

# EULESS FIRE

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The City of Euless celebrated National Night Out on Tuesday, October 1st with block parties in all of the six city districts. There were 21 recorded gatherings. Some were hosted by homeowners for the nearby neighbors and others were parties centralized in neighborhoods for that entire community to attend. The breakout of neighbors getting together to share conversation, refreshments and contact information are as follows:

- District 1—1 Block Party
- District 2—2 Block Parties
- District 3—4 Block Parties
- District 4—2 Block Parties
- District 5—6 Block Parties
- District 6—6 Block Parties



Bear Creek HOA Block Party

Fire clowns, other fire personnel in fire engines, ambulances and administrative vehicles, police personnel, and fire alumni attended approximately seven events each. They all shared in the fun and community spirit. The fire alumni shared information about CFA and CERT classes.



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**BAKE SALE 2013**

Alumni Working: Valerie Hinde, Sue Kosec, Molly Maddux, Barbara Niziolek, Loretta Santos, Kristi Wynne, Former ECFAAA member Tammy Van Horne helped too.

Bakers: Charles Anderson, Shawna DePuate, Loretta Doty, Valeria Hinde, Sue Kosec, Molly Maddux, Barbara Niziolek, Betty Priddy, Loretta Santos, Tammy Van Horne



Loretta Santos



Molly Maddux & Valerie Hinde



Sue Kosec & Kristi Wynne



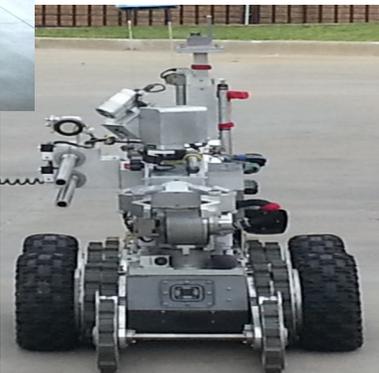
Barbara Niziolek & Kristi Wynne



Face Painting



Alumni Working: Jerri/Melody/Minuet Balkon, Loretta/Steve Doty, Jerrie Keller, Don Martin, Dawn Nisbett, Luann Portugal, Dave Shanahan, Barney Snitz, Faye Stinneford, Lori/Jeremy Tompkins, former ECPAAA member Tyler Van Horne



**OPEN HOUSE**

Fire & Police Alumni, citizens, and city employees registered 139 cars.

# CRUD DAY



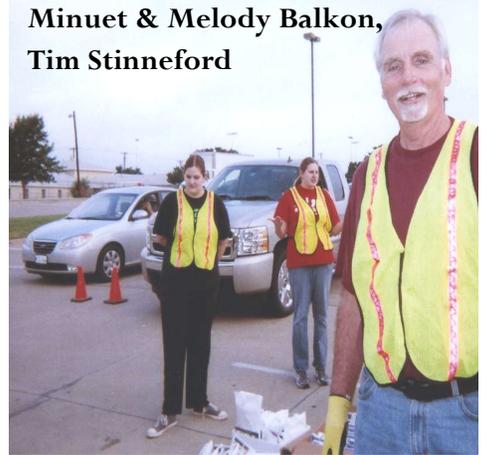
CRUD Truck for collections



Barney, Faye

Jerrie

Fire Alumni working with city employees



Minuet & Melody Balkon, Tim Stinneford

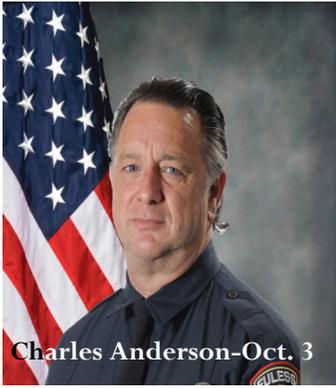


Vehicle Rollover at 360 and Mid Cities

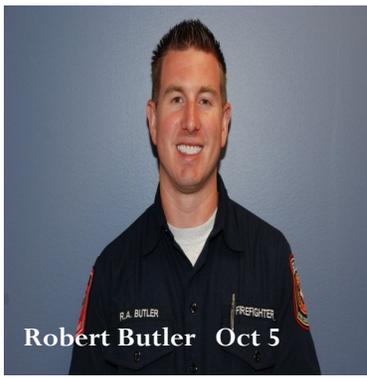
# CLOWN SHOW



**FIRE FIGHTERS' BIRTHDAYS**



Charles Anderson-Oct. 3



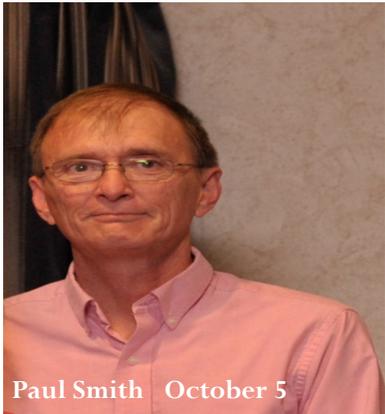
Robert Butler Oct 5



Jerad Gomez October 4



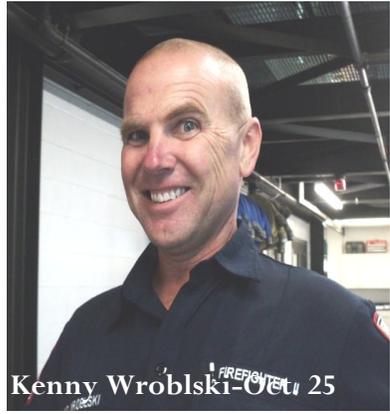
David Johnson Oct. 3



Paul Smith October 5



Michael Troth-October 2



Kenny Wroblski-October 25

<p><b>SERVICE ANNIVERSARY</b></p> <p>October 1, 1997</p>	 <p>Scott Evans</p>
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**ALUMNI BIRTHDAYS**

Jo Wells Oct. 2 No Photo



Joe Forgione October 27



Sherri Browning Oct. 26



Treavor Mellott Oct. 31

## FIRE FIGHTERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

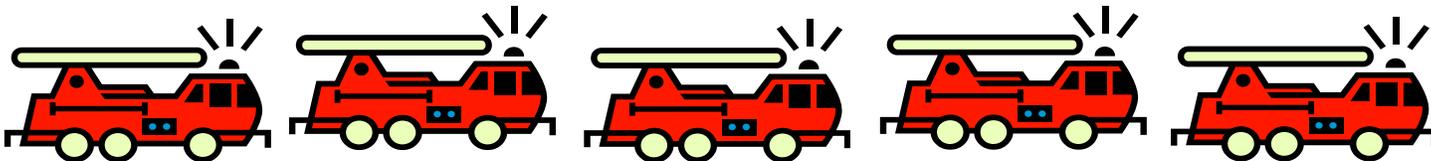


**Saul Padilla, Jr.** was born in Sweetwater, Texas. He attended school in the Highland Independent School District and college at Tarrant County College.

Saul has lived in Fort Worth for the past five years. He is married to Sherree and they have three daughters: Alyssa is eleven, Avilia is nine, and Emilia is three months old.

Saul's favorite way to spend his time is with his family and riding his bicycle. His favorite book to read is from the collection *Locking Arms* and the movies he most enjoys is Step Brothers and Man of Steel. Saul likes the color blue and enjoys eating everything. He must be a delight for his wife to prepare meals for in his home, everything is a culinary success. Saul's family has two dogs; a Dalmatian named Sara and a mutt named Sadie.

When asked what Saul most enjoys about working for the Euless Fire Department he said the camaraderie and friendships that he has made among his fellow fire fighters. Working as a team is why he enjoys his job and will continue to enjoy coming to work for the Euless Fire Department. These are only a few examples of why Saul enjoys working for this department.



**Holt Markum** was born in Fort Worth, Texas. He attended Martin Luther King Elementary School in Fort Worth and middle school and high school in Paradise, Texas. Holt went through the Fire Academy and EMT-B at Weatherford College and EMP-T at North Central Texas College.

Holt lives in Irving and has been there for the past year. His parents are Trey and Mindy Markum. Holt has an older brother, Chase, and a younger sister, Tiffany Gogans.

Holt said his favorite things to do are hunting, fishing, and eating. His favorite movie is Remember the Titans. He likes the color lime green the best and enjoys eating shrimp the most. Holt didn't mention a favorite book so maybe he has read so many that a title escapes him. Holt has some unusual pets, in my opinion. He states that his pets are chickens, hogs and a catfish. I did not get the chance to ask him if that fish is in an aquarium or in a stock pond that he continues to catch over and over.

When asked to tell about an interesting life experience, Holt writes that it is working in the fire service. He says that the brotherhood that lies within the personnel he works with is what he most enjoys about working for the Euless Fire Department.

Euless is fortunate to have these two fine young men in our fire department.

## ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT



**Josef Balint** was born in Subotica, Yugoslavia, which is now Serbia. He attended all his school years including college in Subotica. After college, Josef joined the army. At age 23, he became self-employed running his food processing company, BALINT, with his brother. Josef supervised 50 operators for nine years and then left the company to move to the United States in 1991 at age 33. His brother still runs the company.

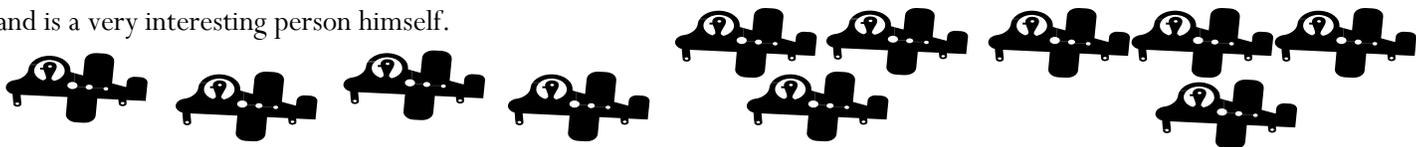
Josef has lived a total of nine years in Euless. The last two years he has lived in Fort Worth renovating a house. He goes back and forth between Euless and Fort Worth, a lot. When Josef completes the Fort Worth renovations he is planning to sell either the Euless renovated house or the Fort Worth renovated house. Here's hoping Josef chooses Euless in which to live. It sure would save him a long commute for meetings and volunteering.

Josef is now working at Lockheed Martin and has a total lifetime of 33 years working as an electronic technician. Josef has two daughters. Erika is 20 and attends college in Kansas. Emily is 16 and lives in Destin, Florida.

Running, bicycling and flying are favorite activities for Josef. He has a FAA commercial jet pilot license, but did not fly for a commercial airline. As soon as Josef can locate a hanger, he plans to buy his own plane. His favorite movies are old westerns and action movies. He loves to read, but just doesn't have the time now between working and renovating. Josef's favorite color is blue and his favorite food is Hungarian Goulash and Texas steak.

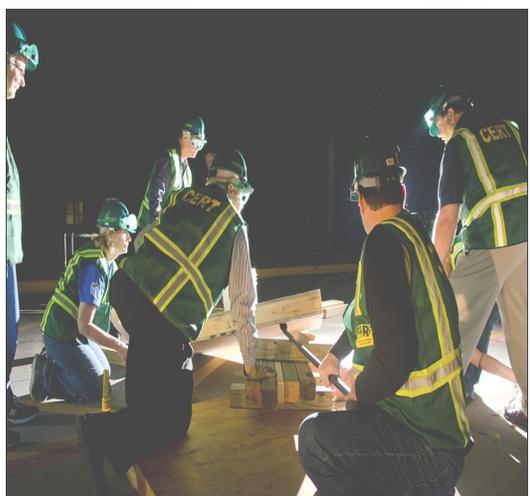
Josef is a graduate of CERT and both academies with the fire and police departments. He is a member of the Euless HAM radio club and is working on acquiring his HAM radio license. Josef said the CFA classes were a lot of fun. He especially enjoyed the fire exercise at the DFW facility wearing the full fire fighter gear and would like to do it again.

Josef has received SPOT awards at work for outstanding achievements, customer service, work ethic and being an exemplary employee. He has also been chosen as employee of the year. In his travels Josef has visited Europe, Japan, Siberia and 48 states in the United States. He has met the actors Arnold Schwarzenegger, Chuck Norris, Nick Nolte, and Joe Pesci. Josef has met the astronauts of Apollo 13 as well: Chris Ferguson, Charles Duke, and Gene Kranz. Josef met Bob Hoover, a former Air Force test pilot and air show pilot. He also met retired Colonel Rich Graham who flew the SR-71, the aircraft that goes higher and faster than any other in the world. Josef has met some very interesting individuals and is a very interesting person himself.



CFA alumni at their Monday night meeting on Sept. 23 had an up-close and hands-on look at the newly restored MAC fire engine. David Johnson has taken the lead in the restoration project. Vintage bubble lights sit on top of the front and rear of the engine





**TREASURER REPORT**

Ending August Balance/Beginning September Balance \$7,775.56

Expenses

Check –Line of Duty Death Foundation \$ 343.00

Ending September Balance/Beginning October Balance \$7,432.56



# Fall Flower Bulb Fundraiser

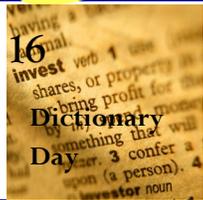
FLOWER POWER®



Purple Sensation Alliums  
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Bulb orders and payments will be collected by Monday, October 28. Bulb orders all together will be mailed on Wednesday, October 30th. E-mail [eulesscfa@gmail.com](mailto:eulesscfa@gmail.com) if you would like to see an electronic order catalog or place an order. Contact Kathy Ames, Shawna DePuenta, Molly Maddux, Dawn Nisbett or Loretta Santos to view a catalog or place an order also. Thank you.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>Homemade Cookie Day</b> 16 yrs. Service for Scott Evans 	2 <b>Michael Troth Birthday</b> Jo Wells B.D.	3 <b>David Johnson B.D.</b> Charles Anderson B.D.	4 <b>Nat'l Golf Day</b> Jerad Gomez Birthday 	5 <b>Robert Butler Birthday</b> Paul Smith Birthday
6	7	8	9 <b>Moldy Cheese Day</b> 	10 <b>National Poetry Day</b>	11	12 <b>Farmers Day</b> 
13	14 <b>Columbus Day</b> 	15 <b>National Grouch Day</b>	16 <b>Dictionary Day</b> 	17	18	19
20 <b>Monster Mash Day</b> 	21	22 <b>Nat'l Nut Day</b> 	23 <b>Can Food Day</b> 	24 <b>National Bologna Day</b>	25 <b>Kenneth Wrobski Birthday</b>	26 <b>Steak Fundraiser</b> Sherry Browning B.D. 
27 <b>Mother-in-Law Day</b> Joe Forgione Birthday	28	29	30 <b>Nat'l Candy Corn Day</b> 	31 <b>Halloween</b> Treavor Mellott Birthday 		

## BITS OF INFORMATION

Tammy Renteria and Chief Jeff Morris popped about 250 bags of popcorn at open house, running out of popcorn at 12:30pm.

Melissa Thomas and Rusty Cade alternated about every 5 to 10 minutes conducting station tours at open house from 10am to 2pm.

Don Martin finished at noon grilling 300 hotdogs for open house and the hotdogs were all gone at 12:15pm.

\$25 was made selling fire fighter t-shirts and \$75 was made selling antenna toppers and ribbon magnets at open house.

CERT class concluded with a written test and cribbing exercise on Wednesday, October 2.

366 tickets have been sold for the Steak Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, October 26.

Photo Thanks: Jozef Balint, Joe Forgione, Vernon Gilmore, Sue Kosec, Ken Rawlinson, Tammy Renteria, Loretta Santos, Faye Stinneford