

February 2022

Brenham Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

The Informant



Dates to remember this month

- Feb. General Mtg. 6:30 pm Canc'l
- 1st CPA Class 6:30 pm Canc'l
- CPAAA Flower Deliveries
- 2/12, 2/13, and 2/14

Right: Our newest BPD Officer **Devarjaye "DJ" Daniel** →

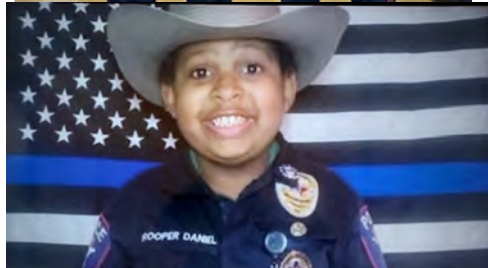


Elizabeth Ann Twigg

CPAAA Life Member passed away 1-31-22 at 96. She is survived by CPAAA Life Member and husband of 76 years Keith Twigg.



Left: Chief Ron Parker presented **Cpl. Jimmy Ha** with the **Police Officer of the Year Award for 2021** at the January 20th City Council Meeting. Jimmy had a great year including a Life Saving Award presented at the 10-21-21 City Council Meeting. **CONGRATS!**



Above: A large turnout of law enforcement agencies across Washington County greeted **Devarjaye "DJ" Daniel** in his quest to be sworn in as an honorary police officer by 100 law enforcement agencies. The event was held at the Blinn College rec-center Wednesday morning. The 10-year-old boy has terminal brain and spinal cancer, and he wants to continue the legacy of **Abigail Arias** by bringing awareness to childhood cancer. "DJ" was sworn into the Brenham and Blinn Police Departments, the Washington County Sheriff's Office, the Brenham Fire Marshall's Office, the Constables office, as the District Attorney's investigator, and as a Texas Game Warden. With the honorary officer's titles today, "DJ" has reached 87 of his goal of 100 law enforcement agencies. Each of the agencies gave a short speech at the event; the large turnout was treated to food and drink. More on Page 3.

February PD Birthdays

Cpl. Ashley Burns 2/20

Happy Valentines Day



Left: **Sgt. Seth Klehm** and **Cpl. Kevin Mertz** were recognized at the Jan. 20th City Council Meeting by **Chief Ron Parker** with Chief's Commendation Awards for exceptional service involving the apprehension of a fugitive involved in a child abuse case. **CONGRATS!**

Rt: **COP Mark Smith** donates blood at our Guns and Hoses Blood Drive. See pgs. 6 & 7



Thanks to following COP's for their help on:

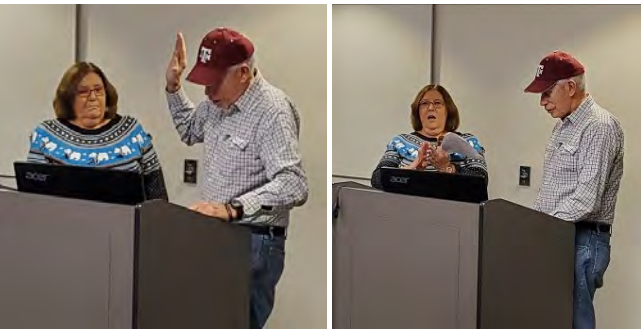
1-15-22 The Uptown Swirl: Juanita Gockel, and Dorothy Antkowiak.

1-22-22 Barnhill Center Traffic Assignment: Frank Nowak, Tex Davis, and Richard Jares.

1-27-22 Purse Bingo Parking Assignment: Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Doug Feist, Juanita Gockel, Julie Wilson, Patricia Badough, Laura Sparks, Tony Smith, Frank Nowak, Richard Jares, and Rob Aguilar.

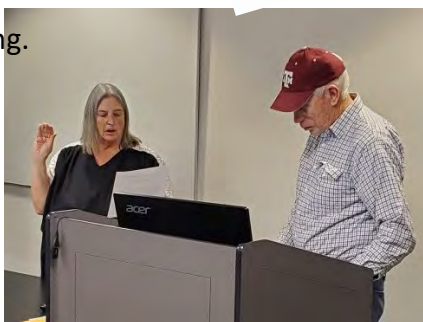
1-28-22 The Guns and Hoses Blood Drive: Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Jon Siemsglusz, Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Richard Jares, Kay Reichwein, Juanita Gockel, Jeff Hagerlin, and Rob Aguilar.

1-29-22 The Guns and Hoses Blood Drive: Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Dorothy Antkowiak, Richard Jares, Dale Green, Jon Siemsglusz, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Patricia Badough, Sherry Parker-Steinfeld, Juanita Gockel, Frank Nowak, Debbie Parker, and Rob Aguilar.



Above: Out-going CPAAA President **Dorothy Antkowiak** swears-in our new President **Richard Jares** at our January Meeting.

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



Above: New CPAAA President **Richard Jares** swears-in new CPAAA Treasurer **Sue Braun**. CONGRATULATIONS!



Badges, Certificates, and Trophies will be presented at our March General Meeting, 3-14-22.



January COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	55.5
Wanda Aguilar	18
Dorothy Antkowiak	18
Patricia Badough	15
Sue Braun	8
Bob Cothorn	25.5
Michael Cowan	6.25
Tex Davis	102
Ernest Dever	4
Peter Emerson	2
Doug Feist	64.5
Stan Ford	38.5
Juanita Gockel	18
Albert Green	5
Dale Green	18
Jeff Hagerlin	8.75
David Holloway	2
Jerry Jares	8
Richard Jares	77.5
Wayne Miller	2
Mary Claire Moloney	2
Frank Nowak	205.25
Debbie Parker	5
Kay Reichwein	16
Jon Siemsglusz	13
Kathleen Siemsglusz	23
Corina Smith	2
Mark Smith	8
Tony Smith	10.5
Laura Sparks	4
Clarence Steinfeld	2
Sherry Parker-Steinfeld	9
Billy Sutherland	2
Annette Tiemann	25.5
Ron Upchurch	2
Julie Wilson	6.5
Catharine Wood	16
TOTAL	848.25

The remaining Officers and Board Members will be sworn-in at our March General Meeting 3-14-22.



We first met "DJ" while watching the Houston News on TV; and he stole our hearts. He was on this quest to fulfill someone else's dream. The dream of young **Abigail Arias** to bring awareness to childhood cancer in the form of becoming a Police Officer with multiple agencies; before her life was cut short, and that's what "DJ" is accomplishing. Washington County law enforcement and other agencies, including the Brenham Police Department, had the distinct honor of assisting ten-year-old, "**D. J.**" **Devarjaye Daniel** move closer to his goal of being sworn in by 100 agencies as an honorary police officer. Those included in this ceremony included BPD, WCSO, Blinn College PD, Brenham Fire Marshall, Washington County Constables, Texas Game Wardens, the District Attorney's Office and the County Attorney's Office. DJ received many mementos during his ceremony, including badges, patches, challenge coins and a real Stetson hat, as our newest Texas Lawman for Washington County. DJ is suffering from terminal brain and spinal cancer. During his special appearance he brought smiles and laughter to every one present in the audience. I only wish I could have been there!



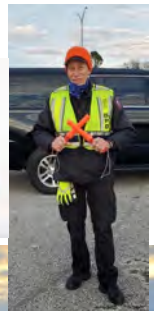


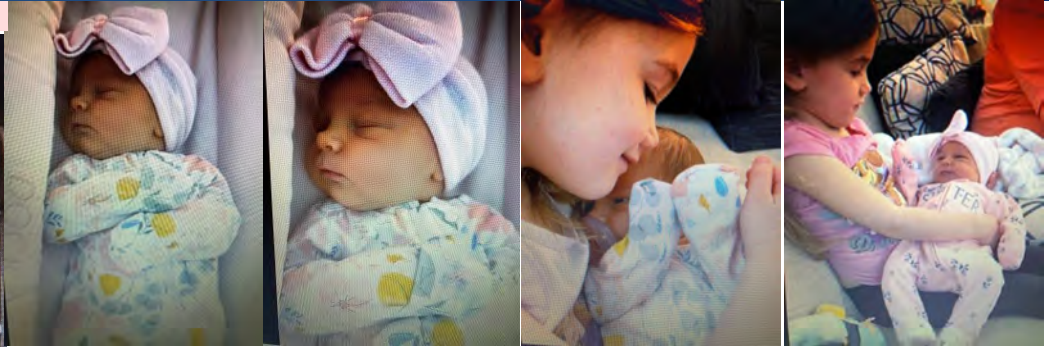
For COPs it was the Purse Bingo Parking Assignment. Our COP volunteers that night were: Doug Feist, Juanita Gockel, Julie Wilson, Dorothy Antkowiak, Patricia Badough, Frank Nowak, Dale Green, Laura Sparks, Tony Smith, Richard Jares and Rob Aguilar. The parking lot became quite full and we were parking a great deal of vehicles on the grass. I was greeting the patrons that night and pointing them in the direction of parking spaces; while my counterparts did the parking. The vehicles were filled with mostly women (Bingo is not the manliest of sports),

and when those windows were rolled down the aroma in the air changed from fresh and brisk to rosey, musky, powdery and everything in between (I'm not a big fan of perfume). Everyone got parked okay and we were treated to subway sandwiches, sodas and chips for our troubles. A quick glance into the room and you could almost feel the frenzied anticipation and joy in the hearts of the players; many of which had dressed their teams for the occasion. Bingo isn't quite a team sport or activity, but these ladies had purchased tables so that they could play together (much more fun that way). This event was put on by the Brenham Game Changers with proceeds going toward after school activities, events, scholarships and character education for Pre-K thru 12 grade students from Brenham and Washington County. Last year they raised \$34,000 and this year they exceeded that with 380 seats sold for about \$38,000, which included some on-line funds as well. All-in-all, a great night of fund raising and fun for a great cause!



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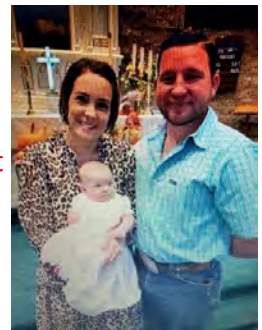
Left & Above: Sgt. Ashley Burns announced the birth of her daughter Addison Rayne, born January 12th weighing in at 8 lbs 2 oz. at 20.5 inches long and may we say just as cute as can be! Congratulations to Ashley and Jeremy on their second child; and now Avery has a little sister!!



Above right: **Daniel Gaskamp** was presented a retirement plaque from Washington County **Sheriff Otto Hanak**. BPD Sgt. Daniel Gaskamp served the Brenham Police Department for 37 years before working for WCSO for the last 9 years. That's 46 years of service to law enforcement in our community. *Congratulations!*



Above and above right: **Ofc. Grayson Marburger** was recognized at the Feb. 3rd City Council Meeting for his 5 Years of Service to the City of Brenham; his last few with the Brenham Police Department. Right: **Ofc. Marburger, wife Katie and newly Baptized daughter Heidi**. Heidi was born on September 21, 2021.

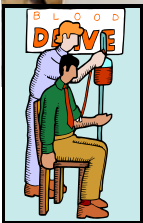


Left and above: **Cpl. Jason Kasprovicz** is recognized by City Council for his 5 Years of Service to the Brenham Police Department. **CONGRATULATIONS!**



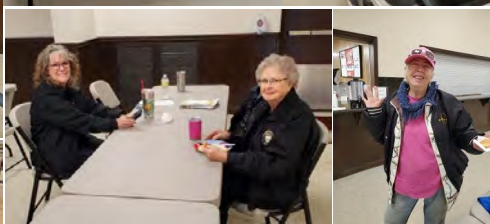
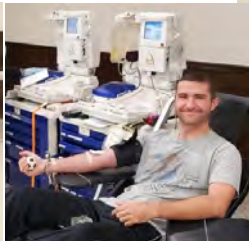
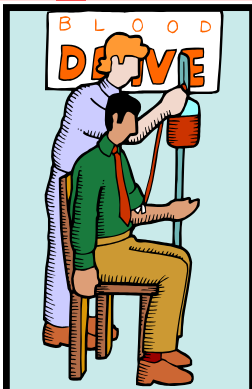
Above: Sgt. Steven Eilert receives a check for the COPs from Ladies Lions Club member Linda Kocian. Steven spoke to their group about the Citizens Police Academy and Citizens on Patrol.

Our first Guns and Hoses Blood Drive in 2022 was a big success. It was a 2-Day Event and was held at the Fireman's Training & Event Center. On Friday January 28th we collected 29 total blood products and on Saturday January 29th we collected 48 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 CPA applications that were secured! **Thank you** to all that came out to donate, which included: COP's **Rob Aguilar, David Holloway, Julie Wilson, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Mark Smith, Dorothy Antkowiak, Jerry Jares, Catharine Wood, Stan Ford, Ron Upchurch, Juanita Gockel and Jeff Hagerlin**. 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, Dale Green, Julie Wilson, Kay Reichwein, Juanita Gockel, Frank Nowak, Debbie Parker, Sherry Parker-Steinfeld and Jeff Hagerlin**. What a great group effort; and the food was delicious ladies!! We had donors from the community, but we also PD personnel: **Christi Korth, Misty McCowan and Pam Ruemke**. Fire Department personnel which included: **Brian Scheffer, Lang Flisowski, Ryan Blum, Billy Ruemke, Alexander Knight, Garrett Casada, Dwayne Vitek, and Bryan McKee**. We had Mark Rosenbaum from EMS; CPA Alums **Kim Hodde and Carol Holloway**; Dorothy's son **Ryan Antkowiak** and Kay's son **Robert Riechwein**.



Who knew giving blood could be so much fun; just look at all the smiling faces. They were more than happy to donate! **THANKS AGAIN FOLKS!!**





Above: Veronica's Crew



Memo from: Ron Parker

Re: GOOD JOB



As you all know, the policing profession in America is at a critical crossroads. We are seeing challenges in recruiting and retention that we have never see before, at least during my over 38 years of service. This has impacted our profession at all levels, from municipal to county, state and federal agencies, and all sizes, from small to large. Being very involved with the board of directors and other leaders at the Texas Police Chiefs Association, Sheriffs Association of Texas, and International Chiefs of Police, I know other chiefs, sheriffs and directors are very concerned about our current direction.

I blame much of this on the negative light that many have shown on public safety as a whole, painting the entire profession with a broad brush. I also believe that generational differences have played a large role. With that said, we are working at improving our recruiting efforts and will be refining our recruiting brochures and efforts. As you know, we have already relaxed our uniform standards in order to attract a new market of potential recruits, such as allowing non-offensive tattoos, facial hair amendments, etc. There are many other changes we could consider and we'll be taking a look at everything. As I have said before, our own officers are our best, potential recruiters. We are also doing what we can, as a city, to try and improve retention efforts for our experienced members, in any way we can, and in ways that we can financially afford. I appreciate everything that you all do and fully realize that some of you may be "burned out", with the shortages in personnel we have had with COVID, etc. Your work is important in ways you cannot imagine and you are appreciated, especially in the supportive culture that we enjoy here in Brenham and Washington, as compared to other cities and communities across the nation. Thank you all for your hard work.

On a special note, I want to thank Corporal Sierra Randle, who has been doing outstanding work as our Community Resource Officer! She has just recently been working on educating the public on our uniform appearance amendments, created special programs on our social media such as "Hometown Heroes", worked diligently in community interaction efforts, and other tasks. She is in the process of adding signage decals to our marked patrol vehicles to read, "In God We Trust" (this is something that many police agencies have been doing and it helps to show our foundation that we build our public service on, in helping others and our fellow citizens). She is also working on a "Brenham Police Department Business Security Survey". This survey will be offered to our business stakeholders throughout Brenham once it is finalized and will serve as an informational resource for Dispatch (does the business have an alarm, who are the key holders, etc.,), as well as a crime prevention tool for our business partners. Eventually, we will be working on having some of our members trained and certified as Crime Prevention Specialists (CPS). These surveys, along with on-site visits by our CPS members, will provide both business owners and homeowners throughout the city with additional information on where their property stands to be "crime proof" in terms of lighting, alarms, hardness to forced entries, etc. These surveys will then provide property owners with potential discounts on their property insurance.

I want to publicly thank Sierra, as well as all of you, for taking up the slack during these challenging times as move forward to face the future. God bless.

Ron Parker



Chief of Police

City of Brenham, Texas

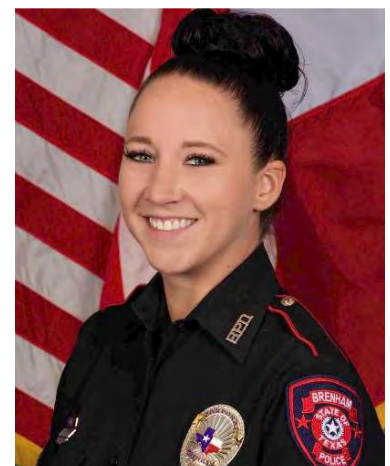
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Through My Window

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 12th, 13th and 14th. If you can help, please contact Annette Tiemann- email her at: annettet1950@yahoo.com or call 979-277-8444. This will take the place of our Bake Sale Fundraiser.



New Bow-Tie



Chief Ron Parker was issued a brand-new Chevy Tahoe and he brought it by the FTC after our Guns and Hoses Blood Drive to show it to us. It was quite a light show when he turned on all of the emergency goodies; and the siren even had a setting that played "Bad Boys" (nice). That will come

In handy when cruising the neighborhoods during National Night Out or at one of our many parades. The COPs also got a New Bow-Tie; well it's not new, just new to us. It's a 2015 Chevy pick-up (Unit 152) with just over 43,000 miles on it and it is still waiting for its new light bar and radio to be installed. However, we can still use it for certain assignments if we wish. It doesn't have that new car smell like the Chief's new ride; as a matter of fact, it smells a little weird, it used to belong to the Brenham Pet Adoption & Care Center. Anyway, we are glad to add it to our fleet; and hope that our next new vehicle will be less underwhelming!!



Thank you to Chief **Ron Parker** for some of the content and photos in this publication; and to **Annette Tiemann** for her photos.





Beards, goatees and tattoos are now authorized by the Brenham Police Department, as long as they are maintained to department standards and policies.

Effective February 1, 2022, the Brenham Police Department is authorizing the growth of facial hair, to include mustaches, goatees, and full beards for uniformed personnel. The argument has been from those involved with recruiting efforts, that such a change in policy will make our department more attractive for potential recruits. In addition, it is the belief from various members of our Police Action Committee and supervisors, that the change will also further enhance morale for our uniformed members. With these arguments in mind, the Brenham Police Department's Citizens Advisory Board, members of city council, and the City Manager's Office were all consulted and the amendment in policy was authorized. However, I want to remind all our officers that we must remain vigilant in adhering to the new policy guidelines for such appearance and continue to appear professional as we deal with members of the public. It is my understanding that BPD allowed this change once before several years ago and lost the opportunity due to personnel not following the policy. Police Administration will be putting out notices and media releases to the public educating our citizens on the uniform change.



Far Left: Ofc. Connor Caskey and Sgt. Terrence Johnson work a Cubs soccer game 2-1-22 . Center: That's Seth Aguilar taking the field; Grandma and Grandpa were in the stands cheering on the Cubs. Left: That's Luke Aguilar chatting with Ofc. Caskey. Great night, but we lost!

Below: On Wednesday February 9th, **Sgt. Seth Klehm** and **David Dudenhoeffer** conducted a tour of the Brenham Police Station for the benefit of the Zionsville 4-H Club and some of their parents. **Thanks Guys!!**



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