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Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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2014 Officers

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Submissions Welcome!

Do you have any funny stories, e-mails, or photos to share with our members?

Please e-mail your police-related submissions to
lbenoit@vha.com

Submissions are due the first day of each month.

Link to ECPAAA Web Page

<http://www.ecpaaa.org>

May Speaker & Officer Biography

Tony Burnett

Date of Biography: May 7, 2014

Current title with EPD: Senior Corporal of the Neighborhood Patrol Office

Year started and history with the EPD: My first day was May 31, 1990 in the jail when it was located at 205 N Ector Drive. My first hour on duty a prisoner rolled off the top bunk in cell M-2 and busted his head on the floor. I have never seen that much blood in my life and thought "what have I gotten myself into?" On January 1, 1993 I was transferred to Patrol Division and started my field training with Officer Joe Kraft. From 1997 until December of 2005 I worked in the Neighborhood Patrol Office and then transferred to Criminal Investigation Division in 2006. In 2007 I was promoted to Senior Corporal and really enjoyed my remaining time in CID. After a short year in patrol I came back to the Neighborhood Patrol Office in 2011. I work with some of our best officers in Neighborhood Patrol, School Resource and Code Enforcement.



Where were you born? Fort Worth, Texas

In what city do you currently live? North Richland Hills

Tell me a little about your family, spouse, children (ages), grandchildren, pets, etc. I have been married to my best friend, Melissa Rhodes of Hurst, for 20 years. We have two boys, Jake (18) and Andrew (14).

What are your hobbies? These have changed over the years as my boys got older. I used to enjoy coaching youth sports but then the boys started playing in their schools so I hung up the whistle and began cheering from the stands. We camped for many years after that but then the boys involvement in school activities started cutting into our camping time so we exchanged the camper payment for a tent. Today, we enjoy any activity that puts us together at the same time and place.

What is your favorite part of being a police officer? Meeting different people.

Any interesting or little-known facts about yourself... I had a pilot's license at 15.

Who is your favorite celebrity? Matthew McConaughey

What is your favorite food? Tequila

Our Mission: To provide the citizens of Euless a better understanding of the dedication and integrity of the police department.

From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown

Summer is coming!!! I don't know about you, but I am ready to say goodbye to the winter.

With summer coming and school letting out it's time for our Police Activities League Summer Camp. I believe we are hosting two camps this summer. If you are interested in helping us with those camps please get with Tony or James; they can get you pointed in the right direction. We always need dedicated and motivated people to help us serve the great kids that come through our camps every summer. Even though it's only a half a day camp, I promise it will feel like you have put in a full day's work if you come out and help us.

With summer on the way we will also see an increase in our Vacation House Watch requests. I know those of you who serve as Citizens on Patrol are well aware of our Vacation House Watch program. We can always use more people driving the neighborhoods in the COP car checking on the houses that are on the list. I cannot say it enough, whenever you volunteer your time to the department you immediately become a force multiplier, your efforts are vital to us as we strive to keep our patrol units in service and free for calls and other law enforcement activities. If you have not taken the COP course, you can still team up with someone who has and be an extra set of eyes and ears in the car. We will be expanding the role of the Citizens on Patrol program in the next few months, and now is an exciting time to come on board and work alongside the patrol officers and other first responders as they serve the citizens of Euless.

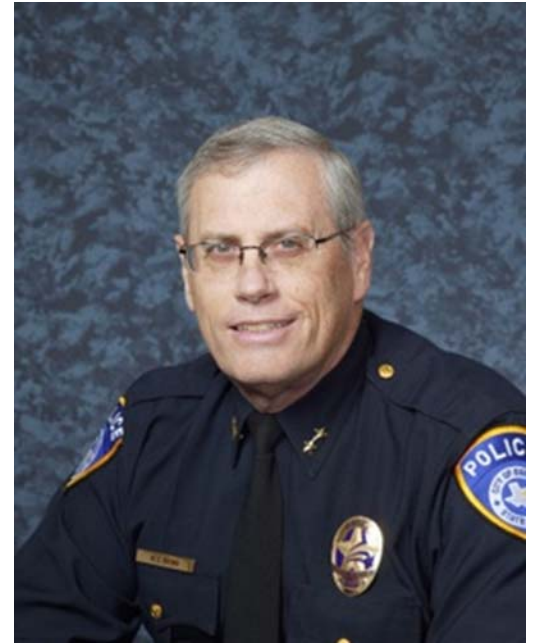
With summer coming I want to remind everyone to be vigilant at home and in your neighborhood to help us prevent crime. Remember an open garage door might be convenient for you as you are working in your yard or on the house, but it is a HUGE invitation to a criminal. Criminals see an open door as an invitation to come into your home and help themselves to your tools and other belongings. Keep your doors and windows locked at all times. If everyone in town would do that, we could cut our burglary and theft rates in half. But don't forget to apply your crime prevention training to your cars as well. Keep them locked and free from any item that might catch the eye of a criminal. If you MUST leave something of value in your car, put it in the trunk or some other storage compartment, out of sight of anyone just looking for a quick score. If people would do this one simple thing, I believe we could cut our Burglary of Motor Vehicle rate by 80%. Please remember to take care of your property and spread the word to your neighbors, just think of how low our crime rate would be if we could get everyone to adopt these simple but very effective crime prevention strategies.

We continue to hire new officers and are trying to get them through the academy and their field training program. When you get a few minutes, stop in and say hi to the new faces around here. We have brought some truly remarkable men and women into the department and I think they will blend well with all the other outstanding servants we have working here.

I wish you all a great summer, and I hope each of you will find the time to come and volunteer a few minutes with us in the coming months. I do understand how frantic it can be during the summer and how everyone would like to get away for a few days, so even if you can't come serve with us please stop in and let us know how you are doing.

Thanks for all you do for us!!

Your Servant,
Mike



From the President — John Luna

Thanks to everyone who helped and attended the 2014 Euless Arbor Daze Festival. The weather was great, vendors were great, food was great and people looked like they were having fun. We thought we were going to get some bad weather but we were lucky for it to pass around us. But we do need lots of rain especially all over Texas. Again, I want to thank all of you for your time, talent and treasure in making our association an added value resource for the community of Euless, Texas.

A thought - "It's a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it." W. Somerset Maugham

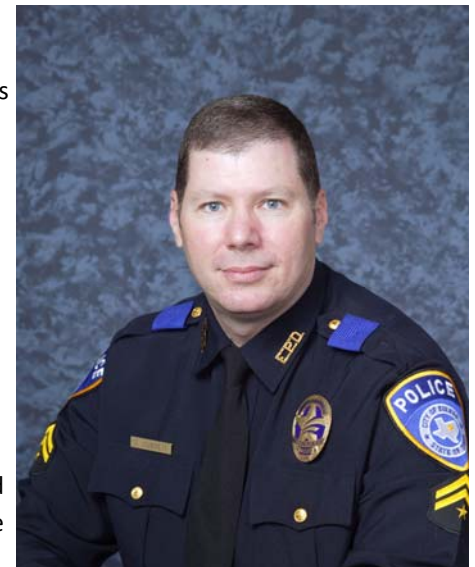


EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

I am eating breakfast with one of our Alumni members, Ken Denne, and this man approaches our table. He identified himself as a retired Air Marshall and began throwing out officers names that he knew. He stood at our table for several minutes telling us about his days as a Marshall and then a few "war stories" were told. I asked him "how do you like retirement" and he responded "if I could go back to work tomorrow, I would but it was my time to go. I love catching up with my old friends and swapping stories, we spend hours doing that and I cherish all of it". It's not uncommon for this to happen when you are wearing the uniform and in the public. A retired LEO (Law Enforcement Officer) always wants you to know that they bleed blue.

The following day I reported to my supervisor, Captain Gary Landers that a close family friend had passed away and asked for permission to attend his funeral in Richland Hills. I told Gary that I was meeting Melissa there and would not be gone more than an hour. During the service Melissa told me that she was feeling ill and asked me to walk outside with her. As soon as we made it to the rear of the sanctuary Melissa began to fall. I grabbed her limp body and carried her into a room where I noticed that she was ash white and unresponsive. Her eyes were open and there was no response from her pupils. I told some people to call 911 and listened for a breath, no breath detected. I felt for a pulse and no pulse was felt. I remembered what James Gordon had taught us in CPR so I opened her airway and told a stranger nearby that I was going to begin CPR. A woman walked up to me and held out a cell phone, I could see that it said "911" but she said it wasn't getting a signal. I reached down and pulled out my police radio on Euless Patrol 1 and said something, I can't tell you what I said but I guess the sound of my voice said everything. My dispatcher responded and the familiar voice was comforting in my time of need. I knew that help was on the way because MY DISPATCHERS were running the show now. I went back to assessing Melissa and heard a very faint breath, then her pupils moved and then her head moved. After what seemed an eternity she asked "where am I?" She later said that the Funeral Director was the first person she saw - Ha Ha! I told her where she was and told her to lay still. A short time later an ambulance was on scene as well as Senior Corporal Scott Peterson who heard me on the radio calling for help. I asked Scott "how did you get here so fast" and he said "don't ask but I am a driving instructor". It was very comforting to see him and he later told me that nothing was going to stop him from coming. A group of officers came to the hospital to check on us and offer assistance. My phone rang most of that day with offers for assistance, prayers and well wishes. I work with some of the most amazing people, they are my second family. You are a part of this family and I appreciate all of you. I see what that Air Marshall was saying, it's not the work you miss as much as it is the relationships. I cherish the relationships.

We wrapped up our last law enforcement cadet class on April 17th. Our last CPA class is May 15th and we are looking forward to introducing our Alumni members that evening as well. Please come to the class and introduce yourself. Summer camp starts June 9th and wraps up June 20th. Thanks to all of you who helped at CRUD Day and Arbor Daze, you know who you are!! See you at the meeting.



April 2014 Volunteer Hours

Arbor Daze Festival – 120 Hours 30 Minutes

Includes the following:

COP Foot Patrol – 13 Hours 0 Minutes

COP Sky Tower – 21 Hours 30 Minutes

Eules Radio Club – 41 Hours 0 Minutes

Information Booth – 45 Hours 0 Minutes

CID Clerical – 14 Hours 30 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol – 52 Hours 45 Minutes

Includes the following:

COP Car – 50 Hours 15 Minutes

COP Sky Tower – 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 2

Courts – 25 Hours 15 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program – 6 Hour 0 Minutes

Eules CRUD – 49 Hours 30 Minutes

Eules Radio Club – 6 Hours 0 Minutes

Eules Trash-off – 17 Hours 0 Minutes

Jail – 7 Hours 15 Minutes

Meetings – 44 Hours 30 Minutes

Includes the following:

ECPAAA Meeting – 44 Hours 30 Minutes

Miscellaneous – 57 Hours 0 Minutes

Speed Trailer – 14 Hours 0 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance – 80 Hours 15 Minutes

Watering of Plants – 6 Hours 0 Minutes

Grand Total – 500 Hours 30 Minutes

April National Value of Volunteer Time – \$11,081.07

2014 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time – \$37,050.18

April Meeting – 25 Alumni Members Present

Upcoming Events

May 15 — Peace Officers Memorial Day

May 16 — Farewell Reception for Mayor Mary Lib Saleh, 3:30 pm—7:00 pm; Eules Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive

May 17 — Trinity GAP Club Pet Fair, 10:00 am—2:00 pm; Trinity High School Parking Lot, 500 N. Industrial Boulevard

May 20 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

May 21 — Michael Williamson Memorial Golf Tournament, 8:00 am; Texas Star Golf Course

May 24 — Eules Aquatic Park Opening, Eules Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Drive

May 26 — Memorial Day

May 27 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

June 7 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 noon, Dallas (for location & directions visit www.cpaant.org)

June 10 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

June 11 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center

June 12 — Town Hall Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

June 17 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

Future Date for Your Calendar — November 8th
ECPAAA BBQ Dinner and Auction Event
6:00 pm — Eules Family Life Center

Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Mary Lib Saleh — 5/4

Brenda Brown — 5/9

Barney Snitz — 5/19

Julie Ratliff — 5/26

April 2014 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	April	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/13 Balance in Checking	\$6,080.52				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00
Brick Sales			\$1,050.00	\$35.00	\$1,015.00
Craigslist Fundraiser			\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
CRUD Day			\$0.00	\$700.00	-\$700.00
Donations/Outside Income		\$15.99	\$878.31	\$500.00	\$378.31
Grocery Care Cards		\$28.09	\$69.80	\$40.00	\$29.80
Membership Dues		\$180.00	\$1,380.00	\$1,600.00	-\$220.00
Member Merchandise			\$22.00	\$150.00	-\$128.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Fundraisers		\$26.00	\$26.00	\$250.00	-\$224.00
Warrant Roundup			\$1,900.00	\$840.00	\$1,060.00
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$13,310.00	-\$13,310.00
Total Income		\$250.08	\$5,626.11	\$27,705.00	-\$22,078.89
Total	\$6,080.52	\$11,706.63	\$11,706.63		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	April	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$325.00	-\$325.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records		\$150.00	\$150.00	\$500.00	-\$350.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Bricks			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
CPANNT Dues		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
CPANNT Convention			\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$15.99	\$250.00	-\$234.01
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Office Supplies			\$32.75	\$300.00	-\$267.25
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$0.00	\$600.00	-\$600.00
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$0.00	\$6,000.00	-\$6,000.00
Police Honor Guard			\$0.00	\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
President Awards			\$128.82	\$150.00	-\$21.18
Social Events			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Water by the Gallon			\$238.00	\$650.00	-\$412.00
Total Expenses		\$175.00	\$590.56	\$27,705.00	-\$27,114.44
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$11,116.07		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$19,327.69		\$19,327.69		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.63	\$2.52		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$19,330.21		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$30,446.28		

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2014**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING — The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm.

ATTENDEES: Leah Benoit, J. R. Goad, John Luna, Geri Sorg, Peggy Vandiver, Julie Watkins and Liaison Sr. Cpl. Tony Burnett

Julie brought up the subject of not having to vote on the Treasurer's Report and Motion to Adjourn. John will research and report back to the Board next month. Julie announced that Dispatcher Week was this week and will ask members to bring up goodies for the Dispatchers. Julie and her committee will put together the goody bags for Police Week, which is the week of May 12th.

Leah announced the date of the BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction event, which is November 8th.

John read a thank you email from Betsy Deck regarding CRUD.

JR announced the date for the Mayor's appreciation reception, May 16th from 3:00 to 7:00 pm at the Euleless Library.

Geri gave an update on the April CPAANT meeting and the topic of discussion was Warrant Calling.

Peggy Vandiver made a motion to adjourn and Julie Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

GENERAL MEETING – The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and opened with prayer and the Pledge.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, John Deithloff, Jerry Goad, Marian Goethe, Mark Hummert, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Jerrie Keller, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Leo Neal, Barbara Niziolek, Judy Rick, Chris Shanahan, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Jeremy Tompkins, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Julie Watkins

Jozef Balint, Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, John Deithloff, Jerry Goad, Mark Hummert, Loren Johnson, Jerrie Keller, John Luna, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Dana Nuber, Judy Rick, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Jeremy Tompkins, Peggy Vandiver, Julie Watkins

John Luna congratulated Barney Snitz on his Lifetime Achievement Volunteer Award from the City of Euleless. Barney acknowledged that we also had two previous award recipients in the Alumni – Lou Baum in 2010 and JR Goad in 2012.

Speaker – Assistant Chief Bob Freeman gave a little history of his career and family and then spoke about a new Cadet Program the Police Department may start up. Liaison Officer Burnett will keep us informed as progress is made regarding the new program.

OLD BUSINESS

Other

Melody Balkon moved and Jeremy Tompkins seconded the motion to approve the March minutes. The motion was approved.

Geri Sorg moved and Julie Watkins seconded the motion to approve the March Treasurer's report. The motion was approved.

Sr. Cpl. Tony Burnett reported that the current CPA and HEB ISD Law Enforcement classes were going well. He reminded everyone about the Golf Tournament Raffle and reported raffle ticket sales are slow for the iPad Air. He announced that the EPD will have a booth at Arbor Daze right next to the ECPAAA booth.

Committee Reports

Geri Sorg gave a brief update on the Cedar Hill meeting and invited members to join her in attending the next CPANNT meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd in Duncanville.

NEW BUSINESS

J. R. Goad thanked the volunteers that worked Trash-off and CRUD. He auctioned off a \$25 gift card from Home Depot. Winner was Mark Hummert.

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**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES *continued from page 6***

Announcements

Leah announced the date of the BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction event, which is November 8th. Committee meetings will start in late May. She announced she had raffle tickets for the Golf Tournament for purchase or to sell.

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Comments from the Floor

Dana Nuber made a comment about members taking so long to pay their dues. Dues should be paid no later than February. She suggested the ECPAAA should impose a late fee. Dana also commented about an event she attended (Kids Beach Club Run) where Officer James Gordon was in attendance. There was poor representation/identification of the table James was standing behind. There was no table skirt, no sign, etc. identifying him as Eules Police Department. John Luna will follow-up on the design that has been in the works for a year so Julie Watkins can complete a table skirt for the EPD to be used at events.

Gerri Sorg moved and J.R. Goad seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.



National Police Week

A little History — In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as *Police Week*. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as *National Police Week*, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.

**To our Eules Police Officers
Thank you for everything you do to keep this City safe for its Citizens.
We appreciate YOU!**

CPAANT Liaison — Geri Sorg

CPAANT HOST: Duncanville CPAAA
May 3, 2014

Gerri was not able to make the May meeting. The next meeting will be hosted by the Dallas CPAAA on June 7th. Please visit <http://www.cpaant.org/> for additional information.



**Eules Police Benevolent
Organization
Golf Tournament
May 21, 2014**

The EPBO has asked the ECPAAA to help sell raffle tickets for the event. The grand prize is an iPad Air! The EPBO will split the profits of the raffle 50/50 with ECPAAA. So let’s get on board and help sell these tickets. You can pick up your tickets from Celia Carrillo in Police Administration or tickets will be available for purchase at the ECPAAA May 20th meeting.

April Volunteer Hours Comparison By Lou Baum

Month	Year-to-Date	
2014 — 500 Hours	2014 — 1,673 Hours	Thanks for all you do for the Alumni Association. We appreciate all the time given.
2013 — 634 Hours	2013 — 1,915 Hours	
21% Decrease	12% Decrease	

CRUD Volunteers — April 12, 2014



Judy Rick



Jerrie Keller, Faye Stinneford & Betsy Deck



Jerri Balkon



Barney Snitz & Ken Denne



Tammy Van Horne & Minuet Balkon



Who is the real Captain CRUD?

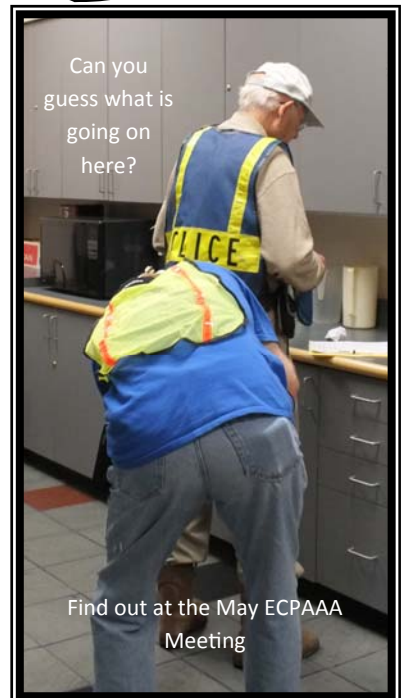
Cap



Jerrie Keller & Faye Stinneford



Ken Denne



Can you guess what is going on here?

Find out at the May ECPAAA Meeting

I have to express my sincere appreciation to the volunteers that helped on Saturday with Crud Day. What a great group of people! Crud is certainly not the most glamorous job to volunteer for, but you made it so much fun. I think I laughed the entire time we were out there. Dale and I thank you for your positive attitudes and hard work!
Betsy Deck | Communications/Marketing Manager, City of Euless