

The Informant

Christmas K-9 Edition

December 2019



Left: **Chief Louis Allwin Barrow Jr.** retired from the Brenham Police Department on November 22, 2019. He will be missed! For his comments and more photos go to page 3.

Happy Retirement Chief Barrow



Left: K-9 Ronny retired from the Brenham Police Department on Dec. 5th at a ceremony held at City Hall. K-9 Ronny started his career here in 2012 and served the department and his community with distinction. He is 9 years old or 63 in dog years and served us for 7 years; I think he deserves a permanent vacation. For more go to page 3.

The next General Mtg will be Dec. 9th 6:30 pm.

Our Lighted Christmas Stroll Parade is Dec. 7th at 6 pm

General Meeting Jan.13th at 6:30 pm. We will Swear-In our New Board Members: Doug Feist, Sunny Colpetzer, Kathleen Siemsglusz.

Uptown Swirl (Downtown) on Jan. 18th from 3 to 7 pm



Left: Our old friend Chief Russell "Rusty" Pancoast will be taking charge of our department once again, as Interim Chief. We couldn't be in more capable hands; however, our goal is a permanent Chief. And, the hunt begins, again!



Happy Birthday

Dec. PD Birthdays

- Andrea Norton 12/3
- John Snowden 12/8
- Eddie Martinez 12/9
- Jason Derrick 12/16
- Jean Luera 12/16
- Jason Kasprovicz 12/17

The **Plaque** below right was presented to CPAAA President **Rob Aguilar** by **Sgt. Seth Klehm, Ofc. Hunter Andras** and **K-9 Ronny**



Citizens On Patrol

Thanks to the following COP's for their help on:

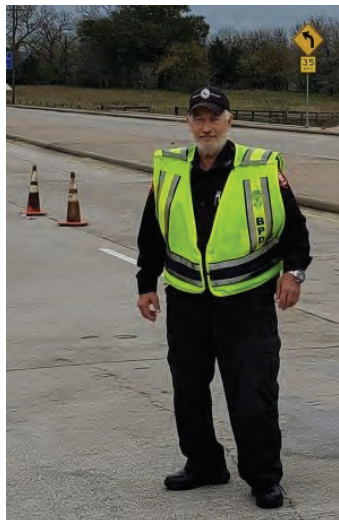
11-1-19 First Friday Farmer's Market & Artisan Event– Richard Jares and Tex Davis.

11-1-19 BHS Football Parking Assignment– Mark Smith, Ron Upchurch, Steve Oneill, Doug Feist, Patricia Badough, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Jon Siemsglusz, Catharine Wood, Wayne Miller, Laura Sparks, Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak.

11-15-19 BHS Playoff Football Parking Assignment– Rob Aguilar, Doug Feist, Laura Sparks, Jon Siemsglusz, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Dale Green, Clarence Steinfeld, Bob Cothorn, Tex Davis, Richard Jares, Julie Wilson, Tony Smith.

Below: Our own COP **Ron Upchurch** was recognized at the Faith Mission Candlelit Christmas Gala held on Nov. 7th at Silver Wings Ballroom, as Faith Mission's Volunteer of the Year. Presenting the Award to Ron was Faith Mission & Help Center CEO, J.D. Young. Ron was one of two receiving that honor this year; the other was Marie Beckendorf (not pictured). **COGRATULATIONS RON!!**

Photo from Brenham Banner-Press



Above: Tex Davis handling traffic control on FM 577 at Victory Ln. It seems like I see him working every accident scene I go to. Now that "No Shave November" is over, I hope he shaves. It's not a good look Bro!

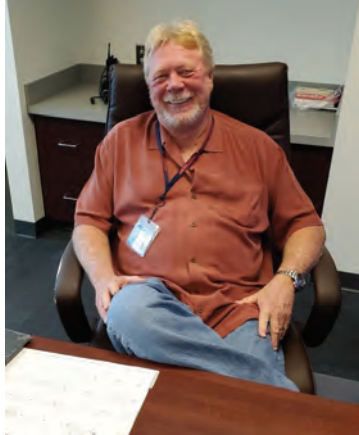
NOV COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	46.5
Wanda Aguilar	17
Dorothy Antkowiak	22
Patricia Badough	16.25
Kevin Braun	5.75
Sue Braun	11
Willie Brown	12
Sunny Colpetzer	2
Bob Cothorn	30
Michael Cowan	16
Tex Davis	228.5
Peter Emerson	11
Doug Feist	31
Stan Ford	31.75
Albert Green	54
Dale Green	17
David Holloway	12
Jerry Jares	10.5
Richard Jares	141.5
Harry Jones	2
Wayne Miller	2.5
Steve Oneill	3
Sherry Parker	2
Kay Reichwein	11.5
Jon Siemsglusz	11.5
Kathleen Siemsglusz	9.5
Corina Smith	2
Mark Smith	8.75
Tony Smith	16
Laura Sparks	6.5
Clarence Steinfeld	2
Billy Sutherland	2
Annette Tiemann	2
Ron Upchurch	58
Darrell Weed	16
Julie Wilson	5
Catharine Wood	18
Chuck Wood	9.5

TOTAL 901.5



Kudos to all that helped this month! Great Job !!



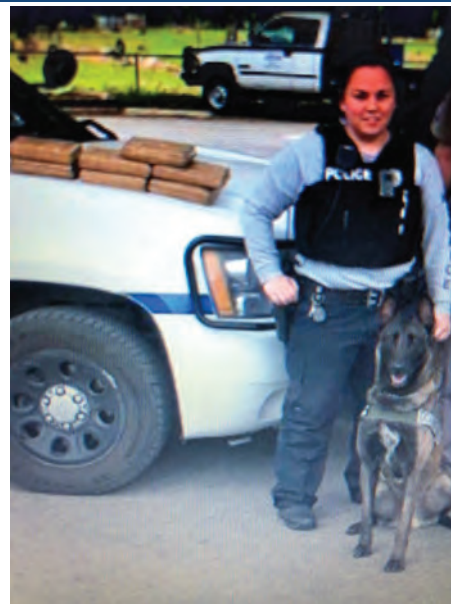
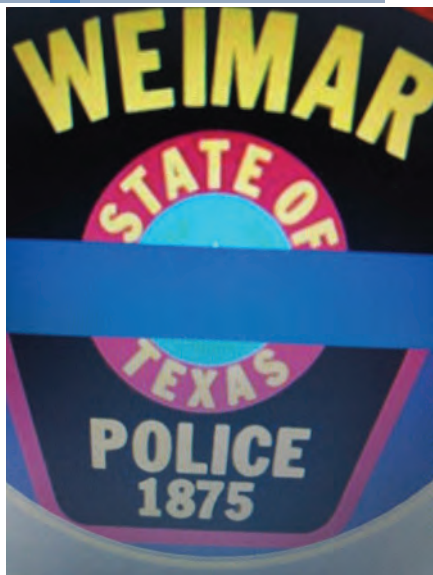
I spoke with Chief Barrow on his last day here at BPD and he asked me to convey his deepest gratitude and respect to our CAAA/COP members. He was very impressed with our organization and the men and women of BPD. He said as much during his opening remarks at our BPD Thanksgiving Feast which was also on his last day here (so we accidentally had a going away party for him). He wrote a letter to the Citizens of Brenham, as well as, BPD and COPS. Here are some relevant quotes from that letter: "I have made many new friends in Brenham and I will miss them all, but most of all, the very dedicated men and women of the Brenham Police Department. And yes, that also includes the Citizens on Patrol - a unique group of volunteers that has proven to be the best in the state. In closing, to the citizens of Brenham, you are very lucky. Your police department is exceptional, your entire city staff is exceptional and they will continue to "do the right thing for the right reason." Please help them be the very best they can be. I sincerely hope that I played a small part in helping the department develop and grow. Goodbye and good luck!"

Louis A. Barrow Jr.



Above: **Sgt. Seth Klehm** says a few words about K-9 Ronny, at Ronny's Retirement Ceremony at City Hall 12-5-19. Mayor Milton Tate declared today "K-9 Ronny Day" in Brenham. Ronny's other handler, **Hunter Andras** was also there. At one point things got so emotional that Seth's wife had to step in and finish his comments. Below: Seth and Hunter wanted to thank a few people (with Plaques) that were instrumental in Ronny's well being. First they thanked Kristi Schiller of K9s4Cops, then Brenham Veterinary, and finally, the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association for purchasing their first K-9, and helping with Ronny's Vet bills, vests and other equipment throughout Ronnie's 7 year tenure here at BPD. We wish **K-9 Ronny** a **Happy Retirement!**





The Weimar Police Department is mourning the loss of their beloved K-9 Lido after he died on Dec. 1st due to an unpreventable accident at home. Lido's handler is ex-BPD and current Weimar Officer Casey Thumann. Weimar Police Chief is ex-BPD Lieutenant Todd Jacobs, who has asked that at this time of loss that we respect the privacy of Officer Thumann and direct any questions or comments to him. Officer Thumann and Lido were a great team seizing more than 1.5 million dollars in narcotics and invaluable in assisting with other cases where Lido's nose was put to good use. There will be a Memorial for Lido on Dec. 17th at 5:30 pm at the Gazebo next to the Weimar Library and it is open to the public. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lido's name to K9s4COPs.org. Our hearts go out Casey, Todd and the Weimar Police Dept.



Left & Right Ofc. Hunter Andras and K-9 Ronny are waiting for the Retirement Ceremony to start at City Hall. They were both cool, calm and collected. What a team!



Don't forget

The Reason for the Season



Left: I caught our Interim Police Chief Rusty Pancoast just before the City Council Meeting started on Dec. 5th. He was chatting with Fire Chief Ricky Boeker and Sgt. Steven Eilert. He seems eager to get back to leading our department. Come by and say hello to him at our next General Meeting, this Monday, Dec. 9th at 6:30 pm.





You and Your Family



are Invited to the



CPAAA/COP & BPD

Holiday Awards Banquet

Friday, January 31, 2020

At the

Washington County Event Center

At 6:30 pm



*RSVP by 1-24-20 to Sgt. Eilert, or Rob Aguilar.
Please include the number planning to attend.*



The Annual CPAAA/BPD Christmas Party and the Annual COP Banquet have been combined into what will become our Annual CPAAA/COP & BPD Holiday Awards Banquet; which will be held in January every year. This was done in an effort to relieve holiday stress at Christmas time and around New Years' celebrations. And also, to save BPD and CPAAA money. The cost will be shared by the CPAAA and the BPD—CPAAA will pay for the venue and the BPD will provide the meal. The awards will be paid as always; some by BPD and some by COP. This proposed change is sound and has merit. We are also hoping that attendance will be increased as well. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year; hope to see you at the above Banquet!!

It's Hell Growing Old

By Rob Aguilar



*Growing old is no fun, or so I've been told;
your body temp spikes from hot then to cold.*

*Those occasional pesky aches and pains,
turn chronic and worse whenever it rains.*

*Your stride which once was long and sure-footed,
has been replaced by a short shuffle, well muted.*

*Your voice once resonated so clear and concise;
now you're asked to speak up and repeat things twice.*

*Your calorie rich diet once consisted of mostly steak and potatoes;
today your system works best on soups and salads without tomatoes.*

*Those eyes so bright, you once saw in the mirror;
now have a dull glint, wish you could see clearer.*

Why did I enter this room, what did I hope to find?

I can't remember why, I think I'm losing my mind!

A clock once used for busy schedules and date making;

Is now used to calculate the time of your pill taking.

It's hell growing old, or so I've been told;

I'll never know, because I refuse to grow old.

You don't know how much longer you have on this earth;

so make the most of that time and fill it with mirth!!

I did not model this from any one person; but from my own experiences and observations. For those of us already in our golden years, the meaning is clear. For you younger folks; you'll soon be there. It's a glimpse into your future. It's not so bad; ***it's LIFE!!***



Above: Another Pet Adoption Event was held on Saturday, November 23rd at our main shelter , next to PD, and at Puppy Dogs and Cat Tails in Downtown Brenham. Forever Homes were found for 15 cats and 4 dogs

that day. COPs Richard and Jerry Jares were on hand to help where they could. Richard said that he had fun checking out their new vehicle (the new truck has features like an elevator cage for large dogs).



New Board Members Elected

The New CPAAA board members elected at the last General Meeting were *Sunny Colpetzer, Doug Feist, and Kathleen Siemsglusz*. Thanks for your commitment to our organization. We look forward to a new year and new and exciting things!



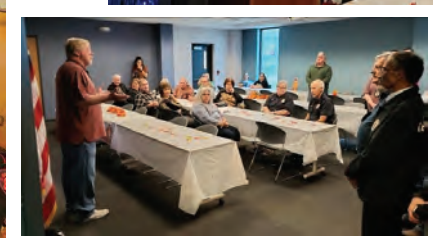
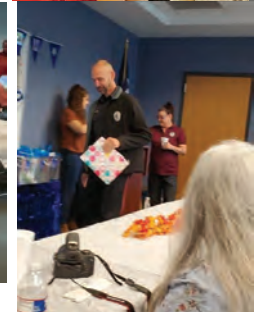
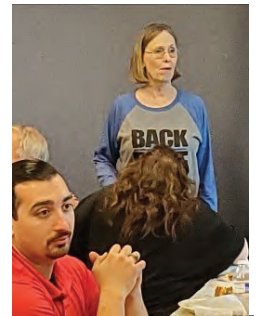
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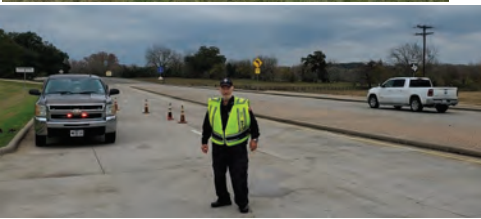
- Alyson Tofel* *Richard Jares*
- Annette Tiemann* *Rob Aguilar*



CPA Class 34 Begins in February
Surely you enjoyed this class yourself and would like to share the experience with a friend, family member, co-worker or whomever! Pick up an application and return to Sgt. Steven Eilert , or it can be filled out or downloaded on-line.

On November 22nd the BPD Community Room was the site for the HEB sponsored BPD Thanksgiving Feast. Thanks to all that helped prepare and serve a wonderful meal; especially Jean Luera, Misty McCowan, and Alyson Tofel . THANKS to H E B for supplying the grub! It was also Chief Barrow's last day here at BPD. He can be seen here (right) addressing his troops for the last time; reiterating what he wrote in his letter (see page 3 for that letter). It was an emotional, heartfelt speech; he will be missed. We all have a lot to be thankful for
Happy Thanksgiving!!





Left: **Officer Andrea Norton** takes a report at a 3 vehicle accident scene on Day Street. And yes, **Tex Davis** was there too!

All of the above photos are from the same 1 vehicle rollover accident at FM 577 at Victory Lane. The two occupants are going to be okay, but as for their SUV, it now has a “targa top” (not quite a convertible); but definitely a custom look. **Sgt. Joe Merkley** and **Cpl. Tommy Kurie** were joined on scene by EMS, the BFD Rescue Squad (Engine One) and 3 DPS Officers. And, of course, **Tex Davis** was directing traffic.



Guns and Hoses Blood Drive 2-Day Event

January 24th - The Donor Coach will be at City Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

January 25th - The Fireman’s Training Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you can help, just let Rob know at 451-2612.

If you can give blood, please do so!



Family and Friends

A Sonnet by Rob Aguilar

*Illnesses and ailments are a big part of growing old;
but not the most important thing, I am told.
The most important is those friendships that we make;
those great friends we have, that we know aren't fake.
Another thing would be the family that we all share;
the relatives and friends we have, that we know care.
Caring for others, in a genuine way;
is the best way, to make someone's day.
While family is the strongest bond of all;
They may not be around when you call.
If you are in trouble or have dire need;
call on a friend, they'll do a good deed.
There are many people who will come when you call;
Those same people, will pick you up when you fall!*

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



Be Smart. Stay Safe.

- Always keep your valuables out of sight or in the trunk
- Never leave valuables in unattended vehicles
- Always lock your vehicle
- Notify the police of any suspicious activity



Left: You will be able to view the New 86" Ricoh Interactive Screen and Stand that was purchased by the CPAAA for our Police Department. The screen has been set up in the Classroom where we hold our meetings. So come by Monday evening and take a look. Also, come by to say hello to Interim Chief Russell "Rusty" Pancoast.

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