



Arvada Fire Protection District

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Father and Daughter to be Honored by Arvada Fire.

ARVADA –On Tuesday, February 24, 2009, a Union Pacific freight train heading west through Arvada sparked multiple grass fires along a 5 miles stretch of the train tracks from 72nd Avenue and Oak Street to Highway 93 and Highway 72. One of those fires started where the tracks cross 80th Avenue at approximately Ward Road. The fire at that location moved quickly up the hill and into one of the homes that sat on top. Ninety-three year old Marjorie Kusulas and her daughter, Angie Kircher were in the home but were in a back room and unaware of what was going on outside.

Fortunately, Kusulas' neighbor Terry Kemp and his daughter Jackie knew what was happening and what needed to be done. When Jackie noticed the smoke, she told her dad who ran next door while she called 9-1-1. Then, just as they had practiced before, Terry rushed Kusulas and Kircker to safety.

On Wednesday, April 8, 2009 the Arvada Fire Protection District Board will, at their monthly meeting, recognize the Kemps for their actions on that day. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and will be held on the first floor of the District Headquarters at 7903 Allison Way. The recognition is scheduled to be one of the first agenda items.

Following the ceremony, an area will be made available for any interviews.

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