

February 2021

Brenham Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

# The Informant

Juanita Hickey Memorial Edition

*Sarah Juanita Smith Hickey*

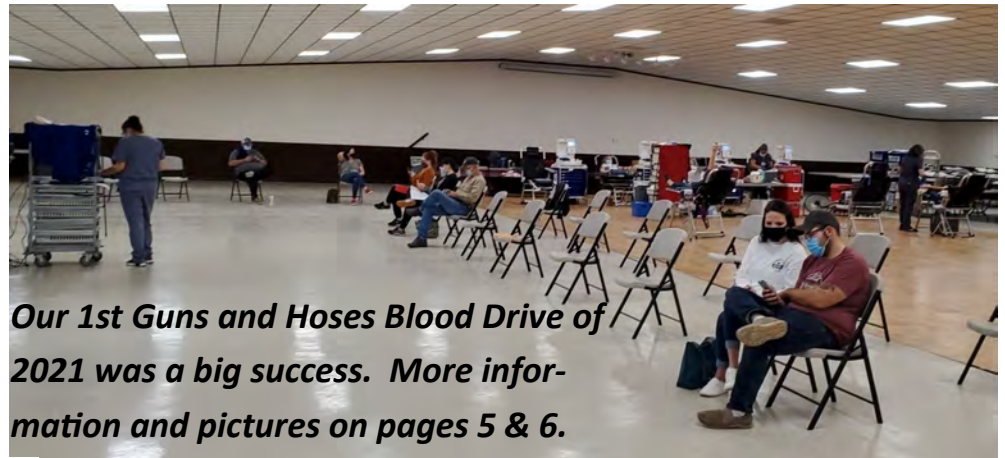
*June 16, 1933 - January 30, 2021*



Juanita, 87, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, passed away after losing her fight to Covid-19. She was a very active member of the First United Methodist Church of Brenham, Texas and helped in many activities. Juanita loved the Lord and served him by visiting the sick, delivering The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide to nursing homes, volunteering at Higgins Branch, Faith Mission, and Scott-White Hospital in Brenham. She was also a member of the Brenham Police Department's Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and Citizens on Patrol program. Heaven has received another Angel; she will be greatly missed. Her story, as told to me, is on page 3 with some photos of her COP activities on page 4.

Dates to remember this month

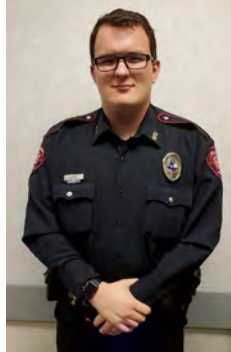
- General Meeting 6:30 pm 2-8
- 1st CPA Class 6:30 pm 2/11
- CPAAA Flower Deliveries 2/11  
2/12  
2/13
- 2nd CPA class 6:30pm 2/18
- 3rd CPA class 6:30pm 2/25



***Our 1st Guns and Hoses Blood Drive of 2021 was a big success. More information and pictures on pages 5 & 6.***

**CONGRATULATIONS on your 1 Year Anniversary with B P D**

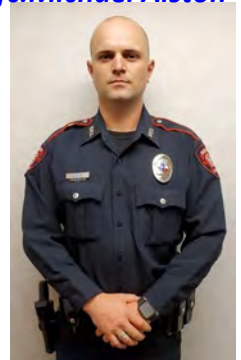
***Ofc. Connor Caskey***



***Berneake Gantt***



***Ofc. Michael Alston***



*February PD Birthdays*

*Cpl. Ashley Burns 2/20*

*Ofc. Andy Adams 3/3*

*Happy Valentines Day*

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

January COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	54.5
Wanda Aguilar	21
Dorothy Antkowiak	20
Patricia Badough	15.5
Kevin Braun	4
Sue Braun	9
Willie Brown	16
Bob Cothorn	27.5
Tex Davis	104
Ernest Dever	4
Doug Feist	15.5
Dale Green	10
David Holloway	2
Jerry Jares	11.75
Richard Jares	49.5
Wayne Miller	2.5
Steve Oneill	2
Kay Reichwein	21.25
Jon Siemsglusz	12
Kathleen Siemsglusz	14
Corina Smith	2
Mark Smith	8
Tony Smith	16
Annette Tiemann	26
Ron Upchurch	21.75
Darrell Weed	12
Julie Wilson	10
Catharine Wood	16

**TOTAL 537.75**

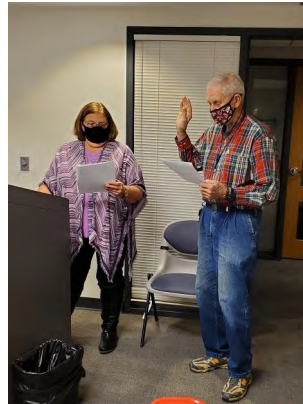
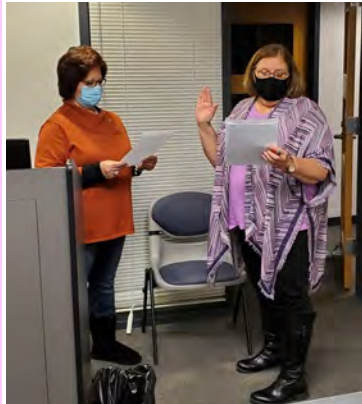
**1-16-21 The Uptown Swirl:** Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Richard Jares

**1-28-21 Purse Bingo Parking Assignment:** Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Ron Upchurch, Bob Cothorn, Patricia Badough, Richard Jares, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Tex Davis, Wayne Miller, Tony Smith.

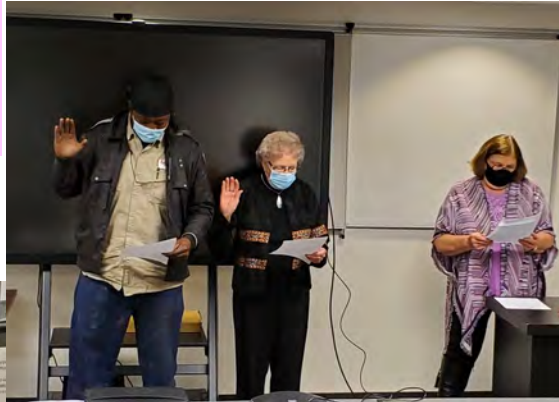
**1-29-21 The Guns and Hoses Blood Drive:** Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Jon Siemsglusz, Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Julie Wilson, Tex Davis, Richard Jares, Rob Aguilar.

**1-30-21 The Guns and Hoses Blood Drive:** Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Kay Reichwein, Dorothy Antkowiak, Richard Jares, Tex Davis, Dale Green, Jon Siemsglusz, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Patricia Badough, Rob Aguilar.

*We'll be in good hands in 2021!!*



Far left: Out-going President **Annette Tiemann** swears-in new President **Dorothy Antkowiak**. Left: Dorothy then swears-in her new Vice-President **Richard Jares**.



Above: President **Dorothy Antkowiak** swears-in our two new Board Members: **Ernest Dever** and **Kay Reichwein**.



**Jerry Jares** and **Kay Reichwein** hard at work in the file room.



Badges, Certificates, and Trophies will be presented at our March General Meeting, 3-8-21.

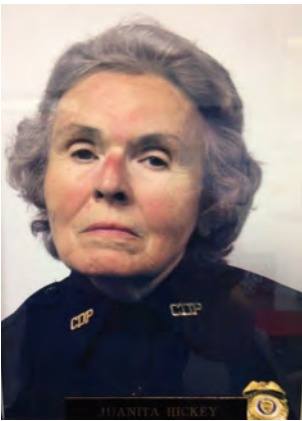


On June 16th, way back when, about 50 miles south of Nashville, TN, a beautiful baby girl was brought into this world to bring happiness to everyone that she touched. She lived in a historic house on a farm with her mother, brother, grandfather and aunt. Being just after the Great Depression, her Dad 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. 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". **May she rest in the Eternal Love of Christ our Lord.**



This is the only time that I haven't seen Juanita smile. This photo will remain on our Wall of Honor. Always in our hearts!



2 top and left photos were taken at different trips to Camp for All; one of her favorite places.. She assisted with the Camp for All—Periwinkle Escort almost every year.



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

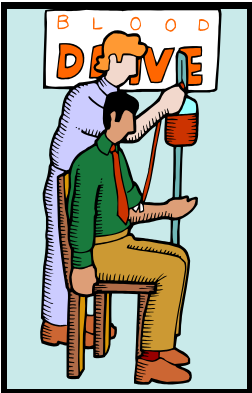


Above: The last time I saw Juanita, she was reading the Informant. She says, she looks forward to every issue. I dropped by and delivered the Informant to her the second week of January ; but did not get to see her because of Covid restrictions.



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!

Our first Guns and Hoses Blood Drive in 2021 was a big success. It was a 2-Day Event and was held at the Fireman's Training & Event Center. On Friday January 29th we collected 46 total blood products and on Saturday January 30th we collected 53 total blood products. But what was even better was the public relations aspect of the event and the fun that we all had; and the 3 CPA applications I secured! **Thank you** to all that came out to donate, which included: COP's **Rob Aguilar, David Holloway, Steve Oneill, Kay Reichwein, Julie Wilson, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Mark Smith, Dorothy Antkowiak, Jerry Jares**. Thanks to all my helpers for those 2 days which included: COP's **Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Jon Siemsglusz, Richard Jares, Patricia Badough, Dorothy Antkowiak, Tex Davis, Dale Green, Julie Wilson, Kay Reichwein**.



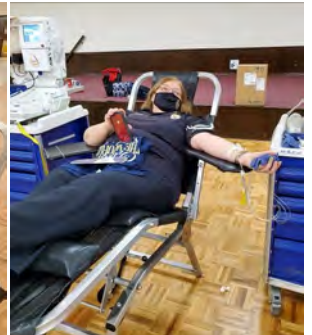
**Steve Oneill**



**Misty McCowan**



**David Holloway**



**Dorothy Antkowiak**



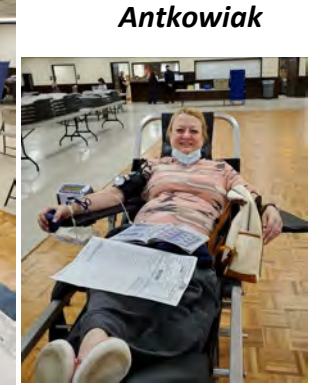
**Jerry Jares**



**Pam Ruemke**



**Grayson Marburger**



**Carol Holloway**



I can't say THANK YOU enough to all of the Police Officers, Firefighters, COPs, city employees and the general public that came out to support Guns and Hoses & Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center with our efforts to supply our area with much needed blood.





Above: Bryan McKee, he was the artisan that donated the artistic wooden flag that graces our downstairs hallway.



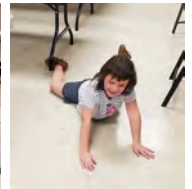
**Kay Reichwein**



**Mark Smith**



**Kathleen & Jon Siemsgluz**



**Lilly Neinstedt**



Left: Who said **Steven Eilert** didn't like needles. He looks right at home here, donating a pint. He's usually reclining, downing a pint!



**Lange Flisowski, below: Kaitlin Flisowski**



**Lucy Neinstedt** above prepares snacks. Mom **Susan** below, donates plasma.



**Julie Wilson**



## Through My Window

By Rob Aguilar

*Through my window I can see,  
a blue sky and a car whizzing by.  
The trees seem to touch the sky,  
as I look outside.*

*I stare a bit at the swaying trees;  
and can almost feel that cooling breeze.  
The weather is changing before my eyes,  
a storm is brewing, I must be wise.  
Stay indoors and enjoy nature's show;  
or go outside and feel the blow.*

*Later the sky turns black,  
and I turn my back;  
from the wind and snow.  
From the flakes of snow I know;  
that it's winter, and it's cold!*



## Can't We All Just Get Along

A Sonnet by Rob Aguilar

Can't we all just get along; was a very popular saying;  
it was not so long ago, the words didn't mean a thing.  
But even farther back in time, when those words were muttered;  
after the beating of Rodney King, was when they were uttered.  
Today in our political climate, the way that things are;  
people need to lighten up and not take things too far.  
We should try to work together and make our country strong;  
by working for this common goal, we will never go too wrong.  
It matters not your political party or your affiliation;  
what matters most is taking care of what affects our nation.  
The same degree of care should be taken at the local level;  
without a second thought, in that endeavor we should revel.  
With no prejudice or malice, in our heart or in our mind;  
can't we all just get along, and to everyone be kind !



Once again this year we will be delivering flowers on Valentines Day. CPAAA members are needed to help with the deliveries. We will be delivering on 3 consecutive days, the 11th, 12th and 13th. If you can help, please contact Annette Tiemann- email her at: [annettet1950@yahoo.com](mailto:annettet1950@yahoo.com) or call 979-277-8444. This will take the place of our Bake Sale Fundraiser.

# Snow Day in Brenham

We here in Brenham had our once every decade Snow Event on Sunday, January 10, 2021. It was like any other day for me, except for the wicked driving conditions. I happened to make a couple of “fire calls” that day; and lets say, the road conditions made driving a slow and deliberate task. Even our Fire trucks were slipping and sliding. They put on snow chains after that first outing; and that seemed to help. Anyway, I didn’t do much else that day except watch TV, eat and sip on hot chocolate. When I did venture out (not on purpose) I took a couple of photos of neighborhood homes with “snowmen, snow-women and snow-children”; as well as a couple of pics of my home. Maybe it will make a good Christmas Card? Hope you all enjoyed that blanket of white stuff and didn’t have any major problems. My grandkids did comment on the fact that it wasn’t a true Snow Day, because they didn’t miss any school!



Above: Ofc. Armando Guerra, Ofc. Tina Bruno, and Lt. Kelvin Raven assist EMS, BFD and DPS at a one vehicle roll-over accident by Schroeder Mobile Home Park on Hwy 290 East; on 1-16-21.



Left: That’s our Sgt. Steven Eilert in the middle using hydraulic spreaders to open a stuck door.

Right: That’s Ofc. Lawrence Garnett handling a vehicle accident by Jack-in-the-Box.







Above: Sgt. **Joe Merkley** and  
DPS Sgt. **Alease Wilson**

Ofc. **Connor Caskey**  
and Sgt. **Joe Merkley**

**Sergeants' Merkley and  
Wilson**

Above: COP **Tex Davis**  
and Chief **Ron Parker**



A Big **THANK YOU** to DPS Sgt. **Alease Wilson**. After writing the accident report she helped me get in touch with TXDOT and we got the time changed on the Brenham Elem. Traffic Signals.

What brings out our Police Chief and a DPS Trooper to an accident scene on city streets? When one of our fleet vehicles is involved in an accident an outside agency is called-in to investigate. That's why DPS Sgt. Alease Wilson was on scene making a report. The Chief was there to check on his officer. In this case it was Cpl. Jose Perez. Cpl. Perez's patrol vehicle was T-boned at the intersection of S. Austin at Mansfield Street. He was taken to the clinic by Ofc. Jimmy Ha, for shoulder pain (they didn't wait for EMS). Sgt. Joe Merkley also wrote up a report and took pics; and Ofc. Connor Caskey was there for traffic control as was COP Tex Davis. I spoke with Cpl. Perez who stated he felt fine, just a bit sore in the shoulder region; quite understandable. As for the vehicle, I think it will be fine also (as the doors both open and close, but what do I know). The main thing is that no one was seriously hurt.

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- Adult Membership \$20.00
- Student (12-hours) \$5.00
- Couple Membership \$30.00
- Senior Citizen's Membership \$5.00
- Lifetime Membership \$200.00
- Couple Lifetime Membership \$300.00
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