

November 2021

Brenham Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

# The Informant



### Dates to remember

- General Meeting 6:30pm 11/08
- Christmas Stroll Parade 12/04
- General Meeting 6:30 pm 12/13
- Holiday Party 01/21



Above: Ofc. Jimmy Ha and Sgt. Ashley Burns are recognized at the October 21st City Council Meeting. More on page 6.

Right: Read about this incident on page 4. Pics on Page 5.

Far Right: Debbie Gaffey, Susan Neinstedt, Interim Fire Chief Roger Williams and Interim City Mgr. Carolyn Miller



November Birthdays

- Terrence Johnson 11/1
- Richelle Malinowski 11/5
- Todd Ashorn 11/10
- Andrea Guerra 12/3

Veteran's Day is November 11th

**Thank a Veteran for their Service!**



## Thanks to the following COP for their help on:

10-13-21 BHS Homecoming Parade: *Debbie Parker, Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Richard Jares, Tex Davis, Frank Nowak.*

10-15-21 BHS Homecoming Football Game: *Ron Upchurch, Doug Feist, Richard Jares, Tony Smit, Mark Smith, Bob Cothorn, Steve Oneill, Chris Brown, Tex Davis, Frank Nowak, Patricia Badough, Catharine Wood, Laura Sparks.*

10-15-21 Call-out to Accident Reconstruction Hwy 290 E at Taden Ln: *Tex Davis, Frank Nowak.*

10-16-21 Music and Arts Festival/Cool Nights Hot Tunes: *Richard Jares, Jeff Hagerlin.*

10-16-21 Praise in the Park: *Frank Nowak.*

10-21-21 St. Paul's Fundraiser Traffic Assignment: *Tex Davis, Frank Nowak, Doug Feist, Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Rob Aguilar.*

10-22-21 Call-out for Accident Reconstruction: *Frank Nowak, Tex Davis.*

10-22-21 Call-out for Traffic Control at Hwy 290/Chappell Hill St: *Annette Tiemann, Dorothy Antkowiak, Tex Davis, Frank Nowak.*

10-23-21 Barnhill Center Assignment: *Frank Nowak, Richard Jares, Tex Davis.*

10-29-21 BHS Football Game Parking Assignment: *Frank Nowak, Tex Davis, Ron Upchurch, Mark Smith, Annette Tiemann, Patricia Badough, Catharine Wood, Juanita Gockel, Steve Oneill, Tony Smith.*

10-31-21 American Legion Drive-Thru Traffic Assignment: *Clarence Steinfeld, Tex Davis, Frank Nowak, Catharine Wood.*

## October COP Hours\*

Rob Aguilar	44
Wanda Aguilar	3.5
Dorothy Antkowiak	21
Patricia Badough	7.75
Sue Braun	4
Chris Brown	5.25
Bob Cothorn	17.75
Michael Cowan	9.5
Tex Davis	145.5
Ernest Dever	4
Doug Feist	59
Stan Ford	53.75
Juanita Gockel	3.5
Dale Green	5.5
Jeff Hagerlin	4.5
Jerry Jares	32
Richard Jares	80.5
Wayne Miller	2
Mary Claire Moloney	2
Frank Nowak	159
Steve Oneill	2
Debbie Parker	10.25
Sherry Parker	2
Monroe Petzolt	2
Kay Reichwein	16.75
Kathleen Siemsglusz	2
Corina Smith	2
Mark Smith	11
Tony Smith	16
Laura Sparks	7.5
Clarence Steinfeld	5.5
Billy Sutherland	2
Annette Tiemann	15.5
Ron Upchurch	9.5
Julie Wilson	3.5
Catharine Wood	26.5

**TOTAL 798**

*\*as of 10-28-21*



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

Left: Lt. Rob Aguilar and Sgt. Steven Eilert presented Debbie Parker with her Radio Call Number—4116



Left: Kevin Braun and Laura Sparks worked BHS Parking Lot Safety Assignment.



Above 2 photos: At our last meeting, Sgt. Eilert notified us that Capt. Dant Lange had purchased 4 Thermo-Cool Bags one for each COP vehicle. They are under the desk in the COP office ready to be used. **Thanks CAP!!**



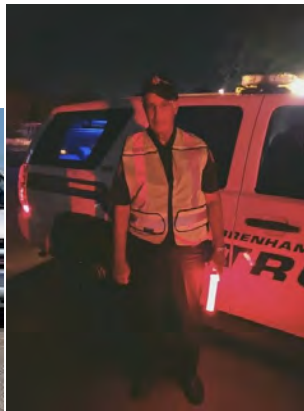
Above: Cool Nights Hot Tunes happened last weekend. Thanks to Richard Jaras and Chris Brown for keeping them safe out there.



Above: COP Tex Davis and Ofc. Richelle Malinowski model 2 of our 4 new Stop/Slow Traffic Paddles. There is one for each COP Vehicle; let's use them!!

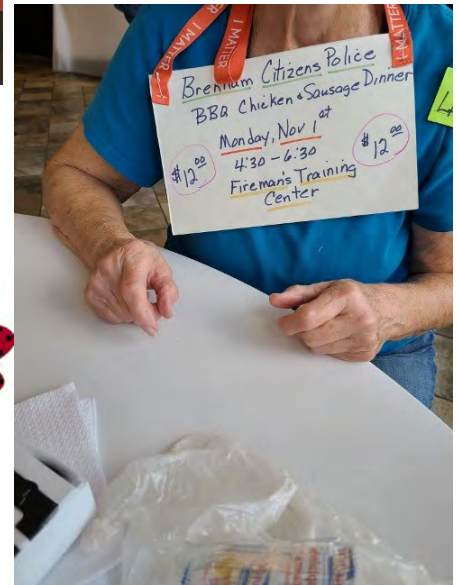


Above 2 photos: Annette Tiemann and Dorothy Antkowiak direct traffic in front of Chili's at the Gas leak/fire on Hwy 290 access road; also on scene were Tex Davis and Frank Nowak, BPD, DPS, and WCSO. Thanks!



Above: That's Frank Nowak doing traffic control on Old Chappell Hill Rd accident scene.

Below 2 photos: Debbie Parker working the Homecoming Parade and Tex Davis pretending to work!



Above: Who was the "human billboard" selling all of those CPAAA Fundraiser tickets?? She was seen at several locations in Brenham.



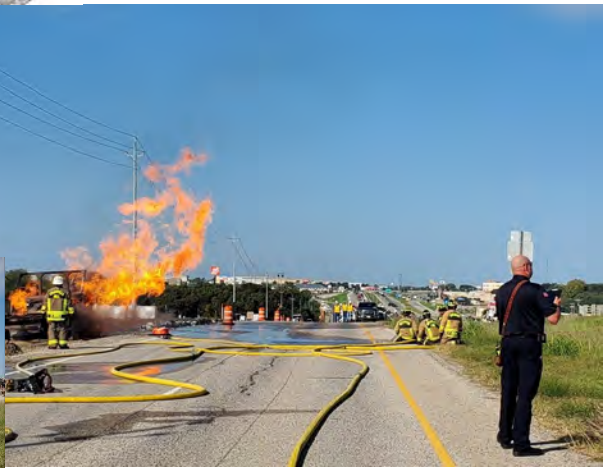
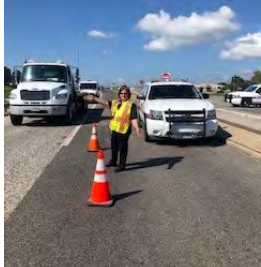
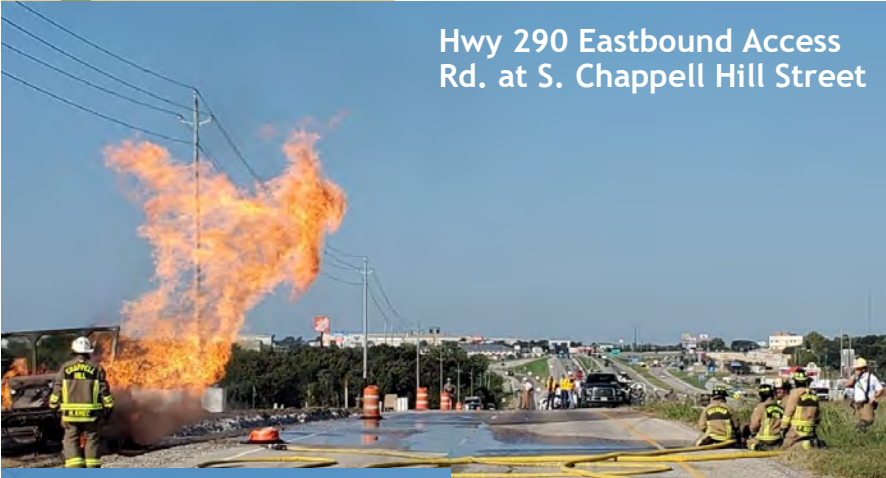
Left: Sue Braun and Laura Sparks work a BHS Parking Lot Safety Assignment recently.

By Rob Aguilar

“Working Together” is a common heading that is highlighted in almost every Informant publication, since I have been its editor. Working together is one of the most important aspects of public safety; whether it be law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medicine or public works. Brenham public safety entities have a long record of working well together; which includes county and state agencies. There is continued proof in the pages of this publication. Take, for instance, the incident Friday morning, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Hwy 290 access road at Chappell Hill Street. Washington County E-911 toned it out as a typical General Alarm vehicle fire; and after receiving more calls, they let responding fire units know it was a heavy equipment grader (also called a bull dozer and earth reclaimer by some) fully involved in flames. The first unit on scene asked for a second alarm assignment for additional manpower and water tanker vehicles from nearby Salem Fire Department. An 1 ¾” line was laid to fight the blaze and it was quickly apparent that this was a gas fed fire. The grader had ruptured an underground gas line. An additional alarm for manpower and water tankers went out to Chappell Hill and Meyersville departments. While the gas department is notified of all General Alarm fires; BFD advised dispatch the need to expedite the gas department’s response. This triggered the law enforcement response because of traffic and related safety concerns. Interim Fire Chief Roger Williams arrived on scene and assumed command of the incident. I arrived seconds later and was assigned as the Operation’s Chief. An additional line was laid as the power lines were being threatened; Blue Bonnet Electric was asked to expedite their response, as well. The gas department realized that this was a 6” gas line, they used the shut-off valve on the west side of the incident, but needed a special tool to shut it off from the east side. The special tool was at their shop on Austin Street. I got a command vehicle and drove Gas Department Director, Ande Bostain, Code 3, to his shop. We loaded the equipment and returned to the scene. Ande’s gas department crew was still digging, but the hydraulic tool was now on site for use. In my absence, 2 three inch lines were laid into a master stream device. We discovered that a yard hydrant in the new complex was on-line so we hooked up a Meyerville unit and put another master stream device from the opposite direction onto the fire. The object was not to extinguish the fire, but to just keep it cool; extinguishment would come after the gas is completely shut off. By that time, our interim City Manager, Carolyn Miller and HR Director Susan Nienstedt had been on scene to see if there was anything that we needed and to observe the incident. Ms. Miller talked with the Fire Chief, the Police Chief and others. I had a chance to speak with her also, and the conversation was one of praise for the responders on the scene. She was astonished at how well everyone was working together. The theme of working together kept coming up in our conversation. It should be noted that when she was made aware that the tool used to shut-off the 6” gas line was the only one that the city had and if the west side shutoff valve had failed the line couldn’t be shut down; her response was, they should add another one to the budget. Now, that was a great response; something that a good city manager would say. The gas line was shut off and the fire was extinguished. All is right with the world again, or at least in Brenham. I would like to thank everyone at the scene that morning, working hand in hand to get the job done. The Brenham, Salem, Chappell Hill and Meyersville Fire Departments, the Brenham Police Department: Chief Ron Parker, WC Sheriff’s Office: Chief Deputy Jay Petrash, DPS Troopers Duke and Reaves, and COP’s Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Frank Nowak and Tex Davis. Thank you to Blue Bonnet Electric Department and Ande Bostain and his gas department crew. Interim Fire Chief Roger Williams said “he is very proud and appreciative of the efforts of all units on scene”, adding “today was a great example of how departments can work together to achieve a common goal.” He said, the outcome could have been significantly different were it not for all that responded in mitigating the incident. The City Manager thanked everyone that she came into contact with. It was great to see her and her directors at our scene, along with Ms Miller and Ms Nienstedt, General Manager over Public Utilities Debbie Gaffey and Alton Sommerfield also made location; showing that they support our efforts. ***It’s as if we are all “Working Together”.***

See photos of this incident on page 5.

Hwy 290 Eastbound Access Rd. at S. Chappell Hill Street





Above: Ashley Burns receives the Oath of Office from Mayor Milton Tate as she is promoted to the rank of Sergeant within the Brenham Police Department. Ashley is the first woman in the history of our department to achieve this rank; and will now be a part of the Command Staff, making decisions to move us forward. She has served our department since August, 2013.



Above: Alandra Ha, proud wife, and Ofc. Jimmy Ha pose here with the Life Safety Award he had just received for rescuing two people from a submerged vehicle on Hwy 290 East.



Above: Sgt. Ashley Burns -Batson poses with her proud husband Jeremy Batson; her shiny gold Sergeant's badge was not the only topic of conversation, her upcoming second child was also mentioned.



Above: Chief Ron Parker presented Maynor Mendoza with a Citizen's Commendation for his assistance in rescuing the two submerged people with Ofc. Ha



Above: Chief Ron Parker presented a Citizen's Commendation to Jason Zapalac for assisting police during a theft in progress at Wal-Mart.



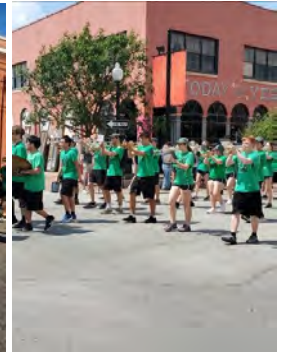
Above: Also recognized at the City Council Meeting was outgoing interim Fire Chief Rhea Cooper. He has been here for 4 months and did a great job!





**Note:** Cpl. Jason Kasproicz and Cpl. Sierra Randle work the High School and Ofc. Richelle Malinowski and Sgt. John Snowden work the Jr. High. Sgt. Snowden is over the School Resource Officers (SRO's).

Above: Chief Ron Parker, Cpl. Jason Kasproicz, Ofc. Richelle Malinowski, Cpl. Sierra Randle, Lt. Kelvin Raven all worked the Homecoming Parade with help from COP's: Debbie, Dorothy, Annette, Richard, Tex and Frank.



*Everyone Loves a Parade!*



*Make Plans to join us  
BPD/CPAAA/COP  
Holiday Party  
&  
Awards Banquet  
Friday, January 21st  
6:30 pm  
W C Event Center*



**Note:** This publication was done about a week earlier than is normal because the Editor and his wife will be on vacation for the next two weeks. See ya'll later!!



# Ring The Bell Loudly

By Clyde Averitt

*They all served their country  
either by draft or by choice.  
A lot volunteered to serve  
hearing a compelling voice.  
Now they have been laid down  
for their eternal rest.*

*Hearing their history we  
know they gave their best.  
It's now time to pay tribute  
for the service they gave.  
When they were so young,  
when they were so brave.  
For all those passing Veterans  
in our hearts we hold dear,  
Ring the bell loudly  
always let it ring clear.*



The Bell above was donated to the American Legion by Clyde Averitt. The Bell will ring for him this year and years to come!



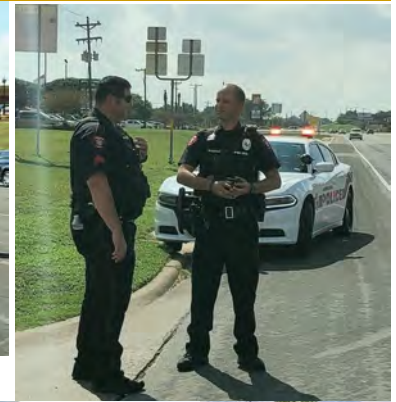
Remember our Veterans and our recently departed on this Veteran's Day. They will be forever in our hearts and our prayers. I hope they are looking down on us with pride in the knowledge that we are doing the best that we can.

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***Thank a Veteran for their Service!***







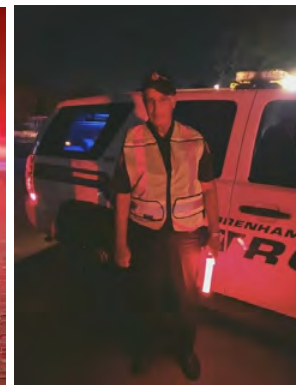
These 7 photos are of accident scene in front of Wal-Mart. Sgt. Joe Merkley, Ofc. Michael Alston, Ofc. Armando Guerra and COP Tex Davis all worked this scene. They worked seamlessly with the Brenham Fire Department and the wrecker service to clear the scene.

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Far left: Annette Tieman and Doug Feist work the St. Paul's Fundraiser Drive-Thru; also on hand were Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Frank Nowak, Tex Davis and Rob Aguilar. Left: Tex Davis seen conducting traffic control for St. Paul's Fundraiser. Sorry only a couple of pictures were taken.

The 3 photos below were taken at a vehicle vs pole accident on Old Chappell Hill Rd. Lt. Kelvin Raven, Ofc. Jimmy Ha and Ofc. Grayson Marburger worked the call until Ofc. Marburger got another call. Frank Nowak was called out to assist with the westside of the incident.



Right: No one would have seen this truck crashed in this thicket of trees until morning; had it not been for the fact that WC Deputies were in pursuit of it and saw it all happen. BFD and the wrecker service had a heck of a time with this one. Can you say **NEW CHAIN SAW!!**





Talk to any firefighter that worked this scene; this was the toughest extrication of a patient that many had ever seen. I will add that this was also the longest (approx. 2 hours to extricate and 3 and 1/2 hours on scene). There were 3 people in the vehicle; no seat belts worn and no life threatening injuries. It was a Ford F-250 4x4 before this. Thanks to the Brenham and Berlin Fire Departments, WCSO deputies and DPS Trooper James Reaves, EMS units, WC Air One and Tegler and Ahrens wreckers.



Left and Above: Accident at Hwy 36 N at Park St. on October 8th was handled by Cpl. Eddie Martinez and Cpl. Zack Greig with assistance from COP Frank Nowak. Of course BFD and EMS did their part.



Above and Right: Cpl. Eddie Ortega, Ofc. Michael Alston and Ofc. Armando Guerra handle this two vehicle accident at Main and Market Streets, with help from BFD. I took over for Ofc. Alston at Market and Alamo when he received another call.

Below: BFD Capt. Josh Sebastian thanks Ofc. Michael Alston and Sgt. Joe Merkely for providing traffic control at this Haz-Mat spill at 4-corners-Hwy290 at Day St.

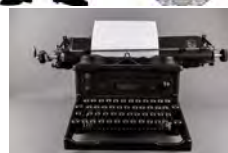


**Great Job Everyone!**

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want wish everyone  
and their families a  
very Happy  
Thanksgiving.*

