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Entertainer LaDonna Gatlin to appear at Admin Pros Appreciation Luncheon

Tickets are now on sale!

Keynote speaker and singer LaDonna Gatlin empowers people to “sing their own song.” She defies conventional wisdom that says a performer must “pick a lane” and be only one thing. She is a speaker, a singer, a humorist, an author, and much more.

Reserved tables and individuals tickets are now on sale until April 20 for this year’s Administrative Professionals’ Appreciation Day luncheon.

Celebrate those who make our everyday work lives easier and more organized. Treat your staff and recognize them at this luncheon to thank them for the great work they provide. It’s a fun way to boost employee fellowship and morale.

There will be a delicious buffet lunch plus fun surprises, door prizes and gifts for attendees along with live entertainment by LaDonna Gatlin.

The event will be held on **Wednesday, April 25**, from 11:30am – 1:00pm in the Blinn College Student Center Banquet Room in Brenham.



Gatlin

Thank you to these **Headline Sponsors** for making this event extra special:



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Tickets are \$25 per person for Chamber Members, \$35 for non-members, and \$260 for a Reserved Table for eight. Please contact the Chamber by April 20th to make a reservation: 979-836-3695 or events@brenhamtexas.com.

“CONNECT AFTER 5”

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT

HOSTED BY:

**Brenham National Bank
and Partners for P.E.A.C.E.**

in the Brenham National Bank Lobby
2211 S. Day St., Brenham

Thursday, April 12 from 5-7 p.m.

*Learn more about how businesses can support students in our local schools through the P.E.A.C.E. program. It's easy and fun! Plus have fun, enjoy food and drinks and exchange business cards & brochures.
Free for Chamber members and employees.*



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Save the Date – June 12

The Washington County Chamber will co-host the annual Small Business Forum with the Burleson County Chamber and Navasota-Grimes County Chamber on Tuesday, June 12, at the Fireman’s Training Center in Brenham. Business and civic leaders from throughout the region are invited to attend.

Mark your calendar now, because the line-up of speakers and topics will be hugely valuable and you won’t want to miss it. The purpose of this annual forum is to provide local businesses with timely information to succeed in today’s economy. You will have the chance to network with others and exchange ideas about how to achieve success and overcome challenges.

Last year, over 200 were in attendance including small business owners and managers, representatives from state agencies, local elected officials, marketing partners and more.

A key highlight of the event will be the announcement of the 2018 Small Business of the Year awards. In 2017, Independence Coffee Company took home the award for the 1-25 employee category, while Del Sol Food Company won in the 26+ employees category. Past winners are 2016 – KWIK KOPY Business Center and Glasco & Company Landscaping; 2015 - Home Sweet Farm Market and Biergarten and 2014 - Brenham National Bank and RE/MAX Advantage.

For more information about tickets, reserved tables, or exhibitor spaces, please contact Shae Janner, Business Programs Manager, at (979) 836-3695 or events@brenhamtexas.com.

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New Member

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204 S. St. Charles St., Brenham

Why Go to Connect After 5?

The Chamber's "Connect After 5" (formerly "Business After Hours") networking events have always been outstanding events each month. Chances are if you want to see someone from the local business community, you will find them at "Connect After 5."

Many know the social benefits of attending. Many more are discovering the business benefits of attending. If you are not yet taking advantage of these networking opportunities, you should. Here are some tips for making the most of the opportunity:

- Wear a name tag. If you don't have one from your place of business, the Chamber will have some blanks at the event for you to fill in and wear. Name tags help people to remember your name and the business you represent. (And some of us need more help than others in the memory department!)

- Bring your business cards. Give one to everyone you meet. This gives people your direct contact information, so they can do business with you after the event.

- Talk to people. Don't be shy! Initiate conversations with people you don't recognize. Let that be your conversation starter, "Hello, I don't believe we've met." Most people who attend are Chamber members, so you already have something in common. And most will be very willing to tell you about their business, so start by asking them what they do.

- Donate a door prize. Another way to get recognition at the event is to contribute a door prize to be given away. Bring it to the Chamber before the event, or bring it with you that night. Everyone loves to win something, and this is a great way to make a connection with others.

- Get to know the host. Meet the business owner(s). Be sure to find the host and say hello. Take the tour of the property, if offered. Thank them for hosting the event.

- Come early and stay late. The longer you are there, the more people you will get to meet and the more who will meet you.

- Have fun! There is always great food and drinks. Everyone has a good time at the Chamber's after hours events. Make it a point to attend. It may be your most important business meeting of the month!

Did You Know?

That the Chamber provides hundreds of "Re-location Info" packages every year to individuals and businesses who are considering moving to this community. As a member, you are eligible to include your promotional material and reach this targeted audience for a nominal annual fee (\$85). Contact the Chamber office to be included.

Washington County Chamber of Commerce
314 S. Austin Street, Brenham
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"Wake Up, Washington County!" Networking Breakfast

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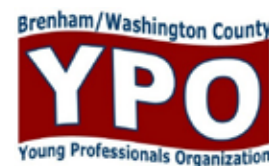
1710 E. Tom Green St., Brenham

Tuesday, May 8

Starts at 7:45 a.m.

Enjoy breakfast and a chance to network with other local businesses and organizations. It's a great way to inform them about your products and services and learn what's new in the community.

Everyone gets a chance to give a 30-second *commercial* about their business/organization. Be sure to bring plenty of business cards and brochures for sharing.



Networking Happy Hour

Thursday, April 19

Jet Set Chocolates

2403-D South Market St., Brenham

5-7 p.m.

Join in for some good food, good drinks and a great time!

Earth Day Clean-up

April 22

Email for more information.

For more information about the Washington County YPO, send your contact information to youngpros@brenhamtexas.com or visit online: www.Facebook.com/YPOwashingtoncounty

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Renewing Members

March 1-31

Thanks to the following members for continuing your investment in the Chamber. You are long-term "partners" in our mission to promote and preserve this great community, and we appreciate your confidence in the Chamber's ability to promote your business.

Brenham National Bank -

Chairman's Circle Member — 36 years
Brenham Trophies & Awards — 31 years
4DIAMONDLIMO.COM — 18 years
Edward Jones - Billy Starnes — 18 years
Lampe Surveying — 18 years
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Legend Log Homes — 15 years

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Book Nook — 12 years
Quebe Guesthouse — 12 years
Lutherhill Ministries — 9 years
Smitty's Cafe Bakery Billiards & Bar — 7 years
Hodde Real Estate Company - Jim Ripple — 5 years

Coldwell Banker Properties Unlimited-Roger Ross — 3 years

Dominos Pizza — 3 years
PPE LLC — 3 years
Brenham Gutter Specialists — 2 years
DI Truck Repair & Hydraulic Hose Service — 2 years
Goodwill Industries - **Presidential Member** — 2 years
Pizzaiolo's Brenham — 2 years

Thank you to our Chairman's Circle members ...



Thank you to our Presidential Level members ...



Partners for P.E.A.C.E.



Thank you to these 34 dedicated Partners for P.E.A.C.E. who are making this program a success in Washington County. They help reinforce the Core Essential Values students are learning in local public schools at their businesses and through their employee interactions:

Ant Street Inn, Associated Credit Union of Texas, Bank of Brenham, Baylor Scott & White Medical Center, Blinn College, Blinn College Alumni & Friends Association, Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Blue Bell Creameries, Boys & Girls Club of Washington County, Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union, Brenham Clinic, Brenham Monument Company, Brenham National Bank, Brenham State Supported Living Center, Burton Chamber of Commerce, City of Brenham, Compass Quarters, DI Truck and Trailer Repair, Faith Mission, Germania Insurance, Independence Coffee Company, J & P Properties, James Pharaon Creative, Mid-Continental Insurance Services, Must Be Heaven, Personnel Services, Seidel Schroeder, Sonic Drive-In, Thielemann Construction, Unity Theatre, Van Dyke Rankin, Webb Printing, Westwood Cinema and Woodson Lumber Company of Brenham.



Chamber Members Attend LinkedIn Workshop

On April 6, several Chamber Members attended a two-hour workshop titled "LinkedIn for Businesses" and facilitated by Fred Goerges of the LinkedIn Sales Funnel and founder of the Houston Young Professionals. Members learned tips and tools to grow their business network. Goerges is available to lead workshops for other groups and businesses. www.Linkedin.com/in/freddygoerges

Washington County Blue Blazers

The Blue Blazers is a club with 15-20 members and 40 years of tradition. They support the mission of the Washington County Chamber. The volunteers in the club act as official greeters and hosts of our community. Their activities include monthly meetings, greeting at Chamber functions, recruiting new Chamber members, and conducting ribbon cuttings and grand openings.

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Christy Schlottmann Farmers Agency

Stephanie Wehring
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Randy Weidemann
Van Dyke Rankin & Company

Matt Wellmann
Wellmann Insurance

Kristie Wensel
Brenham State Supported Living Center

Shelby Wiesepape
Bank of Brenham

Barbara Wilganowski
Spherion Staffing

Leadership Explores Agri-Business

The March session of **Leadership Washington County** was all about agriculture and *agri-business*, which is the commercial aspect of running an agriculture-related enterprise and the skills and technology required.

The day started with a tour of Kieke Egg Farm located near Burton among the beautiful rolling hills of Washington County. Owners Ricky Kieke, Angie Fritsch and Abby Majewski took the group on a tour of the facilities and answered many questions about their impressive family-owned egg farm.

This amazing operation is completely automated with each egg moving from

chicken to carton without being touched by human hands. A worker's only contact with the egg happens after they have all been cleaned, sorted and placed in cartons.

Next, the group traveled to Peek a Ranch Alpaca farm where owner La Nell McMahon greeted them and explained the operation. She answered many questions and then allowed the class to pet and feed alpacas. They then toured the gift shop which showcases many of the items made from alpaca fleece.

The group traveled to Miracle Farm and enjoyed a delicious meal on-site. During lunch, several of the boys who are resi-

dents at Miracle Farm sat with Leadership participants, talked about their lives, and asked about the adults' lives. Alex Hamilton, Executive Director of Miracle Farm, spoke to the group giving an overview of the organization.

After some question and answer time, everyone enjoyed a tour of the scenic property. At the horse arena, the group learned about the importance of the horse program at Miracle Farm. The tour concluded at the arena where several boys demonstrated what they have learned about horsemanship and team roping while at Miracle Farm.

Big thanks go to all of the individuals

and businesses who have spoken to, inspired, and motivated the Leadership class members over the past several months. The program is a great success because of all the community support that is received. The next Leadership session will be on Emergency Management.

Plans are underway for the next LWC class to form this summer, and all alumni in the community are invited to get involved and help plan and coordinate sessions.

Please contact Page Michel or Jane Hinze if you are interested in being a session facilitator for the August 2018 through May 2019 program.



Ricky Kieke holds up a photo of one of the hen houses as Angie Fritsch describes the daily routine.



Kevin Boggus snaps a photo of the conveyor of eggs.



Cory Swor takes a selfie with one of the alpacas.



La Nell McMahon gives a tour of the alpaca stall.



Jonathan Shuey is keeping his head warm with alpaca fleece.



Alex Hamilton welcomes the class to Miracle Farm.

Tourism News

Where's Della?



"I found this cool cistern when I was exploring Texas history in the country."

Do you know where Della is this month? Email your name, phone number and location guess to Della@BrenhamTexas.com by April 30. A winner will be chosen on May 1 from all correct entries.



Congrats to **Peggy Cadenhead** for guessing correctly in March! Della was enjoying the art walk around downtown Brenham and found the new mural at Alamo and Austin Streets welcoming everyone to Historic Downtown Brenham. The mural was painted by Anat Ronen and funded in part by the Chamber during its Centennial year!

THANK YOU!

Puppy Dawgs & Cat Tails, located at 321 S. Baylor St. in Downtown Brenham, for being the "Where's Della" partner and gift sponsor!



Watch the full process of ginning and baling cotton in person at the festival.

Don't Miss Out!

This is the busiest month of the year for Washington County. Every weekend there are numerous fun events happening, from festivals to live music to historic site tours. Find all events and details at www.VisitBrenhamTexas.com.

— **Bluebonnet Festival** in Chappell Hill is April 14-15. At this favorite annual festival, you will enjoy more than 250 shopping vendors, delicious festival food, live music and historic site tours. Free admission, \$5 parking.

— **"Becky's New Car"** at Unity Theatre will play April 19-May 6. In this comedic, yet serious play, Becky is offered nothing short of a new life and the audience is offered a chance to ride shotgun. If you had the chance to live the life you've always imagined and never dreamed possible, would you take it? Details & Tickets: UnityBrenham.org

— **Cotton Gin Festival** in Burton is April 21. This historic annual festival is fun for the whole family and features a fun parade, auctions, live music, folk life demonstrations, tractor pull, festival food, crafts, gin tours and even live cotton ginning! Free admission, free parking.

— **Bella Voce Concert** in Independence, hosted by Baylor University on April 28 inside the oldest Baptist church in Texas. This live performance by Grammy nominee ensemble starts at 6pm at Independence Baptist Church. Free admission.

— **Maifest** is coming up the first weekend in May. Get ready for a wonderful parade, carnival, German music, festival food and more! Free admission, free parking.

Courtney's Corner

April is a wonderful time in Washington County! With the wildflowers blooming, beautiful spring weather, and a multitude of festivals and events, it is a great time for tourism. We have been tracking numerous group outings to the area, both day trips and overnight stays. Later this month, April 19-22, the Southwest Tandem Bike Rally is being held in Washington County. We are expecting around 300 participants who will be riding various routes throughout the county. If you see them out and about on their bicycles built for two, cheer them on and welcome them to the area!



Ask Jennifer

"We heard you have a bunch of murals in Brenham. Do you have a guide or brochure for the outdoor art in town?"

Yes, we do! The #BrenhamArtWalk is a self-guided tour through Downtown Brenham to show off the murals, sculptures and art galleries. There are almost 20 sites total (and more after the Texas Art & Music Festival in October). You can pick up a card in the Visitor Center that has a map and checklist, and you can also access it through the Visit Brenham app!

Tag your photos with #BrenhamArtWalk on Instagram and Facebook. We want to see how much fun you have. Who knows? Your photo might be featured on Chamber-CVB channels for all to enjoy!



Travel Tip:

"You can find your way across the country using burger joints the way a navigator uses stars."

— Charles Kuralt

Tourism Update



Mills

Tourism Director Jenny Mills had the opportunity to attend Greater Houston's Tourism Summit which is held each year in downtown Houston. Each year the Greater Houston CVB (Visit Houston) shares updates and goals that the team in Houston is working toward. The day includes vendor networking and education workshops.

"They announced visitation in Houston surpassed 20 million in 2017 and their next goal is to welcome 25 million visitors by 2020," Jenny

said. "This year they offered workshops on using Facebook and Google to increase business, how to partner with Visit Houston, and how restaurants can tap into the group market."

Visit Houston is doing big things each year, reaching national and international visitors in new and exciting ways, and the Brenham/Washington County CVB hopes to be able to partner with them on more projects in 2019. them out and about on their bicycles built for two, cheer them on and welcome them to the area!

Working for YOU!

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WALK-INS

<i>Visitor Center</i>	<i>HQ Building</i>
March 2018 — 1,227	March 2018 — 587

WEBSITE

www.BrenhamTexas.com

<i>Unique Visitors</i>	<i>Total Pages</i>
March 2018 — 10,625	March 2018 — 23,660

WEBSITE

www.VisitBrenhamTexas.com

<i>Unique Visitors</i>	<i>Total Pages</i>
March 2018 — 38,236	March 2018 — 108,561

What's Happening in April

Now through April 29

"Between Here and There" at Back Lot Gallery

A variety of printing and collage techniques to journey between the American and European continents. Artist Alexandra Sivov in gallery April 22 and 29.

April 12

"Connect After 5"

at Brenham National Bank

Bring business cards to share, free for Chamber members and employees. 2211 S. Day St., Brenham, 5-7pm.

April 13-14, 20-21, 27-28

Live Music at The Kenney Store

Varying artists. Grill opens at 3pm weekdays, noon on weekends, music starts around 8:30pm, 811 S. Loop 497 (www.TheKenneyStore.com).

April 13

Open House at Boys & Girls Club

Pop Up Club at Jackson Street Park 10am-2pm, guest speaker Dr. Heather Thielemann, VP of Enrollment Management, Sam Houston State University, 4pm; open house 4:30-6pm; family movie night 7:30-9:30pm, Boys and Girls Club of Washington County, 1710 E. Tom Green, Brenham.

April 13, 17, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27

Aqua Cardio Class

Improve range of motion, balance and coordination while strengthening and toning the body. Classes at 9am, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Blue Bell Aquatic Center, 1800 E. Tom Green, Brenham. Monthly Aerobic Pass \$65, Senior \$55, Yearly \$600, Senior \$550 (www.cityofbrenham.org).

April 13-15, 20-22, 27-29

Live Music at Home Sweet Farm

In the biergarten every weekend, enjoy live music, craft beer, wine and fun in a relaxing outdoor environment. Musical acts change weekly. Visit the website for more information (www.HomeSweetFarm.com).

April 13, 20, 27

Wine Down Fridays

Relax on the back porch with a glass of wine, cheese try, and friends to watch the end of the day disappear, 3pm until sun set, Pleasant Hill Winery, 1441 Salem Rd., Brenham (www.PleasantHillWinery.com).

April 13-15, 20-22, 27-29

Brazos Valley Brewery Patio Open

Enjoy craft beer with friends, Friday 5-10pm, Saturday 12-8pm, Sunday 1-6pm, 201 W. First St., Downtown Brenham (www.BrazosValleyBrewery.com).

April 14

John P. Coles Home Tours

Experience colonial Texas life in a dogtrot log cabin and the John P. Coles Home, two of the earliest homes in Washington County. Free tours hosted by Independence Historical Society (www.IndependenceTX.com).

April 14-15

Bluebonnet Festival of Texas

More than 250 juried exhibitors (home décor, gardening, artists, craftsmen, jewelry, clothing, etc.), delicious country-style food, live entertainment and music, and tours of the historic community, plus pony rides, petting zoo, face painting, barrel train and more. Sat 9am-6pm; Sun 10am-5pm, Downtown Chappell Hill (www.chappellhillhistoricalsociety.com).

April 14

Paint Your Pet Art Class with Patty Pendergast

No experience necessary. All supplies included. Class \$150, limited spaces, lunch provided, call to reserve spot (979-421-8188, www.puppydawgsandcattails.com).

April 14-15, 21-22, 28-29

Flying Horses Antique Carousel

Ride a piece of history at Fireman's Park, \$1 per rider. Saturdays 11am-4pm and Sundays 1-4pm, 901 N. Park St., Brenham.

April 14

James Dick concert pianist

Solo Piano Virtuosity from the Founder and Artistic Director of Round Top Festival Institute, Steinway pianist James Dick, at Festival Hill in Round Top, 248 Jaster Rd., 3-4:30pm (www.festivalhill.org, 979-249-3129).

April 16-18, 23-25, 30-May 2

Water Aerobic Classes

Classes offer movements to improve range of motion, balance and coordination while strengthening and toning. Classes are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 6-6:45pm, Blue Bell Aquatic Center, 1800 E. Tom Green, Brenham. Monthly Aerobic Pass \$65, Senior \$55, Yearly \$600, Senior \$550 (www.cityofbrenham.org).

April 16-18, 23-25, 30-May 2

Beginning Wellness

Let the BBAC aid in your rehabilitation. Classes at 5pm, Blue Bell Aquatic Center, 1800 E. Tom Green, Brenham. Monthly Aerobic Pass \$65, Senior \$55, Yearly \$600, Senior \$550 (www.cityofbrenham.org).

April 16

Play Reading Club

For people who enjoy reading plays aloud and discussing them with like-minded theatre fans. No acting experience necessary, join or simply listen. Contact Kate Revnell-Smith (979-830-1460 ext. 12, www.unitybrenham.org).

April 16

Brenham Choral Society Spring Concert

Choral Society to partner with Cypress Creek Community Chorale to sing Mozart. Two selections include "Coronation Mass" and Solemn Vespers". Free with reception following, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 2310 Airline Dr., Brenham, 7-8pm (www.stpetersbrenham.org).

April 17

Senior Day at

Brenham Veterinary Hospital

Pet parents over the age of 50 receive 15% off wellness exams, vaccinations and spays/neuters on the third Tuesday of each month, 2455 Hwy 290 West, call for appointment (979-836-2472, www.brenhamvethospital.com).

April 17

Better Choices Better Health

Classes given by Gail Cole RN BSN & Suzanne Vickers RN BSN, Community Wellness and Diabetes Center, 2111 S. Day St., Brenham, 9-11am (979-830-5017).

April 17

Diabetes Self-Management Program

Classes on Diabetes Self-Management Program given by Becky Kubicek RD LD CDE, Community Wellness and Diabetes Center, 2111 S. Day St., Brenham, 1:30-4pm, 979-830-5017.

April 17

Seniorcise

Instructed by Gail Cole RN BSN, Community Wellness and Diabetes Center, 2111 S. Day St., Brenham, 1:30-3:30pm (830-5017).

April 17

Ribbon Cutting - Dumas Walker Cafe

Join in celebrating with the new owner at 1505 W. Main St., Brenham, 2:30pm.

April 17, 19, 24, 26

Play in the Clay

One night make your own pieces, return a second night to decorate/glaze. \$80 per person for 2 classes, Tuesday and Thursdays from 7-9 pm. Arrangements can be made for other nights. Reserve seats (979-289-3765, www.BluebonnetPottery.com).

April 18

Learn Well Live Well/Diabetes Refresh

Classes at Baylor Scott & White Wellness and Diabetes Center, 2111 S. Day St., Brenham, 12-1pm, 979-830-5017.

April 18

Kids Klub Xtreme

A Core Essentials production at First Baptist Church for Grades 1-4, kids and families welcome, no dropoffs. Free dinner served at 6pm, music, acting/drama, fun family event, Brenham First Baptist Church, 302 Pahl St.

April 19-21

Spring Open Collection Days

Non-hazardous materials only. County residents only must present proof of residence and ID upon arrival. Citizens Collection Station, 2009 Old Chappell Hill Rd., Brenham, 8am-5pm.

April 19

YPO Happy Hour at Jet Set Chocolates

Join the Young Professionals Organization of Washington County for food, drinks, networking and prizes, 5-7pm, Jet Set Chocolates, 2403 S. Market St., Brenham.

April 19

Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Featuring Haylie Bagwell, Ed Gary, Lynn Landry and the Bluebonnet Opry House Band, doors open at 5:30pm, food served at 6pm, show starts at 7:30pm, \$5 admission (www.FriendsOfBluebonnetOpry.com).

April 19

Dine In to Reach Out

Major fundraiser for St. Peter's Episcopal Church's outreach ministries. Beneficiaries are BTXLA, Burton Bridge Ministries, Community Food Security Initiative, silent and live auctions. 2310 Airline Dr., Brenham, 6-8:30pm (www.stpetersbrenham.org).

April 19-22, 26-29

"Becky's New Car" at Unity Theatre

Performances and ticket prices are listed online (www.UnityBrenham.org).

April 20 - April 22

Poetry at Round Top

Presenting the nation's most exciting and prominent poets over three days of readings, workshops, and conversations on craft, 248 Jaster Rd, Round Top (www.poetryatroundtop.org).

April 20-21

Disneymania

Brenham Children's Chorus ensembles present "Disneymania" with classic Disney selections and musical numbers, Friday 7pm, Saturday 2 and 7pm (www.brenhamchildrenschorus.com).

April 21

Burton Cotton Gin Festival

Folk life demonstrations, non-stop entertainment under the Roy Winkler Family Pavilion, bubblegum blowing contest, pie-eating contest and seed pulling contest, children's barnyard, Kidszone, crafts, antique tractors, engines, farm equipment, vintage cars and more. 9:30am-6pm, Texas Cotton Gin Museum, 307 N. Main St., Burton (www.cottonginmuseum.org).

April 21

Farmers Market at

Washington on the Brazos

Every 3rd Saturday April thru July, fresh vegetables, fruit, baked goods, artisans and much more. An average of 200 cars will be at the park on 3rd Saturday events, 10am-2pm, Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park, 23400 Park Road 12, Washington (www.wheretexasbecametexas.org).

April 21

Let the Good Times Roll!

Crawfish Boil and BBQ

Music provided by The Wild River Band, 11am-3pm, Henkel Square Market, 201 N. Live Oak, Round Top (www.henkelsquareroundtop.com).

Business of the Year Nominations Sought

On June 12, the Washington County Chamber will host the 5th annual Small Business Forum in Brenham. A major highlight of the event will be the presentation of the Small Business of the Year Awards. Your help is needed to nominate a "Business of the Year" in Washington County. Businesses from 1 to 100 employees are eligible. Nominations must be submitted by Friday, April 20.

If you are aware of a local business that you feel is deserving, please nominate them. Consider nominating your own business. Nobody knows your business better than you!

A form is available to pick up at the Washington County Chamber office (314 S. Austin Street, Brenham) and it is available online at www.BrenhamTexas.com. For more information, call (979) 836-3695 or send an email to bizaward@brenham-texas.com.



NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

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April 21

Live Music by Mitch Marcoulier

Local musician plays familiar tunes while you shop, friendly leashed dogs welcome. Serving wine. Puppy Dawgs and Cat Tails, 321 S. Baylor St., Downtown Brenham, 1-5pm (www.puppydawgsandcattails.com).

April 21

The Vinyl Stripes Concert at Simon Theatre

From 50's Rockabilly to 60's Surf Jams, Boppin Swing, Vintage Rock and Roll and instrumental guitar jams, 111 West Main St., Downtown Brenham, 7-9pm (www.thebarnhillcenter.com).

April 22

FFA Pork Steak and Sausage Drive-Thru

Pork steak/sausage drive-thru fundraiser, Washington County Fairgrounds (Michel Draehn, 979-421-2807).

April 25

Brenham Area Real Estate Investors and Landlords Meeting

Helping new and experienced investors in real estate investing/landlording, networking opportunities, vendors welcome, at Citizens State Bank, 2007 St. Day St.,

Brenham, 11:30am-1pm (512-468-3235, jamesh7213@gmail.com).

April 25

Admin Pros Appreciation Luncheon

Featuring guest speaker LaDonna Gatlin, Blinn Banquet Room, 11:30am-1pm, \$25 for Chamber members, Reserved corporate tables \$260 (979-836-3695, events@brenhamtexas.com).

April 25

Stress Busting for Family Caregivers

Classes by Gail Cole RN BSN & Suzanne Vickers RN BSN, Baylor Scott and White Community Wellness and Diabetes Center, 2111 S. Day St., Brenham, 2-3:30pm.

April 25

Kids Fun Day

Recognizing April as Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month. Enjoy hot dogs, ice cream, face painting, games and more. Open to the public. CASA for Kids, 1500 S. Day St., 3-7pm.

April 26

Central Texas Beekeepers Association meeting

Meeting in the VIP Building at Washington County Fairgrounds, Brenham (www.centraltexasbeekeepers.org).

April 26

Ladies Soup & Salad Supper

Brenham Elks Lodge 979 annual all you can eat event. Dine-in only. Doors open 5:30, meal 6:30pm, 400 E. Germania St., Brenham, \$20 ticket (836-2261 or 661-6315).

April 26

Open Mic Poetry Night

April is National Poetry Month, read one of your poems aloud! Open to youth and adults, emerging and established writers. Round Top Family Library (713-408-6411, lqguidry@hotmail.com, www.ilovetoread.org).

April 25-May 8

Maifest from the Vault

Largest Maifest exhibit to date, at Simon Theatre, 111 W. Main St., Tuesdays and Saturdays 1-5pm, on May 4 from 1-5pm and May 5 from 1-3pm.

April 28

Maifest Color Run

2nd annual Maifest Color Run is a 1 mile untimed event starting at 9am. Adults and kids are welcome to join, proceeds benefit Maifest Costumes Scholarship Fund. Henderson Park, Brenham. Advanced registration \$18, day-of registration \$20 (www.maifest.org).

April 28

Baylor University Bella Voce Concert

An evening of angelic music at Independence Baptist Church (old church), 6-7pm, free (979-251-9227).

May Highlights

May 4-5

128th Annual Brenham Maifest

Experience the authentic tastes and sounds of German heritage with a colorful parade, quality arts and crafts booths, carnival, and live music at Fireman's Park, Brenham. Full details online (www.Maifest.org).

May 8

Wake Up, Washington County! Networking Breakfast

Sponsored by Compassionate Care Hospice and held at Boys & Girls Club, 1710 E. Tom Green St., Brenham, 7:45am.

May 10

Ribbon Cutting – Tippit Dental Group

Join in welcoming this new member, 501 Medical Parkway, Brenham, 3pm.



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