

The Informant



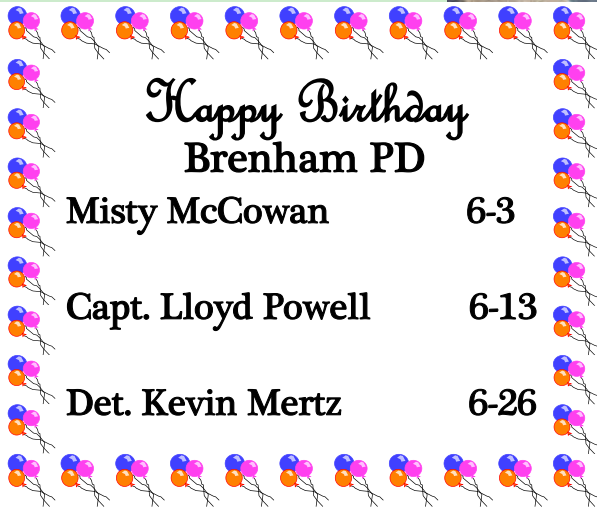
Memo: Cpl. Eddie Martinez has elected to pursue another course in public service, entering the United States Department of Homeland Security with the Border Patrol. I have accepted his resignation and he will be considered as separated from BPD under honorable conditions and a status of "eligible for rehire". I have had the opportunity to serve on several calls for service and traffic stops with Eddie and will miss his dedication to the citizens of Brenham and to the job itself. While saddened to see him leaving; I want to wish him the best of luck in his new career and thank him for his service to date. Thank you, Ron Parker (His last day is June 28th)

Calendar of Events:

- General Meeting @ 6:00pm 6-13
- General Meeting @ 6:00 pm 7-11
- Hot Nights Cool Tunes starts 7-9



Left: Sgt. Todd Ashorn coordinated the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run which took place on May 12th with great participation from various Texas Law Enforcement agencies. More on Page 9& 10.



Happy Birthday Brenham PD

Misty McCowan 6-3

Capt. Lloyd Powell 6-13

Det. Kevin Mertz 6-26

Maifest Parade pics on pages 12, and 13



Left: That is one cool T-shirt and an even cooler sheet of paper. More information about that on pages 5.

Right: What the heck is Rob Aguilar doing with that microphone; oh, they let him speak, big mistake! More on page 5.



Remember Dad June 19th

"National Day of Prayer"



See page 7



Left: Washington County Peace Officers pay tribute to fallen Law Enforcement Officers. More on page 6.

Thanks to the following COPs for their help on:

5-7-22 Maifest Parade: Jeff Hagerlin, Frank Nowak, Clarence Steinfeld, and Rob Aguilar.

5-7-22 Maifest at Fireman's Park: Richard Jares, and Dorothy Antkowiak.

5-12-22 Special Olympics law Enforcement Torch Run Escort: Rob Aguilar (Richard Jares helped cook breakfast).

5-21-22 Pop Up Play Day: Laura Sparks.

5-21-22 Barnhill Center Event: Richard Jares and Frank Nowak.

5-28-22 BHS Graduation Parking Assignment: Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Dale Green, Laura Sparks, Kevin Braun, Ron Upchurch, Richard Jares, Chris Brown, Doug Feist, Tony Smith, Juanita Gockel, Catharine Wood, Steve Oneill, Frank Nowak, and Stan Ford.

5-28-22 Project Graduation Safety Assignment: Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Sherry Parker-Steinfeld, Clarence Steinfeld, Richard Jares, Stan Ford, and Rob Aguilar.

6-3-22 First Friday Farmers Market and Artisan Event: Richard Jares, and Frank Nowak.

6-3-22 Movies in the Park at the Aquatic Center: Richard Jares.

May COP Hours

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| Rob Aguilar | 52.75 |
| Wanda Aguilar | 5 |
| Dorothy Antkowiak | 18.75 |
| Patricia Badough | 17.25 |
| Kevin Braun | 10.5 |
| Sue Braun | 28.5 |
| Chris Brown | 4.75 |
| Bob Cothorn | 17.25 |
| Michael Cowan | 3 |
| Peter Emerson | 2 |
| Doug Feist | 64 |
| Stan Ford | 41.25 |
| Juanita Gockel | 17.5 |
| Dale Green | 8 |
| Jeff Hagerlin | 9.5 |
| Richard Jares | 92.75 |
| Frank Nowak | 160.5 |
| Steve Oneill | 10 |
| Debbie Parker | 14.5 |
| Kay Reichwein | 13 |
| Kathleen Siemsglusz | 6 |
| Corina Smith | 10.5 |
| Mark Smith | 4 |
| Tony Smith | 3 |
| Laura Sparks | 8 |
| Clarence Steinfeld | 8 |
| Sherry Parker-Steinfeld | 6.5 |
| Billy Sutherland | 2 |
| Annette Tiemann | 49 |
| Ron Upchurch | 5 |
| Julie Wilson | 2 |
| Catharine Wood | 23.5 |

TOTAL 718.25

COP Training Schedule 2022

COP Orientation: Thursday, June 23rd at 6:30 pm BPD

Traffic Control Class: Thursday June 30th at 6:30 pm at BPD

Communications Class: Thursday, July 7th 6:30 pm at BPD

Haz-Mat Awareness Level/ERG Training: Thursday, July 14th 6:30 pm at BPD

If any COP would like to come and join CPA Class 36, and take a refresher class in any of the above subjects, they are more than welcome to participate.



Left: Kay Reichwein seen here in the document room. Right: Some Flower Delivery Ladies, working oh so hard.



Left: Stan Ford and Stick Boy. Right: Annette and Dorothy giving the CPA Class 36 hell!! Far Right: Laura and Steve





Dorothy



Laura Steve

We had plenty of help for the BHS Graduation Parking Assignment with 15 COPs showing up.

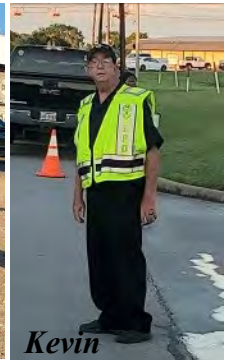
Good Job Guys!



Tony



Laura



Kevin

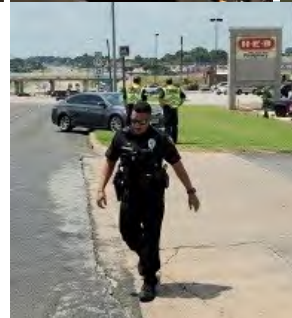
We had plenty of help for the BHS Graduation Parking Assignment at Cub Stadium on May 28th. Thanks to the following COPs for their help: Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Laura Sparks, Dale Green, Chris Brown, Kevin Braun, Tony Smith, Ron Upchurch, Doug Feist, Frank Nowak, Catharine Wood, Steve Oneill, Richard Jares, Stan Ford, Juanita Gockel. All went very smoothly at the stadium until it came time to leave, but that was to be expected.

We were asked to work Project Graduation as an adjunct to their security for the night; after not having worked it for two years. It was fun to interact with the grads and their parents at the venue and guarding the gates was also a blast; as it's not too busy after midnight. We passed the time telling stories and playing "Name That Tune" with DJ Stan Ford. The six hours passed by rather quickly as we didn't have to stay after the movie (Top Gun) started. We all elected to head home to bed and let the kids watch the movie without us. Thank you to Stan Ford, Clarence Steinfeld, Sherry Parker-Steinfeld, Stick Boy, Annette Tiemann, Dorothy Antkowiak, Richard Jares, and Rob Aguilar for losing sleep that night!



Ever Vigilant, Stick Boy

Right: ***Cpl. Eddie Martinez*** at a 10-50 on Day St. and with ***Sgt. Todd Ashorn*** assisting with the CPA Building Search class.





Bringing awareness to something that is important to you is a gratifying thing to do. Bringing awareness to something that is beneficial to your fellow man, and something that can save thousands of lives is an extraordinary thing to do. Well, extraordinary was the theme of the day for the Lone Star Circle of Life (LSCL) Bike Tour; that made a stop right here in Brenham on May 11th; during their week-long tour of Texas. The LSCL Bike Tour was bringing awareness to the importance of life saving donations, like donating blood, being in the bone marrow registry and being an organ donor. Ten dedicated riders made the trek to Brenham after their stop in Huntsville, which is about seventy-five miles away. I might add that it was a hot and humid day in May; but the riders came in with big smiles on their faces and quite a few great stories and testimonials to tell. The riders were escorted to Fireman's Park by BPD's own Sgt. Todd Ashorn with a little help from on-duty officers. While the riders each rode for a specific aspect of life saving donations; they also rode to honor someone in our community and or surrounding areas. I was humbled that I was chosen to be honored by rider Guy Hoffman II, a DPS Trooper out of Austin/Round Rock. I was nominated by Kelly Hardin of the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. Guy was riding for me, but also to raise awareness for organ donation through the Donate Life Texas Registry and how to register via the Department of Motor Vehicles (when you renew your driver's license). The other nine members of the team were: Team Captain Tim Dixon a "Donation Advocate" out of Trinity; Jennifer Alpard a "Living Kidney Donor" out of Houston; Gabe Canal a "Donation Advocate" out of Tyler; Joe Canal "Parent of a Recipient and Donor" out of Tyler; Seth Cooke a "Donation Advocate" out of Tyler; Rodney Ford a "Living Kidney Donor" from Brandon, Florida; Sarah Pipkin-Love a "Heart Transplant Recipient" from Corpus Christi; Chance Sebek "Parent of a Recipient" from Belton; and Matt Shane a "Kidney Recipient" from Hewitt. Of course, the team has a Support Team to watch out for their welfare, map their routes, photograph them, pace them and fix their bikes when necessary. The Support Team members included: Keith Steward a "Kidney Transplant Recipient" from Gatesville; Debbie Fendrick a "Donation Advocate" from Temple; Melanie Hartman a "Kidney Transplant Recipient" from Happy, Texas; Michael Johnson the team mechanic from Huntsville; Holly McCoy a "Donation Advocate" from Pflugerville; and Debbie Mabry a "Donation Advocate" from Temple. This extraordinary group of individuals was an inspiration to the small group gathered at Fireman's Park. Their stories and testimonials were quite heartwarming and brought many a tear to my eyes. I agreed with all that was said that day and am proud to say that I practice what they were preaching, in that, I donate blood regularly, I am in the Bone Marrow Registry (though I believe that I have aged out of that program), and I checked the box at the DMV to be an organ donor. The news media was there that day to listen and to disseminate; I hope that their message was heeded by everyone that read their articles and or heard the news stories; because bringing awareness to such an important and simple life saving idea like donation is a worthwhile endeavor.





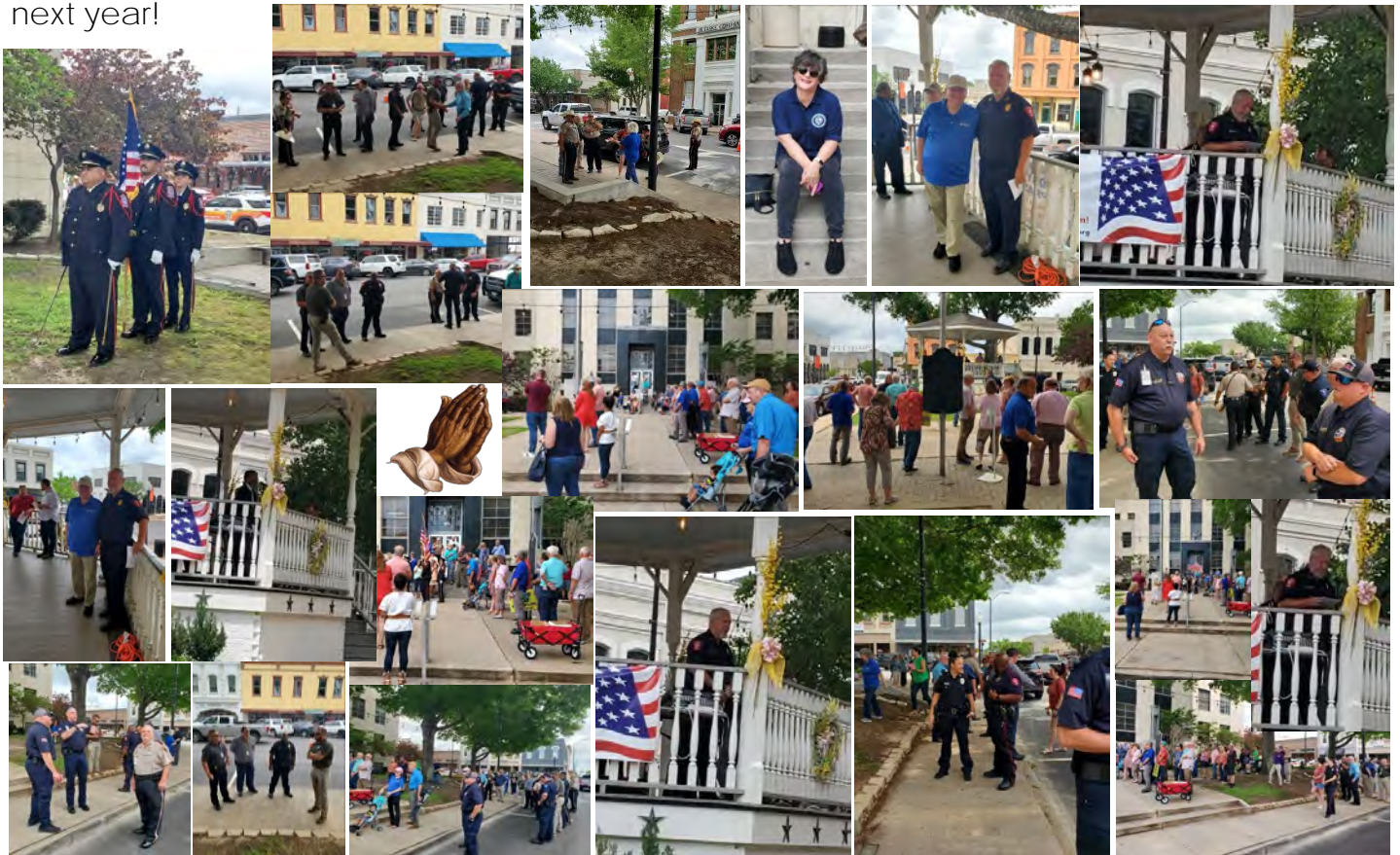
The Washington County Peace Officers Association (WCPOA) held a solemn ceremony on the northside of the Washington County Courthouse the morning of Friday, May 20th. In attendance were peace officers from Washington County (BPD, WCSO, Constables, Game Wardens, Fire Marshals, Blinn PD, etc) along with city and county officials, chaplains, firefighters, citizens, and students. The gathering was organized by the WCPOA (Daniel Gaskamp) to honor those officers that have given their life in the line-of-duty. BPD Capt. Lloyd Powell read a list of officers in Texas who have died in the line-of-duty in the past year. D. A., Julie Renkin made a speech honoring those heroes. The ceremony concluded with the playing of taps and with the laying of a wreath at the WCPOA Monument near the courthouse steps. Our own Sgt. Terrence Johnson, Deputy Constable William Shepard and DPS Trooper James Reaves had the honor of laying the wreath. (the wreath was made by Jean Luera, and donated by Pam Ruemke). Having the ceremony during National Police Week was an added bonus and fitting tribute to our men and women in Blue. ***We Salute You!!***



This year for National Police Week the CPAAA gave each BPD officer a Gift Card. Dorothy, and Annette hand delivered (with Love) these cards to BPD. They found Andrea, Jason, Terrance and Todd in the bldg.!!



Our Annual National Day of Prayer was held on May 5th. Our own Billy Sutherland coordinated the event and was a speaker; as was our friend and PD Chaplain Rev. Johnny Williams. The "Prayer for First Responders" was given by COP Jeff Hagerlin; and was very well received by those in attendance. For those of you that could not attend, Jeff's prayer is as follows: "We honor and are grateful to all first responders: police officers and deputies, fire fighters, EMTs, paramedics and those behind the scene supporting them. We lean on them in times of crisis when we need help and protection. For all those who run toward danger for the sake of others, and for those who strengthen them; their families and loved ones, during this stressful time. We offer scripture and prayer for all first responders who work selflessly and who meet each day with courage and heart. Psalms 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Isaiah 41:13 For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear: I will help you. Let us Pray: Almighty God, you lend your strength to all those who are there for us in times of crisis, fear and hurt. You give courage to the first responders who continue to do this important work, while looking beyond the risk, for the sake of those who need help and protection. We give you thanks for the many ways they give themselves, their skills, knowledge and help in troubling times. Protect them o Lord. Extend your shielding hand over them and comfort their hearts when they are tired and heartbroken. Lord, we also lift up prayers of thanksgiving and comfort for the families of first responders and all who support them. Give them hope and courage. Surround them with your loving presence and give them peace when their loved ones run toward uncertainty. All this we pray in the glorious name of Christ. Amen." When you see Jeff, thank him for doing such a great job on our behalf; and ask him to do it again next year!





All the classes were fun and informative, but some were a little more fun than others - like Bldg Search, Traffic Stops, K-9, etc. In next months' Informant, pics of Gun Range and Graduation.





Like all good Runs, it starts out with a hearty breakfast (pun intended). Our cooks were Billy Ruemke, Pam Ruemke, Jay Petrash, David Blakey, Mike McAnally, Becky Ballard and Richard Jares. Thanks Guys!!



Left: Daniel Gaskamp with a friend. Right: Lance Weiss, College Station PD
Above: It takes a lot officers, patrol vehicles, runners, friends and volunteers to make a good race.
Below it also takes a lot of spectators to cheer on the runners; like those from the Early Childhood Development Center seen here and crowds at First Baptist Day School, the Washington County Courthouse, to name a few.

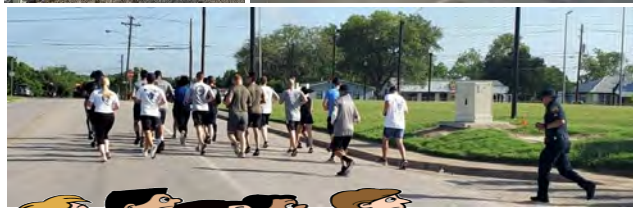


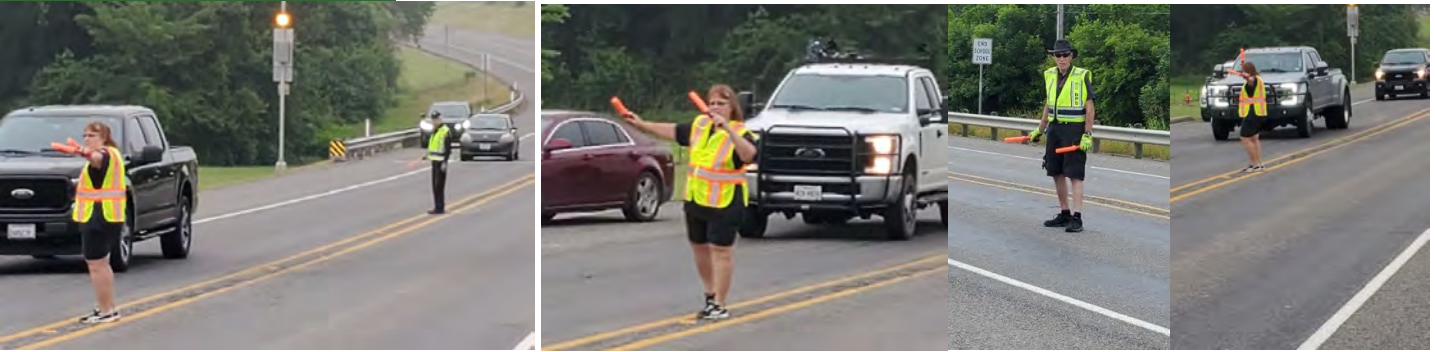
A BIG THANK YOU to all that helped with the Mother's Day Flower Delivery Fundraiser. *Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Corina Smith, Juanita Gockel, Debbie Parker, Kay Reichwein, Kevin Braun, Sue Braun, and Sherry Parker-Steinfeld.* Some of these volunteers worked two or three of the delivery dates. With their help we managed to raise \$650

Thank You!



The Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run had officers from all over the State of Texas including: College Station, Houston, Rosenberg, Webster, Ft. Bend, Memorial Village to name a few. While I was the only Brenham COP in the escort; I had help from all the above named agencies and the WC COPs which included *Larry Neveux, Mark Pennybacker, Carl Horn and Mark Grayden.* **A BIG THANKS to ALL!!!**

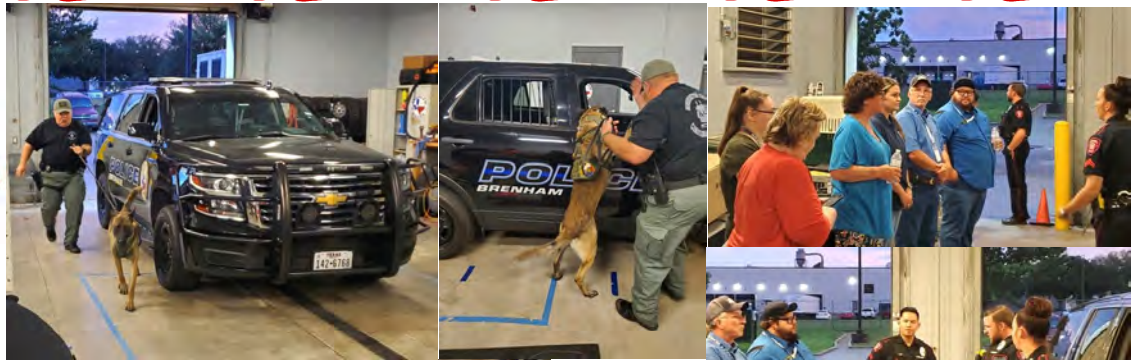




Above: Catharine Wood and Richard Jares are seen performing traffic control at Brenham Elementary School; even though we had voted not to continue this on a mandatory basis. They felt strongly about BES traffic control and almost singlehandedly, they did traffic for the whole school year (with the help of BPD Officers) and occasionally help from Bob Cothorn and Rob Aguilar. A BIG THANK YOU to Richard and Catharine!!



Flag Day is June 14th Display yours proudly!



Note: Unless necessary for officer safety, officers and communications specialist are to utilize “plain English” when communicating on our radio system. Signals and other 10 codes are still utilized for data entry and where officer safety is a concern.

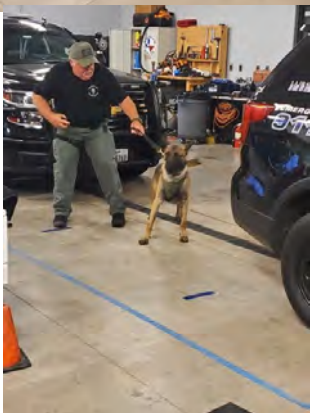


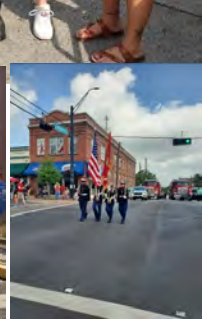
The approved 10 – codes are listed below:

- 10-4 : Acknowledgement
- 10-6 : Busy unless urgent (lunch, etc.)
- 10-33 : Emergency situation
- 10-94 : Secure radio
- 10-96 : Possible mentally ill person
- 10-99 : Wanted or Stolen



Constable Pct. 1 **Brad Kuecker**, brought his K-9 partner **Lukas** and gave CPA Class 36 an informative talk and demonstration of a K-9 Officers’ capabilities and duties. **Thanks Brad & Lukas !**





Asst. Chief **Brian Scheffer** and Asst. Chief **Ronald Bentke**

Fire Chief and Family in the bucket of L-1

Brian Scheffer, Ron Bentke, Jonathan Schramm, Buck Odom

DPS Inv. **Buck Odom** and Chief Deputy **Jay Petrash**



Large crowds this year!



Grandma and Baby Eilert



Go Seth!



The Eilert Family



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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

A Dad is

A Dad is respected because he gives his children leadership.

A Dad is appreciated because he gives his children care.

A Dad is valued because he gives his children time.

*A Dad is loved because he gives his children the one thing they
treasure most - himself.*

- Author Unknown