

Mountain Living

This week's

November 13, 2008



The AVFD was on hand for the annual Stump Dump Burn Saturday, November 8th. This year featured a new Junior Fire Chief, Joey Shero.

Pictured here are left to right: Evan Walls, John Cook, Don Koeltzow, Gary Kelley, Mike Bartlett, Ron Benson, Mike Wigent, Bob Rosenbaum, Bill Boulter, Kevin Stilley and Joey Shero, grandson to Pete and Julie Nauyokas.



It started with a beautiful morning as fire fighters, residents and camera buffs gathered to watch Joey light the fire with Assistant Fire Chief Bill Boulter. The fire was started in several spots, and the smoke and flames started billowing up into the sky.



Gary and John look on with Danny the dog.



Bob and Mike discussing the big burn.



Congratulations Joey on "making Chief"!



Bill takes time to work with Joey.



Photos taken by Cheri Ratliff



Fire Near Arrowhead!

Kevin Stille reports: October 30th, we got a call from Gunnison Dispatch asking if we'd help Gunnison Fire Protection District in a grass fire that was burning at mile marker 125 off of Hi-Way 50. Of course I agreed and we met at the firehouse before going to the site. Bill Boulter, Peggy Beach, Mike Bartlett and I helped on the fire lines. Rich Ostrom, and Joyce Boulter started out helping at Base. Before too long Don Koeltzow and Paul Forbes assisted us at the fire's staging area. Base operations continued to get assistance from Linda Bumgarner and Lucia Lebon. Jim Gelsomini, Gary Kelly and Ron Benson later offered assistance at the fire. By the time we returned from the fire that evening (about 9 pm) we had a rather large group at the firehouse who all had a part in assisting Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department. We returned to sandwiches, chips and drinks. The community really came together and helped out when needed.

Although the fire wasn't a threat to the Arrowhead community, it was nice to help out Gunnison when they needed it. Gunnison has a great squad and it was nice to work side-by-side with them. We rarely get the experience to fight fires and fighting next to Gunnison was a terrific learning experience. The US Forest Service came into the picture half way through the event as well as Ohio City's fire department. The fire wasn't a large fire (40 - 50 acres would be my gues-ti-mation) but large enough to get some experience.

From initial reports it sounds like the fire was ignited while the property owners were target shooting. The next day Ron Benson and Peggy Beach assisted in mop-up of hot spots.

Winter hits Arrowhead.

November 5th we got 8” to 10 “ of new snow. As of today November 13th, some melting is going on and mud is showing up in spots on the roads.

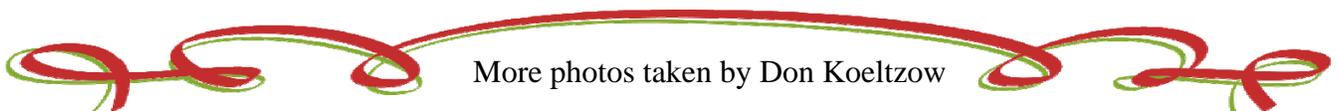
With Will’s help, we hope to post regularly on the website about our winter road conditions.

Oscar has loaded the gravel spreader into his pickup and will begin dropping gravel on the beaver slide as needed, to help with vehicle traction.



Thanksgiving

Earlier this fall, Bing Carlson on his deck making friends. *Photo by Don Koeltzow*



More photos taken by Don Koeltzow