

# The Informant



**Don't miss our next General Meeting coming up this Monday 6/8 at 7pm at the Brenham Police Department.**

### Calendar of Events:

- June 8—General Meeting @ 7pm
- June 20th—Juneteenth Parade
- June 28th BPD/CPAAA Picnic
- July 11—Hot Nights, Cool Tunes
- July 13—General Meeting @7pm



### Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony held 5/15/15

Presenting the Wreath were BPD Cpl. Todd Ashorn, Blinn Police Capt. Malcolm Carter, Deputy Fire Marshall Heath Mahlmann, and Deputy Constable William Shepherd.

*Happy Birthday*  
**Brenham PD**

- Sgt. Lloyd Powell June 13
- Ofc. Casey Thuman June 23
- Ginger Bishop June 28
- Det. Michael Davis July 2



## Remember Dad June 21st

Brenham Outreach Center honors BPD with a plaque which reads *“Real Heroes Don't Need Capes”*. On hand to receive it were Cpl Richard Bobbitt, Cpl Justin Schiller, Chief Dant Lange and Sgt Lloyd Powell. (more pics from BOC on page 11)

# Citizens on Patrol

May was another busy month for our COP's and we'd like to give a HUGE thank you to all our hard working volunteers:

May 9th - CPAAA Bake Sale at Walgreens and Wal-Mart : Too many members to mention; **THANKS** to everyone that helped!

May 9th - Walgreen's Fingerprinting Assignment : Ron Wise, Jean Winters, Rob Aguilar

May 14th - Local History Day Traffic Assignment : Jack Murski, James Bassett, Annette Tiemann, Corina Smith, Tony Smith, Ron Upchurch

May 15th - Blinn Graduation Parking Assignment: Tex Davis, Dorothy Antkowiak, Clarence Steinfeld, Mark Smith, Corina Smith, Ron Upchurch, Charles Lewis, Xochitl-mari Rangel, Dale Green

May 17th - St. Mary's 100 Days of Summer Event: Jack Murski, Clyde Averitt

May 21st- Local History Day Traffic Assignment: Annette Tiemann, Corina Smith, Ron Upchurch, James Bassett, Tony Smith

May 21st - Special Olympic's Law Enforcement Torch Run Escort : Clyde Averitt, Stan Ford, Howard Mead

May 21st - St. Paul's Traffic Assignment: Albert Green on standby

May 30th - What Color Is Your Run Event at Brenham Elementary : Bob Cothorn, David Clinkenbeard



COP Stan Ford was asked to lead this year's Law Enforcement Torch Run. No, not running; but in our COP Vehicle. No one got lost; that's a good thing. Thanks Stan! Also thanks to Clyde and Howard!



Class 29 President, Stacie Ober-render presents a plaque to BPD at the CPA Graduation Ceremony. More pics on pages 8 and 10.

## MAY COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	52
Wanda Aguilar	10.5
Dorothy Antkowiak	47
Clyde Averitt	7.75
James Bassett	36.5
Kevin Braun	14
Sue Braun	11.5
Wayne Brown	26.5
Willie Brown	18
David Clinkenbeard	45.75
Sandra Clinkenbeard	16
Bob Cothorn	30.25
Michael Cowan	8
Glen Daugherty	23.5
Tex Davis	152.5
Peter Emerson	6.5
Stan Ford	61.5
Albert Green	25.5
Dale Green	29.5
Donald Hegemeyer	4.5
Juanita Hickey	20.5
Jim Hollister	7.75
Millie Keller	20.5
Cathy Langan	2.5
Charles Lewis	5.75
Vanessa Martinez	2.5
Jack Murski	18.5
Carole Petzolt	2.5
Monroe Petzolt	2.5
Jerry Pieper	7
Xochitl-mari Rangel	2.5
Corina Smith	45.25
Mark Smith	18.75
Tony Smith	20.5
Clarence Steinfeld	75.25
Billy Sutherland	2.5
Annette Tiemann	33.5
Ron Upchurch	90.5
Manija Whitman	2.5
Jean Winters	4.5
Ron Wise	6
Catharine Wood	2
Billy Yawn	21.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1045</b>

*Thanks for everyone's hard work, it doesn't go unnoticed!!*

# NATIONAL POLICE WEEK



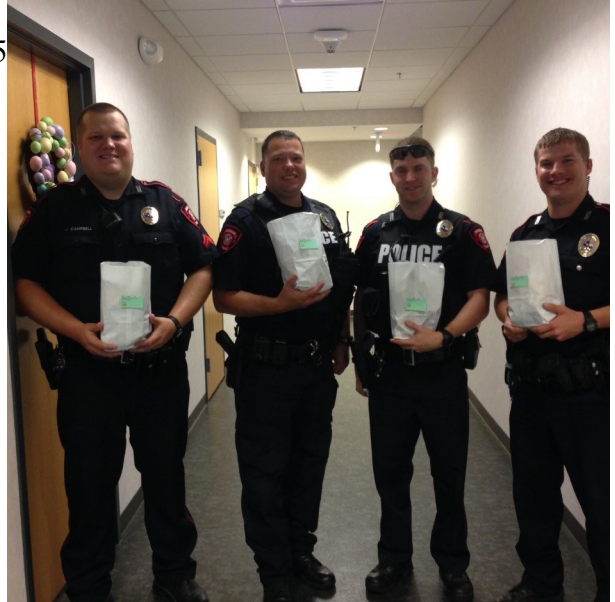
National Police Week - 5/10-16/15

We honored our Boy's in Blue (and Ladies) with "goodie bags".

Each "goodie bag", at left, was stuffed with what you see at top left.

We handed out some of these bags (at right), but left the rest for each Officer to claim when they came on duty. Hope no one was left out!

Just one way to say THANK YOU for all that you do!



# COP APPRECIATION DINNER

Los Cabos was the setting for our COP Appreciation Dinner. For those that braved the weird weather during Spring Break at Blue Bell Creameries this year. It was also to honor those COP's that work traffic control at Brenham Elementary, all school year long. The COP's in attendance, and their guest along with Chief Dant Lange and Cpl Chris Jackson enjoyed a good meal and great fellowship; prizes were even awarded!!

What a good looking, hungry group!



Our newest BPD Officer — Terrence Johnson addresses the CPAAA at our May meeting. Hope we made a good impression, because he did!!



# PICNIC



## Mark your calendars now for the "ANNUAL CPAAA/BPD FAMILY PICNIC"

SUNDAY, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

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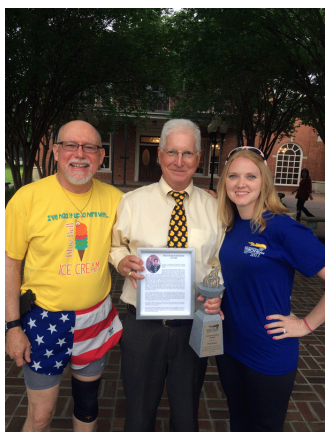
FIREMAN'S TRAINING CENTER

2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

**THIS YEAR THE PICNIC IS  
IN HONOR OF  
CHIEF REX PHELPS**

Please come by and enjoy some good food and fellowship. Also take time to thank Chief Phelps personally for his dedication and service to this department and to the community as well as wishing him the best as he takes on the duties as the city's new Assistant City Manager.

(Please RSVP the number of people that will be attending with you to Ginger at 979-337-7364 or email [gbishop@cityofbrenham.org](mailto:gbishop@cityofbrenham.org) by Monday, June 22<sup>th</sup>)



Runners from the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run turned out in huge numbers to present Blue Bell President Paul Kruse a Certificate and Trophy for his past support of Special Olympics. Mr. Kruse came to tears when he spoke to the crowd and apologized for not being able to contribute more this year, but vowed that Blue Bell will bounce back; as will his support to this worthy cause. THANKS Mr. Kruse, remember "WE SUPPORT BLUE BELL" and Special Olympics!!



Our Security for the CPA Class 29 Graduation; no just guests. Thanks for coming guys, it means a lot!

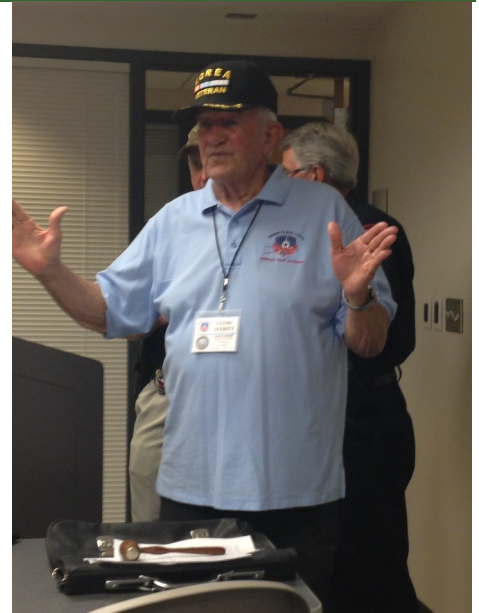
Two weeks ago today I was in the process of receiving one of the nicest honors that a veteran could ever receive. Travis Pilcheck and I were leaving for Washington D.C. to see the Korean War Veterans Memorial along with the other war memorials. It was a trip to be remembered for a life time.

The Honor Flight Austin group did it up right and really knows how to treat a veteran to a real nice trip. From the time we left Austin to our return to Austin we were treated like royalty. A person met me at the curb with a wheelchair and from that point on you was assigned a guardian that stayed with you the entire trip, pushing you all over Washington to every memorial and every event. Although' Travis chose not to take the wheelchair his guardian stayed with him all the time. We were treated to a banquet style meal upon arrival at the Hilton hotel where we spent the night. The next day (Saturday) the day begin with a breakfast buffet then on to the busses to start our day of making the rounds to the various war memorials. This trip being for Korean War Veterans we went to the Korean War Veterans Memorial first where we watched a program honoring the Korean War Veterans. Then it was on to the other memorials, WW-2, Viet-Nam, Marine, Air Force, DAV and Navy. I must say the WW-2 Memorial was most beautiful with the Korean War Veterans Memorial a close second. After a day of drinking a lot of water, eating box lunches and snack bars we were well taken care of by the Honor Flight Austin folks. On our flight back to Austin we had "Mail Call", something that had been arranged by the Honor Flight Folks. They had contacted friends and family members and ask them to send a letter expressing their thoughts about the veteran. I'll admit after receiving and reading my letters from family and people I didn't even know....I cried. It was very heart warming to read some of the words they had wrote. When we arrived back in Austin we were treated to a "Water Salute" and about 200 people or more yelling, screaming, reaching out to shake hands thanking us for our service, waving banners and flags. That also was very heartwarming. Yes...all in all it was a great experience and I want to thank all the local folks for the warm wishes and gratitude....thanks a lot. We never did see Pat Elliott. It was reported he was going with Travis Pilcheck and myself.

He may have gone on another flight being as how they have several from different cities. I hope he enjoyed his trip as much as we did. The Honor Flight Austin organization is requesting all Korean War Veterans, Viet-Nam War Veterans and Purple Heart Veterans to make an application to be considered for future flights. You can view their Web-Sight at "Honor Flight Austin. Org."

Clyde Averitt

Clyde, THANK YOU for your service!!



Above: Clyde Averitt talks to the CPAAA about "Honor Flight Austin", his trip to Washington D.C. to visit war memorials; particularly the Korean War Memorial. Check out Clyde's commemorative SHIRT and CAP. Looking Good Clyde!! Below: Clyde Averitt, left, and Travis Pilchick take part in one of many ceremonies that they participated in and or witnessed during their trip to Washington D.C..



## It's Contagious, So Catch It!

By Rob Aguilar

Summer is in full swing, as evidenced by the sweltering heat, our number of assignments, and my low energy level. Several short vacations, and I'm still not energized. Perhaps I am working too hard? Nonsense, I'm retired, I only do things that I like doing. Even the recent heavy rains didn't get me out of my funk; it rained so much that it made things worse!

Well, good news, I feel great! Re-energized, but why? This feeling of new found energy and enthusiasm comes from a contagious disease known as "Rookie-itis". You know that ailment that affects all new Rookies, in some form or fashion. Let me explain. All of our new COP Trainees have this disease in varying degrees. They all exude a sense of excitement and enthusiasm for the challenges that lie ahead. And it's contagious; especially if you are around these individuals for any given length of time.

Being an FTO (Field Training Officer) for these new recruits has had a positive effect on me. Whether the new COP's are age 17 or 77, they all display that infectious enthusiasm, that wide-eyed wonderment of what every new tour of duty might bring them. Well I am here to say that that contagious feeling has done wonders for my state of mind. I was already crazy, some might say (in jest, I hope); but a good attitude helps you in all aspects of life. So call me crazy, but I truly enjoyed teaching our recruits new things. I enjoyed getting to know each and every one, through those long field training sessions that every Trainee must go through. I enjoyed answering all those questions and all the possible scenarios that could arise. This new group of COP's is eight strong, and I am sure they will be a great addition to an already awesome team.

Perhaps my newly found energy and enthusiasm comes from a feeling of accomplishment; after all I did play a part in their success. Or perhaps that feeling comes from knowing that we won't have as much trouble filling the duty rosters when new assignments arise. Or perhaps it's knowing that I have made some new friends. Or perhaps it's a combination of the three. In any event, I guess it doesn't matter how I got this feeling, just that I am here now and am enjoying every minute, just like when I was a Rookie!

So I urge each and every member of our group to embrace our new members; get to know them and by all means spend time with them. Because what they have is "CONTAGIOUS" and I think we all need to "CATCH IT".



***CONGRATULATIONS***  
***Sgt. Kelvin Raven***  
***Our newest Brenham School***  
***Board Trustee***  
***(Position Four)***

# St. Paul's Appreciation Luncheon for First Responders



A meal for **First Responders** was prepared and served by St. Paul's 6th Grade Class at BPD on May 21st; it was a good turn out, FD, PD, EMS, DPS and even a few COPs were on hand to enjoy the feast. **Thanks St. Paul's!**



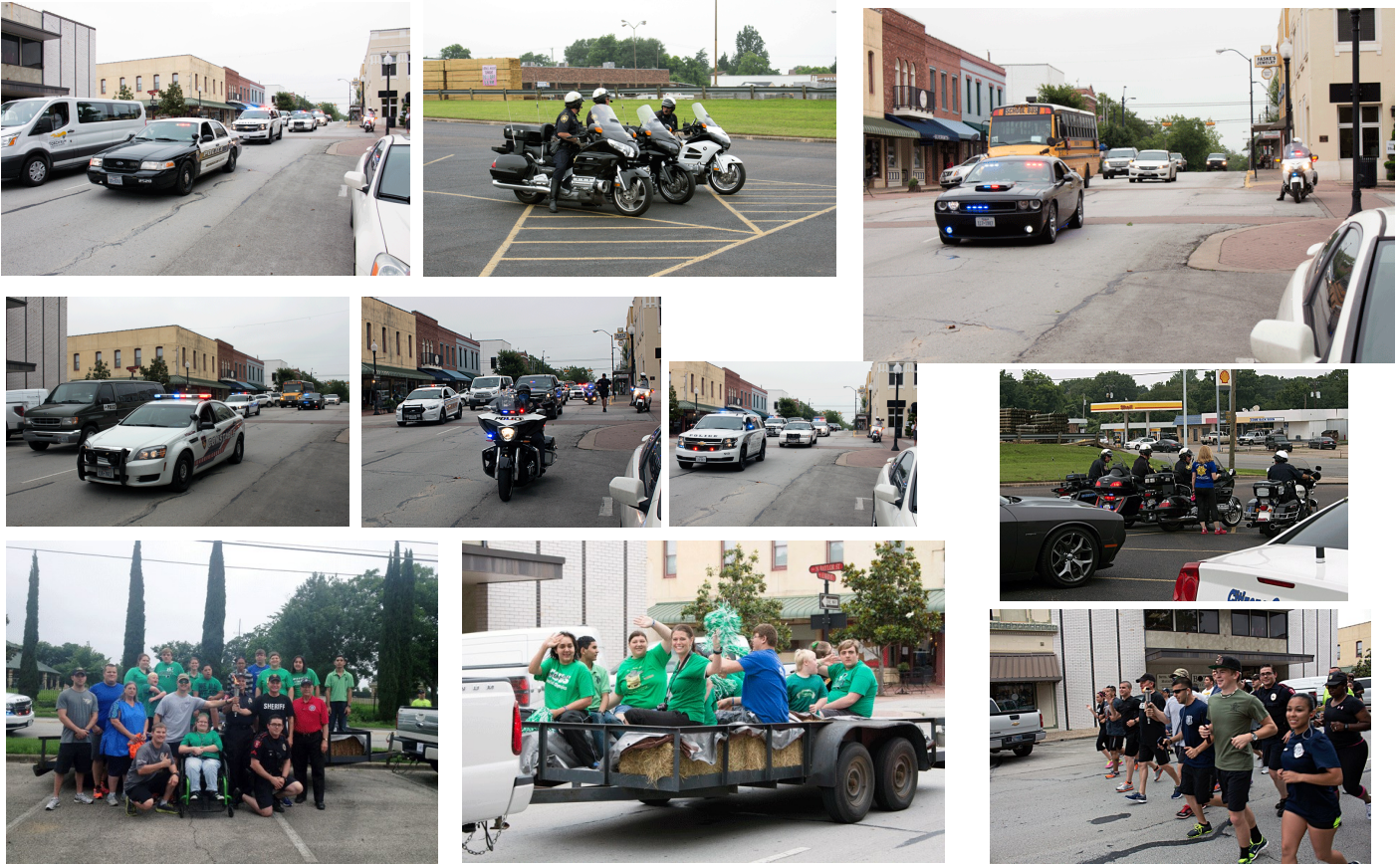
2015 SPECIAL OLYMPIC'S TORCH RUN







# 2015 SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN



## Class 29 Graduation Ceremony



Great  
Graduation  
Ceremony  
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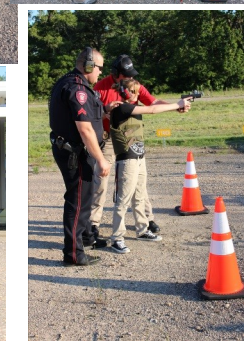
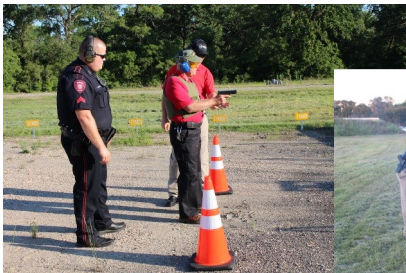


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CLASS 29



At the Gun Range

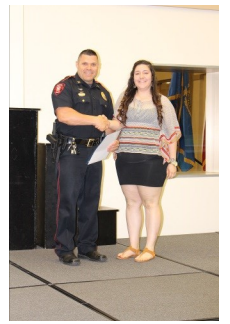


A Big Thanks to all the Range Instructors!

# CLASS 29 GRADUATION



*Great Plaque  
from Class 29*



JUNE 2015

# BPD Prides itself on Community Service...



Cpl Justin Schiller heard that Krause Elementary was in need of a fire to roast marshmallows; so he brought his pit from home. His Eagle Scout training had the fire roaring in no time. Way to go Justin!



At left: It looks as though Cpl Joe Merkley had triplets instead of Baby Ava Grace. But in reality—Wal-Mart just donated 3 new baby car seats to BPD (at right)



K-9 Officer Mark Pierce always shows pride for BPD and his community!



More BOC pics left, right, and below left.



At right: Cpl Chris Jackson and Sgt Kelvin Raven are reading to children at Brenham Clinic. It's a new program at Brenham Clinic that will continue to grow; BPD will be there to help with that.



The lucky group at left has just met K-9 Officer Ronnie, Cpl Seth Klehm and Cpl Chris Jackson.

At right: Det. Heather Sowders and Cpl Chris Jackson give a Girl Scout Troop a tour of BPD.



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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

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**