

THE INFORMANT

Remembrance Issue



Dates to remember

- General Meeting 7pm 9/10
- Wash Cnty Fair Parade 9/15
- Nat'l Night. Out 10/2
- Halloween Drive Thru 10/31
- Drive-thru fundraiser 11/5



LSA Brenham
Staff Only



we remember
9.11.01



It has been 1 year since Hurricane Harvey hit the Texas coast. Above we remember how the BPD, BFD, WCSO, DPS, EMS, Texas National Guard and our community worked together. There was a lot of planning, execution of those plans, and great participation which led to a great effort by all involved. While we weren't a shelter city we did house the Texas National Guard—Brenham became LSA Brenham and ISB Brenham (See Pages 8 & 9)

Below and on page 4 we remember September 11th, 2001

September Birthdays

Belated wishes to

Sgt. Justin Schiller 9/3

Cpl. Joe Merkley 9/20

Sgt. Kelvin Raven 9/26



August Events



THANKS to the following COPs for their help on 8-10-18 with the Brenham High School Band March-a-Thon: Doug Feist, Richard Jares, Bob Cothorn, Albert Green, Ron Upchurch, Wanda Aguilar, Rob Aguilar; And our County COPs: Larry Neveux, Gary Baldwin, Doss Pruitt



Thanks to the following COPs for their help on 8-11-18 for **the Fireman's Fiesta Parking & Traffic Assignment:** Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Ron Upchurch, Tex Davis, Doug Feist, Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Richard Jares, Ernest Dever



Thanks to the following COPs for their help on 8-18-18 for **"Clear the Shelter" Pet Adoption Day:** Richard Jares, Jerry Jares, Lori Walker, Laura Sparks



Thanks to the following COPs for their help at the Guns and Hoses Blood Drive on Friday 8-24-18: Rob Aguilar Saturday 8-25-18: Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar, Clarence Steinfeld, Annette Tiemann, Sherry Parker, Ron Upchurch, Harry Jones, Richard Jares, Patricia Badough



Thanks to the following COPs for their help at the Blinn Football Parking Assignment 8-25-18: Ron Upchurch, Laura Sparks, Annette Tiemann, Richard Jares, Stan Ford, Mark Smith, Bob Cothorn, Rob Aguilar



Thanks to the following COPs for their help with the Nina Hopkins Funeral Escort/Traffic/Parking Assignment 8-30-18: Rob Aguilar, Stan Ford, Dorothy Antkowiak, Bob Cothorn, Ron Upchurch, Dale Green, Annette Tiemann, Steve Oneill, Richard Jares, Darrell Weed, Tony Smith, Corina Smith, Doug Feist, Larry Keller



Thanks to the following COPs for their help at the BHS Football Parking Assignment 8-31-18: Ernest Dever, Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Dale Green, Wanda Aguilar, Wayne Miller, Steve



August COP Hours

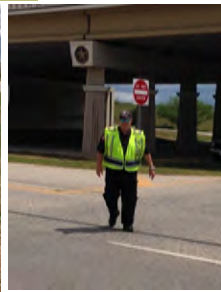
Rob Aguilar	67.75
Wanda Aguilar	16.5
Dorothy Antkowiak	18.5
Patricia Badough	10
Sue Braun	10.5
Willie Brown	10
Bob Cothorn	55
Michael Cowan	12
Tex Davis	41
Ernest Dever	49.5
Doug Feist	73
Stan Ford	52
Albert Green	43.5
Dale Green	16.5
David Holloway	6.5
Jerry Jares	51.25
Richard Jares	115
Harry Jones	7
Larry Keller	2
Dick Klein	14.25
Wayne Miller	13
Steve Oneill	2.5
Sherry Parker	11.5
Merlene Schmacher	2
Corina Smith	3.5
Mark Smith	11
Tony Smith	11.5
Laura Sparks	5
Clarence Steinfeld	11.5
Billy Sutherland	2
Annette Tiemann	22
Ron Upchurch	88.75
Lori Walker	36.25
Catharine Wood	10

TOTAL 902.25

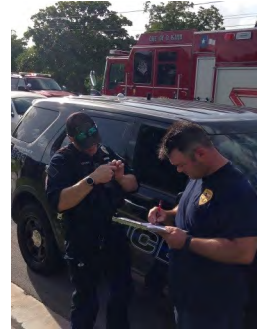
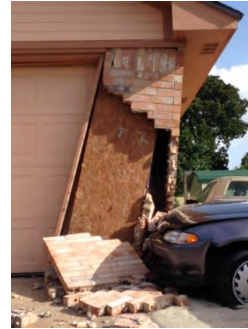


Above: After obtaining 72.5 COP hours Jerry Jares receives her Radio Call Number—4146 from Rob Aguilar. Jerry patrols, works the front office and volunteers at the Pet Adoption Center next to BPD.

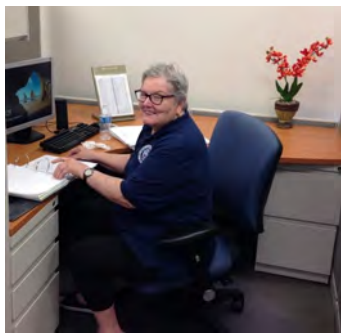
Thanks for all the hard work!



Far Right: Ofc. Andy Adams and FF Chase Jones figure out what to write in their reports, after the car versus house accident occurred on Jefferson Street.



Above 2 photos: While Ofc. Richelle Taylor gets details from BFD Capt. Brett Schroeder; COP Tex Davis directs traffic on the 290 feeder at S. Chappell St. and Richard and Jerry Jares block south-bound Chappell Hill Street (no photo). Right: Same accident scene Ofc. Hunter Andras doing his job (trying to avoid my camera). **Good Job Guys!!**



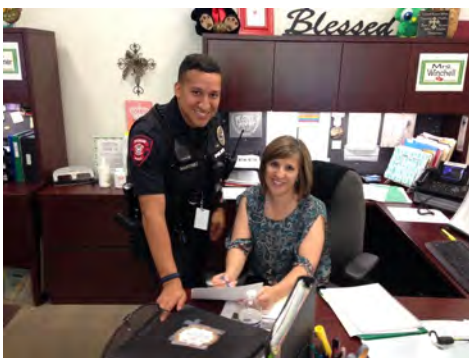
Left: Jerry Jares is filing paperwork while working the front desk at BPD.



Right: Jerry gets stuck and asks Misty McCowan for a little help. Not really, I just asked Misty to get in the shot!

Above: Cpl. Tommy Kurie at a diesel fuel spill along Hwy 290 near FM 577. Just another typical day!

Always in the public eye, BPD Officers have to work well with others; whether they be other 1st Responders or civilians. **Good Job!**



Above: Ofc. Eddie Martinez is hard at work at Alton Elementary School. Middle Above: Cpl. Ashley Burns is a big hit at Brenham Elementary where she is passing out soft drinks to the teachers. Above Right: Cpl. David Dudenhoeffer works with the ladies at Krause Elementary School.



Left: At a distance this looks like a Handicapped Parking placard (same color and size) hanging from the rear view mirror. But, it was just somebody's idea of a joke. It may even be illegal??



Below: Our New COP Unit # 234 a Silver Chevy Pick Up Truck. Nice!



We Remember

By Rob Aguilar



We vowed to remember; we made an oath to ourselves, never to forget. Never to forget what we saw, never to forget how we felt; the outrage, the sorrow, the suffering and the aftermath. It's been seventeen years since the 9/11 Attacks, but it seems like yesterday; those images still fresh in our minds.

On September 11, 2001, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al-Qaeda hijacked four airliners and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Two of the airliners were flown into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, one plane hit the Pentagon in Washington D.C., and the fourth plane crashed in a field in rural Pennsylvania.

It was a clear day that Tuesday morning about 8:45 a.m. when that American Airlines Boeing 767 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. The plane hit the 80th Floor of the 110 story structure. I was watching the breaking news on TV and thought, what a terrible accident, how could that have happened ; when a second plane hit the South Tower around the 60th Floor(United Airlines Flight 175), it became clear, we were under attack. While we were watching this horrific event, about an hour had passed when we learned that Flight 77, a Boeing 757 had slammed into the Pentagon. We would later learn that Flight 93 out of Newark, New Jersey had also been hijacked. However, the passengers and crew on that Flight had heard of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks before their departure. A few of the passengers and crew members fought the four hijackers in an effort to foil their plot. The plot was foiled, but the plane crashed in a rural field in western Pennsylvania; all 45 persons on board were killed. The intended target was never revealed, but it is theorized that the White House, the Capitol, Camp David or one of several nuclear power plants in the area may have been the target.

It was the deadliest day in our history, loss of life was devastating; especially sad were losses to "first responders". Close to 3,000 people were killed at the World Trade Center attack. A staggering 343 Firefighters, 23 New York City Police Officers and 37 Port Authority Police Officers and 15 EMTs lost their lives trying to save civilians from the Towers. Almost 10,000 people were treated for injuries, many were severe; of those approximately 2,000 were first responders. 125 military and civilian deaths were reported at the Pentagon attack, along with the 64 people aboard the airliner. And all 45 persons on board Flight 93 died in that field in western Pennsylvania.

Remembering isn't enough, we need to pass on this tragic part of our history to our children and grandchildren. Then, we truly will **never forget September 11th 2001.**



Thank You!



A **Big Thank You** goes out to all the COPs that came out on August 25th to help with the Guns and Hoses Blood Drive. **Rob's Crew:** Clarence Steinfeld, Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Sherry Parker, Harry Jones, Ron Upchurch, Richard Jares

But a **Special Thanks** to those that donated the Gift of Life!

Friday's Totals : **24** Total Blood Units

Saturday's Totals : **49** Total Blood Units

Which translates to **178** Lives Saved !!



Left: Det. Joe Merkley is donating Dbl. Red Cell Plasma (what a man) and is being attended to by Stephen Rivera while Sgt. Kelvin Raven looks on.

Right: Det. Terrence Johnson donates a pint of whole blood at Saturday's drive; before taking his new bike for a cruise to Chappell Hill !



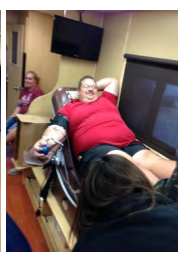
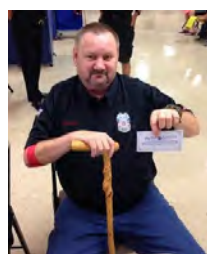
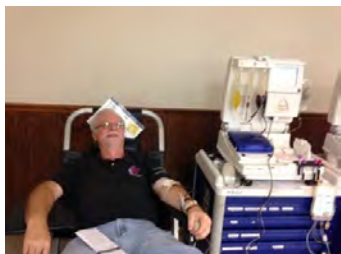
Right: PD's IT guru & FF Pam Ruemke donates Dbl. Red Cell Plasma. She also helped with serving snacks to other donors.



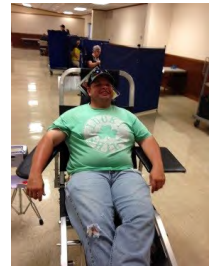
Above Left: Mark Smith hasn't missed a Guns and Hoses drive yet. Above: Sgt. Kelvin Raven, our new Liaison Officer, has his turn with Stephen Rivera. Right: Larry Keller is stuck by Keshasha Barnes at Friday's Drive. **Thanks Guys!!**



Some of our Crew: Wanda, Annette, Patricia and Richard.



Firefighters: Clarence Steinfeld, Billy Whitman, Lang Flisowski and Billy Bender.



Above Left: That's "Cactus" Ken Murray hooked up to the machine donating Dbl. Reds. Right: Before the Blood Drive Police Sgt. Kelvin Raven and Asst. Fire Chief Rob Aguilar were in the KWHI Studio with Craig "Montana" on "Country Corner" and later in the K-TEX booth with "Cowboy" Troy and Holly "Rider".





Volunteer Spotlight

On June 16th, way back when, about 50 miles south of Nashville, TN, a beautiful baby girl was brought into this world to bring happiness to everyone that she touched. She lived in a historic house on a farm with her mother, brother, grandfather and aunt. Being just after the Great Depression, her Dad was away working on various large construction jobs for most parts of her young life. She loved the farm, the vastness of it, the fact that she loved to walk everywhere. On her walks, she fondly remembers picking blueberries and dewberries; and the desserts that followed. She remembers canning lots of foods including meats like pork and chicken.

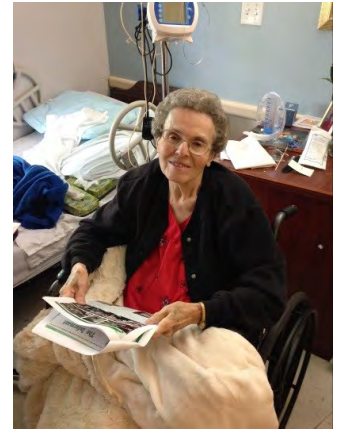
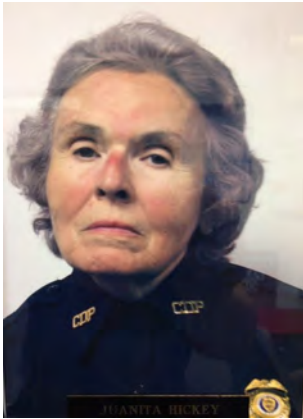
Fast forward, she is now a beautiful young woman of 20, living with her family in Knoxville, TN. While living in Knoxville, her best friend Ruth, which was the cousin of her husband to be, sent her cousin Robert Hickey, Juanita's address. On June 19th, 1953, Juanita received her first letter from Robert. Today that would probably have been an email or text; but back then, the US Mail sent many a romantic note between two people; even those continents apart. Robert was in the Korean Conflict at the time, and their letters were an important introduction for them both. They wrote to each other quite often and developed feelings through their correspondence. Soon after their correspondence started, Robert was discharged from the service and he and Juanita were married in 1954. Juanita says that she believes that God brought them together.

Juanita's simple farm life is in the past; after her marriage, life gets more exciting. She follows her husband to the University of Tennessee. After that, the young married couple move to Los Angeles California where they would be blessed by the birth of their first daughter, Kathy. A transfer takes them to Washington D.C. for a year; where their son Jim is born. Then it's on to Huntsville, Alabama where her youngest daughter, Nancy was born. They lived in close proximity to her family until 1989. While there, she volunteered for her church and also in the political world. She volunteered for Congressman Bill Archer for 20 years; with his elections and in his Congressional Offices. Robert was laid off in 1986 due to the recession and a deep dip in the oil industry. Three years later, Juanita and Robert would be moving for the last time; here to Brenham. They purchased the Car Wash on Market Street, and Robert also began working at HDL, designing power systems for the government.

The kids were grown, and now it was time for Juanita and Robert to travel. Travel was Robert's way of paying Juanita back for raising their children when he was gone so much for work. They liked to visit National Parks, and the West Coast region of the United States. They also went to exotic places, traveling to Austria, Switzerland, London, Denmark, Sweden and Norway. Her time in Brenham, like in other locales, was spent doing volunteer work. She volunteered for our local hospital (formerly Trinity Hospital, then Baylor and Baylor Scott & White Hospital) for many years beginning in 1994. She worked in Medical Records and then in Health Information; and she holds the distinction of having the most volunteer hours ever worked there (that record will probably stand for a long, long time). And, as everyone knows, she has volunteered for the COP Program since its inception. She says she attended the Brenham Citizens Police Academy at the urging of her husband. She liked it as much as he did; they were both COPs. They used to patrol together in that first unmarked, broken down, old blue used police car. She said when they went out on patrol they weren't sure if the car would make it back to the station or leave them stranded somewhere. But, they loved it! She remembers working parades, fun runs, and selling Fair tickets at the gate for the Washington County Fair. She says she will never forget her time working the front desk, and more recently, all that shredding that she did, she loved that too! She was officially our first Office Angel Award recipient, and for good reason. She sadly tells me that she will not be coming back to the Police Department to volunteer anymore. (Continued on Page 7)

She spent her entire life looking out for and helping other people; she says that it is time for her to look out for herself. You can't fault that logic, but, you can sure understand it. Juanita said "she will miss all of us so much and God Bless each of us". To that I say, "it is us that will miss her, so very, very much; God Bless and best wishes to Juanita".

P.S. Juanita is at Brenham Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (mending her broken hip) 400 E. Sayles Street Room 200 B. She would love to see you all, anytime; so please drop by and say Hello!!



This is the only time that I haven't seen Juanita Smile. We will leave this photo up in the COP Office, even though she says she's not coming back!



Above: The last time I saw Juanita, she was reading the Informant. She says, she looks forward to every issue; won't she be surprised this month!!



Above: Over the years, Juanita participated in just about every assignment that COPs were asked to perform. Passing out Christmas Gifts at the Brenham State Supported Living Center was one of her favorites!



Above: Juanita was presented with the very first Office Angel Award by Jean Luera

By Rob Aguilar

While, we in Brenham only felt the minor effects of Hurricane Harvey, in the form of some wind and lots of rainfall; other nearby communities were devastated. We received some criticism for not offering shelter to evacuees, fleeing the storms wrath. However, the decision not to accept evacuees was not ours; but rather, that call came from state officials. State officials felt that with our close proximity to hard hit areas, that we would best be suited to house first responders. While the Fireman’s Training Center (FTC) has always been a haven for first responders; it is now a military staging area and rehabilitation center for Texas National Guard Troops.

Signs that say L S A Brenham are on every door of the FTC and signs that read I S B Brenham can be found on the grounds of the FTC, especially at entrances and exits. According to National Guard Commander Major Luke Reynard, the signs on the doors state the mission of the Guard. Further he says that LSA can mean Logistical Support Activity, but in this case, it stands for “Life Safety Activity”; the Guards mission at this time. As for the ISB Brenham signs on the property, they mean, Intermediate Staging Base - Brenham. So, we now have a military base in Brenham, temporarily, that is!

The Brenham community has embraced the new military presence and has made them feel welcome. In fact, from my observations, we have got them spoiled. I don’t think that they are used to such hospitality from the communities that they are asked to serve. For those of you that don’t know, several guardsmen (and women) are being housed at the Brenham Police Department (BPD), as well as the FTC and the Armory. These troops range in numbers from about 50 to 500 at any given time, with the average at just over a hundred. The duration of their stay in Brenham has not yet been determined, but our hospitality continues to amaze.

The Brenham Fire Department (BFD) has been on hand since day one; doing whatever it takes to make ISB and LSA Brenham a successful operation. Our BPD Officers and COPs have not been left out of this equation; and have been instrumental with the success of the Guards mission here. I along with several COPs, have seen the outpouring of generosity from the community; having worked the FTC detail from day two. Cpl. Todd Ashorn was at the FTC for several days straight, and can attest to this community’s generosity. I would like to thank BFD Chief Ricky Boeker, BFD’s Karl “Corky” Goessler, E-911’s Kristi Stamnes, Chief Goodman, Cpl. Ashorn and all of the BPD, BFD and COP officers that helped with this vital operation. (September 2017)



Left: Wanda Aguilar was lucky enough to be at the Brenham Airport when the Chinook Helicopters brought in their payload!!



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These Chinook Helicopters made delivering supplies to the Brenham Airport last Sunday, as easy as 1,2,3. *It was a sight to see!!*



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These 5 photos are from the Police Wives Hurricane/Troops Donation Drive held at BPD on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017. They did a great job!

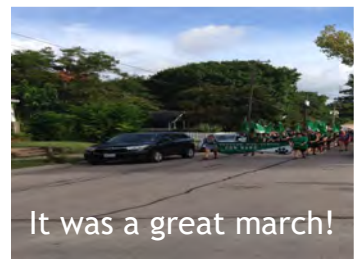


The 2 photos below are of the Girl Scouts' Hurricane Harvey Collection Drive held at Wal-Mart, Sat. 9-2-17. Stan Ford and Howard Mead were on hand for safety and traffic control. It appears that the Girl Scouts did well!



Above: Typical Planning Meeting held at EOC



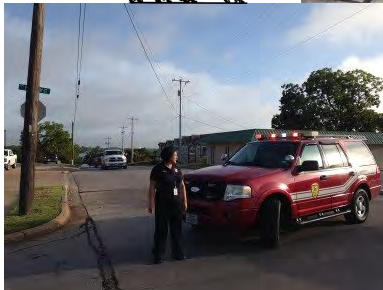
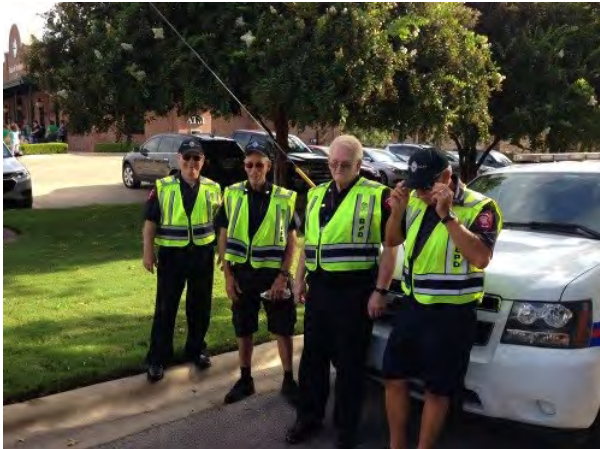
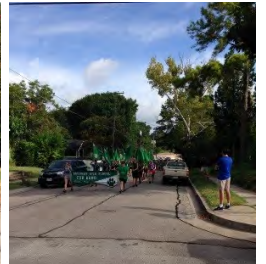


It was a great march!



Above: Doug Feist

Above: Watching the festivities Downtown was our own - Retired Sgt. Judson Hall !!



Above: Watching her corner was Wanda Aguilar

Above: Taking a break next to Bank of Brenham was L-R Bob Cothorn, Richard Jares, Albert Green, and Doug Feist. Below: The Band also takes a break.





2018 National Night Out

Make plans to join forces with us on **October 2nd** for the **35th Annual** crime and drug prevention event. This year's **theme will be discussed** at this Monday's CPAAA Meeting.

Health Updates:



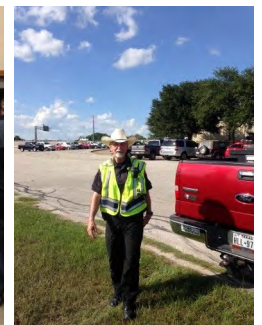
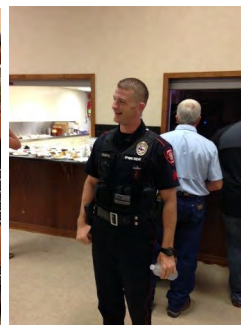
Left: Ofc. Andrea Norton says that she is feeling better everyday and may even be back at work in another 6 weeks; we hope so!



Right: Howard Mead is back at home now and is feeling stronger everyday. He says that he may even be at our next CPAAA meeting!



Fireman's Fiesta photos below:





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In Remembrance of 9-11-01



H.E.B. will be providing lunch for all 1st Responders, including BPD, WCSO, DPS, BFD, EMS and COPs. At the Brenham Fire Department's Emergency Operations Center (101 N. Chappell Hill Street) from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Uniforms not necessary; so come by and enjoy a good meal and great fellowship with Brenham's Finest 1st Responders! See ya'll!!