



**Venango and Grant firefighters battled a machinery fire near Brandon on Sept. 26 which destroyed a fairly new baler belonging to farmer Loren Jessen. According to Venango Fire Chief Steve Tucker, the tractor was probably salvageable. The field was already swathed and mostly baled before a bearing went out causing a hot spark that lit material in the baler, he said. Within approximately 30 minutes the fire departments had the blaze extinguished. Fortunately, it was not windy because the fire was headed for a cornfield. “Be careful,” Tucker reminds landowners, because in the dry conditions this fall, “it doesn’t take much.” (Courtesy photo)**