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## TAILGATE 2019 KICKS OFF AUGUST 22

Who's ready for football season to begin?! Get your team colors ready and be ready for some fun at the Chamber's 12th annual Tailgate Party on Thursday, August 22. Tickets are on sale now for \$40 per person. The Chamber will again host this exciting, tailgate-style event at Silver Wings Ballroom in Brenham. It is the one annu-

al fundraising event for Chamber programs and activities. Everyone in the community is invited. Get some friends together and plan to be there!

Football fever and spirited rivalries will be happening that night...between fans of Texas Longhorns, Texas A&M, Blinn Bucs, TCU Horned Frogs, UH Cougars, Texas Tech Raiders,

Houston Texans, Dallas Cowboys, Burton Panthers, Brenham Cubs and more.

The entire community is invited to attend!

Stop by the Chamber and pick up tickets by August 16. Tickets will not be sold at the door. For the price of \$40 per person, you can enjoy a delicious all-you-can-eat buffet from Design II Catering, foamy cold beverages and wine, live music, a fabulous silent auction, bucket drawings, a "big board" auction, and lots of mingling with colleagues and friends.

The auction is always a major highlight of the evening. Chamber members donate fantastic items! See below for some highlights.

A huge round of applause goes to all of the generous sponsors who are making this night possible. Please join us in thanking them, and then come to the TAILGATE 2019 to enjoy the party with them!

TAILGATE continued on A2

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

SPONSORED BY:

### CHI St. Joseph Primary Care

110 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham

Thursday, Sept. 5 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.*

*Free for Chamber members and employees!*



# Ribbon Cuttings



New Location

## Texas Farm Credit

Branch Manager: Abby Frank  
1301 U.S. 290 East, Brenham  
(979) 836-2572



New Member

## Guild Mortgage

Manager: Mason Dumas  
2402 S. Day Street, Brenham  
(530) 249-6605



New Member

## Ruby Salon and Boutique

Owner: Sydni Brannon  
2807 U.S. 290 West, Brenham  
(979) 551-1081



New Member

## Carol's Quilt Shop

Owner: Carol Thelen  
5145 Main St., Chappell Hill  
(832) 640-2923



New Member

## Kat-Bird Cyclery

Owner: Eric and Katrina Hickam  
702 E. Academy St., Brenham  
(512) 585-4319

# Tailgate

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Here's a peek at just a few of the auction items you can bid on at the Tailgate Party. A complete list of all donations will be in next month's newsletter to recognize all the fantastic donations from Chamber member businesses.

### Washington County Wine Trail for 8 with Transportation

Donated by Pleasant Hill Winery,  
Saddlehorn Winery,  
Texas Star Winery and Windy Winery

### Steak Dinner for 20 at Miracle Farm

Donated by Miracle Farm  
and Chamber Board Members

### Brew, Crew & BBQ Party for 12

Donated by Brazos Valley  
Brewing Company and LJ's BBQ

### Crawfish Boil for 20

Donated Kruse Village

### Board & Brush Party for 4

Donated by Board & Brush Brenham

### Weekend Getaway for 2 or 4

Donated by Camelia Farm

### Backyard Tailgate Package

Donated by various businesses

...and much much more!

This is the only fundraising event of the year for the Chamber. All proceeds are put back into the community in the form of programs and services to enhance the business industry and economic climate. Join the crowd on Aug. 22. Enjoy this great opportunity to support your community, promote your business, and have fun at the same time!

## Get Noticed...

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

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.



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# Renewing Members

July 1-31

Mike Hopkins Distributing Company, Inc. — 48 years  
 Dahmann & Associates, LLC — 42 years  
 Mark Hyatt State Farm Insurance Agency — 40 years  
 Gary L. Appelt, M.D., P.A. — 38 years  
 Heritage Society of Washington County — 38 years  
 John Brieden State Farm Insurance — 38 years  
 Miracle Farm — 37 years  
 Washington County Fair Association — 35 years  
 Nueces Canyon Ranch — 32 years  
 Brenham Country Club — 30 years  
 Lube Rite, Inc. — 30 years  
 Discount Trees of Brenham — 29 years  
 Live Oak Resort — 29 years  
 Coach Light Inn Motel — 26 years  
 Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park Assoc — 26 years  
 Brenham Collision Center — 25 years  
 Moorman Tate, LLP — 25 years  
 Durham School Services — 23 years  
 Best Western Inn of Brenham — 22 years  
 LaBahia Antiques LLC — 22 years  
 Margie Routt Young — 22 years  
 Rothermel, Beth A. — 21 years  
 Countryside Lighting Co. — 20 years  
 Robert's Service Station & Grocery L.L.C. — 20 years  
 K & M Grocery — 19 years

Lois Kolkhorst — 19 years  
 Brenham Housing Authority — 17 years  
 A & L Hot Oil Service — 16 years  
 Brazos Valley Foot Care — 16 years  
 Brenham Cemetery Association — 16 years  
 Jim & Ellen Ellison — 16 years  
 First Finance — 16 years  
 Kenjura Tile, Inc. — 16 years  
 Pomegranate/Funky Art Cafe — 16 years  
 St. Peter's Episcopal Church — 16 years  
 Bluebonnet Pottery & Gift Gallery — 14 years  
 Brenham Grill — 14 years  
 Pape Scapes — 13 years  
 Hampton Inn & Suites — 10 years  
 M. C. Byrd Wealth Management — 10 years  
 Don C. Wilhelm — 10 years  
 K & W Dozer Service — 9 years  
 Peggy Kramer — 9 years  
 Ladco Construction Company Inc. — 9 years  
 Chappell Hill Bakery & Deli, LLC — 8 years  
 Mr. & Mrs. Glen Prenzler — 8 years  
 Washington County Ladies Lions Club — 8 years  
 Carson Campbell — 7 years  
 CENTURY 21 Holton Realty — 7 years  
 QuestSpecialty Corporation — 7 years

We Manage Properties — 7 years  
 1st Step Dog Training & Grooming — 6 years  
 Arts for Rural Texas (ARTS) — 6 years  
 M Bar Land & Cattle, LP — 6 years  
 Mid-Continental Insurance Services, Inc. — 6 years  
 Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church — 6 years  
 Round Top Real Estate — 6 years  
 TC Ranch Ventures — 5 years  
 Texas Star Winery — 5 years  
 Lighthouse Business Solutions — 4 years  
 Associated Credit Union of Texas — 3 years  
 Cornerstone Brenham — 3 years  
 Jet Set Chocolates — 3 years  
 Modern Air Solutions — 3 years  
 North Park Apartments — 3 years  
 Nugent, Thomas/Weaver, Tricia — 3 years  
 Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department — 2 years  
 Hope Rising — 2 years  
 Camelia Farm — 1 year  
 JD'S Cabin — 1 year  
 Jenn's Bungalow — 1 year  
 Round Top Home Builders — 1 year  
 St John's United Church of Christ — 1 year  
 Support Our Servants — 1 year

## New Chamber Members

### AIR EVAC LIFETEAM 47

Manager: Jaime Anderle  
 11 St. Mark's Place  
 La Grange, Texas 78945  
 Phone: 979-484-1019  
 Jaime.anderle@airmedcare  
 network.com  
 EMS

### BVR MATERIAL

Manager: Erick Wessinger  
 P O Box 1500 (Mailing Address)  
 Brenham, Texas 77834  
 Phone: 979-530-5476  
 bvr.erick@gmail.com  
 www.bvrmaterial.com  
 Dirt Contractor-Sand/  
 Gravel/Stone/Rock

### CAROL'S QUILT SHOP

Owner: Carol Thelen  
 5145 Main Street (Physical Address)  
 P O Box 206 (Mailing Address)  
 Chappell Hill, Texas 77426  
 Phone: 832-640-2923  
 carol@quiltnotes.com  
 www.quiltnotes.com  
 Retail

### GUILD MORTGAGE

Manager: Mason Dumas  
 2402 S. Day Street  
 Brenham, Texas 77833  
 Phone: 530-249-6605  
 mdumas@guildmortgage.net  
 www.masondumas.com  
 Mortgage Companies

### PREUSS SERVICES LLC

Owner: Jody Preuss  
 6143 Homeland Lane  
 Brenham, Texas 77833  
 Phone: 979-551-3050  
 preusservices@gmail.com  
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# Would you like to be a P.E.A.C.E. Partner for 2019-2020?

A Partner for P.E.A.C.E. (Public Education Ambassador for Community Engagement) is encouraged to share the monthly value and promote that value within the company so that possible employees and customers will see that you also support public education. It is in hopes that the adults who see these values at their workplace will share with the children in their lives who are also seeing this at school. These Core Essential Values are taught at both Brenham and Burton ISDs.

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**  
**Blue Bell Creameries**  
**Bluebonnet Electric**  
**Boys & Girls Club of Washington Co.**  
**Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union**  
**Brenham National Bank**  
**City of Brenham**  
**Creatively Yours**  
**Germania Insurance**  
**Independence Coffee Co.**  
**Padgett Hearing Aid Center**  
**Personnel Services**  
**Seidel Schroeder**  
**Thielemann Construction Co.**  
**& Stegent-Thielemann Plumbing**

*We would love to have more!*

Be on the lookout for creative things to happen at these local businesses as their employees promote this values 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 August:**



# Why Go to Connect After 5?

The Chamber's "Connect After 5" 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.

- 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.



- 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.

- 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.



## SHOP LOCAL FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES for a chance to WIN!

Bring in your receipt of at least \$25 worth of **school supplies** from a Washington County business and you'll be entered into a drawing for an HEB or WalMart gift card.

(We will do two drawings. Clothing items not included in total qualifying amount. Drawings to be held **Aug. 16th.** )

*Deliver receipts to the Chamber of Commerce at 314 S. Austin St. in Brenham and pick up a special treat too!*





# Introducing the Leadership Class of 2020

Participants in the newly formed class of Leadership Washington County convened this month for an Orientation meeting. The first full session will be on Leadership Communication and Team Building at a one day retreat at Camp For All in September. The participants will graduate from the program in May 2020.

The professionals listed below will be challenged, inspired and educated about the many facets of effective leadership and the structure of this community. During this program, participants will experience eleven in-depth sessions, meet top leaders in the community and form relationships that will aid them in their professional careers for years to come. They will also be treated to amazing, behind-the-scenes tours of some of Washington County's most unique businesses.

Participants in this year's Leadership Washington County program include:

**Dana Beck**

*Citizens State Bank*

**Dan Blalock**

*Brenham Abstract & Title Company*

**Shawn Bolenbarr**

*City of Brenham*

**Elizabeth Broesche**

*Germania Insurance*

**Allan Colvin**

*Brenham ISD*

**Sandra Crenshaw**

*Brenham State Supported Living Center*

**Charlotte Dahmann**

*Independence Coffee Co.*

**Carrie Derkowski**

*Brenham Fire Department*

**Elaine Dillard**

*Rockin' Star Ranch*

**Stephanie Doland**

*City of Brenham*

**Derek Estep**

*Assistant District Attorney*

**Casey Finke**

*Blue Bell Creameries*

**Melinda Fuchs**

*Burton ISD*

**Melinda Gordon**

*City of Brenham*

**Lana Jo Hairston**

*Seidel Schroeder*

**Bailey Hodde**

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**Carol Holloway**

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**Paula Hughes**

*Brenham Collision Center*

**Katie Krenek**

*Brenham National Bank*

**Leigh Linden**

*PlanNorth Architectural Co.*

**DeeAnna Marek**

*Bevers Real Estate*

**Cassy Mayes**

*Texas Farm Bureau Insurance*

**Becky McBride**

*Blinn College District*

**Amanda Meyer**

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**Toni Schwartz**

*Brenham ISD*

**Chad Weiss**

*Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative*

**Mandy Wright**

*CASA for Kids of South Central Texas*

Leadership Washington County is hosted and coordinated each year by the Washington County Chamber with assistance from alumni of the program. It is one of the most meaningful ways to give back after you have received all the valuable training and experiences in the LWC program.

Watch this newsletter for photos and articles about the new class over the next several months as they learn and grow together as professionals and leaders.



Leadership participants learn what makes this community work! They form new relationships and forge lasting bonds while touring community sites and hearing from local leaders.

## 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 op-

portunity 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 recogni-

tion and additional time to talk about your business at the breakfast event.

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

# Members of the Month of July

The Chamber began highlighting one of its Members each week in the Member eBlasts and on Social Media. Below are the Members who were selected in August.

**Texas Cotton Gin Museum**  
307 Main St., Burton  
979-289-3378  
CottonGinMuseum.org

## *How long have you been in business?*

— That depends on which part of our story we start with... The museum opened in 1999 as the Burton Cotton Gin Museum. Prior to that, 1986-1999, the property was under the care of a nonprofit formed for its preservation, Operation Restoration, Inc. And before that, the gin, Burton Farmers Gin opened August 4, 1914 and operated until the ginning season 1974.

## *What services do you offer?*

— We are a nonprofit history museum that is open year-round Tuesdays-Saturdays and shares cotton and cotton ginning history with the public through museum exhibits, guided tours, programs and an annual festival. Our small but mighty museum store offers visitors cotton-themed souvenirs, books and more. We also offer folks the chance to help preserve this history by renting either our pavilion or part of the Wehring House for their year-round events.

## *Tell us something unique about your business.*

— Our historic Burton Farmers Gin is the 109th National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark to be designated by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers as of April 1994.

## *What do you love about Washington County?*

— We love living in and being part of a place with such amazing history and so many people who appreciate and want to help preserve it!

**Camp For All**  
6301 Rehburg Rd., Burton  
979-289-3752  
CampForAll.org

## *How long have you been in business?*

— We were founded in 1993 and the camp site was opened in 1998. We have served over 150,000 campers in that time.

## *What services do you offer?*

— We offer camp and recreation opportunities for people with special needs or challenging illnesses. We do this by partnering with other not for profits. The other not for profits bring the campers, counselors and medical staff and we provide a barrier free site, specialized food service, adaptive activities and the staff to lead the activities. This partnership allows us to serve a very diverse population that includes camp-

ers with heart disease, cancer, muscular dystrophy, epilepsy, spinal cord injuries, and many more.

## *Tell us something unique about your business.*

— We are barrier free, not just accessible. A good way to visual that is that our sidewalks are extra wide, 8 feet, instead of 5 feet, our toilets are all accessible, and everyone can participate in all of our activities.

## *What do you love about Washington County?*

— In addition to being a beautiful area with some spectacular wildflowers, Washington County has amazing people who willingly give of their time, treasure, and talent. We get to see Washington County campers and volunteers throughout the year come to camp and enjoy as well as help out. It really is the people that make a difference.

**Chappell Hill Lavender Farm**  
2250 Dillard Road, Brenham  
979-251-8114  
ChappellHillLavender.com

## *How long have you been in business?*

— Since 2003

## *What services do you offer?*

— Gift shop, plants seasonally, U-Pick seasonally for lavender & blackberries. We also provide bridal gift items and group tours with appointment. In addition, we are available to speak with garden clubs, school groups or other businesses about growing and maintaining lavender.

## *Tell us something unique about your business.*

— Ours is a working lavender farm which is unique to this area. We allow visitors to come and cut the lavender during the blooming seasons and pick fruit and berries during their ripening season. We also have our three miniature goats for the children to feed when visiting the farm. Each week we sample some of our unique culinary delights so guests can discover how lavender can be used in cooking. There is no fee to visit the farm, we are dog friendly and we welcome visitors of all ages. In August we partner with Windy Winery for our annual Lavender & Wine Fest. The festival is held at both locations and is a one-day event. At the festival folks can enjoy vendors with handcrafted goods, demonstrations, live music, lavender cuisine (provided by Bliss Candy Co.), plants for sale and miniature animals for petting. There is no admission at

either location. (\$1 parking at the lavender farm). The festival this year is on Saturday, August 10th.

## *What do you love about Washington County?*

— Washington County is one of the most beautiful areas in Texas. With the lush greenery and rolling landscape, you just can't go wrong at any time of the year for a visit. Another thing that we love is the history of the Birthplace of Texas and the extensive museum at Washington on the Brazos. There are probably more things to do and places to visit locally that can be enjoyed by the entire family in Washington County. And the best part of it all is that most attractions are only an hour or more from the larger cities which make it a great day excursion!

**Brenham Banner-Press**  
2430 Stringer St., Brenham  
979-836-7956  
BrenhamBanner.com

## *How long have you been in business?*

— The Banner-Press has been providing local news for more than 150 years. The original name of the paper was The Southern Banner, established in 1866 by Confederate Army veterans John G. Rankin and Dan L. McGary.

## *What services do you offer?*

— The Banner-Press publishes a daily print and digital edition Tuesday through Friday and weekend edition.

The paper covers local news and sporting events throughout the year, as well as publish numerous special sections and magazines.

The Banner provides late breaking news and digital advertising opportunities on its website [www.brenhambanner.com](http://www.brenhambanner.com) and on their Facebook page.

## *Tell us something unique about your business.*

— We're one of the oldest businesses in town. And our commercial printing plant helps provide news to a number of area communities, including: Columbus, Weimar, Hempstead, Schulenburg, Flatonia and others.

Throughout The Banner-Press' history, it has received awards for its reporting, photography and video work. It has received nods from the Texas Press Association, Associated Press and Texas Daily Newspaper Association. The Banner has also been honored for its community service, both locally and statewide.

## *What do you love about Washington County?*

— The people, without their support we would not be here. But also, the history, the charm, the growing downtown. It has small town feel with big-city attributes.

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

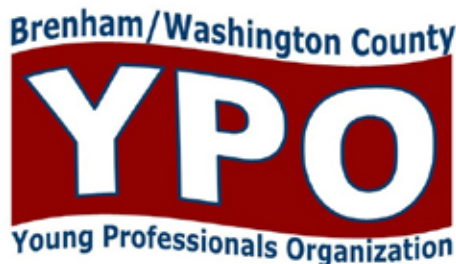
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**WEBSITE**  
[www.BrenhamTexas.com](http://www.BrenhamTexas.com)

*Unique Visitors*      *Total Pages*  
July 2019 — 7,741      July 2019 — 18,738



**Networking Happy Hour**  
**Thursday, September 12**  
**5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Hosted at Here or There Massage**  
212-2 E. Main St., Downtown 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)

# What's Happening in August

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, 901 N. Park St., Brenham.

Aug 8-11

## **Shakespeare at Winedale**

The Comedy of Errors, MacBeth, and Richard II. Winedale Historical Center, 3738 FM 2714, Round Top. See the website for specific times and dates (liberalarts.utexas.edu/winedale).

Aug 8

## **Connect After 5 - RE/MAX Advantage**

Unwind after work and expand your network. Enjoy food, drinks and exchange business cards and brochures, 200 W. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham, 5-7pm.

Aug 8-11, 15-18, 22-25, 29-Sept 1

## **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).

Aug 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31

## **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).

Aug 9, 12

## **Coffee and Conversation with CASA**

Learn about CASA and all the volunteer opportunities, light snacks and refreshments provide, 1500 S. Day St., Brenham, 10-11am on Aug. 9; 6-7pm on Aug. 12 (WeSpeak4Kids.org).

Aug 10

## **Chappell Hill Lavender & Wine Fest**

Featuring tastings, crafts, vendors, music, lavender cuisine, demonstrations. Festival is from 9-3pm at the Lavender Farm and grape stomp and wine tastings at Windy Winery from 11-6 (ChappellHillLavender.com, WindyWinery.com).

Aug 10-11

## **Keeping Cool in the Texas Heat**

Discover what early Texans did to stay cool. Washington on the Brazos, 23400 Park Road 12, Washington, 10am-4pm (WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

Aug 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31-Sept 1

## **Windy Winery Harvest Grape Stomp**

Grape picking, barrel stomping, T-shirt. Tastings, food, and activities have fees. Sat 11-4:30 and Sun noon-4:30, 4232 Clover Rd., Brenham (www.WindyWinery.com).

Aug 10-11

## **Crush for Fun at Pleasant Hill Winery**

Stomp grapes and personalize a t-shirt with your purple feet. Afterward enjoy wine tasting on the deck. Fun for the whole family. Tastings and stomps have fees. Saturdays 11-6, Sundays 12-5, 1441 Salem Rd., Brenham (PleasantHillWinery.com).

Aug 10

## **50th Annual Fireman Fiesta**

All-you-can-eat sirloin steak and sausage meal from 5:30-7:30pm, numerous auction items. For your convenience you have a choice of dining-in or our drive-thru. Fireman's Training Center, Brenham, 5:30-9pm.

Aug 10

## **Carmine Chamber of Commerce Casino Night**

Gary's Famous Chicken Fried Steak Meal serving 7-8:30pm, entertainment by Kristyn Harris, western swing and yodeling. Advanced sales only (979-451-1507).

Aug 12, 19, 26

## **Open Mic Mondays**

Open Mic Mondays, every Monday Night at 4 Star SideBar. Sign-ups start at 4pm, open mic 6pm, happy hour 4-7pm (4starbrenham.com).

Aug 15

## **Ribbon Cutting - Congressman Michael McCaul's Office**

A Ribbon Cutting for the new location of the office of Congressman Michael McCaul, 401 S. Austin St., Brenham, 3:30pm.

Aug 16

## **Washington County Wildlife Society Fundraiser**

Washington County Wildlife Society Annual Fundraiser Dinner and Raffle. Social starting at 5:30pm, chicken fried steak dinner at 6:15pm by Gary Goebel Catering Service. Program at 7pm featuring guest speaker Tim Siegmund, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Free will donation dinner. Washington County Fairgrounds, 1305 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, 5:30-9pm. RSVP by August 13 to Agrilife Extension Office, 979-277-6212 or www.wcwildlife.org

Aug 17

## **Clear the Shelters Pet Adoption Drive**

This is an annual, nationwide pet adoption campaign that is spearheaded by NBC Universal Owned Television Stations. Brenham Animal Shelter, 1804 Longwood Drive, Brenham, 10am, 979-337-7351.

Aug 17

## **"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).

Aug 17

## **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).

Aug 17

## **Shinyribs at The Barnhill Center**

Unique Texas/New Orleans/Memphis Blues/Soul Vibe. Named 2017 Best Austin Band at Houston Chronicle's prestigious Music Awards and Album of the Year from the Austin-American Statesman. The Barnhill Center, 111 W. Main St., Downtown Brenham, 7-9pm. Tickets \$40-\$55 (TheBarnhillCenter.com).

Aug 20

## **Basic QuickBooks**

This is an all-day, basic level course, intended for people who have either no experience or limited experience using the QuickBooks software. You should be familiar with Windows on a PC. This class will not teach the online version of QuickBooks. Each attendee will have a desktop computer to use during the class and be given reference materials to keep. A.W. Hodde, Jr. Technical Education Center, 2910 S. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, 9am-5pm (BlinnCollege.sbdcnetwork.net).

Aug 20

## **Republican Club of Washington County meeting**

Monthly meeting of the Republican Club of Washington County. Speaker: James Dickey, Chairman of the State Republican Party. Catered meal by Nathan's, \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members, Blinn College Banquet Room, Brenham, 5:30-7:30pm. Contact Shawn Richards, 512-484-8224, srichards1@live.com.

Aug 22

## **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).

Aug 22

## **Tailgate 2019 and Community Pep-Rally**

The Washington County Chamber will host the 12th annual county-wide Tailgate and Community Pep-Rally. This Community Pep Rally will include plenty of spirited fun, delicious buffet, beer, wine, auctions, PLUS end the night dancing to the DJ. Silver Wings Ballroom, 6-10pm. Call 979-836-3695 for tickets, \$40.

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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**

*Seidel Schroeder*

## **Darlene Denman**

*Brenham ISD*

## **Joyce Dickschat**

*Brenham National Bank*

## **Eddie Harrison**

*Retired-Brenham Municipal Judge*

## **Melinda Fay**

*Cruise Planners*

## **Dr. Tina Henderson**

*Ash and Ash Consulting*

## **Tammy Jaster**

*City of Brenham-Blue Bell Aquatic Center*

## **Kristie Marth**

*Brenham Iron Works*

## **Linda Pipes**

*Retired-School Teacher*

## **Rachael Powell**

*Kruse Village*

## **Kathy Randermann**

*KTTX 106.1/KWHI 1280*

## **Debra Wenckens**

*Whatever Pops Up.*

## **Christy Schlottmann**

*Christy Schlottmann Farmers Agency*

## **Stephanie Wehring**

*Boys & Girls Club of Washington County*

## **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*



# Stay, Play, Buy Local

Many people do not realize the importance of shopping in your own community. Sales tax dollars kept here support your local police department, fire department, parks and recreation facilities, road projects, businesses and workforce.

See the "Top Reasons" to buy local on Page 4, and shop with pride in Washington County. Support the "Home Team." It benefits every business and every resident.

Chamber member businesses support the community year-round, and they appreciate the support of local residents as customers and clients. View a list of all Chamber member businesses online at [www.BrenhamTexas.com](http://www.BrenhamTexas.com). A lot of our Chamber Members will include HOT DEALS on our website to promote their sales and special offers.

The Chamber provides education, advocacy, marketing assistance, referrals and more to members, along with great networking and leadership development opportunities. For more information, stop by the Chamber office or call (979) 836-3695.



## Calendar

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Aug 24

### 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: Childhood Cancer Awareness. Events are free and all are welcome ([walkwithadoc.org](http://walkwithadoc.org)).

Aug 24

### Hog Splash 2019 - MUDD Volleyball Tournament

Hospice Brazos Valley presents a Hog Splash Volleyball Tournament, a family friendly event which also features food, cold drinks, and beer, and a mud pit just for the kiddos. Co-ed teams of 8-10 players. ([HospiceBrazosValley.org](http://HospiceBrazosValley.org)).

Aug 24, 25

### Traveling in Texas

Learn about long distance traveling in 19th century America. See how folks like Anson Jones embarked on their travels through Texas, Washington on the Brazos, 23400 Park Road 12, Washington, 10-4pm ([WhereTexasBecameTexas.org](http://WhereTexasBecameTexas.org)).

Aug 24

### Back Porch Event

AirMedCare Evac - Helicopter on site weather permitting. Find out how to join the AirMedCare Network, drawings for free membership with AirMedCare. Be a hero and give blood. Donor coach, appetizers and refreshments provided. Donors will receive a voucher for a free pint of Blue Bell Ice Cream. Texas Casual Cottages, 580 S. State Hwy. 237, Carmine, 11am-3pm, 979-337-8293.

Aug 24

### 1st Annual Chappell Hill Beer, Wine & Music Festival

An afternoon of shopping, dining, and tasting local beer and wine. A line-up of musical entertainment headlined by the Black Cat Choir, Downtown Chappell Hill, 12-8pm ([info@chappellhilltx.com](mailto:info@chappellhilltx.com)).

Aug 24

### Chamber Music Trio

Chamber Music Trio with Viktor Valkov, piano; Chavdar Parashkevov, violin; Louis-Marie Fardet, cello. Performing music by Johannes Brahms and P.I. Tchaikovsky. Round Top Festival Institute, 3-4pm ([FestivalHill.org](http://FestivalHill.org)).

Aug 27

### Ribbon Cutting - Kulow Chiropractic & Wellness Center

Ribbon Cutting for new business and Chamber Member, Kulow Chiropractic & Wellness Center, 3855 Hwy. 36 N., Brenham, 10am.

Aug 28

### Ribbon Cutting - Trident Management Consulting

Ribbon Cutting for new business and Chamber Member, Trident Management Consulting, 346 Stone Hill Dr., Suite 101B, Brenham, 10am.

Aug 28

### 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](mailto:jamesh7213@gmail.com)).

Aug 30-Sept 1

### Brenham BookFest with Writers Retreat and Book Club Meeting

Third annual BookFest in downtown Brenham. This free event showcases local and regional authors with book signings, autographs, sales, talks, reviews and more. Writers retreat at Main Street House, Aug. 30 and 31, cost included with two-night stay (979-221-2051). BookFest Sept. 1 at Ant Street Inn, 107 W. Commerce St., noon-5pm; and book discussion at Back Lot Gallery, 308 S. Park St., 4:15-5:15pm, 979-836-7393.

Aug 31, Sept. 1

### Corn Off The Cob

Husk the ears and shell the kernels off the cob using a 19th century original crank corn sheller. Help prepare a valuable crop for the gristmill, Washington on the Brazos, 23400 Park Rd. 12, Washington, 10am-4pm ([WhereTexasBecameTexas.org](http://WhereTexasBecameTexas.org)).

## September Highlights

Sept 5

### Connect After 5 -

#### CHI St. Joseph Health Primary Care Brenham

Unwind after work and expand your network. Enjoy food, drinks and exchange business cards and brochures, 110 Hwy 290 W., Brenham, 5-7pm.

Sept 6

### First Fridays Farmer & Artisan Market

Featuring fresh foods, homemade products and more in Downtown Brenham on the courthouse square, 3-7pm ([www.downtownbrenham.com](http://www.downtownbrenham.com)).

Sept 7

### Burton Farmers & Artisans Market

All local home grown and hand crafted items, sponsored by Burton Chamber of Commerce, Texas Cotton Gin Museum Roy Winkler Family Pavilion, 307 N. Main St., Burton, 9am-1pm. ([BurtonTexas.org/farmersmarket](http://BurtonTexas.org/farmersmarket)).

## COUNTY "ADOPT-A-SIGN" PARTNERS

To ensure the long-term care of the Welcome Sign monuments at the five entry points to Washington County, four landscaping companies from our community have volunteered to oversee their maintenance.

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