

November 2018

Brenham Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

# The Informant Ron Wise Memorial Edition

## Ronald Lee Wise

March 9, 1936 - October 7, 2018

As we reported in last month's Informant, Ron's health was deteriorating; however, we didn't think he would leave us this soon. Many in our group had the chance to visit with Ron's loving family; his wife Barbara, daughter Monique, son Derek, as well as his brothers, in-laws, and grandchildren. We wish the best to his family, especially Barbara. Be comforted in the fact that he is now an Angel in the arms of the Lord.



### Dates to remember

- General Meeting 7pm 11/12
- Christmas Stroll Parade 12/01
- NO General Mtg in Dec
- Christmas Party 12/8

Our newest BPD Officer **Armando Guerra** is riding shotgun with his FTO Cpl. Ashley Burns. Armando is the surprise that I mentioned in last month's Informant. He rode out with us on National Night Out, but his employment wasn't official. Now it is. Welcome to our BPD Family Officer Guerra!! More on Pg 10



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

The final tally isn't in yet, but we sold over 1300 tickets. We should be quite proud of our efforts. We have gotten tons of positive feedback as well as some negative remarks. More on this story on pages 7 & 8. We should have some totals at Monday's Meeting. *Hope to see everyone there!* Photos on Page 7

Veteran's Day is November 11th

## Thank a Veteran for their Service!

Below: The newest tribute to our Veterans, an F-117 Fighter Jet on display at Henderson Park.

November Birthdays

- Terrence Johnson 11/1
- Richelle Taylor 11/5
- Todd Ashorn 11/10
- Andrea Norton 12/3



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

**10-5-18 BHS Cubs Football Parking Assignment:** Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Tony Smith, Ron Upchurch, Laura Sparks, Annette Tiemann, Richard Jares, Wanda Aguilar, Rob Aguilar.

**10-6-18 Blinn Football Game Parking Assignment:** Annette Tiemann, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Richard Jares, David Holloway, Laura Sparks, Julia Moore, Rob Aguilar.

**10-18-18 St. Paul's Fundraiser Parking/Traffic Assignment:** Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Albert Green, Doug Feist, Mark Smith, Tony Smith, Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Richard Jares, Wayne Miller, Ron Upchurch, Steve Oneill, Rob Aguilar.

**10-19-18 Home Depot Tailgate Fingerprinting Assignment:** Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Richard Jares, Rob Aguilar.

**10-20-18 BISD Block Party Safety Assignment:** Richard Jares

**10-26-18 BHS Cub Football Game Parking Assignment:** Doug Feist, Mark Smith, Dale Green, Bob Cothorn, Ron Upchurch, Dorothy Antkowiak, Patricia badough, Wayne Miller, Sherry Parker, Richard Jarres, Tex Davis, Steve Oneill.

**10-27-18 Kid Fish Fingerprinting Assignment:** Patricia Badough, Annette Tiemann, Wanda Aguilar, Richard Jares, Tex Davis, Rob Aguilar.

**10-27-18 Blinn Football Game Parking Assignment:** Patricia Badough, Annette Tiemann, Richard Jares, Tex Davis, Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Mark Smith, David Holloway.

**11-2-18 First Friday Farmers Market & Artisan Event:** Richard Jares, Jerry Jares, Tex Davis.

## October COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	83
Wanda Aguilar	28.5
Dorothy Antkowiak	90
Patricia Badough	41.25
Kevin Braun	6
Sue Braun	16
Willie Brown	18
Bob Cothorn	33
Michael Cowan	18.75
Tex Davis	61
Peter Emerson	8
Doug Feist	18.5
Stan Ford	18.75
Albert Green	88.5
Dale Green	64
David Holloway	6
Jerry Jares	42.75
Richard Jares	136.75
Harry Jones	3
Dick Klein	24.5
Howard Mead	2
Wayne Miller	18.25
Julia Moore	3
Steve Oneill	14.75
Sherry Parker	5
Monroe Petzolt	5
Liz Schwake	8
Jerry Schwake	8
Corina Smith	8
Mark Smith	11.75
Tony Smith	23.5
Laura Sparks	
Clarence Steinfeld	5
Billy Sutherland	2
Annette Tiemann	70.5
Ron Upchurch	166.5
Darrell Weed	8
Catharine Wood	14

**TOTAL 1180.75**

**Quite a busy month  
Good Job!!**



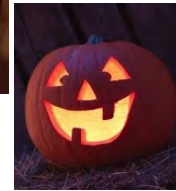
Left: Jerry Jares is presented the Office Angel Award by a very grateful Misty McCowan. Not only does Jerry work our front desk, but she also assists at the Animal Shelter's desk.



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



*And then the rains came! A Very Wet Halloween again, in 2018!!*



*Photos below are from the First Friday Farmer's Market and Artisan Event*





“Spring Forward/Fall Back”. I know everyone turned their clocks back last week, but did we all check our smoke detectors? It’s 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. I can’t wait to Spring Forward!



Left: **Howard Mead** was at our last meeting and appears to be doing fine. Right: Howard stopped by to pick up plates at our fundraiser and to chat a while with Todd and others. His cancer treatments are going well; we hope to see him at November’s meeting.



Above: That’s our parking crew for the St. Paul’s Fundraiser at the Fairgrounds; left to right: Annette, Ron, Tony, Richard, Albert, Dorothy, Doug, Mark, Steve and Wayne (not pictured: Rob, Dale, and Wanda) Above Right: That’s Dale Green telling Rob Aguilar that he’s Number One (who knew that Dale knew Sign Language)!



Left: At the Visitation for Ron Wise we ran into **Karen Karsteter** and **Millie Keller**. We hadn’t seen Millie in quite sometime, and she looked great. It was good to see them both, but we all miss Millie so much. It’s a shame that it took Ron’s passing to get us together. Karen and Millie are invited to visit anytime they want—REMINDER our next meeting is Monday November 12th; we would be glad to see ya’ll both!!



Left and Far left: **Ofc. Richelle Taylor** is first on scene at Orman’s Steakhouse where a kitchen fire kept firefighters busy. She is chatting with FF Stacie Oberrender. Left center: **Cpl. David Dudenhoeffer** steadies a ladder for FF Chris McCain. **Good Job!**



This rag-tag group of individuals is our **2018 BPD Softball Team**—left to right: Todd Ashorn, Justin Schiller, Terrence Johnson, Angie Luedecke, Steven Eilert, Lance Weiss, Jonathan Phipps, Andy Adams, Jose Perez, Armando Guerra, Eddie Ortega, Keven Mertz. The Annual First Responders Softball Tournament was held at Hohlt Park on October 29th and 30th. This 2 day event was great fun for all of the participants, as well as, the fans. The outcome was the same as last year, with EMS in 1st Place, BFD in 2nd Place, BPD in 3rd Place and SO in 4th. I guess it would help to practice? Tell Lance to leave his “lucky socks” at home; and, there is always next year!



**Left & right:**  
Thanks to **Tex Davis** for being the Umpire. The guys are pitching in to get him some glasses!!



**Left:** That’s **Andrea Norton** back in a Squad Car. She is on light duty at the office, but rode out with Cpl. Ortega as part of her therapy. She hopes to be back on patrol soon. GREAT!!

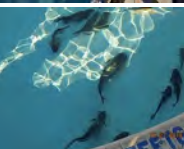
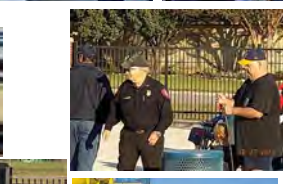
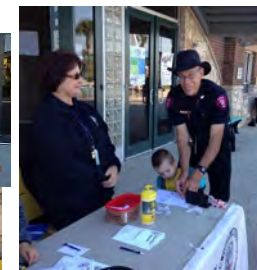
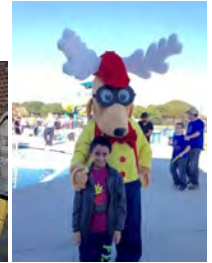
**Below Left:** Our Parking Crew for a recent Blinn Football Game—left to right: Dale Green, David Holloway, Julia Moore, Richard Jares, Annette Tiemann, Laura Sparks, Dorothy Antkowiak. Welcome back Julia!





What a fun day!!

Thanks to my fingerprinting crew: Wanda, Annette, Richard, Patricia and to Todd, Trey, Marley and Tex for the safety patrols. And thanks to the Brenham Firefighters for helping with the fish the kids caught!



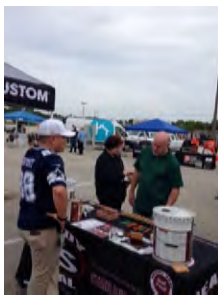


While this year's Drive Thru Fundraiser was considered a big success, as we sold over 1300 tickets; it wasn't without it's pitfalls. The caterer was late, he usually arrives by 3 pm, and we start filling plates. He didn't get there until almost 4 pm, and as usual we had people coming for their food quite early. The wait caused a major traffic jam (see photo to left, note FM 389 wall to wall cars). The caterer delivered in 3 installments and the waiting in long lines continued. I heard there were several calls to dispatch about the traffic problems. I also heard there

was an accident caused by the log jam. We couldn't fill plates fast enough for the demand. Our usual 2 lines turned into 4 lines, in an effort to alleviated the traffic problem (only helped a little). We also, for the first time, heard complaints about uncooked chicken. If that wasn't enough, we had to close down Longwood Drive from BPD to Industrial Blvd. because of an ammonia leak at the Polar Ice Plant. It was a perfect storm of events to try and ruin our fundraiser. Well, it was bound to happen, we can't expect every fundraiser to go smoothly. (Con't Pg 8)



The above and left and right photos are from the Home Depot Tailgate Party Fingerprinting Assignment. Thanks to Richard, Wanda and Annette for their help. It was the first fingerprint assignment that Ron Wise did not participate in; Kid Fish was the second. We all knew how much Ron loved fingerprinting kids; putting them at ease and joking with them. We all talked about that while at these two assignments. **We miss you Ron!**



These five photos are of the Leadership Class held at BPD and taught by our officers: Sgt. Todd Ashorn, Sgt. Kelvin Raven, Det. Terrence Johnson, Det. Kevin Mertz, Sgt. Curtiss Schoen, Cpl. Joe Merkley, Capt. Lloyd Powell. I may have missed someone, as I was only around for a short time. The students said that they were enjoying the BPD part of their training; they were also impressed with our officers and the facility! **Good Job Guys!!!**



Continued from page 7 - The important thing is that we all worked together and got it done. Thanks to all that came out to help; and a special thanks to the police officers that stood shoulder to shoulder with us in the line filling plates. It was a public relations nightmare, but I think we will recover; our constituents will understand (I hope). We will know next year when we try and sell tickets to the same people again. Again, **Thanks** to all of our members and to Chief Allwin Barrow, Capt. Dant Lange, Sgt. Curtiss Schoen, Sgt. Kelvin Raven, Sgt. Seth Klehm, Det. Jason Derrick, Det. Joe Merkley and Sgt. Todd Ashorn, and Alyson Tofel for all of their help. It was a team effort by the BPD Family. The result, **SUCCESS!!**



Left & Right: Another Accident Scene Recreation Investigation by BPD and DPS with help from BFD. This was the 4th traffic fatality in a two week period. **TRAGGIC**







This year the Brenham Bucket Brigade's Fire Prevention Program "Wild West Show" included a "gun safety message" that was punctuated by our own **Sgt. Todd Ashorn**. While the firefighters did a good job of presenting the gun safety message; Todd gave it that extra professional perspective, that seemed to go over well with the young crowd. Even City Mgr. James Fisher and Fire Chief Ricky Boeker were brought on stage to help sing and dance the "Stop, Drop and Roll" message in this wild west extravaganza (well it wasn't as grandiose as all that, but it was entertaining and fun—not just for the kids). I wonder what the theme for next year's Fire Prevention Program will be; guess we will just have to wait and see! **Great Job by the Fire Guys!!!**



3 photos to left: Another accident at S. Chappell Hill St. and Hwy 290 access road. This one was handled by BFD and BPD's Sgt. Trey Gully and Cpl. Tommie Kurie



Our newest BPD Officer is 25 year old Hempstead native, **Armando Guerra**. Armando graduated from Hempstead High School in 2011. He attended the University of Houston Downtown Police Academy and graduated in October of 2018. We scooped him up before graduation and made it official as soon as he got his diploma. He worked as a certified welder here in Brenham at Valmont Industries before aspiring to be a police officer. Armando has served in youth ministry and loves to coach Little League baseball. His baseball prowess served us well last week in our Annual First Responder Softball Tournament. He also enjoys hunting and fishing. Ladies, Armando is not married and has no children. When you see him, please make him feel welcome. I know he will be a great addition to an already great team.



Below:  
That's  
Ashley  
Burns  
and Ar-  
mando  
Guerra  
at a fire  
scene.



In a quiet ceremony at City Hall, Armando Guerra was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Kendall. His mother, Mary Alice Alvarez pinned on his shiny new Badge. He shadowed Sgt. Todd Ashorn for about a week getting to know the lay of the land so to speak. He is now in the capable hands of his FTO Cpl. Ashley Burns. Good Luck Armando, and welcome to the BPD Family. **Nice Family Photo!**



## Christmas Stroll & Lighted Parade

Left: That is our Christmas Stroll Parade Float and Albert Green on the City's website advertising this year's Christmas Stroll & Lighted Parade. I guess we should be honored that they chose us to showcase to the world. We made the parade fun, festive, and talk about all of the lights! Below is the accompanying text to this photo.

Join us for the annual Christmas Stroll and Lighted Parade. This two-day event will begin Friday evening at 5:30pm with the lighting of the courthouse square followed by caroling and other activities including rides on the Firetruck Invader.

Saturday will be filled with fun festivities including entertainment, story time, and more. Don't miss the very popular lighted **Christmas Parade on Saturday at 6pm**. This light-filled, old-fashioned parade winds through the streets of downtown and finishes with a special appearance from Santa Claus. Downtown businesses will be open late!

The Jingle Bell Market will be open Friday & Saturday in the Ant Street Inn ballroom on Commerce Street – a large variety of vendors, indoors including "And That's a Wrap" will be available and accepting payment in the form of donations for the Brenham Pet Adoption Agency!

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

**SATURDAY DECEMBER  
8TH**

**AT THE WASHINGTON  
COUNTY EVENT CENTER**

**6:30 P.M.**

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



On Oct. 22nd a few of us went to visit the gravesite of our dear friend Jean Winters. She would have been 85 on that day. We miss her too!

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and their families a  
very Happy  
Thanksgiving.*

*COPs don't forget no  
school traffic 11/19-23/18.*

