

The Informant

Newsletter of the Brenham, TX Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association
 May 2014



At Left– Our Newest BPD Officers’ were introduced to COP & CPAAA members at our March General Meeting. L-R Jared Campbell & Kevin Mertz. Both are local boys with close ties to our community. Jared is from Brenham and Kevin is from Burton. Both come with years of Policing Experience. First at the Washington County Jail and then with the Sheriffs’ Office.

Dates to remember

- Bake Sale Fundraiser at Walgreens & Wal-mart **5/10**
- General Meeting 7pm **5/12**
- *Nat’l Police Week * **5/11 – 5/17**
See page 3
- Picnic @ Fireman’s Trng Center 2-6pm **6/22**

Below– Chris Jackson makes a joke at Jared Campbell’s expense. Jared shows that he can take it, as Kevin Mertz and James Bassett look on. We are almost at full staffing just one more hire to go. Perhaps we can land another Jared or Kevin??



Happy Belated Birthday
 day to
 Ofc.
 Tommy Kurie
 May 2nd



Remember
 MOM



At Left- What’s all the commotion about at the Maifest Parade? Find out on pages 7 & 9.

At Right– Wishing all *MOMS* a Great Day!



Citizens on Patrol

A LOT of exciting events took place in the month of April. Thank You VOLUNTEERS for . .

Working a Call Out for traffic lights out at Alamo and FM 577 and Fm 577 & 105: **Bob Cothorn, James Bassett, Darrell Weed, Tom Painter**

Working the B F D Fish Fry: **Darrell Weed, Tom Painter, Corina Smith, Jack Murski, James Bassett**

working the Blue Bell Fun Run on 4/12: **Clarence Steinfeld, Bob Cothorn, Tex Davis, Tom Painter, Jack Murski, Kevin Braun, David Clinkenbeard, Annette Tiemann, Darrell Weed, James Bassett, Rob Aguilar,**

Blue Bonnet Festival Assignment on 4-12-14: **Jean Winters, Millie Keller, James Bassett, Helen Bassett, Dorothy Antkowiak**

Citizens bank Assignment on 4-12-14: **Clyde Averitt**

Blue Bonnet Festival Assignment on 4-13-14: **Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Clarence Steinfeld, Rob Aguilar**

Easter Egg-Stravaganza on 4-17-14: **Tom Painter, Dale Green, Tex Davis**

Blue Bell Parking Assignment on 4-18-14: **James Bassett, Clarence Steinfeld, Bob Cothorn, Mark Smith, Corina Smith**

Resurrection of Christ Escort 4-18-14: **Darrell Weed, Bob Cothorn, Jack Murski**

St. Mary's Escort 4-18-14: **Jack Murski, Bob Cothorn**

Appel Ford Easter Egg Hunt Assignment on 4-19-14: **Annette Tiemann, Julia Moore, Tex Davis, James Bassett, Wanda Aguilar, Millie Keller, Nicole Lowe, Rob Aguilar**

Working the Child Abuse Awareness Walk on 4-26-14: **Rob Aguilar, Bob Cothorn, Albert Green**

Home Depot Fingerprinting Assignment on 4-26-14: **Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar, Millie Keller, Bernadette Kamprath, Ron Wise, Michael Cowan, Wayne Brown**

Anchor Club Bike Rodeo on 4-26-14: **Chuck Wood, Catherine Wood**

Holocaust Survivors Walk 4-26-14: **Rob Aguilar, Clarence Steinfeld, Bob Cothorn**

Guns & Hoses Blood Drive on 4-29-14: **Rob Aguilar**

Downtown History Walk on 5-1-14: **Rob Aguilar, Jack Murski, Tom Painter, James Bassett, Ron Upchurch, David Clinkenbeard**

Maifest Parade 5-2-14: **Bob Cothorn, James Bassett, Jack Murski, Clarence Steinfeld, Clyde Averitt, Albert Green, Darrell Weed, Tex Davis, Rob Aguilar**

Maifest Celebration Park-n-Ride & Grounds 5/2-3/14: **Tex Davis Clarence Steinfeld, Annette Tiemann, James Bassett, Helen Bassett, Albert Green, Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak**
Hope I got everyone; it's hard keeping track when we're so busy! Thanks Again!!

April COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	77.5
Wanda Aguilar	27
Dorothy Antkowiak	41
Clyde Averitt	15.5
Helen Bassett	4
James Bassett	52
Kevin Braun	2.25
Sue Braun	8.75
Scott Boll	6
Dustin Brown	9.75
Wayne Brown	12.5
Willie Brown	18
David Clinkenbeard	35.75
Sandra Clinkenbeard	3.25
Bob Cothorn	39.5
Michael Cowan	12.5
Glen Daugherty	29
Tex Davis	67.25
Albert Green	26.5
Dale Green	10
Juanita Hickey	14.5
Helen Jordan	5.5
Bernadette Kamprath	9.5
Millie Keller	31.25
Butch Lorenz	6
Nicole Lowe	3
Julia Moore	2
Jack Murski	60.25
Tom Painter	30.5
Don Peloquin	20
Jerry Pieper	10.5
Corina Smith	11
Mark Smith	7
Tony Smith	6
Clarence Steinfeld	13.5
Annette Tiemann	15
Ron Upchurch	29
Darrell Weed	63.5
Ron Wise	9.5
Catharine Wood	21
Chuck Wood	6.5
TOTAL	873

FYI : COP vehicle 247 was promptly replaced by Unit 970. **Many Thanks to Lt. Billy Rich.**



Honoring Our Heros



National Police Week

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as National Police Week. Thus, this year National Police Week is celebrated May 11th thru the 17th. However, every year on May 13th the Annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is held, whether or not it falls during National Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around

the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.

National Police Week draws in between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees. The attendees come from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world. This provides a unique opportunity to meet others that share a common brotherhood. In that spirit, the Fraternal Order of Police DC Lodge #1 sponsors receptions each afternoon and evening during Police Week. These events are open to all law enforcement personnel and are an experience unlike any other. For more info log onto www.NationalPoliceWeek.com

The CPAAA will be providing snacks for the Police Department. If you would like to donate snack items, you can drop them off at the PD—Attention Cpl. Chris Jackson OR bring them to the General meeting on May 12TH. Thank you for your support.



At Left—**Sgt. Jack Murski** receives his well deserved Gold Whistle Award from Chief Phelps at a recent Officer's Meeting.

At Right—**Tony Smith** is back to work here at BPD following his harrowing brush with death. Tony emerged victorious, and says he's getting stronger every day. Great news!





RUN > HIDE > FIGHT

by Rob Aguilar

CPAAA Annual Bake Sale Fundraiser, was held this past Saturday May 10th at Wal-Mart and Walgreens. We had great participation from our members and the public alike. We sold a lot of goodies and had a lot of fun doing it. Our Bake Sale raised \$1,567 (of which \$367 were just plain donations). Thanks to everyone that help set up, take down, bake the goods and sell the goods. **It was truly a team effort.** Special thanks to Peter Emerson for the use of his tables and chairs; and the great jewelry he donated for us to sell. I would like to **Thank Everyone For Their Support!**

Annette Tiemann

Fundraiser Chairperson

Surviving An Active Shooter Event

We were all invited to attend an Active Shooter Course on April 17th at the Brenham High School Auditorium. The class was free to the public, and it was especially important that we be in attendance. As the public expects us to know more about these things than they do, and will probably ask us questions on this and other related subjects. With that in mind, this article was written for those members that could not attend. The overall content in this article is taken from information produced by the City of Houston Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security, and the "Course" given on April 17th. I am sure that the following information will be of some help to you with regards to an Active Shooter Event.

The Brenham High School Gymnasium was the setting; Washington County Commissioner Kirk Hanath was the moderator for the class. The class was taught by Mike Macha, who is with the U S Department of Homeland Security. Mike Macha lives in Bellville, and was very familiar with the Brenham Community. He first delved into statistics on a few of the 154 Active Shooter Events that were evaluated by his department. He also tried to explain some of the psychological aspects and warning signs shooters often display before going on their rampages. The following will be the things that were stressed in Mr. Macha's presentation.

If you ever find yourself in the middle of an Active Shooter Event, your survival may depend on whether you have a plan. The plan doesn't have to be complicated. The plan will most likely depend on your familiarity with the structure that you are in; the better you know your surroundings, the better the chances of a good outcome. Your plan just has to include three things that could make a positive difference in the outcome; Run, Hide, Fight.

RUN > First and foremost, if you can get out, do. Always try and escape or evacuate, even when others insist on staying. Encourage others to leave with you, but don't let them slow you down with indecision. Remember what's important, **YOU**, not your stuff. Leave your belongings behind, and try to get out safely and swiftly. Once you are out of the line of fire, try to prevent others from walking into the danger zone and call 9-1-1.

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HIDE > If you can't get out safely, you need to find a place to hide. Act quickly and quietly. Try and secure your hiding place the best you can by turning off lights and locking doors. Also, silence the ringer and vibration mode on your cell phone. If you can't find a good hiding spot, try to conceal yourself behind large objects that may protect you. Do your best to remain quiet and calm.

FIGHT > As a last resort, if your life is at risk, whether you are alone or working together as a group, Fight! Act with aggression. Improvise weapons with what is at hand. Disarm him and commit to taking the shooter down, no matter what. Know that in an incident like this, victims are generally chosen at random. The event is unpredictable and may evolve very quickly. Remember that the first responders on the scene are not there to evacuate or tend to the injured; their main goal is to stop the shooter. When you encounter first responders, always keep your hands up and out where they can be seen. Do not be pointing and shouting; as the responders adrenaline will be pumping, and they may mistake your gestures as those of a shooter.

Your actions can make a difference in your safety and survival. Be aware of your surroundings and be prepared to act. And if you find yourself faced with an active shooter, there are three key things you need to remember to survive: RUN, HIDE, and FIGHT.

National Communications Week



WOW! What a treat the dispatchers received during National Communications Week last month. A HUGE thank you to all who donated items and/or money for the goodie bags. And a big **Thank You** to Dorothy Antkowiak for delivering the bags on behalf of the organization!

AWESOME JOB!!!

Save The Date!!!

SUNDAY June 22nd 2-6 pm

Annual CPAAA/PD Picnic @ Firemans Training Center. More details in next month's newsletter.



Appel Ford Sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt 4-19-14



Top Left and Left—Children line up just before the mad dash for eggs.

Top Middle—Julia Moore and Wanda Aguilar directing traffic and sharing a laugh at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Top Right—Appel Ford brought Hollywood to Brenham in the form of Rico Rodriguez star of Modern Family and the Disney Channel. He signed autographs and posed for pictures at the event. Rob Aguilar snagged a photo op!



At Left— That’s our own I T guru Pam Ruemke as Sparky in the Maifest Parade, she is standing with gnome Luke Aguilar (Rob & Wanda’s grandson).



At Right—Ron Wise, Wanda Aguilar, Bernadette Kamprath, Wayne Brown, Michael Cowan and Millie Keller at the Home Depot Spring Event Fingerprinting Assignment on 4-26-14

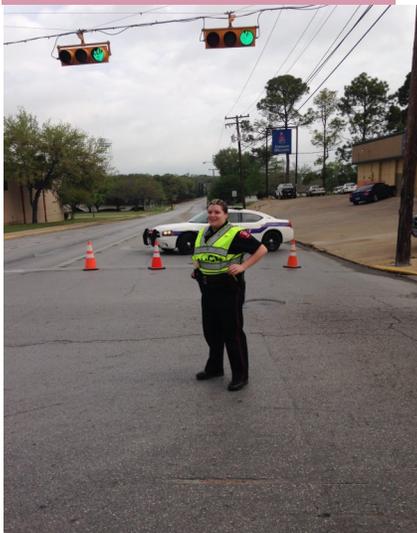


The 2 photos at left are of the Holocaust Survivor’s Walk on 4-26-14.

At Right—Assisting with the Holocaust Survivor’s Walk were Clarence Steinfeld, Lt. Billy Rich, Bob Cothorn (not pictured Rob Aguilar)



2014 Blue Bell Fun Run!!!



Officer Ashley Burns calmly waits for the expected 5,000+ runners that are coming her way at the Blue Bell Fun Run Saturday April 19th



Here they come!



There they go!!!



Who said Sgt. Raven doesn't like heights?



Up and Up to about 40 feet here.



Into the stratosphere he goes!



At left—What's all the commotion?

At right—All the commotion is the Department's new T-3 Motion Electric Scooter, recently donated anonymously to BPD. Or is it the Chief's new chariot??

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News Clip pings



Angela Hahn/Brenham Police Department

Brenham Police Officers (from right) Kevin Mertz and Lance Weiss spent almost a day taking care of the yard of an elderly person. Also pictured is Sgt. Kelvin Raven, their supervising officer.

Officers use day off to help resident after responding to call

It started out as a response to a medical call – checking by with emergency medical services to see if help was required.

It ended with two officers quietly performing a good deed, never expecting anyone to know.

On April 3, Officers Lance Weiss and Kevin Mertz, along with Sgt. Kelvin Raven, responded to Matchett Street in reference to a medical call.

The caller said they had heard cries for help coming from the backyard of a nearby residence.

When the officers arrived, they found a man lying in his back yard and not wanting to leave because he was caring for an elderly relative.

“We heard the call – it was a medical call and we try and check by on those if possible to see if we can be of assistance,” said Weiss. “The patient was in his backyard, bleeding, but he was concerned about going with EMS because he was caring for his elderly mother.

“The neighbors had heard him screaming from the backyard and called.

“He didn’t want to leave because he took care of her. We started to call Adult Protective Services, but something said hold on – so I was finally able to get the name of his sister and she was able to come to the house.”

Weiss and Mertz waited at the scene until the sister arrived, talking with the victim’s mother.

“She was a little confused about what was going on so we felt like we should stay put,” Mertz said.

While waiting for family to arrive, neighbors came over to talk to the officers and said they knew something wasn’t right at the house.

“The neighbors said the victim was meticulous about keeping his yard perfect. At the time of the call, it was really grown up, a mess,” Mertz said.

“We were standing there, listening to the neighbor talk and when he said that about the yard, we just looked at each other. It was like a sign. We both knew what we could do to help,” Weiss said.

The next morning, with both officers being off duty, they met at the home with lawn equipment and spent the better part of the day mowing and cleaning up the yard.

Both officers expressed surprise that anyone had noticed.

“We weren’t expecting anything. We just thought it was a

way we could help,” Weiss said.

Raven, supervisor of both officers, said he was “overwhelmed by the act and by the expression of caring for someone they didn’t know.”

“They definitely went above and beyond. It’s extraordinary,” said Raven.

Both Chief Rex Phelps and Lt. Dant Lange echoed Raven.

“We are very proud of Lance and Kevin as well as all of our officers. This is their home too, and they are always willing to go the extra mile for our citizens,” Phelps said.

Acts of kindness, like the one mentioned above are performed on a regular basis by the fine men and women in Blue of the BPD. It is such a pleasure to work along side and be associated with this great group.

Great Job Guys! You make us proud!!



At left—Cpl Chris Jackson had help from Cpl Eilert, Sgt Schoen and COP's Chuck Wood and Catharine Wood.

Bike Rodeo, Safety Fair

The BHS Anchor Club recently hosted their Bike Rodeo and Safety Fair at the Wal-Mart parking lot. Cpl. Chris Jackson conducted several sessions of bike safety and riding rules. The Brenham Fire and Police departments were there to allow the children to see the insides of the fire engine and the police car. Six children won bicycles and every child attending received a helmet. The BrainMinder puppet show was presented and there was neon nail painting, faux tattoos, egg roll and pin toss games. The Brenham Pilot Club assisted the Anchors.

At Right—Our own Office Angel, Juanita Hickey reached the 7,800 hour milestone donating her time at Scott & White



Scott & White Auxiliary

The Scott and White Hospital - Brenham Auxiliary had its first quarter 2014 meeting April 28 at Scott and White Hospital. Pins and hour bars were awarded to those who had reached a milestone during the previous quarter. Pictured along with their accumulated number of hours are, front row, Jan Wilhelmson (2,100), Juanita Hickey (7,800), Isabel Lay (500) and Dolores Rowlett (800); and back row, Bill Neinast (900), Nathaniel Evans (2,300), Oleta Kellogg (400), Peggy Guire (3,000), Ursula Brown (200), Edith Lehmann (3,200) and Bernice Gaskamp (4,100). Not pictured are Bessie Jones (3,400), Clara Martin (2,900), Merle Polka (3,500), Joan Prether (1,300), Dot Scherer (200), Lori Sladek (800), Judy Whitaker (1,000), and Dorothy Wiesepape (600).



Police department 'scoots' around Maifest

ANGELA HAHN
BRENNHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Brenham Police Chief Rex Phelps during Maifest unveiled a new vehicle donated to the department.

The T3 Motion electric scooter is one of the newest tools police departments are using across the country for special events.

One of the vehicle's strongest points is visibility — unlike horses, which make officers tower above the crowd, or motorcycles and bicycles, which position them below pedestrians — the scooters place riders nine inches above the ground — high enough to see over people without intimidating them.

"This is a perfect tool for officers to use during special events," said Phelps. "It keeps the officer fresh in the event

Brenham Police Chief Rex Phelps rides the department's new three-wheeled scooter at Saturday morning's Maifest parade.

Angela Hahn/Brenham Police Department

there is an enforcement issue; it allows them to see over the crowd somewhat so they can respond to medical emergencies; and truthfully, it's a great crowd pleaser.

"It's a great way to interact with the community at an event. Officers really like the ability to interact with our residents during our festivals and events. The T3 Motion scooter allows them to be close and approachable, yet still respond if needed. It allows them to cover a lot of ground during the entire event, and gives them a vehicle that can reach areas that a car can't."

The scooters are used in larger departments across the nation, and are often out of reach for smaller departments because of the cost.

"These can easily go for \$10,000 — way out of our range financially. We were very fortunate that one of our civic minded supporters decided to donate this to us," Phelps said.

"Our donor wishes to remain anonymous but we do want to publicly thank the donor. We picked it up Thursday and really wanted to debut it at Maifest. We are fortunate to live in a community that supports our department so well."



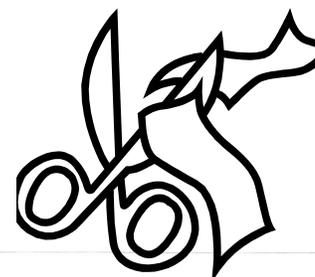
Arthur Hahn/Banner-Press

Krumrey honored by Lions

LaVerne Krumrey, president of the Washington County Ladies Lions Club, receives the E.B. "Tex" Mayer award Monday from Joe Al Picone, past International Director of Lions Club International. At the district convention last weekend, the La Grange Noon Lions Club, sponsor of the award, recognized Krumrey as recipient of the highest award given by Lions District 2-55. Mayer was a past International Director who was a member of the LaGrange Noon Lions Club. The club makes this award annually to a Lion member who exemplifies the leadership over several years in fulfilling the lions motto: "We Serve." Picone praised Krumrey for the enthusiastic leadership she gives her club in providing service to the community.

Long-time CPAAA member

LaVerne Krumrey is honored for her work with the Lady Lions. Perhaps she'll come back and see us soon.



Some of you may have missed this great article written by Angela Hahn; referencing BPD's newest crime fighting tool. SOP's are still being written on its use; and it is not clear if any of us will be able to utilize it. Time will tell, but I can see that it has many useful purposes. **A Big Thanks to the anonymous donor!**

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Guns & Hoses

Thanks to all who came out to donate blood at the last Guns 'N Hoses Blood drive on April 29th and a big THANKS to Rob Aguilar for coordinating this event. We were credited for 22 donors giving 17 units of whole blood, 3 double reds, and 0 deferrals. Watch for info on the next drive in next month's newsletter!!



