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Saturday, February 6, 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, with everything you can think of in between. We also have a quilt donated that we are raffling off after the auction. You can get your tickets for the quilt raffle at the auction or call Jewel Reed at 903-785-0643. You do not need to be present to win the quilt. We need donations of desserts for the dinner. Call Michelle Davis at 903-739-2714 or Misty Bass at 903-249-6317 for more information. All proceeds will go toward funding the building addition to Station 1 at Lamar Point, 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 43 emergency calls and storm watches. This is thankfully down from the 51 calls in 2008. There was one large, dangerous grass fire that required evacuation of the residents across from Lamar Point Baptist Church and involved numerous volunteer fire department to fight the fire. 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. Our thanks to the Texas Forest Service for providing a wonderful display and handouts as well as to the volunteers who worked the booth.

One large fire where we provided mutual aid was the Hope Agri Product fire in Powderly. Mutual aid is an agreement between VFDs to assist each other. Photo provided by The Paris News.

We will be adding a bay to Station 1 at Lamar Point as we have three trucks in two bays. We will have not only the cost of construction but moving the water meter, power pole and putting in a new culvert. We appreciate any donations made to make this happen.

Ann Jobe and Linda Jett were two of our volunteers who worked the booth at the Fair.

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 2010 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 2010 membership dues to be sent in. We appreciate all the new members for 2009 as well as your generous support for our organization through your donations.

(Tear on dotted line to return form)
2010 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 _____

(Matching grant, building, other)

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

Comments: _____

