

July 2017

Brenham Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

The Informant



A Big Thank You to Paige Michel of the Brenham Chamber of Commerce for her great presentation at our June Monthly Meeting. She gave us an insight of what was currently happening in and around Brenham. Her talk delved into what we can expect in the near future in our quiet, but growing community.



Dates to remember :

- General Meeting 7pm 7/10
- Hot Nights Cool Tunes 7/08
- Hot Nights Cool Tunes 7/15
- Hot Nights Cool Tunes 7/22



The **Grand Marshall** of this year's Juneteenth Parade was none other than our very own Captain **Lloyd Powell**. At left; That's Captain Powell being chauffeured in a brand new Corvette for this event. The parade-goers were not disappointed; and I'm sure Lloyd was having the time of his life, as well!! **CONGRATULATIONS!**

<i>July P. D. Birthdays</i>	
Michael Davis	7/2
Steven Eilert	7/18
Jonathan Phipps	7/20
Chris Jackson	7/24
Curtiss Schoen	7/28
Seth Klehm	8/3

At Right: That's our new COP Fleet of vehicles. We now have 4 Tahoes; they appear to be in good shape with reasonably low mileage. **Thank You to the BPD Command Staff.**



The Dispatch Office Non-Emergency Number is:
979-277-7373

Citizens on Patrol

Thanks to the following COPs for their help at the Juneteenth Parade held Saturday June 17th. Riding in the parade representing the COPs were: **Sherry Parker and Wanda Aguilar** ; Traffic and Crowd Control was handled by: **Tony Smith, Tex Davis, Mark Smith, Ron Upchurch and Rob Aguilar**

The Parade at Christ Lutheran Day School held on July 3rd was handled by: **Ron Upchurch and Tony Smith.**

June COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	35
Wanda Aguilar	8
Dorothy Antkowiak	2
Clyde Averitt	2
Patricia Badough	18
Kevin Braun	6.5
Sue Braun	16.75
Wayne Brown	12
Willie Brown	2
Robert Campbell	4
Robbie Gail Charette	3
Bob Cothorn	56
Michael Cowan	20.5
Glen Daugherty	9
Tex Davis	115.75
Fredericka DeBerry	5
Doug Feist	49.25
Stan Ford	68.75
Albert Green	55
Juanita Hickey	16
Harry Jones	10.5
Larry Keller	13.75
Dick Klein	10
Rosie Langford	7.25
Howard Mead	12.75
Wayne Miller	5.5
Steve Oneill	4.5
Sherry Parker	12
Carole Petzolt	2
Monroe Petzolt	2
Merlene Schumacher	6.25
Jerry Schwake	2
Corina Smith	14.25
Mark Smith	16.75
Tony Smith	20
Laura Sparks	3
Clarence Steinfeld	15
Annette Tiemann	2.5
Ron Upchurch	146.25
Ceci Wagner	2
Jean Winters	2
Ron Wise	2
Catharine Wood	2

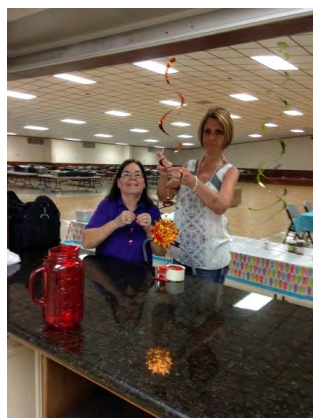
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Above: New COP **Doug Feist** receives his Radio Call # **4110** from Lt. Rob Aguilar.



Above: Our new fleet of gently used Tahoes' as of June 2017.



Left: Social Committee Chairperson, Corina Smith and **Patricia Badough** decorating the Training Center for our Picnic.

Corina would like to publicly THANK Patricia for all of her hard work at this event. Patricia went to Houston and elsewhere to purchase décor items and party favors; she and her friend **Jeanette Newman** did most of the decorating. **Good Job Gals!!**



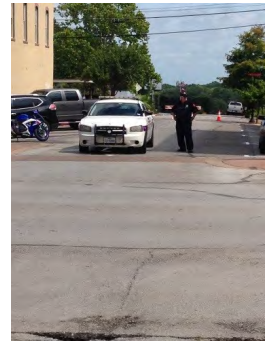
Teamwork Makes The Dream Work



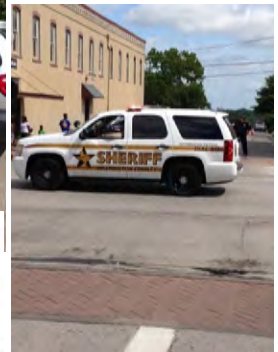
Sgt. Joe Merkley directs traffic on 36 S as Ofc. Kejan Melhorn takes the report. **TEAMWORK**



JUNETEENTH PARADE 2017



Yes, there were many floats in the parade, but I chose to only photograph the important stuff **NAMELY US !!**



Day Tripper's Delight

By Rob Aguilar

While I'm not much into "stay-cations"; I do like short vacations and daytrips. While volunteering here in Downtown Brenham at the Fire Museum, I have noticed that our sleepy little hamlet is quite the Day Tripper's Destination. It's amazing; we get hundreds of out of town visitors into Brenham every weekend. While most are from Houston and surrounding areas, just looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of their booming metropolises; many are visiting our fair city from faraway places. Brenham is quite the destination; it has charm, a rich history and friendly people. And, evidently, lots of attractions to entice the weekend traveler.

I am sure July will prove to be a tourist bonanza for Brenham; especially Saturdays. Our concert series, Hot Nights Cool Tunes kicks off this Saturday, July 8th. And our historic venues, "Step into the Past" will be open every Saturday as well. For those of you that didn't know; Brenham has 7 historic venues open to public every Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm, most with no admission. The Barnhill Center at the Simon Theatre (the movie "The Dawn of Washington County" admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children), Glissmann Drug Store Museum (free), Brenham Fire Museum (free); Brenham Heritage Museum (Currently closed for remodeling), Toubin Park (free), Giddings Stone Mansion (free), and Giddings-Wilken House (free).

While we don't have a beach, there is the Blue Bell Aquatic Center where visitors and residents alike can cool off in their 3 pools. Blue Bell Creameries has started giving small tours; and you can still visit their Ice Cream Parlor or Gift Shop for a scoop of your favorite flavor or that perfect souvenir! Don't forget the fun one can have at Horseshoe Junction riding go carts, playing games or a few rounds of miniature golf. Or there is a round of golf waiting at the Brenham Country Club; or roller skating across the road at Silver Wings. Brenham does have a bowling alley and a great movie theatre too, and The Unity Theatre has some great plays. Our seven City Parks are second to none; and did you know that Fireman's Park has been designated a Lone Star Legacy Park (a distinction held by only 22 parks in State of Texas). Don't forget to visit the Antique Carousel while at Fireman's Park (open Sat. 11-4 and Sun. 1-4 at \$1 per ride).

After all that, I am considering a stay-cation myself; we have a great little city here. Well I didn't write this article to keep anyone home this summer; but rather, if you get people in from out of town, remember there is much to do here. Our city is rich in history and charm and its people are friendly; **let's show our guest just how charming and friendly we can be!**





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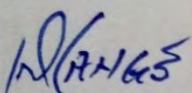
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Letter of Thanks – Range Safety and Support

Corporal Todd Ashorn
Lieutenant Rob Aguilar,

The Command Staff of the Brenham PD would like to extend thanks for the volunteer efforts of several COP members.

On the dates of June 14th, June 20th and June 22nd, 2017 **Stan Ford, Albert Green, and Howard Mead** participated in one or more of the agency's firearms qualifications sessions as support staff and oversight of general safety. Their attentiveness and professionalism was a key ingredient in the success achieved on those sessions. This was noted and discussed among the officers and the Chief of Police. I must add - their presence instills a sense of comfort because of the caliber of person each of them are, and how they conduct business while being a volunteer and part of the team. On behalf of the Agency, we wish to say: **"Great Job and Thank You Very Much!"**


-Captain Dant Lange

The above Letter of Thanks is greatly appreciated. It is always great to hear that your work is appreciated and noticed by the individuals that you serve; whether it be an every day assignment like school traffic or a highly specialized one like the gun range. Thanks for taking the time to make sure that we know how you and the rest of the BPD team feel about the work our volunteers do. I can speak for all of our volunteers when I say that we try to deliver a service that our department and the citizens of Brenham can be proud of ; and further, all of our members strive for professionalism and hope that they can be at the right place at the right time to better serve the Brenham Police Department and the community.



Volunteer Spotlight



After a 34 year career with the San Antonio Fire Department; and an urge to watch his grand children grow up. Rob Aguilar retired, and moved to Brenham with his wife, Wanda, in 2007. His son Rob and daughter-in-law Jana had resided in Brenham for about 5 years (since Nov. 2001); and his many trips here to visit them, led him to the decision to settle here. Their 3 grandchildren are growing fast; so it seems they made the right choice. He and Wanda really like the small town life here; though, she often remarks about the lack of major shopping and dining establishments. At the rate Brenham is growing, that may not be a problem in the near future.

His career spanned 34 years and he served the department and citizens of San Antonio and Bexar County in various capacities including Firefighter, Engineer/Fire Apparatus Operator, Lieutenant, Haz-Mat Technician, Emergency Medical Technician, Company Officer, Incident Commander and Instructor. He currently holds a Master Firefighter Certification from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, an Associate's Degree in Fire Science from San Antonio College, a Bachelor of Science Degree from Suffield University and several other fire related certifications.

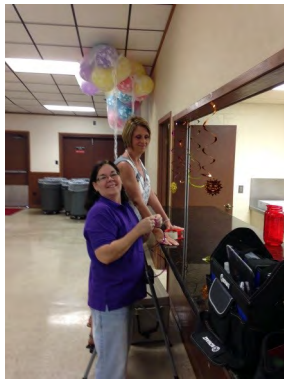
Rob always wanted to be a Police Officer, but was discouraged by his mom and fiancée, now wife. He says they did him a favor because he loved his job in the fire service. However, when he read in the Brenham Banner-Press about the Citizens Police Academy classes; he was intrigued. He signed up for Class 23 which began in January of 2009. It was a great experience, something new and interesting; it was also a great way to meet new people. Being new to Brenham, Rob enjoyed patrolling, working events and meeting new people. He quickly became an asset to the Citizens On Patrol (COP) organization. His enthusiasm, professionalism and work ethic did not go unnoticed by the, then, Chief of Police Rex Phelps. In 2011, Rob was appointed the COP Administrative Lieutenant in charge of policy, training, public relations and indoor events. The organization has thrived since his appointment; as have his duties.

Missing his "fire roots"; he joined the Brenham Fire Department in September of 2009. He is currently the 2nd Assistant Fire Chief of the department and has served as Firefighter and District Chief as well. He enjoys his rolls serving the citizens of Brenham and Washington County in either capacity. He is a Past President of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA), and a current Board member. He is a former COP of the Year and former CPAAA Member of the Year. He still enjoys working events, training new COPs, doing school traffic and serving our great community.



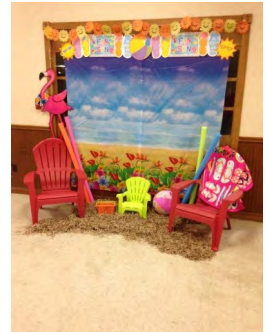
The Annual Picnic

Our Annual BPD/CPAAA Picnic to promote fellowship was held June 25th at the Fireman’s Training Center. We voted for an indoor event, again this year; and I think it was the right choice. The Fireman’s Training Center was decorated to a whole new level that captured that “picnic” or “day at the beach” vibe. A big thank you to the decorating committee which consisted of Patricia Badough and her friend Jeanette Newman, Corina Smith, Mark Smith, Sherry Parker, Clarence Steinfeld, Sue Braun, Kevin Braun and Rob Aguilar. We can’t forget the cooks that prepared the burgers, sausage and hot dogs. The head kook, I mean cook, was Todd Ashorn; he had lots of help from Monroe Petzolt and Kevin Braun. We had a very good turnout for this event; and it appeared that everyone enjoyed themselves. I would also like to thank the clean-up crew for leaving the venue cleaner than it was before we started. It’s a shame that we don’t get together like this more often. Our next big food, fun and fellowship function will be our Christmas Party; hope to see everyone there; in the meantime, *have a great summer!*

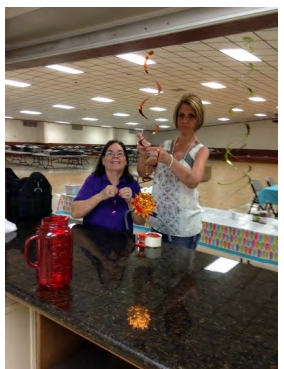


Left: Great decor, very beachy!

Right: Our Photo Booth, also very beachy; and very popular!!



Thanks to the set-up crew!



Above: Our youngest and cutest picnic-er: **8 month old Nicholas Martinez**. Son to Ofc. Eddie and Consuelo Martinez.

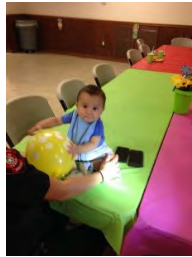
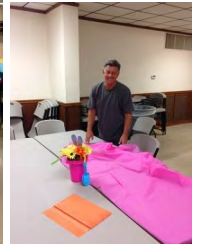
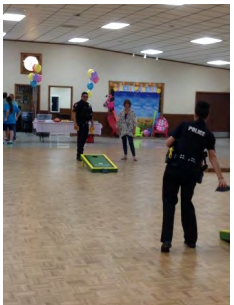




BPD/CPAAA Annual Picnic 2017



Patricia and Jeanette had this photo booth idea, I think it works!



More Picnic photos on Pages 10,11

By Rob Aguilar

Summer is here, as evidenced by the sweltering heat, our “Summer Picnic”, the start of Brenham’s Concert Series “Hot Nights Cool Tunes” and my dry grass. Just a friendly reminder; keep cool, hydrate, and use sun screen. All the common sense stuff that Mom told you as a child still hold true today. Mom’s advice, while good, is not the focus of this article. Heat related illness, is the topic today: **Heat Cramps, Heat Exhaustion and Heatstroke.**

I know full well that I along with several of you will suffer the symptoms of heat related illness (I already have this season)! Yard work, house painting, building something outdoors, and COP work will put many of us in jeopardy. **Yes, COP work may be hazardous to your health;** especially traffic control and parking assignments. So remember to take care of yourselves, who else will. Take frequent breaks (in a shady or air conditioned locations), drink lots of fluids, wear a hat or cap while out there directing traffic.

Heat Cramps are painful muscle spasms that occur after vigorous exercise, whether you are outdoors or not. Sweat produced during strenuous exercise causes a change in the body’s electrolyte, or salt, balance. This dehydration plays a role in the development of muscle cramps/heat cramps. Treatment for heat cramps is as follows: remove the patient from the hot environment; loosen any tight clothing; rest the cramping muscles; replace fluids (water works best, but a balanced electrolyte solution like Gatorade can be used, especially if diluted to half strength). If the cramps do not subside, go to the hospital.

Heat exhaustion is the result of the body losing so much water and so many electrolytes through very heavy sweating that hypovolemia (fluid depletion) occurs. Signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion (and hypovolemia) are: heavy sweating while working hard or exercising in a hot, humid, or poorly ventilated area; heavy sweating even at rest in a hot, humid, or poorly ventilated area; cold, clammy skin with ashen pallor; dry tongue and thirst; dizziness, weakness, or faintness, with accompanying nausea or headache; normal vital signs, although the pulse is often rapid; normal or slightly elevated body temperature (can be as high as 104F). Treatment for Heat exhaustion include: remove the patient from the hot environment; loosen an tight clothing; lie the patient down and elevate the legs; fan the patient; encourage them to drink fluids if they are fully alert (don’t force fluids if not fully alert, the patient may aspirate the fluids into the lungs); if the symptoms do not clear up promptly, transport to the hospital.

Heatstroke is the most serious of the heat related illnesses. Heatstroke occurs when the body is subjected to more heat than it can handle, and the body temperature rises rapidly (to the level at which tissues are destroyed). Untreated heatstroke always results in death. Heatstroke can develop during vigorous physical activity or when outdoors or in a poorly ventilated, humid space. It also occurs during heat waves among individuals who live in buildings with no air conditioning or with poor ventilation. Many patients will have hot, dry, flushed skin because their sweating

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mechanism has been overwhelmed. However, in the early stages of heatstroke the skin may be moist or wet. Body temperature may rise to 106F or more. As the body core temperature rises, the level of consciousness falls. Often, the first sign of heatstroke is a change in behavior; and the patient becomes unresponsive very quickly. Take the following steps when treating heatstroke: After calling 911 move the patient to a cool environment; remove clothing; apply cool packs to the neck, groin and armpit areas; cover the patient with wet towels or sheets or spray with cool water and fan him or her to evaporate the dampness on the skin; aggressively and repeatedly fan the patient; the patient must be transported to the hospital as soon possible. Be advised that Heat Cramps and Heat Exhaustion can progress to heatstroke if not treated; and heatstroke always causes death if not treated.

The format used in this article was so that you could help someone in need, but the information could also help you save yourself. So let's try and stay cool this summer, be smart, and be safe.

(This article was reprinted due to its pertinent content and health benefits.)



The photo at left, was in the Banner-Press recently. it depicts the "Paddle Pushers" pickle ball team of Brenham. See if you can find the CAAAA/COP members in the photo. You should recognize Bob and Sharon Cothorn, Doug Feist and Helen Jordan sprinkled throughout this picture. Pickle ball is growing in popularity, especially with the "senior crowd". I am told it's loads of fun and great exercise. For more info contact Helen, Bob or Doug!!

More Photo Booth Pics from the Picnic



More Photo Booth Pics from the Picnic



The Photo Booth wasn't perfect, but it was a lot of fun; we will do better next year !!!



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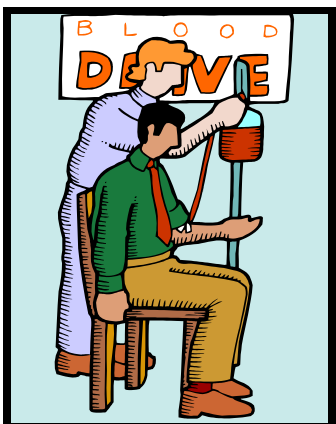
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The next Guns and Hoses Blood Drive 2-Day Event will be held on Friday August 25th and Saturday August 26th. The Donor Coach will be at City Hall (200 W. Vulcan) on Friday 8-25-17 from 9 am to 3 pm. The Fireman's Training Center will be the location of our Saturday Blood Drive 8-26-17 from 9 am to 3 pm. We will need volunteers to man the front desk at the Training Center and possibly help with the food preparation and distribution. If you can help, please call Rob at 451-2612. And as always, we need volunteers to *Donate Blood*. See you all there!