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Past President's Passage



Texas Jail Association Members,

I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the extraordinary work you do on a daily basis. Being a correctional officer today requires a very diverse set of skills and we are often faced with challenges that other fields have not been able to conquer. Unfortunately jails tend to be the last stop for many individuals who bring those challenges with them and we have no choice but to overcome. Whether it is mental health, IDD, COVID-19, etc, you as correctional officers face and overcome those chal-

lenges on a daily basis.

I know you are well aware and don't necessarily need me to restate the obvious. I mention it because I want you all to take a moment and think about just how important your job is to your community. It is easy to get caught up from day to day thinking about the negative and how hard it can be sometimes. You should be so proud. And while many can't even begin to understand the job you do or give you the recognition you deserve, they need you, and you are greatly appreciated. I'm proud of you, I'm proud of our profession, and so many others are as well.

So don't forget what a rewarding and fulfilling career you have as a correctional officer. We are in charge of our own attitudes. Seek advice from great examples, surround yourself with positive people, and strive to help others. If you set your mind towards success and have a positive outlook you can accomplish anything.

Please stay safe. Please continue to learn and then share what you have learned. I encourage you to be active in the Texas Jail Association and take advantage of every resource it has to offer. And again, thank you and may God bless you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Stuart". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "K" and a cursive "Stuart".

Lieutenant Kevin Stuart, CJM
TJA Past President

Message from the President



Greeting TJA Members,

Wow, what a great conference we just had. It was great to see the 320 attendees, as well as the 70 vendors in Galveston for the Jail Management Issues Conference. A special Thank You goes out to Galveston County Sheriff **Henry Trocheset** and his staff for their assistance with our conference by providing the courtesy shuttle and security at the Galveston Island Convention Center. Our conference would not be the success it was without Sheriff Trocheset's and his staff's hospitality. I would like to commend **Becky Caffey**, **Ricky Armstrong** and the Training Committee for their efforts in organizing such high caliber training. **Johnny Jaquess** and the Entertainment Committee for the excellent activities with the banquet and a special thanks to Sheriff Law for volunteering to be the DJ on such short notice. **Jason Davis** did a great job with the sales table while still squeezing in time to teach. I would like to recognize the entire board, and especially **Sharese Hurst** and her CMIT team, for their hard work, teamwork and the long hours they put in to make the conference such a success. An important part of any conference is the sponsors, whom without their generous contributions we could not put on such a high caliber conference, so, a very big thank you to all our sponsors. We have already discussed continuing with the Prayer Breakfast next year as it was so well attended and received. The Blood Drive was also a huge success and we are working with Past President **Tim Quintana** and Southern Health Partners to start a new tradition of having the event each year in Galveston.

Congratulations go out to our annual award recipients:

Jim Eiselstein received the Jerry Baggs Leadership Award

Wayne Dicky received the Hall of Fame Award

Carla Stone received the Distinguished Service Award

Robert Clark received the Detention Officer of the Year-Valor

A huge thank you to **Brandon Wood** and the Jail Commission for hosting the Annual Courtroom Challenge contest. It was once again very competitive with seven teams involved in a spirited contest. Congratulations to the 1st place team of **Tracie Sasin** and **Cody Baker** from Lubbock County; the 2nd place team of **Amanda Owens** and **Tiffany Walker** from Grayson County; and, the 3rd place team of **Wade Goolsby** and **Taylor McCasland** from Lubbock County.

As a reminder the entire board as well as our list serve is available to help you navigate your normal day to day challenges as well as your COVID-19 issues. The Training Committee led by Becky Caffey has almost finalized our regional training plan for the spring and have begun work on our May Conference, where I hope to see you.

Stay Safe and God Bless you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Corbin".

Dan Corbin
President, Texas Jail Association

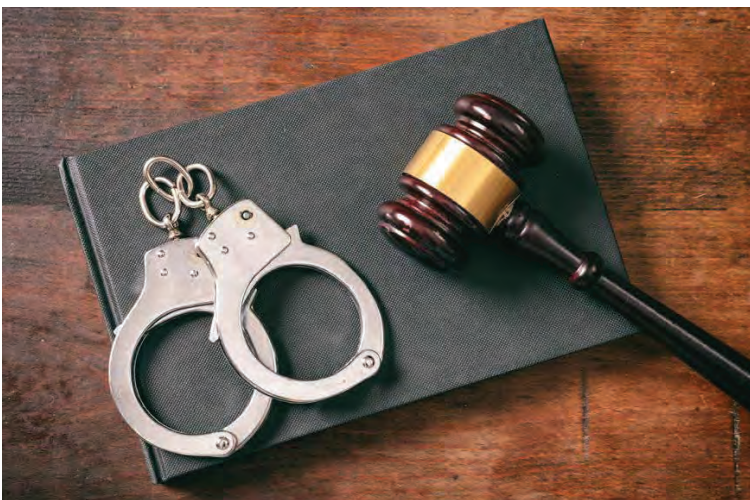


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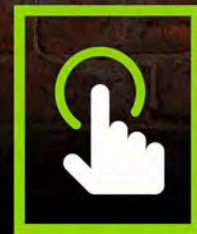
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Membership Report

It was great to see over 330 TJA members at the Jail Management Issues Conference in Galveston. We look forward to seeing even more of you in May at our 35th Annual Conference in Austin!

Our current membership numbers are as follows:

- Professional Members: 1056
- Associate Members: 33
- Business Members: 23

Our professional and associate membership is \$30 for twelve months, and includes:

- Discounted registration for conferences which provide the latest national, state, and local information;
- A quarterly publication covering important issues and developments in the jail industry across the state;
- Complimentary Regional Training; and,
- An email listserve to share ideas and network with others in the Corrections profession.

With an approaching election year, we look forward to working with newly elected sheriffs in 2021 and we hope to

continue growing our membership across the state. Our goal as an Association is to provide the best possible training and networking experience, as well as to enhance your skills in the field. Be on the lookout for regional training dates beginning in the Spring of 2021!

If you have ideas or suggestions to help us grow our membership, please contact one of the Membership Committee members.

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Training Report

The Jail Management Issues conference was a big success. Thank you to all the board members and volunteers that helped make this conference one of the best in the State. Thank you to Sharese Hurst and the wonderful CMIT staff for their hard work. We had 320 in attendance and offered 8,320 training hours. Everyone was so diligent in practicing the health and safety precautions, and we appreciate all the members doing their part.

The training committee is currently working on getting the regionals lined out, and we hope to start them sometime in January 2021. We are also working on the 35th Annual Jail Conference. The training committee is constantly looking for the best classes to present to the membership. If you have any speakers or classes that you think would be a good topic, please reach out to any committee member.

Stay safe and I hope to see you all soon.

Becky Caffey, 2nd Vice President

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Texas Jail Associations 2020 Jail Management Conference

By Major Ricky Armstrong, 1st Vice President



Greetings to all my brothers and sisters of our law enforcement family! We had an outstanding conference in Galveston, and it was really good to see everyone. I hope that everyone had a memorable week of training and networking. I would also like to thank our Executive Director, Sharese Hurst, and the staff from CMIT-Sam Houston State University for all of their hard work to make the conference a great success.

Due to the 34th Annual Conference being cancelled in May, we decided to give out the awards in Galveston this year. This year's awards recipients were as follows.

Wayne Dicky — The Hall of Fame Award — This award is a tribute to the service of an individual who is the selected recipient.

Jim Eiselstein — The Jerry Baggs Leadership Award — This award is given in recognition of Jerry Baggs, who was instrumental in the creation of the Texas Jail Association and served at its first president. Jerry Baggs' extraordinary leadership and vision, combined with his true devotion to the field of county corrections, serves as an example to all that follow his path.

Carla Stone — Distinguished Service Award — This award is presented to an individual that has provided service or support to the Texas Jail Association during the previous year. This award is given at the discretion of the President and does not require nomination.

Robert Clark — Detention Officer of the Year — Valor — This award is given to an individual working in county corrections who demonstrated courage or valor in the face of danger while in the performance of his/her official duties.

Congratulations to all of the award winners for their much-deserved awards.

A first for Galveston's JMI conference was the blood drive. A big shout out to Tim Quintana for organizing the blood drive. We had 31 units of blood donated. With this huge success, we hope to continue the blood drive in the future in Galveston.

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards also had their Courtroom Challenge in Galveston this year. This year's winners were:

1st Place — Lubbock — **Tracie Sasin & Cody Baker**

2nd Place — Grayson — **Amanda Owens & Tiffany Walker**

3rd Place — Lubbock — **Taylor McCasland & Wade Goolsby**

Congratulations to all the winners.

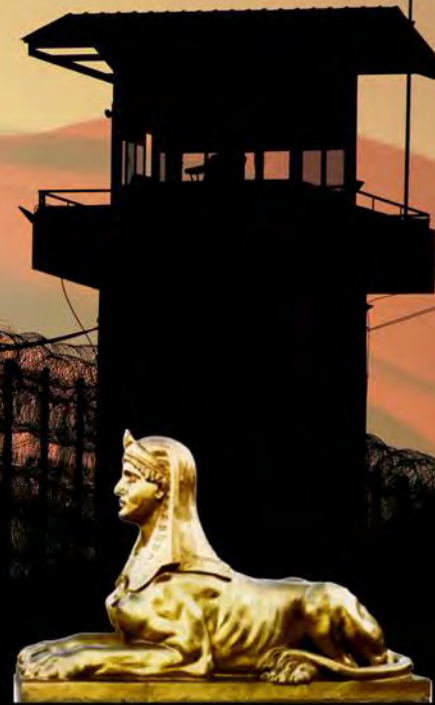
Last but not least, I would like to recognize Shannon Herklotz on his retirement. Shannon has been an enormous help to our profession over the years, and he will be genuinely missed. We look forward to seeing everyone in Austin at the 35th Annual Conference. Until then, stay safe!

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Undoubtedly, 2020 has been a year to remember, and for the majority of us, one to forget. There have been very few bright spots this year. To this I say, the Texas Jail Association can be counted as one of those bright spots.

Under the direction of President Dan Corbin, Executive Director Sharese Hurst, and the TJA Board, we were able to have a much anticipated Jail Management Issues Conference in Galveston. In that same light, the City of Galveston and the County of Galveston were excellent hosts and are to be commended.

I am very proud of the "can do" attitude displayed by the above named individuals and especially the Texas Jail Association family. In order to complete the mission of having this conference, a lot of people had to work and come together to accomplish it. This is exactly what we do as professionals on a daily basis.

We encounter a problem and work to solve it in a way that will benefit all involved.

In closing, I would like to say a much needed "Thank You" to everyone that made this event happen and to all of the participants and vendors that supported this year's JMI.

Mike Starkey

Past President, Texas Jail Association, 2011-2012



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The Jerry Baggs Leadership Award Recipient

I am honored to have been awarded the Jerry Baggs Leadership award during the 2020 Jail Management Conference. I had no idea you were considering me for this prestigious award, so, it came as a complete shock and surprise! I can only express my most sincere thanks for the award and for providing for my family to be in attendance during this special event.

Jerry Baggs was a visionary and a man of leadership and integrity and I had the privilege of knowing Jerry personally. Jerry set many examples for us to follow including providing advanced training opportunities and motivating his staff to go above and beyond what they believed they could accomplish. His life's work has had a great impact on all aspects of Corrections in the state of Texas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the law enforcement communities of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana and Jefferson and Orange County, Texas for their positive influence, encouragement and support over the years.

This award is the most significant award of my professional career.

In deepest gratitude,
Jim "Ice" Eiselstein



Passing of the President's Gavel

After many delays due to COVID-19, a surprise ceremony was held for Past President Kevin Stuart. He was presented with a plaque thanking him for his many years of service to TJA. Many of his colleagues were present for the event, as well as his wife, daughter and parents. Also, Stuart passed the President's Gavel to current President Dan Corbin.



2020 Jail Management Issues Conference







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Read 30 pages of a Jules Verne novel
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Aryan Meth

by Deputy Chris Brunson,
Gang Intelligence Officer

As contraband is smuggled into facilities and the means discovered, new methods are adopted. A recent case in point is methamphetamines mailed into the Lubbock County Detention Center. Nothing out of the ordinary for an inmate to receive a greeting card from a loved one. But when the greeting card contains methamphetamines, this poses a serious risk to the safety of staff, inmates and overall security of the facility.

The most recent instance at the Lubbock County Detention Center, consisted of a free world contact, four white inmates, and multiple greeting cards. In the first instance, the greeting card made it to the pod addressed to a specific inmate. This inmate approached the officer's station, as per mail procedures, the mail was opened in front of the inmate. The officer observed a white powder/crystalline like substance falling from a greeting card. The officer set the substance and card aside waiting for another officer to come assist him. The inmate along with two other inmates walked to the other side of the officer's station. These three inmates distracted the officer with

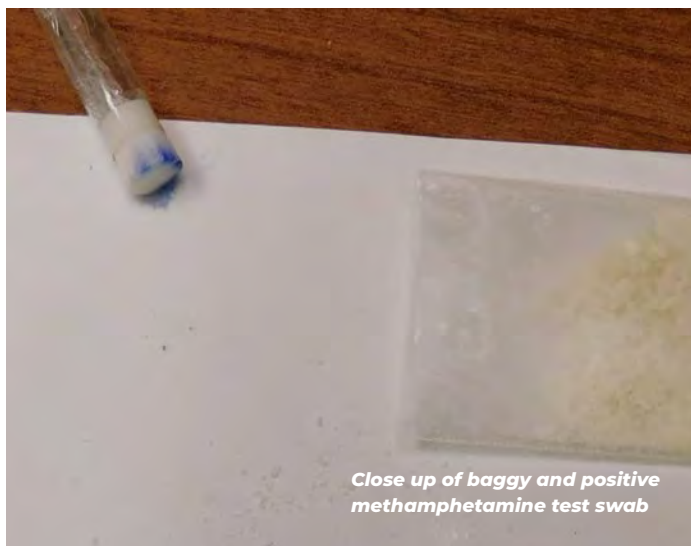
conversation tactics allowing a fourth inmate to approach from the original side and acquire the substance without the officer being aware. All four inmates then returned to a designated bunk area and consumed the substance. The card was later tested using a field test kit for methamphetamines and yielded a positive result.

The second instance was addressed to a different inmate of the four original inmates. This inmate along with the other three had been housed in the Special Housing Unit and placed on Administrative Separation following the first incident. The officer in that pod approached the assigned cell of this inmate and opened the envelope. The officer removed a greeting card and felt a lump in the card. The card was an average bi-fold greeting card which had been altered adding a third part glued to one of the pages. Between these two glued pages, a small clear baggy containing a white crystalline like substance was discovered. A field test for methamphetamines yielded a positive result.

I interviewed the inmate from the first incident to whom the mail was addressed to. The inmate stated there was a female in the free world that would construct these greeting cards hiding the methamphetamines inside. This female would then mail the letter to specific people inside of the facility using no name and a fake address on the return label. The details of the narcotics would be discussed during phone calls with the inmates using code. The day after speaking with this inmate, he received another envelope in the mail again the return address having no name and a fake address. Due to the diligence of a newly hired mail clerk, a small lump was felt through the envelope and greeting card.



Altered greeting card containing baggy of methamphetamine



Close up of baggy and positive methamphetamine test swab

Upon further inspection, a clear plastic baggie containing white crystalline like substance was discovered and field tested positive for methamphetamines. This made the third time in a one week time span methamphetamines has been attempted to be smuggled into the facility and intercepted twice. As we know, other attempts had probably been successful. The four inmate criminal conspiracy consisted of an Aryan Circle Captain, Dirty White Boys member, and two other white inmates not confirmed as being a member of a gang.

Aryan Circle

Aryan Circle (AC) was founded in the Texas prison system during the early to mid-1990s. Members of the Aryan Circle will use the numbers "1" and "3" representing the first and third letter of the alphabet, "AC." Aryan Circle members will typically use a diamond shape with a swastika inside and a circle in the center, sometimes with



Aryan Circle Tattoo

"AC" in the design. The rank structure of the Aryan Circle is similar to other organized prison gangs. The Aryan Circle has a para-military style rank structure that ranges from President to Prospect. The Aryan Circle is a prison gang based on white supremacy ideology using blue and gray as their primary colors. The Aryan Circle consists of a men's branch, women's branch and external branch. The external branch consists of "non-criminal" members. These members are not in jail, on probation or parole and maintain a clean appearance giving the Aryan Circle access to places and items restricted to criminal members. Members will pay monthly dues and the Aryan Circle publishes a monthly newsletter titled "The Circular."

Dirty White Boys

Dirty White Boys (DWB) was founded in a Federal Correctional Institution outside of Texas in 1985 taking the name of a prison softball team. The DWB designated Texas as their headquarters, but have spread across the United States since. Commonly the initials "DWB" are used in the tattoos of members. A common "patch" of the DWB would be the outline of the state where the member is located. Inside of this outline would include a prison tower, brick wall and "DIRTY WHITE BOY."



Dirty White Boys Tattoo

The DWB are known for consistent use and trafficking of narcotics. DWB are not as established as the Aryan Circle, but are associated with the same types of crimes and drug use.

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The Chaplain's Corner

Lynette Anderson, Harris County Sheriff's Office

Happy Fall my brothers and sisters in Christ. I would first like to acknowledge everyone who made the 2020 Jail Management (JMI) Issues Conference possible. The Texas Jail Association Board (TJA), The San Luis Resort, various vendors and most of all you, the participants. There were many time during this year, which will be forever remembered as THE COVID YEAR, we didn't know if the Conference was going to happen. We kept the faith, prayed and it happened. We not only had a Conference but one so successful all I heard was this is the best one yet!

There were many obstacles and the number one was COVID. Through faith and prayer we did not stop. I believe that in all of our minds this Conference was going to happen. The reason, we needed this. We wanted to be normal again, if only for a week. We looked back on 2019 with fond memories of being able to do what we wanted, when we wanted. We could fly anywhere in the world and eat in any restaurant. No mask required. If 2020 has taught us it's to appreciate the small things. God is not on our time but always right on time.

My husband, Darrell, of 18 years passed away on March 7, 2018 after a 6 year battle with cancer. During this battle, we prayed and we had faith that God would deliver him from this cancer and he would be healed. Darrell's faith and belief was so strong that I found myself immersed in it. I was riding on his faith so much so that I did not realize when he accepted that he was going to die. After his death, I had three different dreams of him. In each dream he looked the way he did before the cancer took over. The first two dreams I remember

talking about mundane things but then realizing, in my mind, that he was alive. I remember being so happy and saying "You are alive!!" Then I would awaken.

The last dream I had was about a year ago. Again, we were laughing and talking and I was so elated to be with him. I looked at him and said "You are alive!! God has answered my prayers!" He shook his head no and said, "No I'm not, but I'm happy where I am. Lynette, I'm not coming back." I woke up crying, but I believe that is when my faith was restored. I can admit it aloud now, but after Darrell died I was mad at God. We did everything we were supposed to do and He still took my love. Now two and a half years later I understand why Darrell was taken then.

The day Darrell passed away he was surrounded by not only family but friends and co-workers as well. Anyone who wanted to see him I did not turn away. We were blessed to have so many people who loved him come to pray and say good bye. He knew before he passed that he was well-loved.

Now I can see what a blessing it was that this happened in 2018 and not 2020. So many loved ones have died alone. I would have been devastated had our journey ended this way. His death was truly on God's time and for that I am grateful that we were able to express the love he had to have felt on his journey to heaven.

Without faith and prayer we cannot prosper. The outcome of anything we pray for may not always be what we want or hope for, but it is always God's plan for us. Stay safe and know that God loves us all.



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Tim Quintana

TJA and Southern Health Partners have been co-sponsoring the blood drive for 8 years. We moved the drive this year due to the conference change. Once again, this membership of great people stepped up to answer the call. We had such a great response that we are now going to have one drive in Austin and one drive in Galveston.

I am so proud to be part of this association. All donors and those who attempted to donate became eligible to win a cash prize awarded by drawing. Tonya Smith of Collin County was this year's lucky winner of a \$100.00 bill. Donating blood saves lives, from all of us at SHP we say thank you.

Desiree Taylor

THANK YOU so much for hosting your blood drive! In total, we saw (21 performed + 8 deferrals) donors and collected 31 units, which means you were able to help save and sustain 93 lives! Thank you to you and everyone who donated at Texas Jail Association Convention

for the lives you have impacted by hosting your blood drive. We fell a little short of our goal of 30 successful donors but every unit counts! Hopefully everything went fantastic and our crew provided WOW service!



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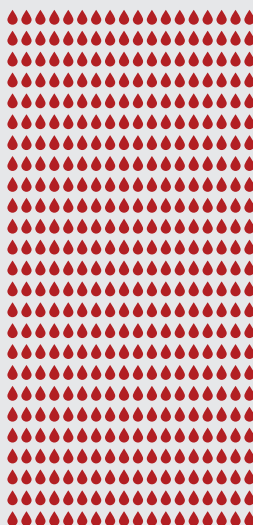
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Vendor Report

We want to thank all vendors who exhibited at the JMI conference in September. With covid-19 being an obstacle, everyone did very well with all procedures to keep our many attendees and vendors safe. The conference was a great success with a record number of attendees being 320 with 70 booth rentals from vendors. There were some vendors that could not attend but instead donated their booth rental. These generous vendors were Bob Barker Company, Correctional Behavioral Health, Texas Association of Counties, and IHS Pharmacy.

We hope to see all our vendors at the 35th Annual Conference in Austin at the Renaissance Austin Hotel, May 10-14th, 2021. Registration opens November 1st. Please go to www.texasjailassociation.com to find all information such as class topics, exhibitor packets, registration forms, schedules, hotel blocks, sponsorship opportunities and more. For information, questions or concerns please reach out to us your vendor representatives, as your experience with the Texas Jail Association is of the utmost importance to us.

We hope everyone has a great remainder of 2020 and we look forward to all returning for the 35th Annual Conference in May. Stay safe and God bless!

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Historically Speaking

The Tale of a Hall of Famer

Captain Martin Gonzales Past President, Texas Jail Association

Last week, we traveled to College Station to visit my son in college. Going to College Station, I guess I don't have to tell you what college he will be attending. Like the Aggies or not, the college rivalries within the state are entertaining, especially during football season. As we traveled around the college/town, I reflected on the age of this college. I thought of my old Aggie mentor, Bryan Crouch from Poteet. He was the Atascosa County Jail Administrator from 1989-2009. He was the first man to give me an opportunity in the jail back in July, 1999 and I still talk to him often.

Honestly, I've known both Mr. Bryan & Mrs. Crouch almost my entire life. You see, Mrs. Jean Crouch worked with the school and she was an aide in my kindergarten class. She knew me well and still reminds me every time I see her what kind of child I was. Along with working at the school, she assisted at the Crouch Department Store with her husband Bryan Crouch and her mother in law Bertha Louise Crouch. The store was located where the Poteet City Hall now sits (on the southwest corner of 5th St. & Ave H). Their store

sold all kinds of clothing, various toys, boots, shoes and hats. Mr. Crouch had the skill for hat shaping.

Mr. Otis N. Crouch (Bryan's Father) operated the Crouch Store from 1924-1964, Bryan operated the Crouch Store from 1962 until it's closing in 1986. Bryan and his father simultaneously operated the store from 1962-1964.

(Thomas) Bryan Crouch was born in 1928 to Otis and Bertha Louise Crouch at the R.S. Gwines Drugstore Building in downtown Poteet. The drugstore had a small hospital on the second floor that could house about 6 patients.

Bryan was raised in a small house behind the Crouch Store until 1936 when the family moved to another home near the school in Poteet. Bryan attended school in Poteet until graduation in 1946. Mr. Crouch spoke about his attendance of school in the old three-story red building. The story goes that the building contained a basement and all grades, with the exception of high school were taught in that building.

Mr. Bryan Crouch graduated from Poteet High School in 1946 and reported to Texas A & M for college as



a member of the Corps. Once his education at Texas A & M was complete, he joined the United States Air Force in December of 1950. In 1952 he completed flight school and became a pilot for the United States Air Force. Upon his retirement from the USAF in 1962, he returned to the Crouch Store to begin helping his Father Otis with management of the family-owned store.

In 1989, Bryan Crouch accepted a position as the Atascosa County Jail Administrator for Sheriff Tommy Williams. Mr. Crouch developed the jail as an organized unit and soon after, he became an example for all jails around the state. In 2001, Mr. Crouch was inducted into the Texas Jail Association's Hall of Fame for his contributions to Texas Jails. Mr. Crouch con-

tinued to strive for excellence until his retirement in 2009.

A little about Mrs. Crouch now. She was born to John & Annie Laurie Lott at the Poteet Shott's Memorial Hospital. Like I said, Mrs. Crouch has known me almost all of my life so I will not divulge the year she was born. Mrs. Crouch also attended Poteet schools and she continued her education at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Mrs. Crouch ran Atascosa County EMS services with Mr. Crouch, possessed a jailer's license as well as carried a commission as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff. Mrs. Crouch also worked in the jail when it was needed.

Bryan and Jean Crouch were married in 1950 and this year, they celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

These two served on countless committees including the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Association, the Poteet First Baptist Church and the Poteet School Board of Trustees.

As far as Bryan Crouch's influence in Texas Jails, I along with other professionals in the jail business still feel his guidance 11 years after his retirement. That's a TJA lasting legacy.



ELECTION TIME IS COMING! We need good people from around the state to continue the tradition of dedication and commitment set by current and past officers and board members. Become involved and submit a nomination now. The TJA Nomination Committee will be selecting a slate of candidates for the following positions:

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

The person elected will serve progressively through the vice presidential chairs to become your president. Only voting members of the Association who are in good standing shall be eligible to hold office. The member must have completed at least one full year of service on the Board of Directors to be eligible for this position. The member elected to the position serves as the Membership Chairman and is responsible for the recruiting and retention of our membership along with other executive duties.

TREASURER

The Treasurer is responsible for keeping accurate records of all financial dealings of the TJA. This position requires not only Board meeting attendance but to otherwise be available for audit, tax, and routine payment purposes. This person should possess financial acumen and have a thorough working knowledge of the Association. They serve on the Executive Committee in addition to the Finance Committee. The member must have completed at least one full year of service on the Board of Directors to be eligible for this position. Members elected to this position shall serve a three-year term in office.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Two positions are open

The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Association. The President shall be the presiding officer at all Board meetings. The Board shall be empowered to authorize expenditures for the general business of the Association, authorize additional expenditures, and set appropriate charges. The Board may enter into any agreement or contract with other personnel or organizations for the advancement of the Association. Members elected to this position shall serve a three-year term in office.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations with an attached resume, picture, and letter of endorsement from the agency head are to be returned to: **TJA Headquarters, Attn: Sharese Hurst, Box 2296, Huntsville, Texas 77341-2296. Required items may also be emailed to sharese@shsu.edu.**

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

1. Individuals must be professional members in good standing as specified in the by-laws at the time of nomination.
2. Nominating Committee members shall not be considered for office.
3. Only hard copies of nominations will be considered. Self-nominations are acceptable.
4. Office being sought shall be identified in the nomination.
5. Endorsement of the affected agency head must accompany the nomination. Nominations lacking the agency head's endorsement will not be considered for office.*
6. Elections shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the by-laws.

Nominations must be received by March 1, 2021.

All nominations shall contain the following for consideration: Full Name, Current Occupation, Official Title, Business Address and Phone Number, a brief biographical sketch (not to exceed 150 words), letter of endorsement from the agency head, and a picture to be included on the ballot. Nominations received after the deadline cannot be considered.

*Successful nominees should have the support of their Sheriff because the positions require significant time and travel away from the office. The duties may include teaching throughout the State, conference preparation, speaker introduction, class moderation, registration, reconciliation of monies, and inventory. If you possess the skillset, knowledge, dedication and commitment to service, TJA is looking for you. Be an integral part of an Association whose mission is advancing the professional career of corrections.

All packets will be sent to the Nomination Committee Chair for verification of eligibility and distribution to committee members.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Ricky Armstrong, 1st Vice President
McLennan County Sheriff's Office

Becky Caffey, 2nd Vice President
Brown County Sheriff's Office

Shane Sowell, Member-at-Large
Webb County Sheriff's Office

The Texas Jail Association is accepting nominations for Detention Officer of the Year (Professional Service and Valor), the Hall of Fame, and the Jerry Baggs Leadership Award. The purpose of these awards is to recognize exceptional service provided by an individual in the field of county jail operations. How often have you been told that you're doing a good job? Positive reinforcement and recognition of a job well done encourages staff to continue this exemplary behavior. TJA encourages you to evaluate your agency and find the individual that is excelling and is deserving of recognition. Whether it is a peer, a subordinate, or a supervisor, there is someone who has positively impacted your agency. Their level of professionalism, esprit de corps, dedication, loyalty and/or actions has made a difference in the field of county corrections. Now is the time for you to recognize them.

The nomination process is simple. **Please complete the nomination form and submit to the Awards Committee by March 1, 2021.** A person does not have to be a member of TJA; however they must be eligible for membership. These awards will be presented at the 35th Annual TJA Conference, May 10-14, 2021, in Austin, Texas. Recipients will receive complimentary conference registration and hotel accommodations at the Annual Training Conference. The recipients will also be presented with a commemorative plaque and will be recognized in the TJA newsletter. Any nomination must have the written endorsement of the agency head.

Nominations will be accepted for the following awards:

Detention Officer of the Year - Professional Service

This award is given to an individual working in county corrections who has demonstrated a commitment to professional service at his/her agency by making outstanding contributions to county corrections that exceed basic ability and expected performance.

Detention Officer of the Year - Valor

This award is given to an individual working in county corrections who demonstrated courage or valor in the face of danger while in the performance of his/her official duties.

Hall of Fame Award

This award is a tribute to the service of an individual career of outstanding contributions to county corrections and the criminal justice system. The recipient of this award has demonstrated a dedication to the advancement of the field of county corrections.

Jerry Baggs Leadership Award

This award is presented to an individual employed in the field of county corrections who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in and appreciation of the field of county corrections. He or she has exhibited a sincere commitment to the professional advancement of county corrections personnel.

Please complete this form and any supporting documents by March 1, 2021.

Please describe in specific detail how this nominee meets the criteria for the award. Attach additional pages if needed. Also attach supporting documentation such as offense reports, sworn statements, newspaper accounts, and letters of recommendation.

Person Nominated: _____

Department/Agency: _____

Position or Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Nominated by: _____

Position or Title: _____

Endorsement by Agency Head: _____

Mail Form to: Texas Jail Association, Attn: Awards Committee, Correctional Management Institute Of Texas, George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas 77341-2296. Nominations may also be emailed to sharese@shsu.edu

Scholarship Report

TJA Past President's Scholarship

Tristan Ortiz received the TJA Past President's Scholarship for the Fall 2020 semester.

Thank you TJA scholarship committee for awarding Tristan the Past President's scholarship. You have lightened the financial burden our family has experienced during this pandemic. Without generous support from scholarship sponsors like your organization, it would not be possible for him to achieve his educational pursuits. Thank you personally for your generosity and for enabling this opportunity. God Bless all TJA members.

Jail Administrator Rosie V. Ortiz
Reagan County Sheriff's Office



Tristan Ortiz and TJA President Dan Corbin

Scholarship Applications are Open!

Visit the TJA Website for more info.

Past President's Scholarship

The Texas Jail Association offers scholarships to eligible students pursuing an academic degree at a college or university. These scholarships are provided in honor of all Past Presidents of the Texas Jail Association. The scholarships are awarded for the Spring semester and Fall semester of each year.

Deadlines

Spring 2021 Semester - December 1, 2020

Fall 2021 Semester - July 1, 2021

Jerry Baggs Memorial Scholarship

The Jerry Baggs Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to an active member of the association that is serving his or her county in a mid-management position up to Assistant Jail Administrator.

The scholarship is for tuition to a class of the National Jail Leadership Command Academy (NJLCA). Tuition includes all class materials, lodging, and all meals/snacks). The sending agency will be required to provide transportation for the selected participant to Huntsville.

What's Happening Around the State?

Brazos County

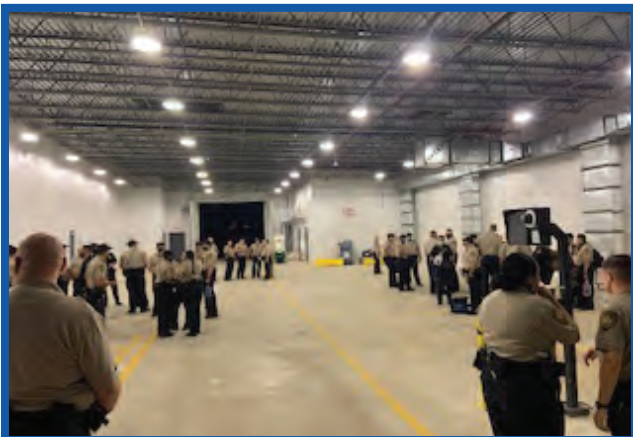
The Brazos County Sheriff's Office commissioned three deputies and they were sworn in by Sheriff **Chris Kirk** on July 14, 2020. Deputies **Samuel Dobbins**, **Emilee Smith**, and **Jonathon Weichert** graduated from the TEEX Central Texas Police Academy on Friday July 10, 2020.

Deputy Smith and Deputy Weichert are supervisors within the Jail Security Division, and Deputy Dobbins works as a transport deputy.



Comal County

We have finally moved into the new jail. On September 14, 2020, we moved all Administration and Support. On September 23, 2020, we moved 276 inmates without any incidents.



Lubbock County

Lubbock County Sheriff **Kelly Rowe** recognized employees during the 2020 LSO Annual Recognition Ceremonies. Officer **Laura Bristow** (Officer of the Year), **Louise Zuniga** (Civilian of the Year), Lieutenant **Emily Flores** (Supervisor of the Year), **Tricia Quinn** (Contract Employee of the Year).



What's Happening Around the State?

Lubbock County

Volunteers gathered in front of the Lubbock County Detention Center to offer prayer for staff, to simply express their appreciation.



Detention Officer **Gary Anthony** retires after 31 years of service. Gary, said farewell to co-workers on July 24, 2020. We wish him the best in his retirement.



Orange County

Orange County Sheriff **Lane Mooney** promoted Officer **Chris Cusick** to Correctional Facility Corporal on August 5, 2020. Corporal Cusick has been employed with the Orange County Sheriff's Office since April 6, 2015.



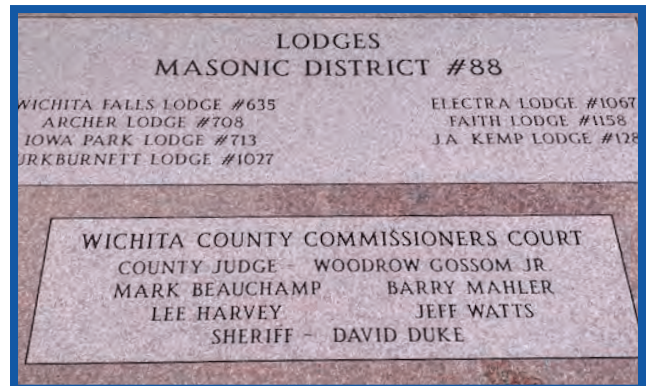
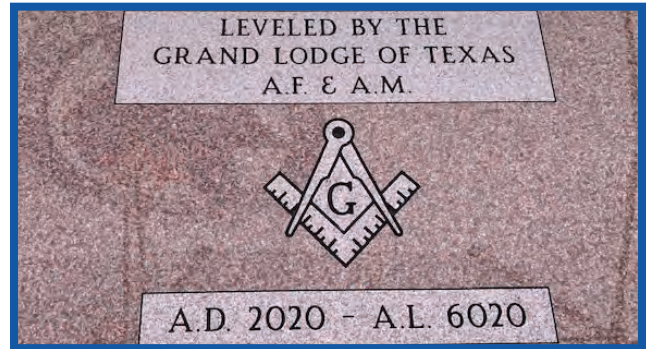
Orange County Sheriff **Lane Mooney** promoted Corporal **Paul Hennigan** to Sergeant on August 4, 2020. Sergeant Hennigan has been employed with the Orange County Sheriff's Office since November 20, 2000.



What's Happening Around the State?

Wichita County

On Friday, September 18, 2020, the District #88 Masonic Lodges presented the corner stones for the new Wichita County Law Enforcement Center. The \$70 million dollar project is nearing completion with move in anticipated in the next few weeks.



**Have a story or updates
about your county? LET US KNOW!**

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December 1st, 2020

Spring Issue

March 1st, 2021

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DECEMBER 1ST, 2020**

**LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION IN THE SPRING ISSUE
MARCH 1ST, 2021**

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