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Saturday, February 5, starting at 5:00 PM at Fire Station Number 2 in Caviness on FM 1499 we will have our annual fund raiser. It will be a BBQ dinner and auction. Dinner tickets are \$6 and children under 5 eat free. The silent auction will start at 5:00 PM and end at 6:15 PM. The live auction beginning at 6:30 PM. There will be many wonderful items ranging from oil changes to pine bark mulch, top soil, propane and a gas heater with everything you can think of in between. We also have a quilt donated for the auction as well. We need donations of desserts for the dinner and auction. Call Misty Bass at 903-249-6317 or Rena Clark at 903-785-0643 for more information. All proceeds will go toward funding the purchase of a new tanker truck, equipping firefighters with new structure gear and tools, and to go towards grants. All donations are appreciated. If you need a donation letter please contact Jewel Reed. Come join us to visit with your neighbors, view the equipment used in our community, and meet your volunteer fire fighters who donate a lot of time away from their home and families to help protect and serve in our surrounding communities.

Last year your VFD responded to a total of 39 emergency calls and storm watches. This is thankfully down from the 43 calls in 2009. We would like to thank all our residents for being careful when doing controlled burns and feel you have contributed to the low number of fire calls by your caution. Most calls were for grass or brush fires, but we did respond to structure fires, vehicle accidents/fires and some sick calls to assist the EMS. We really appreciate all our **volunteer** fire fighters who are willing to respond day or night to emergency calls. Our meeting day is the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. Watch the signs in front of both Stations for place of meeting. We encourage everyone to attend the meetings to keep up to date on the activities of your VFD.

The fall was a busy time with our having a booth at the Red River Valley Fair and our annual Fall Carnival. We had a large turn out and the adults had as much fun as the kids. Thanks to all who volunteer at both events.

Due to the efforts of Ronnie Bass we were able to make use of a Fire Training Trailer that was loaned by a private company. Through its use volunteer fire fighters are able to learn the dos and don'ts of fighting a fire. The trailer provides fire fighters with very advanced special training working with live fires and giving them practice on how to fight a fire from the initial fire to flashovers. They learn when it is best to retreat for their safety.

The Fire Training
Trailer

Below our Fire
Chief, Kent Davis
on left and
Drew Phiffer,
from Sulphur
Springs, setting
up for fire
training.

Picture of trailer.

Picture of Kent
fighters
fire

Below on the left
volunteer fire
attack the

in the trailer.

Below from left to right,
Rick Pirtle, Carrie &
Michael Cox
suit up for training.

Picture of fire training

picture of fire fighters.

Ladies are still welcome to come join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until ??? to visit, quilt, sew, or do crafts. Call Catherine Cato at 903-784-0799 for more information or just show up at the Hen's Den just past the Fire Station at Lamar Point on FM 1500. It is a great chance to meet your neighbors and have some fun.

At the December meeting officers for 2011 were elected. They are: Jim Jones, President; Kent Davis, Fire Chief; J.C. Gilliam, Assistant Chief-Station 1; Ronnie Bass, Assistant Chief-Station 2; J. C. Gilliam, Training Officer; Rick Pirtle, Safety Officer; Jewel Reed, Secretary/Treasurer; LaJuana Eckel, Parliamentarian. We appreciate that they are willing to serve in these capacities.

It is time for 2011 membership dues to be sent in. Remember that dues must be paid by April 30, 2011 in order to be able to vote at meetings. We appreciate all the new members for 2010 as well as your generous support for our organization through your donations. Also check out our web site at www.lamarpointvfd.org for updates on our activities.

(Tear on dotted line to return form)
2011 DUES \$5 per Person
SEND TO: Jewel Reed, 6528 FM 1500, Paris, TX 75460
Make checks payable to LPVFD

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone(____) _____ e-mail _____

Amount enclosed _____ for membership

_____ for donation for _____

(Truck, Matching grant, building, other)

_____ Please check if you need a Tax Donation form
otherwise your check will be your receipt.

Comments: _____
