

July 2016

Brenham Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

# The Informant



Above: **Sgt. Seth Klehm** is surrounded by his shift and command staff after being named the **American Legion Police Officer of the Year for 2016**. Below: Cpl. Chris Jackson is surrounded by Brenham's four newest Police Officers—**Andy Adams, Colin Godmintz, Eddie Martinez, and Kejan Melhorn-Hock**

## Dates to remember :

- General Meeting 7pm 7/11
- Hot Nights Cool Tunes 7/09
- Hot Nights Cool Tunes 7/16
- Hot Nights Cool Tunes 7/23

## July Birthdays

- Michael Davis 7/2
- Steven Eilert 7/18
- Jonathan Phipps 7/20
- Chris Jackson 7/24
- Curtiss Schoen 7/28
- Seth Klehm 8/3



# Citizens on Patrol

## June COP Hours

Thanks to the following COPs for their help with:

Blue Bell Parking and Safety Assignment on 6-12-16: **Ron Upchurch, Annette Tiemann, Albert Green, Dale Green, and Dorothy Antkowiak**

Juneteenth Parade - **Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Jean Winters, Tex Davis, Tony Smith, and Albert Green**

**The New Non-Emergency Number at the Dispatch Office is: 979-277-7373**

Thanks to the following COPs for their help at the Juneteenth Parade held Saturday June 18th. Riding in the parade representing the COPs were: **Annette Tiemann, Jean Winters, and Wanda Aguilar**

Traffic and Crowd Control was handled by: **Tony Smith, Tex Davis, Albert Green, and Rob Aguilar**

Rob Aguilar	44.5
Wanda Aguilar	13
Dorothy Antkowiak	2
Clyde Averitt	2
Patricia Badough	8.5
Kevin Braun	8
Sue Braun	11
Wayne Brown	20
Willie Brown	2
Robbie Gail Charette	5
David Clinkenbeard	22.5
Sandra Clinkenbeard	24
Bob Cothorn	24
Glen Daugherty	9
Tex Davis	40.25
Stan Ford	9.75
Albert Green	58
Dale Green	2
Juanita Hickey	19.5
Bernadette Kamprath	2
Larry Keller	18
Millie Keller	17.75
Howard Mead	2
Wayne Miller	4.5
Steve Oneill	6
Sherry Parker	6.5
Don Peloquin	16
Carole Petzolt	2
Monroe Petzolt	2
Jerry Schwake	2
Liz Schwake	2
Corina Smith	10.5
Mark Smith	5
Tony Smith	19.5
Laura Sparks	2
Clarence Steinfeld	12
Annette Tiemann	19
Ron Upchurch	8.5
Jean Winters	5
Ron Wise	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>489.25</b>



Representing BPD at the Juneteenth Parade were clockwise: COPs Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann and Jean Winters, CPAAA member Stacie (Sparky) Oberrender, BPD Sgt. Kelvin Raven and Capt. Lloyd Powell. Good Job Guys and Gals!!

Thanks to Vicki Hanak for teaching the Licence to Carry Class to our BPD Family!







Our New Officer's are Sworn-In and receive their new Badges !

**CONGRATS GUYS !**



The Honorable Judge Robert Wright swore in Colin Godmintz, Kejan Melhorn-Hock and Eddie Martinez. With Andy Adams being sworn in last month; BPD is now at full staffing. **Good Luck Guys!!**



It looks like everyone is very happy to welcome Colin, Kejan and Eddie into our BPD Family. Come to the CPAAA General Meeting Monday night and meet them!



## Day Tripper's Delight

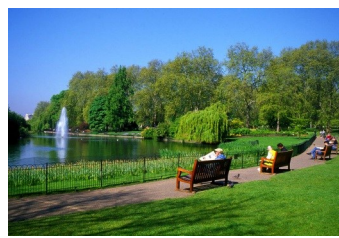
By Rob Aguilar

While I'm not much into "stay-cations"; I do like short vacations and daytrips. While volunteering here in Downtown Brenham at the Fire Museum, I have noticed that our sleepy little hamlet is quite the Day Tripper's Destination. It's amazing; we get hundreds of out of town visitors into Brenham every weekend. While most are from Houston and surrounding areas, just looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of their booming metropolises; many are visiting our fair city from faraway places. Brenham is quite the destination; it has charm, a rich history and friendly people. And, evidently, lots of attractions to entice the weekend traveler.

I am sure July will prove to be a tourist bonanza for Brenham; especially Saturdays. Our concert series, Hot Nights Cool Tunes kicks off this Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. And our historic venues, "Step into the Past" will be open every Saturday as well. For those of you that didn't know; Brenham has 7 historic venues open to public every Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm, most with no admission. The Barnhill Center at the Simon Theatre (the movie "The Dawn of Washington County" admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children), Glissmann Drug Store Museum (free), Brenham Fire Museum (free); Brenham Heritage Museum (\$3 for adults, \$1 for children or free), Toubin Park (free), Giddings Stone Mansion (free), and Giddings-Wilken House (free).

While we don't have a beach, there is the Blue Bell Aquatic Center where visitors and residents alike can cool off in their 3 pools. While Blue Bell Creameries doesn't give tours anymore; you can still visit their Ice Cream Parlor or Gift Shop for a scoop of your favorite flavor or that perfect souvenir! Don't forget the fun one can have at Horseshoe Junction riding go carts, playing games or a few rounds of miniature golf. Or there is a round of golf waiting at the Brenham Country Club; or roller skating across the road at Silver Wings. Brenham does have a bowling alley and a great movie theatre too, and The Unity Theatre has some great plays. Our five City Parks are second to none; and did you know that Fireman's Park has been designated a Lone Star Legacy Park (a distinction held by only 22 parks in State of Texas). Don't forget to visit the Antique Carousel while at Fireman's Park (open Sat. 11-4 and Sun. 1-4 at \$1 per ride).

After all that, I am considering a stay-cation myself; we have a great little city here. Well I didn't write this article to keep anyone home this summer; but rather, if you get people in from out of town, remember there is much to do here. Our city is rich in history and charm and its people are friendly; let's show our guest just how charming and friendly we can be!







Our K-9 Officers Ronnie and Sammie flank their K-9 Handlers (old and new) Ofc. Hunter Andras, City Marshal Mark Pierce, Sgt. Seth Klehm, Ofc. Ashley Burns. Sammie is scheduled to retire soon. His replacement is being trained!



Left: The Rotary Club presented BPD and others with a generous donation. Above: The 100 Club donated Tactical Vests to our Emergency Response Team Photo of ERT on Page 6





Our Emergency Response Team (ERT) with their new tactical vests which were donated by the 100 Club.

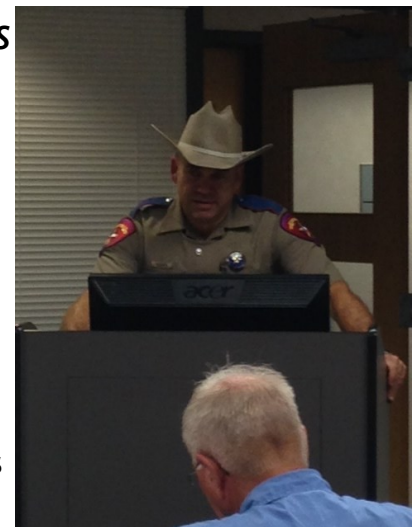
Yes, the SWAT Team



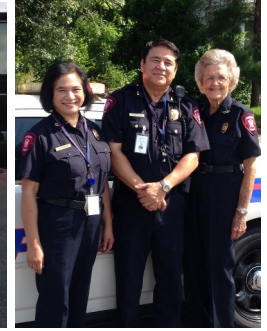
Above and Right: A Saturday morning well spent taking the License To Carry (LTC) Class on 6-18-16 taught by Vicki Hanak.



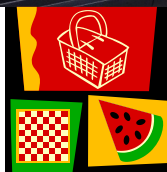
Left and Right: A **Big Thank You** to **DPS Trooper James Reaves** for coming to our CAAA/COP group at last months General Meeting. He gave us a good overview of his duties, districts and the challenges faced by law enforcement and border agents. His talk also included a glimpse into his personal life. We did find out, however, that **Troopers never take off their hats** except for church and the flag. Thanks again James for spending time with us.







Yes, there were many floats in the parade, but I chose to only photograph the important stuff - **NAMELY US !!**



## **BPD/CPAAA Annual Picnic 2016**



More Picnic Photos on Pages 9 & 10

By Rob Aguilar

Summer is here, as evidenced by the sweltering heat, our “Summer Picnic”, the start of Brenham’s Concert Series “Hot Nights Cool Tunes” and my dry grass. Just a friendly reminder; keep cool, hydrate, and use sun screen. All the common sense stuff that Mom told you as a child still holds true today. Mom’s advice, while good, is not the focus of this article. Heat related illness, is the topic today - Heat Cramps, Heat Exhaustion and Heatstroke.

I know full well that I along with several of you will suffer the symptoms of heat related illness (I already have this season)! Yard work, house painting, building something outdoors, and COP work will put many of us in jeopardy. **Yes, COP work may be hazardous to your health;** especially traffic control and parking assignments. So remember to take care of yourselves, who else will. Take frequent breaks (in a shady or air conditioned location), drink lots of fluids, wear a hat or cap while out there directing traffic.

**Heat Cramps** are painful muscle spasms that occur after vigorous exercise, whether you are outdoors or not. Sweat produced during strenuous exercise causes a change in the body’s electrolyte, or salt, balance. This dehydration plays a role in the development of muscle cramps/heat cramps. Treatment for heat cramps is as follows: remove the patient from the hot environment; loosen any tight clothing; rest the cramping muscles; replace fluids (water works best, but a balanced electrolyte solution like Gatorade can be used, especially if diluted to half strength). If the cramps do not subside, go to the hospital.

**Heat exhaustion** is the result of the body losing so much water and so many electrolytes through very heavy sweating that hypovolemia (fluid depletion) occurs. Signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion (and hypovolemia) are: heavy sweating while working hard or exercising in a hot, humid, or poorly ventilated area; heavy sweating even at rest in a hot, humid, or poorly ventilated area; cold, clammy skin with ashen pallor; dry tongue and thirst; dizziness, weakness, or faintness, with accompanying nausea or headache; normal vital signs, although the pulse is often rapid; normal or slightly elevated body temperature (can be as high as 104F). Treatment for Heat exhaustion include: remove the patient from the hot environment; loosen an tight clothing; lie the patient down and elevate the legs; fan the patient; encourage them to drink fluids if they are fully alert (don’t force fluids if not fully alert, the patient may aspirate the fluids into the lungs); if the symptoms do not clear up promptly, transport to the hospital.

**Heatstroke** is the most serious of the heat related illnesses. Heatstroke occurs when the body is subjected to more heat than it can handle, and the body temperature rises rapidly (to the level at which tissues are destroyed). Untreated heatstroke always results in death. Heatstroke can develop during vigorous physical activity or when outdoors or in a poorly ventilated, humid space. It also occurs during heat waves among individuals who live in buildings with no air conditioning or with poor ventilation. Many patients will have hot, dry, flushed skin because their sweating



mechanism has been overwhelmed. However, in the early stages of heatstroke the skin may be moist or wet. Body temperature may rise to 106F or more. As the body core temperature rises, the level of consciousness falls. Often, the first sign of heatstroke is a change in behavior; and the patient becomes unresponsive very quickly. Take the following steps when treating heatstroke: After calling 911 move the patient to a cool environment; remove clothing; apply cool packs to the neck, groin and armpit areas; cover the patient with wet towels or sheets or spray with cool water and fan him or her to evaporate the dampness on the skin; aggressively and repeatedly fan the patient; the patient must be transported to the hospital as soon possible. Be advised that Heat Cramps and Heat Exhaustion can progress to heatstroke if not treated; and heatstroke always causes death if not treated.

The format used in this article was so that you could help someone in need, but the information could also help you save yourself. So let's try and stay cool this summer, be smart, and be safe.

## More Picnic Photos!

**BPD/CPAAA  
Annual Picnic 2016**



That's quite a spread; the food, not Tex!



Wanda, you just have to taste this, "I made it myself". Oh, Dale! Oh, Yumm!!







That's a good way to get a brain freeze, there Lance. By the way, nice flamingo straw in that fancy pink drink cup!



Thanks to our cooks for a fine job, but we happen to know Capt. Dant Lange got there just as we were taking pictures and ate more than he cooked!



Come on guys, more cooking and less drinking. Well it was a scorcher so a few cold beers are okay!



Happy 21st Birthday to Corina Smith. Oh, he only had 21 candles, my bad!



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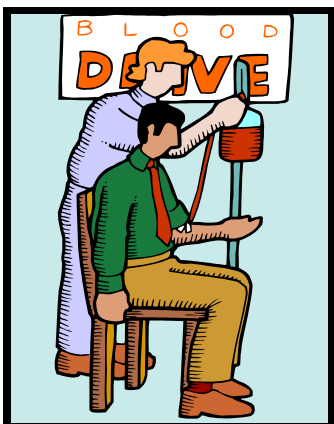
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**The next Guns and Hoses Blood Drive 2-Day Event will be held on Friday August 26th and Saturday August 27th. The Donor Coach will be at City Hall (200 W. Vulcan) on Friday 8-26-16 from 9 am to 3 pm. The Fireman's Training Center will be the location of our Saturday Blood Drive 8-27-16 from 9 am to 3 pm. We will need volunteers to man the front desk at the Training Center and possibly help with the food preparation and distribution. If you can help, please call Rob at 451-2612. And as always, we need volunteers to *Donate Blood*. See you all there!**