

November 2017

Brenham Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

# The Informant



CPAAA/COP and local attorney **Robbie Gail Charette** was honored by Lone Star Legal Aid on October 26th. More on Page 7.

### Dates to remember

- General Meeting 7pm 11/13
- Christmas Stroll Parade 12/02
- NO General Mtg in Dec
- Christmas Party 12/9

Surprise on Page 8



**Juanita Hickey** is flanked by Chief Craig Goodman and Cpl. Todd Ashorn at last month's CPAAA Meeting where she was presented with a Service Award for her **20 years** of dedicated service to the Brenham Police Department and it's Citizens On Patrol program. That's a long time, but she says she still enjoys it, and all of her friends here!!

## CPAAA Drive Thru Fundraiser is a Big Success !!

The final tally isn't in yet, but we sold about 1300 tickets. We should be quite proud of our efforts. We have gotten tons of positive feedback on the meal itself; which is also a measure of success. We should have some totals at Monday's Meeting.  
*Hope to see everyone there!* Photos on Page 5



Veteran's Day is November 11th  
**Thank a Veteran for their Service!**



Thanks to the following for volunteering their time to these events:

**10-13-17 BHS Cubs Football Parking Assignment:** Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Albert Green, Mark Smith, Ron Upchurch, Tex Davis, Steve Oneill, Rosie Langford, Doug Feist

**10-19-17 St. Paul's Fundraiser Traffic/Parking Assignment:** Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar, Bob Cothorn, Albert Green, Doug Feist, Corina Smith, Patricia Badough, Mark Smith, Dale Green

**10-21-17 Texas Art & Music Festival Public Safety Assignment:** Thanks to those COPs that dropped by and walked around the all day event.

**10-21-17 City Block Party at the Library Parking/Safety Assignment:** Tex Davis, Wayne Miller

**10-27-17 BHS Cubs Football Parking Assignment:** Mark Smith, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Laura Sparks, Wayne Miller, Tex Davis, Jim Hollister, Patricia Badough, Ron Upchurch, Albert Green, Rob Aguilar

**10-28-17 Blinn Football Game Parking Assignment:** Howard Mead, Stan Ford, Wayne Miller, Laura Sparks, Dale Green, Doug Feist, Rob Aguilar

**10-28-17 Drug Collection/Disposal Assignment:** Sue Braun, Kevin Braun, Howard Mead, Ron Upchurch

**10-30-17 High School Nation Concert at BHS Parking/Traffic Assignment:** Stan Ford, Dorothy Antkowiak, Wayne Miller, Doug Feist

**10-31-17 Halloween Candy Drive Thru -** Too many to mention; Thanks to all that made this years Candy Drive Thru a success.

**11-2-17 Select Furniture Parking/Traffic Assignment:** Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak

**11-3-17 Senior Center Traffic/Parking Assignment:** Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green

**11-6-17 Drive Thru Fundraiser at BPD -** Too many to mention. On behalf of Clarence Steinfeld and Sherry Parker of the Fundraising Committee; a **BIG THANK YOU** to all that came out to make this event such a success. And **THANKS** for selling all those tickets!!!

**11-10-17 BHS Football Game Parking Assignment:** Laura Sparks, Clara Kasprovicz, Wayne Miller, Howard Mead, Tex Davis, Mark Smith, Doug Feist, Ron Upchurch, Wanda Aguilar, Rob Aguilar

## October COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	52.25
Wanda Aguilar	13.5
Dorothy Antkowiak	29.5
Patricia Badough	10.25
Kevin Braun	7
Sue Braun	19
Willie Brown	8
Robbie Gail Charette	6
Bob Cothorn	62.25
Michael Cowan	12
Tex Davis	71
Fredricka DeBerry	9.75
Peter Emerson	2
Doug Feist	35.25
Stan Ford	29.5
Christine Goodman	2
Albert Green	114
Dale Green	39
Juanita Hickey	32.5
Jim Hollister	3
Harry Jones	5.5
Clara Kasprovicz	16
Larry Keller	23.5
Dick Klein	18
Rosie Langford	2
Howard Mead	16.25
Wayne Miller	40.5
Steve Oneill	3
Sherry Parker	3
Monroe Petzolt	5.5
Merlene Schumacher	2
Liz Schwake	11.5
Jerry Schwake	13.5
Corina Smith	33.5
Mark Smith	22.75
Tony Smith	17.5
Laura Sparks	20
Clarence Steinfeld	3
Annette Tiemann	4
Ron Upchurch	185.75
Ron Wise	2
Catharine Wood	20.25
Chuck Wood	2.25

**TOTAL 1029**



Hope I didn't forget anyone, if I did—SORRY!

**Quite a busy month – Great Job!!**



A Very Wet Halloween for 2017!!





## Spring Forward Fall Back

By Rob Aguilar



“Spring Forward Fall Back”, sounds like a circus stunt; but we all know what it means. It’s that time of year when we move our clocks forward one hour or back one hour. For either, Daylight Savings Time or Central Standard Time. Well its fall so we move our clocks back and supposedly gain an extra hour. However, we all know that the only thing that happens is our internal body clock gets messed up for a few days.

It’s also that time of year when we change the batteries in our smoke detectors (and or carbon monoxide detectors), for safety sake and peace of mind. Changing those batteries is a very important task. It’s one that I take seriously; having seen firsthand the benefits of early warning in cases of fire and the tragedy that ensues when they don’t work. So, yes I am urging everyone to check their detectors and change those batteries. But, I also want to remind everyone to dispose of those batteries correctly and responsibly; that means recycling.

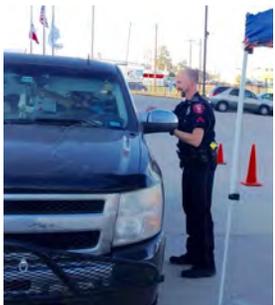
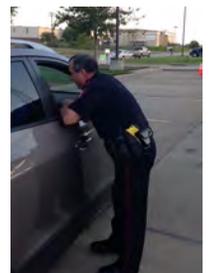
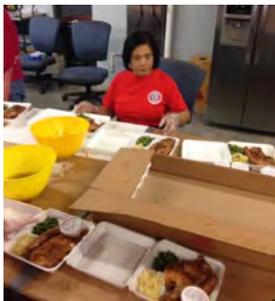
This is just a reminder, we all know we should recycle old batteries; but those nine volt (9-V) batteries are particularly dangerous to store and dispose of. What am I rambling about? The terminals on 9-V batteries are quite close together and can be shorted out quite easily. For example, don’t throw 9-V batteries in your junk drawer (don’t tell me you don’t have a “junk drawer”, everybody does), the terminals might come in contact with a metal object like a paper clip, spoon, key, another battery, etc.; in which case some heat would then be generated which in turn could cause combustible materials in that drawer to catch fire. The same can happen if you throw them into the trash. It is recommended that 9-V batteries should be stored in their original containers when possible. When disposing of them or storing them before disposal you can place some electrical tape across the terminals to “disable” it (wrap the battery with the tape). This is stuff that we learned long ago, but either don’t practice it, or have forgotten. So I hope this reminder will help keep everyone safe, because accidents happen even though they can easily be prevented. And, I can’t wait to Spring Forward again!



At left the boards that targets are placed on at the Gun Range. The old boards were riddled with bullets, so COP **Doug Feist** (below left) helped Stan Ford replace 100 linear feet of those boards this past Friday. Then after all that work Doug comes out and assists us with parking cars at the BHS Football Game that same evening. That’s Dedication with a capital D. **Thanks DOUG!**

At right, that’s Tex Davis doing what he does best. Doing that thing that Momma said not to do. We all know that Tex doesn’t listen very well. He loves to play in the traffic. He is always in the street, literally in the middle of Hwy 290 W. He was directing (holding up) traffic at the scene of an automobile accident; freeing up officers to do other things. **Thanks TEX!**





**Dale, Dorothy wants a hug; no, no, yes – that’s a hug!!**

**Thanks to the many volunteers that made this fundraiser a huge success; many of whom are in these photos. A special thanks to those that sold so many tickets, and baked all of those cookies!!**



**Great PR in the pick up line; especially from Chief Goodman and Todd Ashorn.**

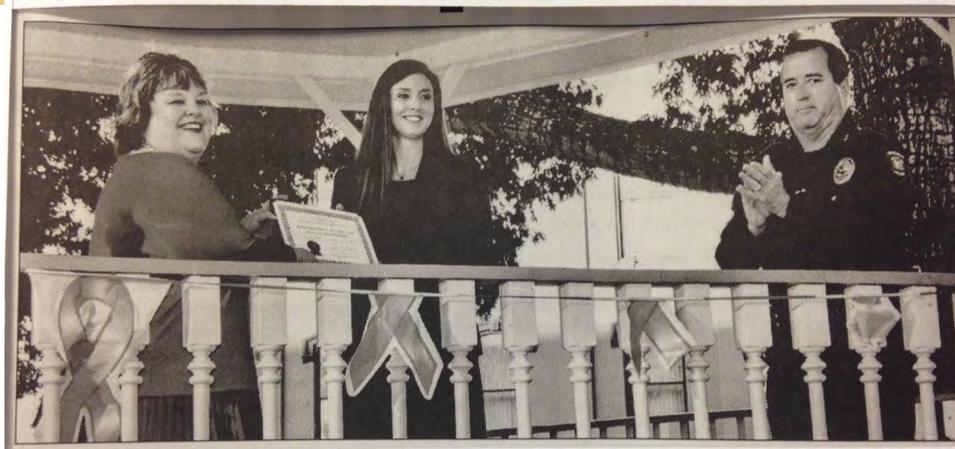


Chief Goodman spoke at our last CPAAA Meeting. He tried to bring us up to speed on the happenings around the PD. He also praised us for the fine job that everyone is doing. He was amazed at the speed with which files are disappearing in the file reduction project; thanks to Ron Upchurch and his crack crew. He told us that we will be trying yet another uniform provider, this one being an online provider (Galls) perhaps it will be faster? He let us know that they are still searching for Corporals to fill the open Sergeants positions (of the 3 that took the exam, none passed, so there will be a new exam later this month). That is disturbing news, as we may lose Todd Ashorn; but we are cheering him on, as we would love to see him get promoted. Maybe we could lobby the Chief into making his current position a Sergeants slot?? The Chief was also on hand to present long time COP, Juanita Hickey, with a Service Award for her 20 years of Service to BPD and our organization.



Below are photos from the Annual First Responder's Softball Tournament. This two day event was great fun for all of the participants as well as the fans. The final outcome had EMS in 1st Place, BFD in 2nd, BPD in 3rd and the SO in 4th. But as far as having fun, I think that BPD was in 1st place there. I was only able to see the first game, where BFD barely squeaked by and beat us by 2 runs. Everyone did well, even our 2 ladies, Angie and Alyson. I was told that they had to teach Alyson how to hold a bat; and she did great. Well, there is always next year!





(Photo/info from Brenham Banner-Press 10-27-17 edition, photo taken by Melissa McCaghren)

CPAAA/ COP Member Robbie Gail Charette (far left) is a Brenham Attorney that was honored in a ceremony at the Courthouse Gazebo in the Town's Square on October 26th. She was recognized by Lone Star Legal Aid (LSLA) for her pro bono work. Robbie Gail received the "Most Cases Handled" award from Melinda Lopez, LSLA staff attorney in the Bryan office (middle), while Police Chief Craig Goodman (far right) looks on. Ms. Lopez said "it is the sacrifices and dedication of attorneys like Robbie Gail Charette that help LSLA provide clients with quality legal services." She further said, "LSLA, in honoring Charette wanted to recognize the value she provides to the residents located in Washington County." The award recognizes attorneys, law firms, community partners, and individuals that donate their time and legal expertise to ensure that all residents have equal access to the justice system. Robbie also received a Certificate of Appreciation from Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman, the court liaison for the Texas Access to Justice Commission.

Also in attendance were County Judge John Brieden who gave the invocation at the ceremony, Chief Goodman, law enforcement officers, some fellow COPs, professionals, family, friends, and residents of the community. Congratulate Robbie the next time that you see her; perhaps at our next meeting this Monday evening at 7pm at BPD.



For all of her hard work, Rob Aguilar presents **Clara Kasprovicz** with the Lt's Gold Whistle Award for the 3rd Quarter of 2017.



After achieving his 36+ COP Hours **Harry Jones** was issued his Radio Call Number from Rob Aguilar. He is officially known as **4120**.



After exceeding her 36 COP Hour minimum, Rob Aguilar presented **Rosie Langford** with her Radio Call Number. She is now known as **4119**.



**Christine Goodman** and **Fredericka DeBerry** are issued their "Volunteer Corps" shirts by Ron Upchurch. They have spent many hours working on the file reduction program.

## Guess Who's Back??

Guess who I ran into at the COP office today. It was our old friend and ex-COP Lieutenant Darrell Weed. He and Bob Cothorn were talking about old times; yeah, the good old days. As it turns out, Darrell was in the doughnut shop this morning (Max, of course), where he ran into Ron Upchurch, as he often does. I'm not saying that Darrell and Ron eat a lot of doughnuts, but have you ever seen Ron without a cup of coffee in his hand, I haven't and Max has the best coffee; especially after doing school traffic in the morning. Well anyway, their conversation usually turns to COP activities and how everyone in our organization is doing. To hear Darrell say it, Ron was crying, begging him to come back to our group. And to hear Ron say it, Darrell was so heartbroken and homesick he couldn't wait to come back to our organization. Well whatever the reason, I am just glad to see him back into a uniform and out on our streets again. It will be nice to have his experience and work ethic back in the organization that he helped build. Darrell was in our first class of COPs back in 1996, and he has seen it all. He help run the organization and help it grow into what it is today. He taught me everything I know about the COP program, patrolling and telling funny stories. Yes, patrolling and telling funny stories go hand in hand, especially when you are out for four or five hours at a time. As it turns out Darrell taught quite a few of us all we know about our program; we would be happy if he could teach our newcomers too!



### **WELCOME BACK DARRELL!!**

The commentary below as well as the picture, below left, were from the June 2014 Informant. So that's how long it took for us to convince Darrell to come back!



On a sad note, COP Lieutenant Darrell Weed has decided to retire from our organization. Darrell graduated from CPA Class 2 in September 1991. He was in the first class of COPs in 1996. Since 1996 he has worked tirelessly to better our Citizens On Patrol program and was instrumental in making it what it is today. Darrell's work ethic, knowledge and dedication along with his sense of humor (as evidenced by the photo at left) will be sorely missed. I hope he will be at our next General Meeting this Monday or perhaps at our Summer Picnic on the 22nd so everyone can bid him a fond farewell and Big Thank You for all that he has done for us and our organization.



# Christmas Stroll & Lighted Parade

December 1st and 2nd in Downtown Brenham. For more information about entertainment and events, check out the City's web page.



Check out our new *Blue Santa* logo at left and our new *Officer Santa* logo at right. You can almost see the lights around the badge twinkling! Well, I can; sort of? Anyway, they are very cool.



**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND  
OUR ANNUAL CAAA &  
BPD CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER  
9TH**

**AT THE WASHINGTON  
COUNTY EVENT CENTER**

**6:30 P.M.**

**MUSIC, DOOR PRIZES,  
FELLOWSHIP & FUN**



We here at BPD want wish everyone and their families a very Happy Thanksgiving. COPs don't forget no school traffic 11/20-24/17.



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### **A CPAAA Merry Christmas!!**

**The CPAAA will enter a float in the Downtown Christmas Parade on Dec. 2nd. If you would like to ride on the float, help decorate or provide decorations or ideas, please contact Corina Smith at 281-795-5786 or Dorothy Antkowiak at 251-2666. This**

