



The Informant

Christmas Edition

December 2020



Above: *BPD Thanksgiving Feast* see pages 8, & 9

The next General Meeting will be Dec. 14th 6:30 pm.

General Meeting Jan. 11th at 6:30 pm. We will Swear-In our New Board Members: Kay Reichwein, Richard Jares, Dorothy Antkowiak, and Ernest Dever and our new slate of Officers.

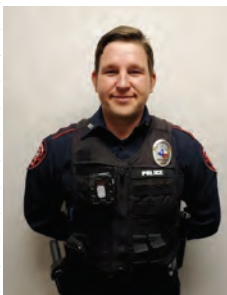


Above: *Toys for Tots Drive-Thru Toy Drive* see page 4

Happy Birthday

Dec. PD Birthdays

- Andrea Guerra 12/3
- John Snowden 12/8
- Eddie Martinez 12/9
- Jason Derrick 12/16
- Jean Luera 12/16
- Jason Kasprowicz 12/17
- Chief Ron Parker 12/19



Left: Meet the newest addition to our police force. He is BPD *Officer Grayson Marburger*. See a short version of Grayson's biography on page 7



Left: Our good friend retired *Deputy Fire Chief Alan Finke* passed away on November 8, 2020. We celebrated his life on November 14th at the Washington County Event Center. More on page 3



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



11-6-20 First Friday Farmer's Market & Artisan Event:

Richard Jares and Tex Davis.

11-6-20 BHS Football Parking Assignment: Steve Oneill, Wayne Miller, Laura Sparks, Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, and Rob Aguilar.

11-13-20 BHS Football Parking Assignment: Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Patricia Badough, Bob Cothorn, Tex Davis, Doug Feist, Richard Jares, Wayne Miller, Laura Sparks, and Ron Upchurch.

11-14-20 Alan Finke Memorial Service and Escort: Tex Davis and Rob Aguilar.

11-14-20 Barnhill Center Concert: Richard Jares, Tex Davis

11-20-20 Playoff Football Game Parking Assignment: Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Jon Siemsglusz, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Annette Tiemann, Tex Davis, Patricia Badough, Doug Feist, Richard Jares, Wayne Miller, Steve Oneill, Tony Smith, Mark Smith, Ron Upchurch, and Laura Sparks.

11-27-20 Playoff Football Game Parking Assignment: Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Laura Sparks, Tony Smith, Wayne Miller, Doug Feist, Dale Green, Catharine Wood, and Rob Aguilar.

11-27-20 Barnhill Center Concert: Tex Davis and Richard Jares.

12-4-20 First Friday Farmers market and Artisan Event: Richard Jarres and Tex Davis.

12-5-20 Toys for Tots Drive-Thru Toy Drive: Rob Aguilar



NOV COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	60
Wanda Aguilar	10
Dorothy Antkowiak	27.5
Patricia Badough	25
Kevin Braun	2
Sue Braun	14
Willie Brown	12
Bob Cothorn	34.5
Tex Davis	131.25
Peter Emerson	9.5
Doug Feist	43.5
Stan Ford	46
Albert Green	14
Dale Green	25.5
Jerry Jares	8.5
Richard Jares	59.25
Wayne Miller	20.25
Steve Oneill	6
Sherry Parker	18.5
Kay Reichwein	9
Jon Siemsglusz	9.5
Kathleen Siemsglusz	12.5
Corina Smith	2
Mark Smith	14.5
Tony Smith	11
Laura Sparks	9
Clarence Steinfeld	2
Annette Tiemann	26
Ron Upchurch	41.25
Darrell Weed	18
Julie Wilson	9.5
Catharine Wood	9.75

TOTAL 741.25



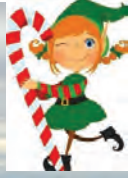
Kudos to all that helped this month! Great Job !!



Alan Eugene Finke was born on November 19, 1953 in Navasota, Texas. Alan was a husband, father, grandfather and devoted public servant to the city of Brenham. He passed away into the the Lord's loving embrace surrounded by his family, on Sunday, November 8, 2020. Alan met his soulmate and future wife, Debbie, at the tender age of 11. Their legacy of love began and they grew up together. Alan and Debbie were married on May 24th 1975. They would have go on to have three daughters, Amanda, Rachel, and Katy. The Finke household was one of music, laughter, and lots of love.

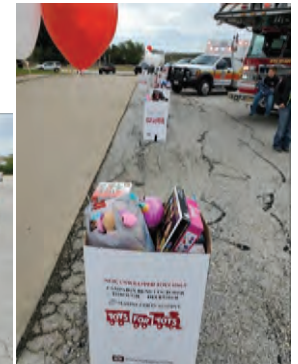
He first served the Brenham community as a *police officer with BPD*. In 1978 he found his true calling and was hired as a paid firefighter with BFD. Alan pursued a career path within the Fire Department. He would move through the ranks, eventually becoming the Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal. He would also continue to keep up his peace officer certification which he would need when becoming an Arson Investigator in 1990; and earned the title of Certified Fire Investigator in 2006. Alan went on to serve as President of the International Association of Fire Investigators from 2008-2010. In December of 2015 Alan retired from the Brenham Fire Department, having served our community for 40 years.

After retirement, Alan and Debbie moved to College Station where he spent his remaining years playing music, riding his motorcycles, meeting friends for weekly breakfasts, and dotting on his three grandchildren. Alan loved a good joke, a good fire, a good story, a good song, and a good motorcycle. I will miss all of those jokes and stories he would tell around the firehouse; and the council and wisdom that he would freely share. He will be missed!



Don't forget

The Reason for the Season



*You and Your Family
are Invited to the*



CPAAA/COP & BPD

Holiday Awards Banquet

Friday, January 22, 2021

At the

*Washington County Event
Center*



*RSVP by 1-15-21 to Annette Tiemann, 277-8444.
Please include the number planning to attend.*

CPA Class 35 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.

Right: Mr. & Mrs. Claus pose with Beauty and the Beast, Ofc. Marley Mayo and COP Tex Davis at the Christmas Stroll 12/5/20





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 known as LIFE!!***



Meet **Grayson Edward Marburger**, Brenham’s newest police officer. Grayson was born and raised in Brenham; his parents, Mark and Shannan Marburger are quite proud of him. He has been happily married to Katie Wellbrock for two years. Grayson previously worked at Brenham Chrysler Jeep Dodge for five years and then took a position with the City of Brenham maintenance garage as a mechanic, where he worked for the next three years. He then decided to make a career change into law enforcement. He entered the TEEX Police Academy and graduated on December 4th, 2020. His first day at BPD was that following Monday, December 7th. He says he is looking forward to getting started and doing his part in making Brenham the best place to live.



Officer Jason Kasprowicz brought his patrol car to the Fire Station to get sanitized. The fire guys sanitized his vehicle, but it left there with an extra sticker on the rear. Just a present to Jason because they like him so much. A BFD logo sticker. *“If they didn’t like you, they wouldn’t mess with you”!!*



CPA Class 34



CPA Class 34 Graduated (sort of), but didn’t have a Graduation Ceremony or Banquet, as in the past; it’s 2020, nuff said. This is the Official Class Photo; and they are all smiling under those masks. Front row from left: **Sherisse Powell, Gabriella Rios, and Dawn Dobbs**; middle row from left: **Kevin Boggus, Kirsten Meador, Melissa Born, Kris Brower, and Cody Sanders**; back row from left: **Sgt. Todd Ashorn, Mark Pennbacker, Frank Nowak Jr., and Michael Procenko. CONGRATULATIONS!**

BPD Thanksgiving Feast

On November 20th 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 the ladies at BPD. THANKS to H E B for supplying the grub; and the local retailers that supplied the door prizes! We all have a lot to be thankful for; **Happy Thanksgiving, One and All!!**





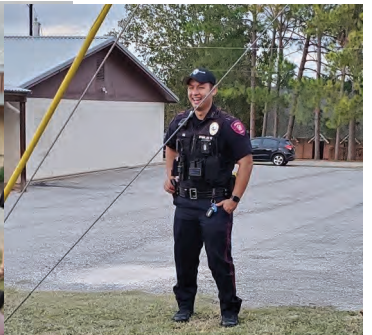
First Friday Farmer's Market and Artisan Event 12-4-20

Above: That's Daniel Gaskamp with Richard Jares and Tex Davis upper right.

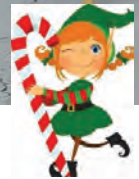
New Board Members Elected

The New CPAAA board members elected at the last General Meeting were **Dorothy Antkowiak, Kay Reichwein, Richard Jares, and Ernest Dever**. Thanks for your commitment to our organization. We look forward to a new year and new and exciting things!





These 6 photos are of an accident, 2100 S Day Street. Sgt. Seth Klehm, Ofc. Tina Bruno and Ofc. Jimmy Ha made location along with BFD's Rescue 2, EMS and a tow truck. 11/20



Above Left: FF Stacie Oberrender, Ofc. Tina Bruno and Dist. Chief Stephen Draehn are watching Firefighters Brent Folsom and Garret Casada (center photo) extinguish a car fire at Third and Day Streets. Chief Ron Parker was first on scene, but left before my camera was ready. Right: FF Stacie Oberrender, Ofc. Armando Guerra and Ofc. Tina Bruno pose for my camera as they wait for the tow truck to arrive.



“No Shave November” has been extended to include all of December. It is not too late to donate to this worthy cause; just find an officer to sponsor and write that check. It’s tax deductible you know. Maybe you could pay Sgt. Steven Eilert (photo on the left) to get a shave and a haircut, he’s looking more and more like Santa everyday. Total amount raised will be posted in next issue.





Above left: Capt. Tank Neinstedt, Dep. Constable William Shepard, DPS Trooper Kraus, Dep. Pheffer at the scene of a roll-over accident 4300 Hwy 36 S. Patient was fine, but the pickup was totaled! **Good Job Guys!**

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



Above: Accident at Hwy 290 E at Bluebonnet Hills Blvd. DPS, BFD, EMS and WC Air One on scene.



Left: Accident at 4001 Hwy 36 S had BFD, EMS and BPD officers Zack Greig, Crystal Buckner and Michael Alston on scene.



Guns and Hoses Blood Drive 2-Day Event

January 29th - The Fireman's Training & Event Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

January 30th - The Fireman's Training & Event 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!



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