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The Informant



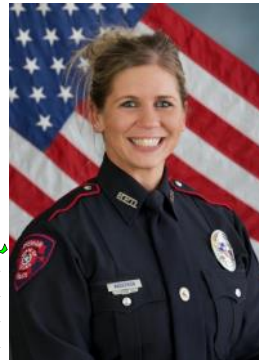
Happy Retirement Sgt Ashorn



Dates to remember this month

- General Mtg. 6:00pm 3/14
- General Mtg 6:00pm 4/11
- Guns&Hoses Blood Dr. 4/21
- Guns&Hoses Blood Dr. 4/22
- At Calvary Bapt. from
9 am to 3 pm

Sgt. Todd Ashorn retires with over 22 years of dedicated service to enforcing the laws of our community. Most of his law enforcement career was spent with the Brenham Police Department where he was an integral part of the Citizen's Police Academy and Citizens On Patrol. We will be eternally grateful to Todd for his patience, nurturing, guidance, and just putting up with us. Good Luck!!



Meet Ofc. Tiffany Anderson. Tiffany was born and raised in Brenham. After High School, BHS Class of 05', she was awarded a scholarship to play Softball for Wichita State University; where she earned her BS in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology. She went to the Police Academy in Wichita, Kansas and then worked as a Police Officer there from 2011-2016. She met her husband in a Crossfit Competition and decided to make the move... Photos on page 6, more info on page 7.



Meet Ofc. Daniel Turner. He was born in Bryan, TX, but grew up in Somerville. After graduating from Somerville High School he went to work at the WC Jail from 2008-2010. He enlisted in the Army and served from 2010 to 2013. Daniel worked as a Juvenile Corrections Officer at Giddings State School for 4 years; then attended the Police Academy at TEEEX where he graduated as Valedictorian of his class. He worked for Giddings PD from 2017-2019. More info and pics on page 6.

March Birthdays

- Christi Korth 3/18
- Ofc. Tina Bruno 3/19
- Ofc. Myles Masters 3/31
- Ofc. Alex Saenz 4-7

COP NEWS

Thanks to the following COPs for their help:

February COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	26.5
Wanda Aguilar	4
Dorothy Antkowiak	5
Patricia Badough	17
Kevin Braun	5
Sue Braun	17
Robbie Gail Charette	5
Bob Cothorn	6
Peter Emerson	2
Doug Feist	2
Stan Ford	8.75
Juanita Gockel	13
Dale Green	3
Jeff Hagerlin	23.5
Kathy Hagerlin	26.25
David Holloway	2
Richard Jares	90.75
Don Langley	48.75
Bruce McCaskill	4
Donna McCaskill	4
Mary Claire Moloney	2
Frank Nowak	250
Debbie Parker	10
Corina Smith	2
Mark Smith	2
Laura Sparks	2
Clarence Steinfeld	2
Sherry Parker-Steinfeld	2
Billy Sutherland	2
Annette Tiemann	5
Gary Wheeler	5
Catherine Wood	14

2-11-23 Barnhill Center Event: *Kathy Hagerlin, Don Langley, Richard Jares.*

2-17-23 Barnhill Center Event: *Richard Jares, Kathy Hagerlin, Don Langley.*

2-25-23 Barnhill Center Event: *Kathy Hagerlin, Richard Jares, Don Langley.*

3-3-23 First Friday Farmers Market & Artisan Event: *Frank Nowak, Richard Jares, Sherry Toy.*

Below: COPs and other first responders attend the Pipeline Safety Training held at the Washington County Expo on February 16th. As you can see a nice meal was served to attendees; and important information was disseminated to those gathered. Remember: Call 811 before you dig!



We had very few assignments this month; thus no photos of our hard working COPs. Last year about this time we had a large parking and traffic assignment at the Expo; thus the pictures below!



These pics were from the First Baptist Fundraiser last February. This year they held an indoor event at the Fireman's Training Center that didn't require our help.

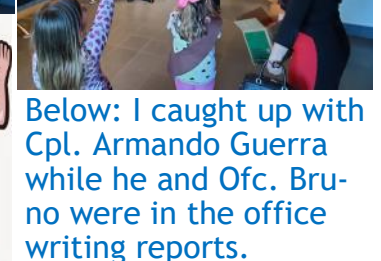


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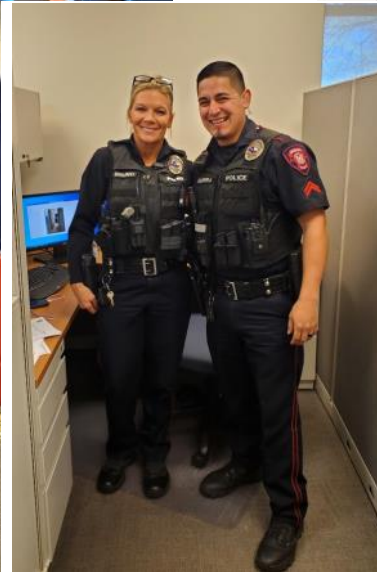
The Girl Scout Troop above pictured with Ofc. Tiffany Anderson, Sgt. Todd Ashorn and Cpl. Alex Saenz dropped off cookies and goodies to BPD on Valentine's Day. After these photos were taken, Alex Saenz treated the girls and Den Mothers to a tour of our facilities.



Below: I caught up with Cpl. Armando Guerra while he and Ofc. Bruno were in the office writing reports.



Above: The official photo of the 2023 CPAAA Executive Board; which was submitted and is on the city website. L-R: Secretary - Juanita Gockel, Treasurer - Sue Braun, Don Langley, President - Patricia Badough, Past President - Richard Jares, Clarence Steinfeld, Wanda Aguilar, Vice-President - Rob Aguilar. Not Pictured, Board Member - Ernest Dever.



Left: Ofc. Tina Bruno and Cpl. Armando Guerra at the office.

Right: Ofc. Tina Bruno getting it done. Stopping traffic on the Hwy 290 access road as an accident scene gets cleared. Take note, nice form.



The following is a list of the CAAA Committees, Committee Chairperson, and what that committee does. This list is for clarification; as some may not know how certain committees function. A better understanding of these committees may lead to more participation by you, the members.

Media/Newsletter Committee - Rob Aguilar This committee is charged with public relations for our organization. It places notices, pictures and pleas in the local newspaper. It is charged with putting out our monthly newsletter, the Informant. Rob is always looking for news worthy items to place in the Informant; and for anyone willing to sit down and write articles, as well as submit pictures for publication.

Speaker Committee - Rob Aguilar This committee is charged with obtaining a suitable speaker for our meetings on a quarterly basis. They will also provide the Media committee with a brief biography of the speaker so it can be published in the local paper prior to meeting night. They will also introduce the speaker to our group on meeting night.

Social Committee - Clarence Steinfeld, Laura Sparks The social committee puts our social functions together. They secure a proper venue for the type of function we wish to have. They secure a caterer if needed, and music if desired (Band or DJ). They are also tasked with set up, which may include purchasing table cloths, silverware, etc. and making sure the venue is ready for guests. They will also have to make sure the venue is cleaned after use. They will also have to make sure that deposits and bills are paid for all items related to the event.

Fundraising Committee - Annette Tiemann, Dorothy Antkowiak and Sherry Parker-Steinfeld The fundraising committee is in charge of our major fundraisers: One of which is the Drive Thru Fundraiser (held the first Monday in November). They are tasked with everything related to these fund raising efforts like having tickets printed, printing posters and signs and displaying them. Also, getting volunteers to help in way needed. They also have to secure the venues and make sure no rules are being violated as related to the venue. Lastly, they are in charge of the monies collected until which time as the Treasurer takes possession.

Benevolence Committee - Annette Tiemann, Juanita Gockel This committee is charged with keeping the membership informed on the wellbeing of its members. They will report on major illnesses or pending surgeries. They will also send out Get Well cards to members that are ill or infirmed, Condolence cards to members that have lost loved ones. On a brighter note, we will also send out Cards for promotions, and other milestones; as well as Thank You cards to individuals or businesses that have treated us or the department well; or to those that have donated time or money to our causes.

Membership Committee - Sherry Parker-Steinfeld and Dorothy Antkowiak This committee is charged with recruiting new members from the current CPA Class. Seeing that the enrollment forms are filled out properly and that dues are paid. Contacting members if dues are delinquent. And, answering questions about membership and our organization.

Office Personnel Committee - Frank Nowak This committee answers questions you may have about working in the BPD office and can help with office procedure training and scheduling.

Voucher Committee - Annette Tiemann and Rob Aguilar This committee will help with determining what can be purchased with your COP Voucher. In an effort to take some of the burden off of the Treasurer, we will help with your reimbursements and even with ordering uniform items.

So if you would like to help or be on any of these committees, or have more questions, let the Chairperson know; I am sure that they would welcome your assistance.



It's the end of an era, here at BPD. Todd Ashorn has gone and retired, and left the rest of us here to fend for ourselves. He was our go-to guy for everything! Well, poor Steven Eilert will have to bear the brunt of our wrath now. Well, if anyone deserves to retire it's Todd; we wore him out. But don't fret, as soon as he walked out of BPD's doors he went "fishin"; literally he went fishing as soon as he left. Good for him, but I understand his fishing vacation will be short-lived; as he starts a new job with the State the following Monday. Our loss is the States' gain. Good luck in your new endeavors Todd and don't be a stranger. We will miss you a great deal, but we will have to learn to survive. I shouldn't make it sound so bleak but I will miss him, we all will!!



Continued from page 1. He then moved to Blinn PD where his love for the city of Brenham grew. He also liked working with Brenham Police personnel on many of his Blinn calls. He liked BPD so much, that he transferred here; and says, he loves the community and looks forward to forging good working relationships with our community and its citizens. He is married to his wonderful wife Tina (seen pinning on his badge in the photo above); they have a blended family of 4 children whose ages range from 3 to 17. This 32 year old seasoned rookie will fit right in to our growing small city. When you see him, say hello and make him feel welcome.



Grooming Woes

By Rob Aguilar

Isn't ear hair funny?
 But nose hair is so gross.
 Removal could cost money,
 but the alternative morose.
 How about that blemish,
 and that great big zit.
 Makeup is not mannish,
 But I have a cream for it!
 Are your fingernails too long?
 Check your toenails as well.
 Use clippers, you can't go wrong.
 I'll leave the toes, just don't tell.
 Don't forget to comb your hair.
 Not today, I just don't care!



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Grooming is a necessary chore!

Loss

By Rob Aguilar

A loss can be traumatic, it can consume your every thought.
 The trick is to just not let it, don't let yourself be fraught.
 When you lose someone there's an emptiness inside;
 and a great sadness that's often quite difficult to hide.
 Our faces and our body language give it all away.
 Conveying your feelings with words is hard to say.
 People will see right through you, if they know you well.
 And if they don't know you, it's just harder for them to tell.
 It's okay to try and hide your pain and the way you truly feel.
 Everyone goes through some form of it; you too will heal.
 However, it is quite a long process; I know this for a fact.
 When my mom and dad passed, I didn't know how to act.
 Your friends and family will be there to bring you into the light.
 You may not be ready for it, but please resist the urge to fight.
 Your loss is your pain and stays with you deep inside.
 Confront it, share it, make it surface, then it will subside.
 Everyone grieves a loss in their own special way.
 Just don't go through it alone, is all I have to say!

Loss and Grieving are a fact of life. If you have problems dealing with a loss there is no shame in asking for help. There are numerous options available to you; just ask!



Continued from page 1. to his home town of Clay Center, Kansas in 2017; where she continued in law enforcement. She decide to move back to Brenham in December of 2022 and is excited to be a part of the Brenham Police Department family and serve this great community. Her 12 years of law enforcement experience will serve her well here and we wish her luck. When you see her, make her feel welcome.



Happy St. Patrick's Day

Important Announcement: The birth of - Cameron Ray Collier born on March 3rd, 2023. Seen here with proud grandparents - Kathy and Jeff Hagerlin. How sweet is that!!

I thought that we did away with Daylight Saving Time, but couldn't find evidence that we did. So we should all "spring forward" 1 hour this Sunday, March 12th (I think, pretty sure, almost certain). Well the internet says to spring forward, so I will. Will see everyone Monday evening at 6 pm (5pm if you haven't adjusted your time pieces) at our CAAA General Meeting.

Debbie Parker would like to thank everyone for their Thoughts and Prayers this past week for Ron. As of Thursday, March 9th he was on antibiotics for a persistent fever; but should be transferred to the rehab facility after it subsides. Chief Parker is doing much better and has been transferred to Encompass Rehab in Bryan. He will have about 3 hours of rehab a day which will include: occupational, physical and speech therapy. Ron gave everyone quite a scare and has a long road ahead to a full recovery. He and Debbie could still use all of your positive thoughts and prayers which she insists and I agree, are quite helpful. Be assured we will continue to pray for his speedy recovery.

Get Well Soon Chief Parker

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Volunteer Corps: Any CAAA member that would like to work the front desk at the Brenham Police Department is encouraged to do so. This program would not require a front desk volunteer to participate in the Citizens On Patrol (COP) program; nor would they need any COP training. You would be taught, on site, the duties that you would perform which would include greeting citizens, answering and or transferring phone calls, finding, copying and selling accident reports, shredding documents, running errands, etc. You may be asked to perform other tasks, but you will not be asked to do anything you do not feel comfortable doing or have not been trained to do. While a formal uniform will not be furnished; you will be issued a Polo shirt with a Volunteer Corps logo. Anyone interested can contact Frank Nowak.



On April 2, 1923 the City of Brenham purchased a 1923 American LaFrance Chemical Engine affectionately known as Samanthe. It served the Brenham community well, and is now turning 100 years old. The Brenham Fire Department held a 100 Year Birthday Celebration (Open House) to honor Samanthe on Saturday, March 4th at the Fire Station. It was a resounding success with over 400 guests attending. There were refreshments in the form of sodas, hamburgers, hot dogs, cakes, cookies, and Blue Bell Ice Cream for the attendees. They were also treated to ladder truck rides in the basket of Ladder 1, which can be raised to heights exceeding 100 feet. The kids could squirt water to extinguish an imaginary fire using a hose line from their Booster Truck. There was an auto extrication demonstration using hydraulic tools better known as the "jaws of life" where the vehicle was relieved of its doors and roof. There were lots of questions asked, and most answered, food, fellowship and fun was had by all. Many COPs were in attendance as evidenced by the photos - look closely and you may see someone you know. Special thanks to Sid-dons-Martin for providing and preparing the food, Blue Bell Creameries for the ice cream and all of the BFD Command Staff, paid staff and volunteers for making it such a success. **Good Job Guys!**



Above: Capt. Josh Sebastian, and FF Gene Swonke about to give Craig and Meredith Dohse a ride!

It was a fun day for all in attendance. We can all learn how to have an "Open House" from this!



Extrication Demonstration



BFD Chaplain **Craig Dohse** seen here with COP and EMS Chaplain **Billy Sutherland** enjoying the sunshine and the festivities at the fire station.



Below: **Jay Petrash, Clarence Steinfeld** and **Stan Ford** were also seen out celebrating **Samanthe's** Birthday and the sunshine!



Stan Ford, doing what he does best, eating!



Happy 100th Birthday

A special Thank You to **Pam Ruemke** for being "Sparky" all day Saturday!



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3/17/23

Reminder: Sunday March 12th is the start of Daylight Saving Time. So remember to move your clocks forward ONE HOUR at 2 a.m. (Spring Forward, Fall Back).



Your 2023 Board of Directors wishes to remind all members that membership dues must be paid by March 31st to be kept on the roster.
Thank you.