

March 2018

Newsletter of the Brenham, TX Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

The Informant

This Edition is Dedicated to Debbie Northrup



Deborah Jean (Mayfield) Northrup

February 10, 1959 - March 4, 2018

Dates to remember this month

- CPA class 6:30pm 3/22
- CPA class 6:30pm 3/29
- CPA class 6:30pm 4/5
- General Meeting 7pm 3/12
- Guns&Hoses9am3pm 4/26

March Birthdays

- Ofc. Hunter Andras 3/2
- Ofc. Andrew Adams 3/3
- Res. Bob Lawrence 3-11
- Capt. Dant Lange 3/29

Deborah Jean Mayfield was born on February 10, 1959 in Freeport. Debbie married Preston Northrup III on December 13, 1980. Debbie was a long time employee of the Brenham Police Department (almost 30 years), and has held every civilian position in the Department; she was currently the Evidence Technician. I have never seen a parking meter in Brenham, but Debbie started her career here as a "meter maid". She and husband Preston were members of the Salt Grass Trail Ride Association, as well as the Cowboy Church of Brenham. She was also a member of Relay for Life. She had one son "Buddy", Preston Northrup IV. (See Page 4)



Thanks to the following COPs for their help:

February COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	63.5
Wanda Aguilar	10.5
Dorothy Antkowiak	41.25
Clyde Averitt	2
Patricia Badough	7.75
Kevin Braun	2
Sue Braun	14.75
Willie Brown	16
Robbie Gail Charette	2
Bob Cothorn	2
Michael Cowan	15
Tex Davis	10.5
Fredericka DeBerry	2.25
Peter Emerson	2
Doug Feist	48.5
Stan Ford	16.5
Albert Green	30
Dale Green	33
Juanita Hickey	14
Harry Jones	7
Clara Kasprowicz	10
Larry Keller	10.25
Dick Klein	22.75
Rosie Langford	15.25
Howard Mead	9.75
Wayne Miller	9.5
Steve Oneill	2.5
Sherry Parker	16.5
Carole Petzolt	36.25
Monroe Petzolt	4.75
Corina Smith	2
Mark Smith	7.5
Tony Smith	21.75
Laura Sparks	12
Clarence Steinfeld	15.5
Annette Tiemann	37
Ron Upchurch	93.75
Darrell Weed	21
Catherine Wood	19
Chuck Wood	2

TOTAL 709.5

2-8-18 Funeral Escort—Rob Aguilar, Ron Upchurch, Doug Feist

2/13-14/18 Valentines Day Flower Delivery: Annette Tiemann, Dorothy Antkowiak, Sherry Parker, Clarence Steinfeld, Larry Keller, Corina Smith, Rosie Langford, Ron Upchurch, Sue Braun, Stan Ford, Dale Green, Carole Petzolt, Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar

2-22-18 New Life Ministries Parking Assignment: Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Doug Feist, Annette Tiemann, Steve Oneill, Howard Mead, Wayne Miller, Tony Smith, Mark Smith, Rosie Langford, Rob Aguilar

2-23-18 First Baptist Fundraiser Parking/Traffic Assignment: Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Ron Upchurch, Annette Tiemann, Larry Keller, Mark Smith, Wayne Miller, Rosie Langford, Howard Mead, Tony Smith, Laura Sparks, Rob Aguilar

2-26-18 Emergency Call Out for Traffic Control at 36 N at Dixie Rd., accident with large fuel spill- Rob Aguilar, Ron Upchurch, Stan Ford

2-28-18 Alton Elementary School Parking/Safety Assignment - Rosie Langford, Wanda Aguilar, Dale Green, Laura Sparks, Ron Upchurch

3-3-18 Charette Event Parking Assignment at the FTC— Wayne Miller, Doug Feist, Laura Sparks, Albert Green



Our COPs were cold, wet and hungry after parking cars for the New Beginnings Fundraiser at the Fireman’s Training Center. They were rewarded with a hot meal and a place to sit for a few minutes; before they were off to the CPA Class at the Fire Department. Another busy evening for our gallant COPs!!



Spring Forward
this Sunday at 2 am

Grooming Woes

A Sonnet 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!



**Grooming is a
 necessary chore!**



Committees and You

The following is a list of the CPAAA 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 - Laura Sparks 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 - Patricia Badough 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. Even the Christmas Parade Float falls under the social committee's purview.

Fundraising Committee - Clarence Steinfeld The fundraising committee is in charge of our two major fundraisers: the Bake Sale (held the Saturday before Mother's Day) and 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 and or to bake items. 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 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 - Carole Petzolt 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.

So if you would like to help any of these committees, or have more questions, let the Chairperson know.



On Wednesday, March 7th, Police Officers, Firefighters, relatives and friends gathered at Memorial Oaks Chapel to pay their respects and bid a final farewell to the “Mother of the Brenham Police Station” Debbie Northrup. She was called the “mother of the station” by several officers that would seek her counsel from time to time; she was quite wise and would tell it to you straight. She would also help officers solve other, less personal problems, regarding department forms and procedures. She would be the go to for COPs wanting to order uniforms, name tags, etc. for the first time. You would see Debbie substituting for any of the ladies, upstairs and down; she knew all of their jobs.

She was an accomplished horsewoman, who loved nature and the outdoors. She and her husband, Preston, rode with the Salt Grass Trail Ride Association for over 25 years. Her friends would say that Debbie never saw a horse that she couldn’t ride. They would also say that Debbie never met a stranger; she would treat everyone like family. Debbie also cared for Preston, who was partially paralyzed following a horse-related accident.



Debbie was a woman of faith, and was a fixture at the Cowboy Church of Brenham. Even, the week before her death she was there worshipping God at the Cowboy Church. Such devotion to family and God has most assuredly earned her a place in heaven. She lost her long battle with cancer; and is now in the hands of the Lord. Another friend said, “She was just an old-fashioned cowgirl with a heart of gold.” BPD’s Facebook page said “Debbie was by far the toughest woman we had ever met, and will be missed greatly here at the PD.”



Happy St. Patrick’s Day

Any CPAAA member that would like to work the front desk at the Brenham Police Department will now be able 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 Ron Upchurch.

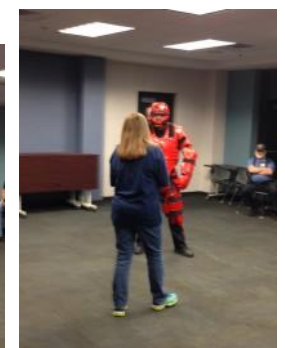
CPA Class 32 is well underway and they are learning a lot. Thanks to all the great instructors they have had thus far; including Police Officers and our partners at the Jail, Communications, EMS and the Fire Department. Our CPAAA/COP members also play an important role in their training, we provide snacks (and caffeine) to keep them awake; as well as our roles as actors in their scenarios. Spring Break this week, so, no classes, but they will be ready to go on the 22nd.



School Resource Officers' Cpl. Lance Weiss and Sierra Newell along with their Supervisor Sgt. Kelvin Raven answered a ton of questions from their eager audience.

Use of Force

Use of Force night is always a hit (literally) because you get to beat-up on the "Redman". Sgt. Steven Eilert was the lucky, I mean the unlucky Officer in the Redman suit. These scenarios were very entertaining and show the diverse situations that officers can find themselves in.



Valentines Day deliveries were a big success again this year!!

THANK YOU

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all of the CPAAA/COP members that came out to deliver flowers Tuesday and Wednesday. Your efforts garnered us a check for \$767; that's more than last year, and a great effort by all involved.

Your grateful Fundraiser Committee Chair,
Clarence Steinfeld



Pipeline Safety Training was held again this year at the Fireman's Training Center and there were many Officers and COPs in attendance. The conclusion to the class was going around the room and meeting the various pipeline company representatives and being handed various goodies (note the large goodie bags everyone is holding). YES, we did learn quite a bit about pipelines too!!

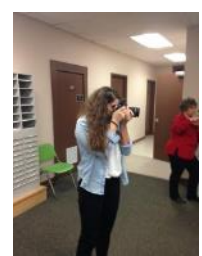


Left and Right: Cpl. Ashley Burns was called out to assist the Fire Department with a large fuel spill on Market Street. Guess she is back on days now, anyway, it is always good seeing her with that big smile and cheery disposition. Oh, and she did keep the unwanted traffic out!



Class 32

Class 32 is well underway; here are some photos from their tour of the Washington County Communications Center . *Anyone look familiar??*





Brenham Fire Department



Class 32 Tour
2-22-18



Thank you to the Brenham Fire Department. Thank You to Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Asst. Chief Brian Scheffer, Capt. Josh Sebastian, Lt. Jarred Eschete, Driver Operators': Jeff Daniels, Ryan Swor and Fire-fighter Chase Jones for the great tour of the EOC, Fire Station, Trucks, Gear, Equipment, and your Fire Science Safety demonstrations.



Changes

By Rob Aguilar

Change is inevitable, change is progress, and change is what keeps organizations from becoming stagnant. All those things might be true; but change should not be feared. Change is what has been happening here at the Brenham Police Department. While all change is not necessarily good, one can agree that change has to happen; it's a fact of life. We have to live with change and adapt to it and its consequences. What am I rambling on about? It's all the personnel changes here at BPD lately; retirements, transfers, and resignations that have changed the face of the department. Sure I want people to retire and enjoy the golden years, but they will be missed; and I will have to go to someone else to get answers, key FOBs, paperwork, and advice. Surely I want people to promote to higher positions; but then I have to go to someone else and try and feel comfortable while I waste their time on my problems and projects. Sure people can resign if they want to pursue another career like flying jet planes; but where does that leave me. I guess I am just selfish, and want everything to stay the same. Look at the bright side I didn't lose any friends, they are just somewhere else. I didn't lose the ability to get things done; I just have to turn to someone else. Oh great, I feel better already; just needed to vent!

With all that being said, **needlessly, I might add;** here are some of the changes in personnel that we all recently had to deal with. Cpl. Jared Campbell is now in Todd Ashorn's old office; as he is now the Chief's Administrative Corporal and the CPAAA/COP Liaison Officer (Poor Jared!!). The Patrol Secretary's position will soon be filled with a temp, as they have Angie Luedke filling the Evidence Technician position left vacant by the passing of Debbie Northrup; as well as perform her Patrol Secretary's duties. We have an Interim Police Chief, Russell "Rusty" Pancoast; and the interview process has just started for the Police Chief's position. Don't know if we will be looking for a new Evidence Tech or Patrol Secretary, but one of those positions will need to be filled. **So you see what I mean by CHANGES!!**



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Happy St. Patrick's Day 3/17/18



Reminder: Sunday March 11th is the start of Daylight Savings Time. So remember to move your clocks forward ONE HOUR. (Spring Forward, Fall Back).

Your 2018 Board of Directors wishes to remind all members that membership dues must be paid by June 1st to be kept on the roster.
Thank you.



**Holy Week
& Easter**

**HAPPY
EASTER**

4-1-18

