no wiring is required. These are perfect for obtaining interconnectivity without having to run wiring. They "talk" to one another via radio signals. Interconnected alarms can provide you with additional precious seconds to escape a home fire.

Much has been said and written about the pros and cons of ionization vs. photoelectric smoke alarms, the two detection technologies. Ionization technology will detect a fast-building, more clean-burning fire faster than photoelectric. Photoelectric technology will detect the slower-building, smoldering fires faster than ionization. If you have any doubts or concerns about this, install both technologies. Remember, ionization alarms are more susceptible to false alarms from cooking than the photoelectric types. So, if you need to place an alarm that is near the kitchen, install a photoelectric type in that location. Make sure it is at least ten feet away from cooking appliances.

Test them once a month. Change the battery at least once a year. Use long-life "ten year" batteries especially in those alarms that are hard or dangerous to reach. Clean them occasionally by gently vacuuming them when you vacuum the floors.

For additional information please access these websites:

<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/campaigns/smokealarms/alarms/>

<http://www.nfpa.org/research/statistical-reports/fire-protection-systems/smoke-alarms-in-us-home-fires>

Examples of Ionization Smoke Alarms



Ionization/Photoelectric
Smoke Alarm



Examples of Photoelectric
Smoke Alarms



FIRE FIGHTER BIRTHDAYS



James Cowger July 25



Scott Evans July 2



Ryan Hayes July 26



Lance Judd July 29



Joel Daniel July 24



Jason Moon July 25



Tommy Rush July 25



Ken Rawlinson July 22



ALUMNI BIRTHDAYS



Kathy Ames July 24



Sue Kosec July 25



Treavor Mellott July 31



Tim Stinneford July 22





BADGE PINNING—Monday July 15 3pm

Hire Date—February 20, 2006

Jeremy Goodman
Promoted to Diver Engineer



SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

Hire Date—July 15, 1999

14 Years Service with Euless Fire Department

Charles Anderson
Fire Inspector



FIRE FIGHTERS AT WORK



Fire on a landing at Fair Oaks Apartments that was caused by an improperly discarded cigarette.



Small fire at a shed

FIRE FIGHTER IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Matthew Sanders was born in Fort Worth. He attended Christian Hill Elementary School in North Richland Hills, North Oaks Middle School and Haltom High School in Haltom City, and Tarrant County College in Hurst. Matthew's dad is Nick; his mother is Melissa Tucker and he has two half sisters, Tiffany, 21, and Lexi, 18.

Prior to coming to EFD, Matthew worked with the UPS DFW warehouse/shipping department for five years. He enjoys the opportunity that the fire department gives him to use his skills to help

others. Matthew enjoys lifting weights and has had an interest in health and weights since he was 16. Matthew did not train and study to enter competitions, but just did so as something fun to do. Boiler Room and Fight Club are movies he enjoys the most. Matthew's favorite color is blue and his favorite food is a rib-eye steak cooked medium rare. He has a seven year old golden retriever named Sugar. Matthew states he can't remember taking an extraordinary vacation, and I find that he is a man of few words. We are lucky to have him serving in Eules.

ALUMNA IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Jerra Balkon (Jerri) was born at Fort Mead Army Hospital in Baltimore Maryland. She traveled extensively with her Army family having lived in Japan, Germany and 5 states, thus she attended schools in many places. Jerri was in Schweinfurt, Germany, Baltimore, Maryland and Tampa, Florida at MacDill Air Force Base for elementary school. She attended junior high school in Lawton, Oklahoma and San Antonio, Texas. High school was in Del City, Oklahoma and her Bachelor Degree in elementary education was earned at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Jerri attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.



Jerri taught elementary school in Oklahoma from 1975-1980. She moved to this area in 1980 to work on her Master's Degree in Religious Education at Southwestern Baptist in Fort Worth and was employed as a substitute teacher with the Arlington ISD. Jerri worked as a lifeguard, water safety instructor, and pool manager for 7 years both in college and after college during the summer while teaching school. When in college she won a Presidential Sports Award in swimming.

On July 18, 1987, Jerri married William (Bill) Balkon at First Baptist Eules. She had two daughters, both born in Arlington. Melody was born August 3, 1989 and Minuet on September 21, 1992. Jerri home schooled her girls from age 5 through high school. Jerri has an older sister living in Washington state, an older sister and older brother living in Del City, Oklahoma and a younger brother living in Austin. She has 10 nieces and nephews, 20 great nieces and nephews, and 3 great-great nieces and nephews.

Jerri enjoys swimming, sewing, singing, and working with children at her church. Before she injured her knee, Jerri also loved snow skiing, scuba diving and water skiing. She enjoys reading all kinds of books, fiction and non-fiction, and especially enjoyed reading the 'Left Behind' series by Tim LaHaye, having read it 3 or 4 times. Each year her sister from Washington brings a box of books she has read to Jerri and her family and Jerri and Minuet read and reread them. Jerri likes to watch and re-watch musicals, good mysteries, and science fiction movies. Her favorite color is red, but it was blue when she was a child. Jerri likes German food and a recipe of her late parents which she no longer has for steak smothered with onions and mashed potatoes.

Jerri's favorite volunteer projects are Open House, the Clown Shows and National Night Out. She also enjoyed Kids Fire Academy. Her favorite part of the Eules Fire Academy was the live burn at DFW.

When Jerri was 10 she got 'lost' at Six Gun Territory in Florida. Dan Blocker from Bonanza was there signing autographs. He lifted her on to his shoulders and continued to sign autographs until her parents saw her and came to claim her. Jerri met President JFK at MacDill AFB a week before he came to Dallas. Her dad, a military intelligence officer, was escorting the President around the base and took him to lunch at the Officers' Club. All of the students from Jerri's elementary school were lined up outside the Officer's Club waiting to see the President. When they came outside, Jerri's dad pulled her under the roped-off section towards himself and introduced her to the President as his little girl. The President touched Jerri on the cheek and told her what a pretty little thing she was!

Wow, what a life-enriching way to grow up. Jerri is an eager and dedicated volunteer and we can always depend on her to take part in every project our CFA takes on.

BBQ DINNER

TO END MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS!!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2013
5:30PM - 8:30PM
EULESS FAMILY LIFE SR. CTR
300 W. MIDWAY DRIVE
EULESS, TX 76039

ADVANCED TICKETS ONLY \$20

Tickets will be \$25 at the door

GO TO KISSMSGOODBYE.WORDPRESS.COM
OR CALL 972/754-9565 FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS

**LIVE & SILENT AUCTION!! T-SHIRTS WILL ALSO BE SOLD
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!**

Join members of the Euless PD and FD for a Dinner/Auction to help one of our own! Help Sheli Smith with medical expenses so she can go to Russia for a medical procedure to stop the progression of Multiple Sclerosis!!

**An Evening with great BBQ provided by Texas Firehouse Catering,
great friends, and great auctions!**



SCENTSY FUND RAISER!

Dress up a room with a Scentsy warmer, add one of 80-plus fragrances, and enjoy! Welcome the new fragrances of the season with Scentsy's Spring/Summer 2013 Catalog! Among these pages, you'll find bright, fresh scents perfect for the sunny days ahead: happy *Serene Green*, refreshing *Lime & Kiwi Cantaloupe*, sunny *Pink Cutie*, and many more. And with many new Scentsy warmers to choose from, you're sure to find new products to suit your style.

Sherri Browning is hosting an ongoing online Scentsy party for Sheli. Go to web page www.4ever.scentsy.us The party name is Kiss MS Goodbye. One-quarter of the net sales will go to Sheli's fund raiser.



WIN 1 OF 5 PURSES!!

And help Sheli Beat MS!!



Only 250 Tickets will be sold!!

Tickets are only \$25 each
★ or 5 for \$100!!

5 different Coach purses will be raffled off valued at \$50 - \$400!! With only 250 tickets being sold...you will have an excellent chance to win!



To purchase tickets, go to
<http://kissmsgoodbye.wordpress.com>
or contact Brad or Sheli Smith at
972-754-9565 ★

All proceeds of the Raffle will go to help Sheli, a former Euless Police Department officer, get back on duty! She will be going to Russia in October to undergo a procedure to stop the progression of her Multiple Sclerosis and reverse any damages already done.

WIN 1 OF 8 GUNS*!!

And help Sheli Beat MS!!

Only 250 Tickets will be sold!!



Tickets are only \$50
★ or 5 for \$200!!

You will have a chance to win for 8 days!! With only 250 tickets being sold, you have an excellent chance of winning!!

- Day 1: Remington 870 Express Super Magnum 12 Gauge w/28" Barrel Shotgun
- Day 2: Remington 887 Nitro Mag 12 Gauge w/28" Barrel Shotgun
- Day 3: Henry Lever Action .22 LR Rifle
- Day 4: Remington 270 Whitetail Pro Model 770 Rifle/Scope Combo
- Day 5: Remington 870 Express 20 Gauge w/28" Barrel Shotgun
- Day 6: Taurus PT-145 Millennium Pro .45 ACP Compact Pistol
- Day 7: Beretta PX4 Storm 9mm Sub-Compact Pistol
- Day 8: **GRAND PRIZE!!** Kimber 45 ACP Custom II Pistol (\$900.00 Value!!)



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*Prizes will be awarded in the form of a gift card from Bass Pro Shop for the retail value of each gun.

FUND RAISERS FOR SHELI SMITH

I am making Yarn Scarves as a Fund raiser and selling them for \$20 each. All but the cost of the yarn goes to the Smith Family. This family is a **Huge** part of my community in Euless. First of all, Sheli served as a police officer for many years and helped in the Fire Safety Clown shows in the Euless Elementary Schools as Sprinkles the Clown before having to take an early medical retirement. Secondly, her husband Brad has served as a Euless Fireman for several years.

Sheli and Brad Smith have been researching a medical procedure that has shown very high success rates at halting the progression of Multiple Sclerosis and reversing the damage that has already been done to the nerves in the brain and spinal cord. This procedure is not offered in the USA because the FDA has not yet approved it for use with MS. I'm very excited to tell you that Sheli has been accepted by a hospital in Moscow Russia, one of the seven hospitals in the world that offer this treatment! They will travel to Russia the second week of October to begin the treatment. The procedure will take approximately six-eight weeks to complete. They are both anxious and excited for this procedure but this is where they need your help! The cost of this procedure is \$40,000. They are trying to raise a total of \$50,000 to cover the cost of the procedure, the expenses for getting to and from Russia, and the living expenses while they are there.



Yarn Choices Premier Starbella Flash - Red Heart Boutique Sashay— Metallic Yarn The Starbella average length is 81 inches and the Sassy average length is 72 inches. The Sassy Metallic is 97 inches long and the Sassy Solid is 79 inches long. If you are interested in purchasing one of these scarves, chose your yarn from the color chart above and e-mail me, Melody Balkon, at tqcgirl@yahoo.com.

TREASURER REPORT

Beginning Bal, \$8,481.86 Arbor Daze Deposit \$870.66 Retiree Wall Donation (\$375.00) Ending Bal. \$8,977.52

July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 Build a Scarecrow</p> 	<p>2 Scott Evans & Adam Parkhurst Birthdays</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Independence Day</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Nat'l Fried Chicken</p> 
<p>7 Chocolate Day</p> 	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Nat'l Sugar Cookie</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Pecan Pie Day</p> 	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15 Charles Anderson 14 Years Service</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Peach Ice Cream</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Ugly Truck Day</p> 
<p>21</p>	<p>22 Tim Stinneford Birthday</p>	<p>23 Nat'l Hot Dog Day</p> 	<p>24 Joel Daniel Birthday Kathy Ames Birthday</p>	<p>25 James Cowger, Jason Moon & Tommy Rush Birthdays Sue Kosec Birthday</p>	<p>26 Ryan Hayes Birthday</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 Parents' Day</p> 	<p>29 Lance Judd Birthday</p>	<p>30 Nat'l Cheesecake</p> 	<p>31 Treavor Mellott Birthday</p>			

Thank you for Photos: Ken Rawlinson, Loretta Santos' daughter, Jackie, Melissa Thomas, Melody Balkon, Sue Kosec

Bits of Information: 1. George Butler is doing better. 2. EFD has started a Facebook page this week and in just two days has 2,000 fans. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/EulessFireDepartment> Check it out for up-to-date information and photos. 3. Dave Shanahan is 100% after his surgery. 4. Jerri Balkon is better but still very tired and weak. 5. Outback is confirmed for fund raiser event on Saturday, October 26.

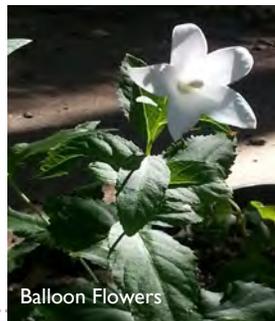


Double Tiger Lily

Flowers from Bulb Fund Raiser



Border Lilies



Balloon Flowers



Double Freesias