



Brenham Police Academy Alumni Association

The Informant

NOVEMBER 2005

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

General Meeting- 7 pm **14**

Board Meeting - 8 pm **14**

December

Christmas Stroll **2-3**

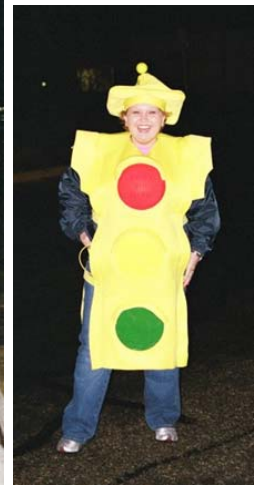
Halloween!

On October 31st CPAAA members gathered at the PD on Park Street and handed out candy to kids. The event was advertised on the radio and the internet and lots of kids turned out. CPAAA members came in costumes and had a great time. Everyone enjoyed pizza afterwards. We had fun even with the bad weather!



This N That

- ◇ To become a member of a Response Team call Jerry Pieper at 836-4079.
- ◇ The CPAAA website is looking great! Check it out! www.brenweb.com/cpa/
- ◇ 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. And lapel pins for \$5.00.



NOVEMBER MEETING

Be sure to come to the meeting on November 14th. We will be voting for 3 new Board members and we will have a speaker.

Shrimp Boil !

October 18th was the date of the Washington County Peace Officer's Association Shrimp Boil. The shrimp were delicious and numerous. Thanks to the CPAAA members that helped serve- Chuck and Catharine Wood, Deb Miller, Willie Brown, Debbie Genz, Darrell Weed and Jerry and Chris



CHRISTMAS

Plans are under way for a Christmas Party! Watch for more details to come.



Officer James Wilkins *by Holly Branlett*



Officer James Wilkins has been with the Brenham Police Department for several months now, and some of us have had the pleasure of spending quite a bit of time getting to know him. I recently sat down with him in an attempt to learn more about the shy, sweet, and always smiling guy that we see out and about. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce him to you.....

James was born May 30th. He attended Bellville High School and is currently a part time student at Blinn College here in Brenham. He attended the Police Academy at Texas A&M University in College Station. After graduation, he became a jailer at the Washington County Jail. As a member of the United States Marine Corp, Officer Wilkins found himself stationed in Cuba. He was a security officer at the marine base, keeping the terrorists detained and the insurgents out. After returning home from Cuba, he returned to the Washington County Jail and his position as a jailer. Then, in 2004, he found himself being deployed to Iraq. This time he would be there 8 months. His job while there was to perform support and stability operations and act as security within the city. I asked what it was like to be in Iraq in the middle of the war, and his response was that it is just like what you see on the evening news. There is lots of sand, you can't shower but once every three to four days, and that the summer and winter are just that...really hot in the summer time and absolutely freezing cold in the winter. He did tell me that he got to experience snow while he was there...that was really amazing to me; I didn't even know that it could snow over there.

Now that he is back, he is really enjoying his life. He recently purchased a brand new Ford Mustang he giggled when I asked him if it was his "chick-magnet" since he is not married and does not currently have a special someone in his life. When he's not riding around in the new car, you could probably find him eating Mexican food at Guadalajara's, riding around town on his motorcycle, playing video games, or sitting on the couch checking out the sports on TV. His favorite sport is football and he is an avid Texan and UT fan.

I wondered where his love for law enforcement came in and he informed me that his dad was a police officer for many years. His dad just recently took over his position as jailer at the Washington County Jail. He told me that when he was a little boy, he wanted to join the Navy when he grew up. He ended up becoming a Marine instead, but either way, be it the Marines or the Brenham Police Department, he just enjoys helping people.

I asked him to share with us something that we would not know about him. I must admit, even I was shocked to hear that our Officer James Wilkins played the saxophone in the band at Bellville High School. He also told me that he was once the "chip boy" at Manuel's Mexican Restaurant in Bellville. I just don't see him as a little band boy!

On October 19th, Officer Wilkins was set free from training and sent out to be one of the best officers we will ever have on the force. When you see him at the PD or out and about around town, go up and introduce yourself. You will really be surprised at the person who returns the handshake. You will be met with a gracious hand and I quote, "a heavenly smile." James has been many places, places most of us never wish to go. Take a moment to thank him for his services while he was an active Marine, and also thank him for the great job he is doing for the citizen's of Brenham and the Brenham Police Department. He truly does deserve it.



C.O.P.S.

- ◇ Well once again we have a record month for the COPS. Over 300 Hours!!!
- ◇ Upcoming events- There is one more Blinn Football game on Nov. 5 and one more home BHS game on Nov. 4. The Christmas Stroll parade is on Dec. 3.
- ◇ Have you reached your required 10 hours for the year or the required 36 hours to retain your call number??

September C.O.P. Hours

Bob Armour	49.5
Jason Barnett	5
Holly Bramlett	5
Willie Brown	12.75
Rita Christiansen	4
Debbie Genz	4
Gene Herrmann	37.25
Juanita Hickey	15
Bernadette Kamprath	20
Ted Kenjura	6
Deb Miller	1.5
Jack Murski	4
Jerry Pieper	63.5
Michael Smith	20.25
Darrell Weed	12.5
Catharine Wood	10.75
Chuck Wood	30.75

Totals 301.75

Deb Miller: Member of the Month *by Chris Pieper*

Deb Miller took Class 17 in 2002. She was elected to the Board of Directors for the 2004-2006 term and she is also in the COPS. Let me tell you a little about her background. Deb was born in Streator Illinois and was raised on a grain farm. She has been married to Bill for 11 years and she has 6 step kids and 17 step grandchildren. Deb and Bill live on 16 acres of land in a home that they are building themselves and it is awesome! They have 6 horses (she has an Associates Degree in Equine Science), 1 dog and 2 cats.

Deb works for MIC Group along with Darrell Weed and Willie Brown. She has been there for 14 years and her position is the Senior Inventory Control Specialist. She also does the accounting for her church. When she has spare time she likes to play with her horses and take walks with her dog. "I would like to spend more time backpacking and camping. I try to spend as much time outside as I can, I even enjoy mowing my yard" says Deb.

I asked what her hobbies were and she said "I've started to play (and I use that term loosely) golf about a year ago. I'm pretty bad, but every once in a while I hit a good shot that keeps me coming back. It's something Bill and I really enjoy doing together."

The answer to What is important in you life? I believe the most important thing in my life is to make sure that Christ is the center of it. My marriage is also a very important part of my life, it's great being married to my best friend. Life is too long to be miserable and too short to waste it, I try to laugh a lot, get over it if I'm mad and make lemonade out of the lemons in my life. My goals in life- work fewer hours, do more traveling, help more people and spend more time with my best friend.

Deb on the CPA- After years of wanting to take the class but not being able to find the time, Darrell Weed caught me in a weak moment and I said yes when he handed me another application. I really didn't know what I was getting myself into and couldn't convince my husband to join me. (He did take Class 18). It was actually a lot more than I expected. I was amazed at the hands on kind of things we got to do, I have to admit I liked the car chase the best. I've always had a lot of respect for law officers, after taking the CPA class I not only respect them but am very grateful for the job they do and their willingness to do it. The class gave me a glimpse of who they are and what they face day in and day out. I really enjoy helping people and the CPAAA and the COP program have been another outlet for me to make that happen.



On The Street *by Tommie Nettie*

Brenham has been experiencing a rash of burglaries over the last month. More often than not, a "rash" of burglaries is usually committed by one group. Investigations have revealed that more than one group is committing the burglaries which include buildings, vehicles, and coin operated machines. BPD has activated additional burglary patrols in an attempt to remedy the "rash". The following incidents are examples of the remedy-

- **Cpl Jason Derrick** investigated a burglary that occurred at a local barber shop. Several items of unique barber equipment were taken. Derrick recalled working a traffic accident on previous date where he arrested the driver for traffic related charges. Derrick recalled seeing several items of barber equipment in suspect's vehicle during an inventory prior to impoundment. The property was subsequently discovered to be the same stolen from the barber shop. The passenger in the vehicle has been a suspect in several area burglaries, past and present. Both driver and passenger were later charged with the burglary of the barber shop.
- **Cpl. Trey Gully** caught a burglary suspect while on daytime patrol on West Jefferson St. Gully noticed two young men walking alongside the road carrying a set of car stereo speakers w/the wires dragging along behind them. After detaining them and performing a field-interview, he discovered the two had stolen them from a vehicle not far way. The two were arrested and the property was returned to the owner...who hadn't yet discovered the speakers were stolen.
- Also, approx. one week later, on night-patrol, **Cpl.'s Gully and Kurie** responded to a local church to investigate a dispute in the parking lot. They soon discovered that persons there had come out to discover approx. 6 cars had been burglarized and a suspect was still in the area. Cpl. Kurie observed the suspect running and soon after Cpl. Gully chased the suspect down on foot. Upon catching the suspect, the officers were met w/ another surprise...this suspect was the same one Cpl. Gully had caught stealing the previous week.

On the city's dumbest criminal arrest for the month:

While on covert patrol in the late night hours in an unmarked vehicle, **Cpl. Gully**, who was in plain clothes, was approached by a man who tried to sell him marijuana and crack cocaine. Gully convinced the man to allow him to step out of the vehicle to retrieve his money, but instead Gully displayed his Badge to the offender – who was too surprised to resist arrest or run. Afterwards, the suspect even complimented Gully's acting skills.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you have all had enough candy from Halloween. Our November meeting is a very important one since we will be elect-

ing new board members and all members should attend to vote on their choices. It is amazing how fast the year goes by and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all for your support this past year. With the Blood Drive, working the shelters, the Fair, helping with the Warrants and the Command Post during Rita, as well as various other functions it has been a busy year. This year has been an eye opening experience for me and I cannot thank everyone enough for your help since it would be impossible without you all.

My only hope is that you continue to show the same support for the incoming board members since they will be facing new challenges during this coming year. My deepest best wishes go out to them for the year 2006 and if I can be of any help they and all of you can feel free to call on me.

LET'S ALL BE AT THE MEETING NOVEMBER 14TH AND GIVE THEM OUR WHOLE HEARTED SUPPORT — *Bob Armour*

ALL IN A DAYS WORK ! On Saturday morning, October 1, Cpl. Todd Ashorn investigated the burglary of Brenham Food Mart on W. Main St., in which the front door glass had been shattered out. Later that day Cpl. Ashorn responded to a family disturbance further out on W. Main St between an uncle and a nephew. While settling the situation, Cpl. Ashorn noticed numerous fresh cut marks on the nephew's arms, ect. When questioned he maintained he had cut himself by accidentally putting his arm through a door glass in the house when his uncle was closing it and he attempted to stop the door. (Wounds did not match the explanation)

Later, Cpl. Ashorn reviewed the store's security video and the burglar in the video was wearing the exact clothes the nephew was still wearing. Cpl. Ashorn returned to the residence on W. Main and confronted the subject. After a brief period of denial the subject "fessed up." The suspect went with Cpl. Ashorn on his own volition to show him where he had ditched the lottery machine, and the machine was recovered (which the suspect thought was a cash register). Cpl. Ashorn also confronted him about the burglary at Roberts Texaco (a few doors down from the subject's residence.) Subject denied vehemently to having burglarized Robert's Texaco, but later did confess to that burglary as well. Subject had admitted to being on drugs during the night. He also asked why he "keeps screwing up." Maybe the drugs, huh?

Good work, Cpl. Ashorn!

