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Hometown Heroes

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OUR MISSION . . .

. . . is to stand up on behalf of the children. These young people remind us that our faith beckons us to aid the weakest of our community and to make their fight, our fight.

Hometown Heroes is dedicated to those kids that need some big friends. Our focus is to make these children and their families OUR families. **"Big Kids Helping Little Kids"** isn't just a slogan, it's a promise to make a difference in the lives of some kids that can use our help.

Please take time to visit the Hometown Heroes website at www.hometownheroesonline.com.

On Friday, September 11 this group of "Big Kids" gave \$1000 each to 16 sponsored children; our young friend Ronnie Familette was included in this event. When these "Big Kids" introduced the children they sponsored to the crowd, you could not find a dry eye.

This group currently includes LEO's and FF's from Mecklenburg and Union Counties; come on Concord Fire, it's time we joined this effort! Donnie Dixon, founding member, stated that fund-raising is not a problem, they need more "Big Kids" to visit the hospitals and homes where these children live. Contact James Isenhour for more information about this worthwhile organization.



Ronnie with John Hilferty

Update on Ronnie September 14th

Hello everyone.. Ronnie underwent his first day of Radiation today. He was incredible, he layed completely still during the whole procedure. The doctor's suggest he teach some of the adults to stay that still and calm...Just 42 days more left to go and hopefully we will get the all clear..Then the biggest Remission party you could imagine..Thanks to all for the prayersMichelle F.

Bragging Board



- ♦ *Matt & Judie Sellers are proud parents of Coleman Matthew born September 3. He was 9 lbs. 6 oz. and 21" long.*
- ♦ *Jody & James Hall are proud parents of Maximus Payne, born September 9 @ 7:01 p.m. He was 6 lbs. 8 oz. and 19.5" long.*
- ♦ *Ben & Mary Klauder are proud parents of Helen Elizabeth, born September 10 @ 6:49 a.m. She was 8 lbs. 0 oz. and 20.5" long.*

Hot Topics

- ♦ **Mark Your Calendar**
Our Annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 6, 2009. More Information to follow.
- ♦ **City Picnic** - Friday, October 2, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Brown Ops. Ctr.
- ♦ **Fire Safety Carnival**
Saturday, October 3, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

This year's **Fire Prevention Week** theme is "Don't Get Burned- Stay Fire Smart". The goal of this year's theme is to help educate the public on burn awareness and prevention.

Since getting its start in 1922, Fire Prevention Week is the

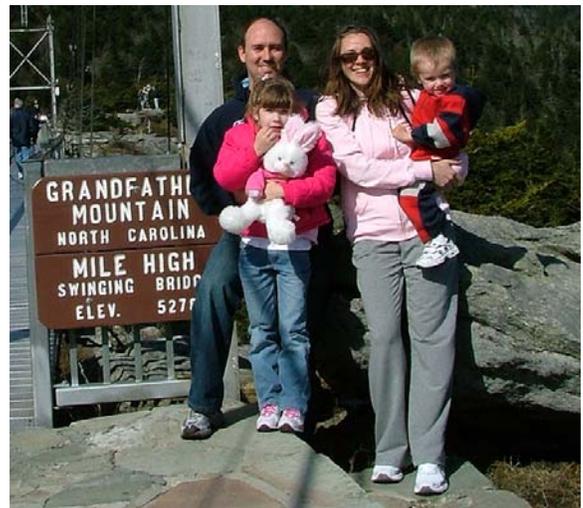
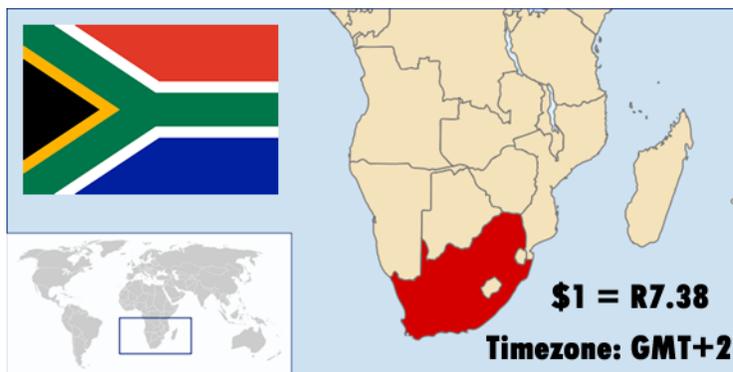
longest running public health and safety observance on record. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed observance on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 8th falls. Check out NFPA.org to see themes from the past.



Peter Wakeford a.k.a. “The Computer Guy”

I've been asked to share a little about my family and me, so here goes... I'll start with a little history about myself.

Kimberley, South Africa [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kimberley,_Northern_Cape]. This little town is situated in the interior of the country and was well known for its diamond mining. This is where I was born and spent the first 18 years of my life before moving to Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth (along the south coast) to complete my tertiary education. I attended a private elementary school, Christian Brothers College, which was multi racial and run by some Irish Christian Brothers (as they were called). CBC went against the apartheid policy of the country and I had many colored and black friends. In fact, in my generation, I grew up without understanding or realizing the apartheid mindset that was initiated in prior generations. There were parts of the country and schools that practiced the apartheid policies, but thankfully while growing up, from elementary straight through to high school, never once did I experienced the segregation that was taught by apartheid. As far as we were concerned equality was for everyone and we never really experienced apartheid as it was being purported to the rest of the world.



South Africa is truly a beautiful country. The scenery is spectacular, particularly the mountains and the long white sandy beaches. One question, I'm asked a lot is: what is the weather like in South Africa? Well, SA has several climatic zones and can vary from extreme desert in places to lush sub-tropical climates along the Mozambique border. Growing up in Kimberley, we would have minimum temperatures in the mid 20s in winter to middle and upper 90s (occasionally in the 100s) in summer for the maximums. Cape Town has a Mediterranean climate with minimum temperatures varying from upper 40s in winter to middle and upper 70s in summer. Generally, the day time temperature throughout the year would be between 60 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

I guess I should mention where computers started in my life. When I was 4 or 5 years old I remember getting my first 2 Mhz 8-bit BBC microcomputer and progressed from there. For those out there that are familiar with the ZX Spectrum and Commodore 64, the BBC micro came out the year before (1981) [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BBC_Micro]. Occasionally, I would receive old PC magazines that had pages of program code for games that I spent hours typing in BBC Basic. That's where computers kind of “stuck” for me and I've had an interest in them ever since.

After graduating from college I worked for an Atlanta web design and services company before returning to SA where I met my wife-to-be on a farm in the Western Cape province where my mom and step-dad had retired (they did not own the farm but were just renting). A few years later we were married and decided to return to the US where I initially continued working for the Atlanta company before meeting up with Tech Edge. At present we are pursuing permanent residence and eventually citizenship.

My wife Tania, is a homemaker at the moment and doing a great job with helping to raise our 2 kids: our daughter, Michaela (who is 6 years old) and our son, Joshua (who is 2 years old). I still have family in South Africa, my mom and younger brother. Tania has her mother, younger sister and 2 younger brothers. We love being outdoors as a family and frequent the Asheboro Zoo whenever we can. We're still exploring the rest of NC and we're looking to go to the Great Smoky Mountains at some stage.

Get to Know Engine 4 / B-Shift

Richard V. Bergeron, II



Nickname: Berge, Burley

Age: 46

Hometown: Laconia, NH

Married to Amy, his daughter Cassandra is 15.

Hobbies: Bee Keeping, Gardening, Going to the Mountains

What makes your Company special: Diversity

Richard is glad to be looking on the downside of the mountain now!!!



Robert Hagy

Age 29

Nickname: Hotdog

Hometown: Beckley, WV

Robert is married to Rachel and his children are: Kathryn, 7; Wilson & Christian, 7; Gabriel, 4; Hunter, 1, Cailey, 6 wks; and step-son Justice, 4.

Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, sport shooting, golf, cream style corn wrestling.

What makes your Company Special: As a company we work well together to reach a common goal. We always enjoy coming to work and working with each other.

Robert states that he "would like to thank my Mom, Dad, and Anheuser Bush for making me being here possible.

Vincent Miller

Nickname: Miller Time, Tan-Man, Vinny Mac

Age: 44

Vince has a son Logan, 13 and a daughter Lexus, 11

Hobbies: Teaching GoJu-Ryu, Bible Study, Learning a second language

What makes your Company special: Knowing that we are part of a larger team with one common Goal, to serve.

Vince says he has 23 years on the books! 7 years to go! And he's out of here!!!!



Matthew Church

Nickname: OX

Age: 22

Hometown: Tyro??? Where is that?

Matthew is not married and when asked about children he refers to spring break in Cancun and he can't be sure..... 😊

Hobbies: Under water basket weaving, I also enjoy watching snail races in my free time.

What makes your Company special: The fact that we do not think we are special we know we are just one of the many cogs that keep this great clock a tickin on time...

Matthew loves being a part of Concord Department of Fire & Life Safety.



Cool Pics and Hot Shots



9/9/09 Structure Fire at Superior Truck Body Shop



Cabarrus County Patch Board wins first place (Blue Ribbon) in Collections Category. Submitted by Mark Brown & Cindy Abernathy



2009 Cabarrus County Fair

Company Run Totals

Company	July	August	Current Fiscal Year	Previous Fiscal Year
Engine 1	116	139	255	804
Engine 2	129	125	254	1406
Engine 3	132	117	249	1070
Engine 4	63	70	133	575
Engine 5	82	72	154	848
Engine 6	41	51	92	596
Engine 7	59	80	139	765
Engine 8	77	61	138	730
Engine 9	71	52	123	372
Ladder 3	96	85	181	917
Ladder 9	50	42	92	591
Rescue 7	68	53	121	496
Batt. 1	42	34	76	352
Batt. 2	17	24	41	182
Haz-Mat 9	14	20	34	120
USAR 7	0	1	1	13



Concord Fire and Life Safety



PRESENTS

Fire Safety Carnival

Saturday October 3, 2009

10:00-2:00

Fire Station No. 3

100 Warren C. Coleman Blvd N, Concord, NC 28027

Parking at First Assembly



Come Help Kick off Fire Prevention Week
and Learn How To

“Stay Fire Smart, Don’t Get Burned”

Activities for All Ages



Relay Races
Water Brigade
Training Tower
Inflatables



“Come and Join Us!”

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We look forward to your input!
Deadline for submitting items
for the October 26th
newsletter is October 16th.



Holloway's Headlines

I would like to thank everyone for a safe and productive summer season. I appreciate everyone working together as a Team and keeping the Department moving forward with a positive attitude during these difficult economic times. It goes without saying that we are all lucky to be in a position to not worry about being laid off as many of our Shareholders and Customers have experienced. I know that everyone will continue working together to provide a high level of professional services as we prepare for various events this fall and the upcoming winter fire season. Also, would like to thank everyone that took part in the 9/11 remembrance at Station 8 on September 11. It was a great ceremony and the Honor Guard and Concord Pipe & Drum did an outstanding job.

Thanks and please stay safe.

Randy

Patriot Day

