



# THE INFORMANT

**AUGUST 2006**

## GUNS WIN 60-59!

Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> was the date of the Guns and Hoses Blood Drive. It was a very busy day. The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center folks arrived around 7:30 and began to set up. By 8:45 we were accepting donors. 119 people attempted to Give the Gift of Life. 89 units of whole blood were collected and 21 units of double red cells.



Thank you to everyone that helped and that gave blood. Thanks to Coke-a-Cola, Brookshire Brothers, General Dollar, Wal-Mart and Max Donuts for their food donations.



### AUGUST CALENDAR

National Nite Out	1
General Meeting 7pm	14

### THIS N THAT

- To become a member of a **RESPONSE TEAM** call Jerry Pieper at 836-4079
- The CPAAA has windshield decals for \$1.00 each. These are intended for CPA Alumni members only. We also have blue and gray shirts for sale \$15.00 each. Lapel pins are \$5.00.

## TCPAA CONVENTION

The Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association held its yearly Convention on July 19 to 22 in Richardson Texas. Attending from Brenham were Bob Armour and Tommie Nettle. The opening day there was a golf tournament and a dinner. While many of the classes were for starting a CPA and COP programs the more important were based on DNA, Drug Labs and self defense. This year there were classes especially designed for the ladies such as Women in Policing. The usual trips were also included. This year it was to the Schoolbook Depository Building and Museum in downtown Dallas. All in all a good time was had as well as being educational experience



## THANK YOU !

The Fund Raising Committee would like to thank the following members for addressing and mailing dues letters to 360 past CPA graduates and letters for donations to 748 businesses.

Catharine Wood, Tex Davis, Alice Birkelbach, Deb Miller, Frances Poston, Kim Hodde, Bernadette Kamprath, Tony Smith, Holly Bramlett, Chris and Jerry Pieper and Emily and Bob Armour.



Thanks to James Wilkens for being the speaker at our July meeting

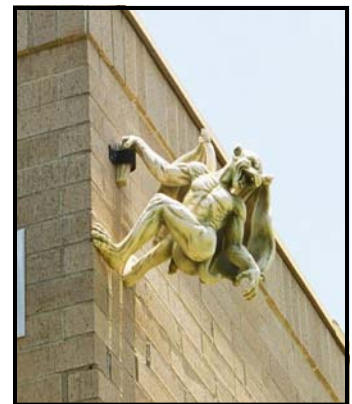
Officer Joe Merkley recently was promoted to the rank of Corporal in the patrol division with a little "boost" from Chief Fowler. On the day of his promotion Merkley conducted a traffic stop on a female driver that he subsequently arrested for possession of narcotics. While transporting the female to the Washington County Jail Merkley spotted a subject walking that was wanted on local traffic warrants. When the subject saw Merkley he fled to a nearby wooded area. Merkley gave a radio description of the subject to area units. Shortly afterwards the area was flooded with police officers. Eager to earn his awaiting stripes, Merkley dropped his prisoner off at the jail and returned to the hunt. It was not long before area units heard an unfamiliar radio voice air the suspect's location in the wooded area. Merkley requested the officer to re-identify himself and his location over the radio. There was a moment of brief silence after Chief Fowler announced "This is 3101". Merkley joined Chief Fowler in a brief foot pursuit in the dense woods. This part of the pursuit ended when the young, "light footed", Merkley attempted to cross a barbed wire fence and got caught half way over. This is where the "boost" comes in. Chief Fowler assisted Merkley by "boosting" him over with a heaving thrust from the back side. Merkley was never able to regain ground on the suspect after discovering a hole in his pants. Merkley relied on assisting officers who apprehended the suspect in an extended foot pursuit. Despite the "snag" in the pursuit, Merkley did receive his new stripes at the end of the day. Some how, one is reminded of the movie "Smokey and the Bandit" and the words ".....Junior!" Congratulations Cpl. Merkley!



Cpl Trey Gully was recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Gully's promotion included an impressive benefits package that included a brand new Dodge Charger and a luxurious office "sweet". Congratulations Sgt. Gully!

>On Saturday July 22, 2006 Officer James Wilkins was involved in an incident stemming from a traffic stop. Officer Wilkins attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding in the 600 block of East Academy. The suspect vehicle refused to stop and eventually drove into a yard in front of 809 East Academy. The suspect then exited the vehicle and attempted to flee on foot. Officer Wilkins pursued the suspect and caught him before he was able to enter a residence. Officer Wilkins had to utilize his Tazer on the suspect after he became combative and resisted arrest. Officer Wilkins was able to take the suspect

into custody and transport him to the County jail. The suspect was later charged with DWI and Evading arrest/detention in a motor vehicle. This is the second time officers had to utilize less lethal on the same suspect. Officers had to pepper spray him during a prior incident.



How well do you know your City???

It is on the office building on the corner of Park and Academy. (Donald Speiss Insurance)

## Chuckle of the day...submitted by Freda Carpenter

A rookie police officer was out for his first ride in a cruiser with an experienced partner. A call came in telling them to dispense some people who were loitering.

The officers drove to the street and observed a small crowd standing on a corner. The rookie rolled down his window and said, "Let's get off the corner, people."

A few glances, but no one moved, so he barked again, "Let's get off that corner...NOW!"

I intimidated, the group of people began to leave, casting puzzled stares in his direction.

Proud of his first official act, the young policeman turned to his partner and asked, Well, how did I do?

" Pretty good," chuckled the vet, "especially since this is a bus stop!!!

## C.O.P.S.

Congratulations to Jack Murski who received his call number for completing 36 hours in the program. Newest COPS on the streets-

### Jean Winters and Tony Smith

During the week of July 23 thru July 27<sup>th</sup> many COPS worked at the Brenham High School helping with a youth conference.



## KIDS DAY 2006

What a great day! Kids Day was held on July 19<sup>th</sup> at the high school. There were not as many kids this year as it has been in the past, but we kept busy doing the fingerprints, handing out stickers and color books to the kids. We had three Police Officers helping out this year they were, Kelvin Raven, Trey Gully, Chris Jackson, and my daughter Brooke



helped also. We had a great time. I didn't know we had officers that do not like to talk on the radio. KTTX wanted to do a broadcast on us and Trey said he would do it but, he had a call to go to so Art Senteno of the Sheriff's Department did it for us. He did a great job. Chris Jackson also had a booth on learning what the effects of drugs are to the body. He had a lot of questions on that subject. There were even some teachers that want him to come do programs for their classes when school starts. All in all we had a fun day.



## JUNE COPS HOURS

Dorothy Antkowiak	19
Bob Armour	40.5
Donnie Armentor	3
Georgia Armentor	3
Jason Barnett	3
Alice Birkelbach	9
Willie Brown	9
Freda Carpenter	2
Tex Davis	12
Debbie Genz	3
Patty Goerlitz	3
Shawna Goerlitz	25.25
Dale Green	16
Gene Herrmann	4
Bernadette Kamprath	21.5
Dannie Littlejohn	28
Jack Murski	14.25
Bert Parker	35.75
Jerry Pieper	37.25
Tony Smith	8
Annette Tiemann	28
Darrell Weed	12
Jean Winters	7.5

TOTAL 344 Hours

## DONALD WASS MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER



Hosted by:

**The Independence Trail Chapter #470**

**Southern Cruisers Riding Club**

Saturday, August 19, 2006

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Brenham Community Center located next to the Brenham Fire Department on 100 N. Chappell Hill St. in Brenham.**

**Silent Auction, Door Prizes, Food !!**

All proceeds to go to the Jolie Wass scholarship fund.

We are on the web!

[www.brenweb/cpa](http://www.brenweb/cpa)

## P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E



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Happy August everyone! I feel sure that the time is flying by because the CPAAA has had so much going on! The blood drive was an awesome success – of course the Guns won again! (We knew that was going to happen!) A special thank you to all who participated! I would also like to take a moment to thank my good friend Officer James Wilkins for taking some time out and speaking to the CPAAA about his time in Iraq. It took some convincing to get him to do it, but from what I hear, he did GREAT! Thank you so much for doing that – I knew that I could count on you!

At the last meeting, Bob shared with the group about the mass letter mailing that some of the members have been doing. If you look at our numbers, it is obviously working. I want to say a personal thank you to those who worked on the envelopes and to Bob, Tony, and Catharine for getting it all together! We appreciate your hard work and time.

As I am sure you've heard, Tommie has an interesting game that we are going to play at the next meeting, which is Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. The meeting starts at 7:00 – if you know a member who hasn't attended lately, please bring them along! We would love to see some of those faces again!

Lastly, as you know, Chuck Wood's son Brooke passed away last month. Please keep him and Catharine in your prayers. Although we cannot possibly understand the pain, we can all be there to help them through this hard time. Chuck and Catharine – you are in our prayers, may God bring you strength and comfort during this time.

*Holly Bramlett*