



Dates to remember

Bake Sale Fundraiser at Wal-Mart **CANCELLED** 5/09

General Meeting 6:30pm **5-11**

General Mtg. CANCELLED

*Nat'l Police Week * 5/10
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Our newest weapon in the fight to keep Washington County (Brenham) residents safe. This is our recently launched Multi-Mission H-145 Helicopter. The H-145 is a twin engine light utility helicopter made by Eurocopter and Kawasaki Heavy Industries. This model has more power, a greater payload and more interior space than its predecessor; and can be configured in many ways dependent upon its use. It officially went on-line this Monday, May 4th and has already been used a dozen times. It is capable of providing medical transport, search and rescue operations, hoist rescue capabilities for water and cliff rescue operations, firefighting capabilities and of course for some law enforcement operations as well. However, BPD has not worked out its SOPs or SOGs with the EMS Department yet. This is a joint partnership with Washington County EMS and REACH Air Medical Services. REACH will provide the Multi-Mission Helicopter and (more on Page 2)

**REMEMBER
MOM
5-10-20**



Happy Belated Birthday
Cpl. Tommy Kurie
May 2nd
Ofc. Marley Mayo
May 4th
Misty McCowan 6-3

Honoring Our Heroes



National Police Week

National Police Week
May 10th thru May 16th
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complete flight service support, including aircraft operating costs, pilots, mechanics, and hanger and crew quarters; all at no cost to residents. It is currently housed at the Brenham Municipal Airport. Should the aircraft need routine, scheduled or unscheduled maintenance the contract guarantees the County usage of an equivalent back-up helicopter. REACH will reimburse the County for all employee salaries, program direction, administrative oversight and crew quarters. We are now just one of two such programs in the state; with only a few like this in the nation. *I feel safer already!!*



Below: Concept graphics of the WC EMS H-145 Multi-Mission Helicopter



Left: Check out all the room in fuselage area where patients are transported or the Passenger compartment.



Left: Nice Flight Suit, right!

Honoring Our Heros



National Police Week

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as National Police Week. Thus, this year National Police Week is celebrated May 10th thru the 16th. Every year on May 13th the Annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D C is held, whether or not it falls during National Police Week. However, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, CEO Marcia

Ferranto stated "we will not let this crisis deter us from honoring the fallen. We plan to march forward in solidarity with a virtual Candlelight Vigil and the reading of the names can be watched from anywhere in the world..." Fallen Law Enforcement Officers will be honored during a virtual Candlelight Vigil that will be livestreamed on May 13th at 7 pm central time at NLEOMF.org/UBL or YouTube@TheNLEOMF.

The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year. National Police Week usually draws in between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees. The attendees come from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world. However, this year all events have been cancelled; but the National Fraternal Order of Police and the Memorial Committee reported that they are working to have a "meaningful and respectful media tribute to our fallen heroes on May 15th, National Peace Officers' Memorial Day." This year, 307 names are being engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, DC, adding to the nearly 22,000 killed in the line of duty already memorialized there. For more info log onto www.NationalPoliceWeek.com



The CPAAA will not be providing the usual goodies to the department's brave men and women this year due to the Corona-virus pandemic. However, we would like the BPD to know that they are loved and supported by the CPAAA/COPs and the community that they serve. Thank you to all the officers on the front lines insuring our safety and that of this great community. We hope to be back soon to help you in that endeavor.

Due to the Pandemic CPAAA and COP functions have ceased, for the most part, but we did have a total of **37.5 COP hours for the month of April.**

- Doug Feist had 18.5 hours
- Kevin Braun had 1 hour
- Mark Smith had 2 hours
- Rob Aguilar had 10 hours

- Bob Cothern had 1 hour
- Sue Braun had 1 hour
- Stan Ford had 4 hours
- Thanks guys!!**





Left and above: Ofc. **Marley Mayo**, Lt. **Curtiss Schoen** and Sgt. **John Snowden** worked traffic at a house fire on Main St.



Above: Lt. **Curtiss Schoen**, FF and BPD IT guru **Pam Ruemke**, Ofc. **Armando Guerra** at the scene of a house fire on Seager Street. Lt. Schoen was first on scene and extinguished the candle/bathroom fire before BFD arrived on scene. **Thanks Lou!**

Cpl. **Lance Weiss** and 2 DPS Officers were also on scene at Seager Street.

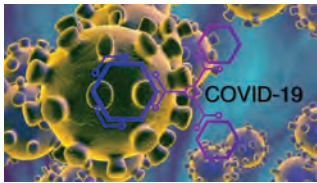


Above: BFD's **Cody Burge** provided pet sitting services at the Seager St. fire. BFD Lt. **Chris McCain** and Lt. Schoen look on. Far left: Lt. **Curtiss Schoen** had to get in on the fun too, the dogs were cute, after all!

Good Job Guys!!

A Bad Situation

By Rob Aguilar



We are trying to make the best of a bad situation;
sequestered at home, can't even go to the station.
Can't work the front office, or patrol the city in a car;
can't gather with friends and have a brew at the bar.

We are stuck in our homes for the duration;
we're making the best of a bad situation.

Cheer up, for there is a lot to do at home;
there is no need to feel that you have to roam.

There are so many projects that you've left undone;
the plan is to take care of a few, and try and have fun.
It will all be over soon, that is the hope of our nation;
still making the best of a bad situation.

We still have our health, that's job number one;
everyone's not as lucky, some have succumbed.

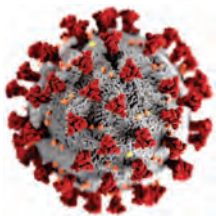
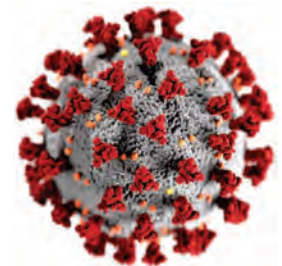
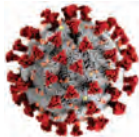
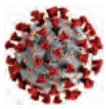
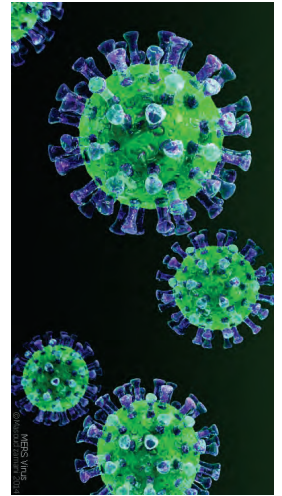
We were just inconvenienced by this deadly contagion;
learned about social distancing, testing, and immunization.

These were all lessons rather not learned by our nation;
We all made the best of a bad situation.

Some say that we will be better citizens for it;
we all came together to try and destroy it.

We all came together by staying apart;
as hard as it was, we all did our part.

Always remember the pandemic that crippled our nation;
but we triumphed by making the best of a bad situation!



Pandemic Blues

By Rob Aguilar

Sequestered at home with nothing to do;
At home with our thoughts, no one to talk to.

We could read a great American novel;
better yet, write it, from here in our hovel.

We have the time, that's abundantly clear;
But we waste it away drinking our beer.

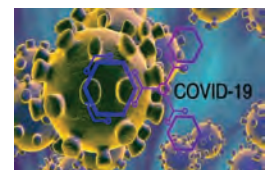
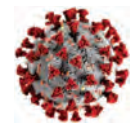
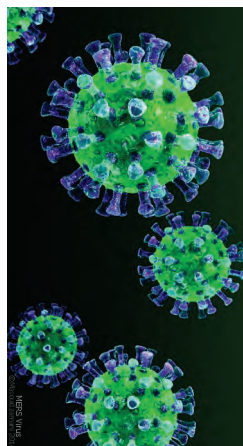
Well what's wrong with that some might say;
you will never get that time back, it's wasted away.

Don't waste any more time on frivolous subjects;
focus your energy and time on worthwhile projects.

I will start today on that long honey-do list;
It's as long as my arm from shoulder to wrist.

You can start by fixing that broken old gate;
then move to gardening, those flowers won't wait.

Who am I kidding with all this talk of hard work, I'm not sincere;
all I can think of is laying around and drinking another beer!





Left: On 4-17-20 BPD had a visit from Nathan Winkelman of Nathan's BBQ and were treated to a great lunch. What a nice gesture!

Right: BPD also received a delivery of sweets from Bliss Candy Company that same day. Why didn't someone call me and let me know; they just teased me later with these photos.



THANK YOU



Congrats to all area Graduates

4-14-20 BPD sent this to the WC Communications Center as a BIG THANK YOU for all that they do for us.



In April the Brenham Police Department, officers and staff, were thanked by several local establishments and members of the public shown in the photos above (and elsewhere on this page).

THANK YOU, DISPATCHERS!

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK



Above: That's "Lil" Jose Perez. Born 4-22-20
How precious is that!!

Congratulations



Above 2 photos: Ofc. *Lawrence Garnett* and Ofc. *Richelle Taylor* still doing everything to stay healthy and fit. It's a tough time out there, so routines are a good way to ensure your good health. Keep up the good work guys and stay safe out there!



Just like everything else in the past couple of months, the Annual CPAAA Bake Sale has been cancelled. No surprise there! Also, No General Meeting this month, maybe in June?



Left: Those are BPD vehicles sandwiched in between EMS and Fire vehicles. They were in a Birthday Parade for one lucky child born on April 20th. My son was born on April 20th, but I can assure you that parade wasn't for him. Looks like it was some noisy fun!!



This photo was taken at the Brenham Fire Station parking lot where all of the above entities were gathered for a briefing. Just shows how we all work together; again and again!



Above: BFD FF *Stacie Oberrender* thanks BPD Sgt. *Jonathan Phipps* and Ofc. *Eddie Martinez* for their help blocking traffic at a grass fire in the 700 Blk of the Hwy 290 West access road.



Above: Ofc. *Tina Bruno* and Sgt. *Joe Merkley* assist BFD at the scene of a house fire on Allison Street. Sgt. Merkley assisted the first arriving unit providing lighting to aid in the investigation of the alleged fire. A faulty clothes dryer was the culprit.

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