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## Award-winning Speaker to appear at Admin Pros Appreciation Luncheon

*Tickets are now on sale!*

For more than 20 years, keynote speaker Julie Alexander has served clients from a variety of industries, including healthcare, education, manufacturing, government, technology, energy, legal and financial services.

Her company, Great Teams-Great Results, is located in the Dallas area. Julie believes that great people create great teams which create great results. She is passionate about helping people learn the skills and cultivate the attitudes necessary to achieve happier, healthier lives and successful business outcomes.

Her luncheon presentation is titled: **"Beach Balls, Towels, and Thunderstorms: How to Have More Great Days at Work!"**

Reserved tables and individuals tickets are now on sale until April 18 for this year's Administra-

tive 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.

The event will be held on Wednesday, April 24, from 11:30am - 1pm in the Blinn College Student Center Banquet Room in Brenham.

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



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### "CONNECT AFTER 5" WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT

SPONSORED BY:

## Blinn College Foundation

706 College Ave., Brenham  
Thursday, May 23 from 5-7 p.m.

*Unwind after work and expand your network!*

*Meet other Chamber members and generate new business contacts.*

*Enjoy food and drinks, learn what's new in the community, and exchange business cards and brochures.*

*Free for Chamber members and employees!*

*Beverages sponsored by Mike Hopkins Distributing.*



*Save the Date - June 5*

The Washington County Chamber will co-host the annual Small Business Forum with the Burleson County Chamber and Navasota-Grimes County Chamber on Wednesday, June 5, at the Washington County Fairgrounds Event 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

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# Ribbon Cuttings



Lifetime Learning Announcement

## 2019 READ Book

READ co-chairs: Shirley Herring and Cindy Nash  
Lifetime Learning president: Carol Muegge



New Member

## Orman's Steakhouse

Owner: Isidro Sanchez  
2100 U.S. 290 East, Brenham



New Location

## Focusing Families

Executive Director: Kim Goodrum-Mathis  
124 W. Commerce St., Suite A, Brenham



Remodel

## Brenham National Bank

President: Tee Dippel  
2211 South Day Street, Brenham



**CRASE**  
(Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events)  
Presented by Sergeant Todd Ashorn

**Wednesday, May 8**  
**Noon—1**  
City of Brenham Police Department  
2nd Floor Training Room  
1800 Longwood Dr., Brenham

**\$10**

*Includes lunch. Must RSVP and pay in advance.  
Seating is limited.*

Register online:  
[BrenhamTexas.com/pages/ypolunch](http://BrenhamTexas.com/pages/ypolunch)




## “Wake Up, Washington County!” Networking Breakfast

**Thursday, May 9**  
Starts at 7:45 a.m.

**Margaret E. Blizzard Senior Activity Center**  
1301 E. Tom Green St., Brenham

*Host Sponsor:*  
**Padgett Hearing Aid Center**

*Breakfast Sponsor:*  
**Express Employment Professionals**

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 24**  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Hosted at Small Business Development Center at Blinn College**  
108 Blinn Blvd., Brenham

Expand your business network and make new friends!

For more information about the Washington County YPO, send your contact information to [washcoypo@gmail.com](mailto:washcoypo@gmail.com), or visit online: [www.Facebook.com/YPOwashingtoncounty](http://www.Facebook.com/YPOwashingtoncounty)

## Promote Your Business as a Breakfast Sponsor

“Wake Up, Washington County!” These networking events are held quarterly at various locations. You will meet other members and learn about their businesses as well as have the opportunity to inform others about your products and services. You will also hear updates from the Chamber about what is going on in the community.

For Chamber members, there is no admission to attend. Two sponsors are sought for each event and it provides a huge amount of exposure and publicity. There is a site sponsorship and a food sponsorship, both \$200.

This event is a great way to promote your business. Your business name will be included on the invitations that all Chamber members receive, and you will be given recognition and additional time to talk about your business at the breakfast event.

Contact Jane Hinze at the Chamber for more info: [jane@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:jane@brenhamtexas.com) or 979-836-3695.



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# New Chamber Members

## DDM METAL BUILDINGS

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 steve@ddmbuildings.com  
 www.ddmbuildings.com  
*Building Materials*

## KAT-BIRD CYCLERY

Owner: Eric Hickam  
 702 E. Academy Street  
 Brenham, Texas 77833  
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 Erictime@msn.com  
 www.Kat-Bird.com  
*Bicycle Repair & Sales*

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Contact: Jody Schulz  
 3705 S. College Avenue (Physical Address)  
 Bryan, Texas 77801  
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 College Station, Texas 77842  
 Phone: 979-774-4713  
 namibvtx@yahoo.com  
 www.namibv.org  
*Non Profits Clubs & Organizations*

## THE FLAMINGO RANCH

Owner: Erica Farmer  
 2809 HWY 290W  
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 Phone: 979-203-0400  
 theflamingoranch@hotmail.com  
 www.theflamingoranch.com  
*Clothing & Accessories*

## New Blue Blazer

# Tina B. Henderson, PhD



Dr. Tina B. Henderson is the founding consultant of Ash and Ash Consulting. For the past 10 years, she has also been a part-time professor in the Department of Human Services with the University of Phoenix, instructing courses around management, leadership, grant writing, and research and statistics. She earned her doctoral degree in Educational Psychology (now Human Development and Psychology) from the University of California, Los Angeles.

During her tenure there, Henderson spent more than 25 years in management and conducting behavioral research at the university, community, and in private settings.

As a consultant with Ash and Ash

Consulting, she draws from her extensive experiences to help non- and for-profits strengthen their organizations by offering grant writing, staff trainings, program development, program evaluation, quality assurance audits, and strategic planning facilitation. Born and raised in Brenham, her adventures began in 1982 when she joined the United States Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA. Henderson returned home two years ago to be closer to family and to continue her adventures with her Brenham friends and family.

To find out more about Ash and Ash Consulting, visit [ashandashconsulting.com](http://ashandashconsulting.com), email [ashandashconsulting@yahoo.com](mailto:ashandashconsulting@yahoo.com) or call 800-690-6407.

# Renewing Members

RR Donnelley — 46 years  
 Wal-Mart Supercenter — 39 years  
 Schleider Furniture Company, Inc. — 37 years  
 Herrmann International — 34 years  
 Woodson Lumber Company — 34 years  
 Texas Commercial Waste — 29 years  
 Eye Associates of Brazos Valley — 20 years  
 Heritage Texas Country Properties-Cathy Cole — 16 years

Quebe Guesthouse — 13 years  
 RE/MAX Advantage-Pam Green — 10 years  
 Dominos Pizza — 4 years  
 Brenham Technical Services, LLC — 3 years  
 Pizzaiolo's Brenham Inc — 3 years  
 The Barnhill Center at Historic Simon Theater — 3 years  
 Steve Baur — 2 years  
 Tegg Art Studio — 2 years



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



### Thank you to our Presidential Level members ...



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

Contact the Chamber ASAP to sign up for the 2019-2020 program! The investment is only \$50 and you and your employees can make a big impact on the future of our local workforce.

Thank you to these dedicated Partners for P.E.A.C.E. who continue to make 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**
- Blue Bell Creameries**
- Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative**
- Boys & Girls Club of Washington County**
- Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union**
- Brenham National Bank**
- Burton Chamber of Commerce**
- Citizens State Bank**
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- Creatively Yours**
- Germania Insurance**
- Hospice Brazos Valley**
- Independence Coffee Company**
- Mid-Continental Insurance Services, Inc.**
- Padgett Hearing Aid Center**
- Personnel Services**
- RE/MAX Advantage**
- Seidel Schroeder**
- Thielemann Construction Co., L.P.**
- Unity Theatre**
- Westwood Cinema 6**

Be on the lookout for creative things to happen at these local businesses as their employees promote and demonstrate HOPE during the month. If you interact with students in grades K-4 in local public schools, be sure to talk to them about the Value of the Month and enhance what they are learning in school and out in the community. Everyone in the community can help reinforce these Core Essential Values in our youth.

**The Value of the Month for April:**



# Luncheon

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Thank you to these Superior Sponsors:  
**Berkeley Eye Center**  
**Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union**  
**Focused Care at Brenham**  
 ...and to these Elite Sponsors:  
**Independence Coffee Co.**  
**Personnel Services**

Tickets are \$25 per person for Chamber Members, \$35 for non-members, and \$250 for a Reserved Table for eight. Please contact the Chamber by April 18th to make a reservation: 979-836-3695 or events@brenhamtexas.com. Tickets can also be purchased online at brenhamtexas.com/pages/admin-pro-luncheon.

# Forum

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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 announce-

ment of the 2019 Small Business of the Year awards. In 2018, Bliss Candy Company took home the award for the 1-25 employee category, while South Texas Tack won the 26+ employees category. Past winners are 2017 – Independence Coffee Co. and Del Sol Food Company; 2016 – KWIK KOPY Business Center and Glasco & Company Land-

scaping; 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.



# Reasons Buying Locally Benefits You

1. Right now, while this community is wanting to support local law enforcement and first responders, make this a priority in your family. Keep your dollars here.
2. By shopping in Washington County and paying local sales tax, your dollars stay here to fund city and county operations such as roads and bridges, parks, the library, police and fire departments and more.
3. Local businesses give better support to YOUR community groups. Non-profit groups receive an average of 350% more charitable support from local businesses than they do from non-locally owned businesses.
4. Local businesses make up the largest employer base, giving more jobs to YOU and YOUR family.
5. YOU get more knowledgeable and friendlier customer service. You get to know your local merchants, and they get to know YOU.
6. Spending \$100 at a local independent business creates a ripple effect of \$45 in additional local economic activity.
7. Shopping locally saves YOU gas and time.
8. Local businesses preserve and enhance the unique character of Washington County. This makes it special for YOU and attractive for others to come spend their money here.
9. Shopping locally allows YOU to stay in better touch with YOUR neighbors and the local pulse of YOUR community.
10. Local businesses are more likely to utilize local advertising, banks, insurance companies and other local services.

# Leadership Explores Agri-Business

The March session of Leadership Washington County was held on a perfect Spring day in Washington County and it was all about agriculture and agri-business.

The day started by traveling to Peek-a Ranch Alpaca farm in Burton where owner La Nell McMahon greeted the class 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 then traveled across the county to Independence to visit the Antique Rose Emporium. Owners Mike and Jean Shoup gave a history of their operation, which began more than 35 years ago, and lead a tour through the grounds.

The class then traveled down the road to Miracle Farm. They heard a presentation from Celeste Dickschat and her son Trevor of the Washington County Wildlife Society. They then enjoyed a delicious meal on-site. During lunch, several of the boys who are residents at Miracle Farm sat with Leadership par-

ticipants, talked about their lives, and asked about the adults' lives.

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 all about Local Civics and Community Engagement.

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 Jane Hinze if you are interested in being a session facilitator for the August 2019– May 2020 program.



It was a beautiful Spring day to hear from Antique Rose Emporium owners Mike and Jean Shoup.



Celeste and Trevor Dickschat talk about the Washington County Wildlife Society.



Peeka Ranch owner La Nell McMahon introduces the class to one of the new baby alpacas.



The group enjoyed feeding the alpacas at Peek-a Ranch.



The group enjoyed a demonstration from the boys at Miracle Farm.

# Stay Local, Play Local



## Chappell Hill Bluebonnet Festival

On April 13 and 14, come out to the little town on the hill and shop with over 250 arts and craft vendors and enjoy musical entertainment throughout the day. Bring the kids! Tons of children's activities. Admission is FREE! Parking is available for \$5 per vehicle. Visit [chappellhillhistoricalsociety.com](http://chappellhillhistoricalsociety.com) for a schedule of events.



## Easter Egg Fun for Kids at Antique Rose Emporium

Friday, April 19, and Saturday, April 20, head out to the Antique Rose Emporium for Easter fun with the kids. Friday and Saturday will be an Easter egg hunt at 11am, a ladybug release and free Blue Bell ice cream. Arrive early and be ready, because the hunt doesn't last long!

## Burton Cotton Gin Festival

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 27, for Burton's 30th annual family-fun festival. Gin tours, parade, auctions, live music, folk life demonstrations, tractor pull, petting zoo, crafts, and much more. Free admission and parking, 10am - 6pm.

## Sundown Social

The annual Sundown Social fundraiser will take place on April 27 to benefit Washington on the Brazos State Park Association. The evening will include a gourmet chuck wagon steak dinner by Jimmy Detro, cocktails, Kelly Willis & Bruce Robison concert and auctions filled with Texian treasures. More information can be found on the Washington on the Brazos website at [www.wheretexasbecametexas.org](http://www.wheretexasbecametexas.org) under the Events tab. Tickets to the Sundown Social should be purchased before April 19. Call 979-830-1824 or contact [office@wheretexasbecametexas.org](mailto:office@wheretexasbecametexas.org).

## Brenham Maifest

Experience the authentic tastes and sounds of Brenham's German heritage with a colorful parade, quality arts and crafts booths, a carnival, and live music during Maifest, May 3-4. The parade will be in Downtown Brenham on Saturday at 10:30am. All other activities take place at Fireman's Park Friday & Saturday. See the website for a full schedule of events, [www.maifest.org](http://www.maifest.org). Admission, parking, shopping & live music is free. There are fees for carnival rides, food & drink, and the Junior & Senior Coronations.

## Working for YOU.

*As a Chamber member, your promotional information is seen by thousands of people every month.*

### WALK-INS

Chamber of Commerce  
March 2019 — 439

### WEBSITE

[www.BrenhamTexas.com](http://www.BrenhamTexas.com)

<i>Unique Visitors</i>	<i>Total Pages</i>
March 2019 — 6,379	March 2019 — 15,995

## Did You Know?

That the Chamber provides hundreds of "Relocation Info" packages every year to individuals and businesses who are considering moving to this community. Members are eligible to include promotional materials and reach this targeted audience for \$100 at the Basic Level and \$85 for the other membership levels. Contact the Chamber office to be included.

### Washington County Chamber of Commerce

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# Business Spotlights

## CASA for Kids of South Central Texas

CASA for Kids of South Central Texas advocates for the best interests of abused and neglected children in court through the training and support of community volunteers, CASAs. Court Appointed Special Advocates are the constant for a child in the foster care system. Almost every 8 minutes, a child becomes a victim in the state of Texas; that's 56 children entering the system daily. In 2018 CASA served almost 200 children in the four counties they service.

Numerous ways to help the children in your community - Advocate, Board, Crusader, Sponsor, Donor. Contact 979.277.0088 or [wespeak4kids.org](http://wespeak4kids.org) for more information. It truly does take a village!

There will be an Open House & Building Dedication on April 27th from 1-3 PM at 1500 S. Day Street in Brenham. Come celebrate the many supporters, highlighting The Moody Foundation and The Meadows Foundation, who were instrumental in helping purchase their forever home on Day St. Deanna Warmke, Executive Director, 1500 S. Day St., Brenham.



## Get Noticed

The ChamberWorks newsletter is published inside The Banner-Press. Chamber members have the opportunity to advertise in this newsletter. Rates start at only \$25 per month.

If you are looking for a new opportunity to advertise, just call Jane Hinze at 836-3695.

Another great way to promote your organization is through targeted emails. The Chamber will forward your "e-message" to all members, as long as it meets certain criteria. For non-profits, it should not have a strong-sell for sponsorships or donations. The message should be newsworthy, typically about an upcoming event. For regular businesses, it should also be about upcoming special events, as long as there is no purchase required for the reader to experience the event.

E-messages are sent a maximum of once per quarter per member during each calendar year.

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# What's Happening in March

*Thru May*  
**"Two Fold" Art Exhibit**  
 By Sara Dimitt Waters at the Back Lot Gallery. Sara uses acrylic paint on wood to express a two fold story of the dysfunction of the status quo. All art available for purchase, 308 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham, Fri. & Sat. 12-7pm, Sun. 12-4pm (BackLotGallery.com).

*April 11*  
**Ribbon Cutting - Vintage Farms Subdivision by Stylecraft Builders**  
 Join us for a Ribbon Cutting for a business expansion, 1020 Trellis Pass off Hwy. 36 N., Brenham, 3:30pm.

*April 11-14*  
**CHHS Museum Book Sale**  
 Magazines, books, extra large books, Chappell Hill Historical Society Museum, 9220 Poplar St., Chappell Hill, Th - Sat 10-4, Sun 10-5 (chappellhillmuseum.org).

*April 11-14, 18-20, 25-28*  
**Live Music at Home Sweet Farm**  
 In the biergarten enjoy live music, craft beer, wine and fun outdoors, 307 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham (HomeSweetFarm.com).

*April 11-14, 18-20, 25-28*  
**Brazos Valley Brewery Patio Open**  
 Enjoy craft beer with friends, Thurs 4-8, Fri 4-10pm, Sat 12-8pm, Sun 1-6pm, 201 W. First St., Downtown Brenham (www.BrazosValleyBrewery.com).

*April 11*  
**The Brenham Children Chorus presents "Musical Montage"**  
 The Brenham Children's Chorus Presents The Premier Performance of Encore High School & College Ensemble. Appetizers at 6:30 p.m., program 7-9pm, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 2310 Airline Drive, Brenham. Tickets \$15 adults, \$7 students, \$5 12years and under.

*April 11-14*  
**Unity Theatre Presents - "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie**  
 A mystery thriller directed by Kate Revnell-Smith. Set in the 1940's, this perfect com-

ination of thriller and detective story will keep you guessing to the very final moment. (UnityBrenham.org).

*Thru May 31*  
**Wine Down on the Deck**  
 "Wine Down" on the relaxing deck of Pleasant Hill Winery every Friday in March, April and May. Cheeseboards available, 3pm - sunset, 1441 Salem Rd., Brenham (PleasantHillWinery.com).

*April 12-13*  
**Fire & Ice BBQ Cookoff**  
 Independence Town Square, FM 390. Visit the Independence Community Events Facebook page for more info or call 979-836-4211, 277-5857.

*April 12-13, 19-20, 26-27*  
**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 (TheKenneyStore.com).

*April 12*  
**Advocate Training for CASA for Kids**  
 Volunteer your time, 9am-3pm, 1500 S. Day St. Call 979-277-0088 for more information.

*April 12*  
**Brenham Fire Department Fish Fry**  
 All-you-can-eat fish fry, 5:30-8pm, Fireman's Training Center, Brenham, \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Call 979-337-7300.

*April 13*  
**Bluebonnet Fun Fly**  
 Brenham R/C Airplane Club. Rustic field, no water, no electric \$15 landing fee, pilot lunch provided. Current AMA required, spectators welcome, 2080 Navasota Rd., Brenham. Contact David Ebers at deberrsr@gmail.com.

*April 13*  
**Blue Bell Fun Run**  
 Kids Mile, 5K, 10K, Half Marathon and Team Events. Sign up online at bluebellfunrun.com or the morning of at Brenham High School, 525 A.H. Ehrig Drive.

*April 13-14*  
**Bluebonnet Festival**  
 Over 250 arts and craft vendors, musical entertainment, tons of children's activities. Admission is free, parking is available for \$5 per vehicle, Downtown Chappell Hill (chappellhillmuseum.org),

*April 13*  
**The Antique Rose Emporium Fragrance Gallery**  
 Experience the amazing and varying scents of many of the roses in bloom, 10000 FM 50, Brenham, 9am-5:30pm (antiqueroseemporium.com).

*April 13*  
**Coles Settlement Spring Tours**  
 Tours of J.P. Coles home, one room school house and dog trot log home at 8420 Old Baylor College Rd., Brenham, 10am-4pm. Call Peggy Ward at 979-251-9227.

*Thru October*  
**Flying Horses Antique Carousel**  
 Ride a piece of history at Fireman's Park, \$1 per rider. Saturdays 11am-4pm and Sundays 1-4pm, (excluding Easter weekend), 901 N. Park St., Brenham.

*April 13*  
**Cool Nights, Hot Tunes Concert**  
 Fun in Downtown Brenham the evening after the Blue Bell Fun Run and Chappell Hill Bluebonnet Festival. Free concert, 6-11pm (DowntownBrenham.com).

*April 14-21*  
**Stations in the Street**  
 Redeemer Church Brenham in conjunction with Back Lot Gallery is excited to present "Station in the Street" a public display of the Stations of the Cross exhibit created by artist Scott Erickson. Opens Palm Sunday at 5pm and continues to be available for public viewing and meditation throughout the Easter season. North wall of Back Lot Gallery, 308 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham (redeemberbrenham.org).

*April 14, 20-21*  
**Parlor Games and Music**  
 Play with the past and get fun ideas from a world without electronics, Barrington

Living History Farm at Washington on the Brazos, 23400 Park Rd. 12, Washington, 10am-4pm (www.WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

*April 15, 22, 29*  
**Open Mic Mondays**  
 Every Monday night at 4 Star SideBar. Sign ups start at 4pm, open mic 6pm, Happy Hour 4-7pm, 209 S. Market St., Downtown Brenham (4starbrenham.com).

*April 16*  
**Ribbon Cutting - Dooley Home Inspection**  
 Join in welcoming new Chamber Member, Dooley Home Inspection. Ceremony will be held at the Chamber of Commerce, 314 S. Austin St., Brenham, 2pm.

*April 16*  
**Republican Club of Washington County**  
 Monthly meeting at Blinn College Banquet Room. Guest Speaker Dr. Alma Arredondo-Lynch, 6-8pm.

*April 18*  
**Autoimmune Secrets**  
 Discover true causes of autoimmune conditions & how to prevent and reverse symptoms. Episode 7: Learning How to Heal. Episode airs from 1-6pm, Nancy Carol Roberts Library, Brenham.

*April 18*  
**Homeschool Acting Class - Spring Showcase**  
 Students present Aristophanes' The Frogs, a comedy adapted by I.E. Clark, 1-3pm, Unity Theatre, 300 Church St., Downtown Brenham (UnityBrenham.org).

*April 18*  
**Ribbon Cutting - Scrubs N Stuff Boutique, LLC**  
 Join in welcoming new business and Chamber Member, Scrubs N Stuff Boutique, 214 E. Alamo, Downtown Brenham, 4pm.

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## Washington County Blue Blazers

The Blue Blazers is a club with 15-20 members and more than 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.

**Michael Branton**  
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# Calendar

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April 18

## Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Featuring Lorraine Chavana, Ed Gary, Tim McCasland and the Bluebonnet Opry House Band, doors open at 5:30pm, food served at 6pm, show starts at 7:30pm, \$7 admission.

April 19

## Ribbon Cutting - Organic Hemp Botanicals

Join in welcoming new business and Chamber Member, Organic Hemp Botanicals, 100 E. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham, 10:30am.

April 19-20

## The Antique Rose Emporium Easter Celebration

Two of Easter eggs hunts (11 am both days), a photo op with the Easter bunny, ladybug release and free ice cream, 10000 FM 50, Brenham, 11am (antiqueroseemporium.com).

April 19

## 7 Last Words of Christ by Dubois

The Brenham Choral Society presents a concert of "The 7 Last Words of Christ" by Dubois. Joel Plaag will conduct. The concert is free with a reception following. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 2310 Airline Dr., Brenham, 7-8pm (stpetersbrenham.org).

April 20

## Living History Saturday

Family activities including quill pen writing, signing a copy of the Texas Declaration of Independence, visiting with militia soldiers and playing early Texas games (936-878-2214, ext. 228, WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

April 20

## "Runaway Scrape" Escape Room

Blinn College's Star of the Republic Museum invites you a Texas-themed escape room, admission \$15 adults, \$13 students 18 and under, \$10 Blinn employees and students. Advance reservations (www.starmuseum.org).

April 20

## Farmers Market at Washington on the Brazos

Under the live oaks at the Visitor's Center. Buy local and support area farmers. Fresh vegetables, fruit, baked goods, artisans and much more. Held rain or shine. Washington on the Brazos State Park, 23400 Park Rd. 12, Washington, 10am-2pm (wheretexasbecametexas.org).

April 23

## Dinner and a Marriage

Dinner and a Marriage® is a very special date night for married couples. This event will be held at Funky Art Café, 202 W. Commerce St., Downtown Brenham. Space is limited. All Dinner and a Marriage® registrations are now made online at homeencouragement.org.

April 24

## Administrative Professionals Appreciation Luncheon

To say "thank you" to the hard-working people who are often behind the scenes in local businesses, this special

luncheon is hosted for employers to bring key staff to enjoy, held at Blinn College in the Banquet Room. Guest Speaker, Julie Alexander. Tickets are \$25 for Chamber Members, \$35 for non-members. Reserved tables are also available for groups of 8 (BrenhamTexas.com/pages/admin-pro-luncheon).

April 24

## Brenham Area Real Estate Investors and Landlords Meeting

Helping new and experienced investors in real estate investing, landlording and networking, vendors welcome, at Citizens State Bank, 2007 St. Day St., Brenham, 11:30am-1pm (512-468-3235, jamesh7213@gmail.com).

April 25

## Central Texas Beekeepers Association meeting

In the VIP Building at Washington County Fairgrounds, Brenham. Advisory Council 4:30pm, Apprentice Youth Program 5:30pm, Pot Luck Meal 6:30pm, presentation 7:30pm (www.centraltexasbeekeepers.org).

April 25

## Young Professionals Organization Happy Hour

The Blinn College Small Business Development Center is hosting the Young Professionals Organization's monthly Happy Hour in April. Food, drinks, prizes, and meet other young professionals in Washington County, 108 Blinn Blvd, Brenham, 5-7pm.

April 26

## storyPLAY!

Unity Theatre and Nancy Carol Roberts Library offer drama activities for children 4-8. Professional actress Jamie Ward introduces basic theatre skills through stories, movement and music. A proud Partner for P.E.A.C.E. program that supports helping local kids see that values exist in school, families and throughout communities. Each storyPLAY! event helps reinforce the monthly Core Value. Brenham Library, 10-10:40am, free (UnityBrenham.org/education or cityofbrenham.org/library).

April 27

## Walk With A Doc

Join Baylor Scott & White and the City of Brenham for Walk with a Doc (WWAD) to take a step towards better health, 9am, the Kruse Center - Blinn College. Topic: Public Health & Volunteerism (walkwithadoc.org).

April 27

## 30th Annual Burton Cotton Gin Festival

Be a part of keeping the history and heritage of cotton alive when they fire up the 104 year old Cotton Gin and bale cotton the old-timey way. Polka, bluegrass, food & beverages, vendors, petting zoo, tractor pull. 10am-6m (cottonginmuseum.org).

April 27

## Wiffle Ball Tournament Fundraiser

Tournament Fundraiser benefiting the Volunteer Services

Council towards funding completion of the adaptive sports complex, Hazel Lawson Sports Complex, 4001 Hwy. 36 S., Brenham, 10am-5pm. Contact Kristie Wensel at 832-721-2781 for more information.

April 27

## Back Porch Event Classic Car Show

Music, food, and drinks will be provided. There is no entry fee and no awards will be given. We invite you to bring your Classic and share the passion with other car enthusiasts for the special mixture of mechanics and art that creates an automobile, both old and new. 580 Hwy 237 S., Carmine, 11am-3pm. Call 979-337-8293 for more information.

April 27

## The Antique Rose Emporium Growing Fields Tour

Caravan from the display garden at 10000 FM 50, to get a guided tour of the growing fields at 9300 Lueckemeyer Road, with 100,000 roses and perennials in bloom and on display, 11am-1pm (antiqueroseemporium.com).

April 27

## 2019 Special Open House & Building Dedication

CASA for Kids of South Central Texas invites you to join as they celebrate and say thank you to their generous supporters. There will be refreshments, door prizes, and more. 1500 S. Day St., Brenham, 1-3pm.

April 27

## Split Second Piano Duo

Round Top Festival Institute, 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top, 3-5pm (festivalhill.org).

April 28

## Baylor Chamber Singers

Concert at the old Independence Baptist Church, 10400 FM 50, Brenham, 6-7pm. Free admission. Call 979-251-9227 for more information.

## May Highlights

May 2

### Ribbon Cutting - Board & Brush

Join in welcoming this new business and Chamber Member, Board & Brush, 115 W. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham, 4pm.

May 3-4

### 129th Brenham Maifest

Experience the authentic tastes and sounds of Brenham's German heritage with a colorful parade, quality arts and crafts booths, carnival, and live music. The parade is in Downtown Brenham on Saturday at 10:30am. All other activities take place at Fireman's Park Friday & Saturday (Maifest.org).

May 3-4

### Texas Myotonic Show Down

See the famous Tennessee Fainting Goats, talk to breeders and see the show. Free admission., Washington County Fairground, Livestock Barn 1 (Texasmyotonicshowdown.com). Friday 6pm, Saturday 9am and 2pm.

May 3

### First Fridays Farmer & Artisan Market

Featuring fresh foods, homemade products and more on Baylor St. in Downtown Brenham, 4-7pm (www.downtownbrenham.com).

May 8

### YPO Lunch & Learn

Topic: Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events, presented by Brenham Police Department Sergeant Todd Ashorn. Purchase reservations online at brenhamtexas.com/pages/ypolunch.



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