

Voelkel to be Featured Speaker at Chamber/EDF Annual Banquet

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Foundation of Brenham have announced the date of their upcoming Annual Banquet and the featured speaker. Brenham native Tyson Voelkel, President of the Texas A&M Foundation, will be the keynote speaker at the banquet to be held on Tuesday, February 5, at Fireman's Training Center in Brenham. The theme of the banquet is "Shaping the Future."

"We are very happy to have Mr. Voelkel as our banquet speaker. He is an inspirational leader and a distinguished graduate of Brenham public schools," said Randy Wells, outgoing Chairman of the Chamber's Board of Directors.

Before serving Texas A&M University as president of the Texas A&M Foundation, Tyson Voelkel led a Houston-based consultancy focused on building, managing and advising ultra-high net worth family offices. He also has served as COO for a multibillion-dollar holding company consisting of more than a dozen operating companies and philanthropic endeavors. He holds a degree in industrial distribution from Texas A&M University, a master's degree in international relations and national security from the Bush School of Government and Public Service, and an MBA from Rice University.

While at Texas A&M, Voelkel was a student leader and advocate for students on campus. He was a member of many organizations including the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band and Ross Volunteers, and was selected as the first-ever Aggie Bandsman to serve as Corps of Cadets Commander his senior year. A Buck Weirus Spirit Award winner as well as a recipient of numerous academic and leadership awards, Voelkel lived the traditions of Texas A&M and believes they were as important to his transformational education as the rigorous academic programs.

He proudly served as a U.S. Army infantry officer for 12 years, with varied leadership roles during peacetime and combat. Tyson's

Man, Woman of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award Nominations Now Being Accepted

As the end of the year approaches, it is time to start thinking about who deserves the honor of being selected for the 2018 Man and Woman of the Year-Lifetime Achievement Awards.

This is a long-standing tradition of the Washington County Chamber, recognizing the achievements of two extra-special individuals each year. The tradition includes the announcement of the winners at the Annual Banquet of the Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Foundation. The 2017 recipients were Heather Thielemann and Donald Draehn, M.D.

The next Annual Banquet will be held on Feb. 5. Prior to the banquet, the immediate Past Chairman of the Chamber Board will convene a committee comprised of past award recipients to review all nominations and vote on the candidates for the current year.

If you know someone you would like to nominate for this honor, please fill out a nomination form. It includes the judging criteria. You may contact the Chamber to have a form emailed to you or download the form online at www.BrenhamTexas.com. Completed nomination forms are due to the Chamber by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 9.

Winners are only selected from nominations received. Please note that prior nominations (submissions from prior years) may be considered if resubmitted by the Jan. 9 deadline.

military service includes posts in Europe, the U.S. and Middle East. He twice served as a company commander in combat in the 82nd Airborne Division, earning numerous awards including two Bronze Stars in Iraq, the Department of the Army MacArthur Leadership Award, and Army Ranger and Airborne Qualification Badges. A jumpmaster with senior parachutist rating, he also earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Tyson's military career took him around the world and also afforded him the honor of teaching leadership and ethics at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He continues to serve as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Tyson Voelkel was the first student regent appointed to the Texas A&M University Board of Regents, and he currently serves on the Texas A&M Board of Visitors, Galveston A&M Board of Visitors, Bush School of Govern-

ment and Public Service Advisory Board and on the advisory board for Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital in the Texas Medical Center.

The Voelkel family believes a life of service is a life of meaning and donate widely of their time and resources. Tyson and his wife have three daughters and currently reside in College Station.

Brett Smith, President of Lee Anderson Company, will be the MC of the event. A former Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board and Economic Development Foundation board member, Smith is an alumnus of Texas A&M University and past president of the Rotary Club of Washington County, along with other local leadership roles.

Chairman Circle sponsors of the banquet include **Baylor Scott & White Health, Blue Bell Creameries, Brenham Abstract & Title Company, Brenham National Bank, City of Brenham, Ger-**

mania Insurance, and Van Dyke Rankin Insurance. Headline Sponsors confirmed so far include **Blinn College, Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative and Brenham Chrysler Jeep Dodge.**

"We are very grateful to these sponsors," said Page Michel, Chamber president, "They will enable us to host a great event for the community, plus they join in applauding the efforts of the volunteer leaders and citizens who will be recognized."

At the banquet, the Washington County Chamber will recognize five directors who have ended a three-year term of service on the board: Walter Jackson, Superintendent of Brenham ISD; Jeannie Kroll of Baylor Scott & White-The Brenham Clinic; LaVerne Krumrey of Brenham Monument Company; Jenny Van Dorf of Blue Bell Creameries; Kristie Wensel of the Brenham State Supported Living Center; and Kyle Merten of Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, who served as Chairman of the Board in 2017. Outgoing Chairman Randy Wells will also be recognized for his leadership in 2018.

The Brenham Economic Development Foundation will recognize two outgoing directors: William Krueger, Engineer-Retired, for 14 years of service on the board, with eight in the role of Immediate Past Chairman; and Cory Flencher of Citizens State Bank for nine years of service on the board.

Another highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the Man and Woman of the Year-Lifetime Achievement Award winners. Last year's recipients were Heather Thielemann and Donald Draehn, M.D. who will return to do the surprise introductions of the 2018 winners. The Blue Blazer of the Year Award will also be announced.

Tickets for the banquet will go on sale January 2 at the Washington County Chamber, located at 314 S. Austin Street in Brenham. Individual tickets are \$40 per person, and will be on sale until January 29. Contact the Washington County Chamber at 979-836-3695 or info@brenhamtexas.com.

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Chamber Says Farewell to Retiring Directors

Six outstanding volunteers will retire as Chamber board members this month. They have been closely involved with the mission and success of the Chamber since January 2016. The retiring directors (as pictured) include:

Jeannie Kroll, Baylor Scott & White–The Brenham Clinic; **Kristie Wensel**, Volunteer Services Council at Brenham State Supported Living Center; **Kyle Merten**, Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative; **Walter Jackson**, Brenham Independent School District; **LaVerne Krumrey**, Brenham Monument Company; and **Jenny Van Dorf**, Blue Bell Creameries.

These volunteer leaders have been valuable members of committees and projects over the past three years. They will be greatly missed from the board of directors, but we know they will always remain strong members of the Chamber and our local business community.

Please join us in thanking them for their years of service to the Chamber membership the next time you see them!

Congratulations to these seven newly elected board members who will begin their three-year terms of service in January: **Eric Alford**, Baylor Scott & White–The Brenham Clinic; **Paul Aschenbeck**, Brenham Independent School District; **Katie Burch**, Plan-North Architectural Co.; **Johanna Fatheree**, RE/MAX Advantage; **Aaron Gonzalez**, Padgett Hearing Aid Center; **Dr. John Harris**, Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church and Golden Years Homecare Specialists II; and **Joe Robertson**, Blue Bell Creameries.

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

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



Thank you to our Presidential Level members ...



Core Essential Value of the Month



Thank you to these 25 dedicated Partners for P.E.A.C.E. who have signed up so far and are continuing 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 - Brenham

Blue Bell Creameries | Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative

Boys & Girls Club of Washington County | Brazos Valley Schools

Credit Union | Brenham National Bank

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RE/MAX Advantage | Seidel Schroeder

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Westwood Cinema 6

Be on the lookout for creative things to happen at these local businesses as their employees promote and demonstrate Initiative during the month of September. 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.

Contact the Chamber ASAP to sign up for this year's program. The investment is only \$50 for 10 months of involvement, and you and your employees can make a big impact on the future of our local workforce.



YPO Announces New Board Members



The 2019 Board of Directors for the YPO are as pictured (from left): Membership Coordinator - Angelia Gerhard of Plan North Architecture; President - Hope Burkhart-San Filipo of Red Fern Woodworks & Renovations; Philanthropic Coordinator - Emily Morey of Twin City Mission; and Networking Event Coordinator - Marissa Buckner of Plan North Architecture. Not Pictured: Lunch and Learn Coordinator - Shae Janner of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber launched the Washington County YPO in 2011. The young profession-

als meet for monthly networking events and to build their business contacts. The event locations vary, but they are always fun, casual and FREE!

The "official" age range of the group is 21-45, but IDs are not checked. Chamber members who would like to network with local young professionals are welcome to attend!

For more details, check out the Young Professionals of Washington County on Facebook at www.facebook.com/YPOWashingtonCounty.



Brenham Middle School students from Mrs. Anderson's social studies class visited the Chamber office and did a presentation on the 100 Year History of the Chamber.

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.

Michael Branton
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Van Dyke Rankin & Company

Matt Wellmann
Wellmann Insurance

Kristie Wensel
Brenham State Supported Living Center

Shelby Wiesepape
Bank of Brenham

Barbara Wilganowski
Spherion Staffing

Exploring the History of Washington County

The November session of Leadership Washington County took the group back in time. The day was planned and facilitated by Shae Janner (LWC Class of 2015).

The day began in the historic Simon Theater in Downtown Brenham, featuring the "Step Into The Past" film presented by Barry Brass (LWC class of 2008). The film reveals why our city was named after Dr. Richard Fox Brenham and features local actors depicting important trailblazers in the history of the city.

The group then traveled by bus to the Texas Cotton Gin & Museum in Burton. The class had the opportunity to peruse museum artifacts and watch a movie about the 1914 gin and the ginning process with Museum Director Steph Jarvis. Then a museum assistant gave the class an up-close tour of the gin. Once a year, the 1925 Bessemer Type IV engine gets fired up to gin and bale cotton during the annual Cotton Gin Festival held in April.

Next, the group traveled to Independence where they had lunch at Green Meadows, catered by Independence Store. They then traveled to the old Independence School House. Mark Rosenbaum (LWC Class of 2017) gave the group a history of the schoolhouse and property. Then the group toured Independence Baptist Church, the oldest continuously active Baptist church in the State of Texas, where Sam Houston was a member and was baptized.

The session ended at the Birthplace of Texas, Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site. The group walked to Independence Hall where they heard the history of how "Texas Became Texas" in that very spot. They then perused the Visitor Center before traveling a short distance to the Star of the Republic Museum.

Leadership Washington County is a program of the Washington County Chamber aimed at educating and motivating current and future leaders. This year's class will graduate in May and the next



The group ended its session at the Texas Cotton Gin Museum in Burton.



Barry Brass welcomes everyone to the historic, renovated Simon Theatre.



Karen Cooper, Luke Ongudu and Kevin Schmidt stand inside the blacksmith shed behind the Independence Baptist Church and museum.



Texas Cotton Gin Museum Director Steph Jarvis talks about the early days of cotton picking.



Pastor Phil Hassell shows the students the initial carving that General Sam Houston made when he attended church with his family.



Tiffany Holmes stands in front of one of the exhibits at the Star of the Republic Museum.

Stay Local, Play Local

Where's Theo?



Some of the few palm trees in Brenham are in front of this business that helps people see comfortably and in style! Do you know where Theo is this month? Email your name, business/employer and location guess to Theo@Brenham-Texas.com by December 31. A winner will be chosen on January 2 from all correct entries and announced in the next newsletter.



Congrats to Eileen Smith who guessed correctly last month that Theo was in front of Dr. Steven Beim's office at Eye Associates of Brazos Valley on S. Austin Street. Eileen wins a fun gift package from Puppy Dawgs & Cat Tails!

Be sure to take a guess this month! Then read the newsletter next month to find out if you were the lucky winner, and to see where Theo goes next!

THANK YOU.

**Puppy Dawgs & Cat Tails,
321 S. Baylor St. in Downtown
Brenham, for being the monthly
sponsor of the winner's prize.**



Staying Warm

Dr. Jones' home at Barrington Farm is considered a nice house for 1850 but it was built for keeping cool. Staying warm on the farm is a special challenge during the cold and damp days of winter. Help us beat this problem in 1850, by hauling firewood, learning how to use flint and steel, and stave off the cold. On Saturday, December 15, experience this with your family at Barrington Living History Farm at Washington on the Brazos from 10am to 4pm. Details online at www.WhereTexasBecameTexas.com.

Hands-On History

Also on Saturday, December 15, from 11am to 4pm, join museum staff at Star of the Republic Museum to make crafts and toys that pioneer children made during the Republic time. Visitors can also discover what life was like for children living in the 1830s in the Pioneer Playroom. Details online at www.WhereTexasBecameTexas.com.

Bethlehem in Independence

Experience Bethlehem here in Washington County on Dec. 16 and 17 from 6-8 pm at the schoolhouse in Independence. There will be hayrides, hot dogs, hot chocolate, cookies, crafts and Santa will be there too! Free admission; free will donations will be accepted for the schoolhouse renovation. Dec. 16 and 17 from 6 to 8pm in downtown Independence.



Mark Baugus Exhibit at Back Lot Gallery

In this current exhibit showing until December 30th, **The Wonders & Imagination of Childhood**, the artist reveals how his art career began at a young age drawing mostly western and wildlife pieces. Over the past thirty or so years, his artwork has centered around children and childhood dreams. Take time to visit and see his studies in wildlife that allow "an endless supply of storytelling opportunities." The gallery is open Fridays & Saturdays from noon-7pm, and Sunday from noon-4pm. Located at 308 S. Park Street in Downtown Brenham.

The Joke's On Us


A man who opened a new store was pleased when he received a big bouquet of flowers. But he was puzzled by the card, which said, "Deepest sympathy."

Just then, the florist called to apologize for having sent the wrong card. "Oh, that's all right," said the storekeeper. "I'm a small business owner and I understand how these things can happen."

"But I accidentally sent your card to a funeral party," the florist said.

"What did it say?" he asked.

"Congratulations on your new location."



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Wednesday, January 9

Noon—1


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Washington County Chamber of Commerce

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What's Happening in December

Now thru Dec 23

Copper Shade Tree presents "Santa's Knee"

Wood carvings by Sharon Macioce, Henkel Square Market, Round Top, Wed. 12-4, Thurs - Sat. 10-5, Sun 11-4, free admission (coppershadetree.com).

Until Dec 30

"The Wonders & Imagination of Childhood" at Back Lot Gallery

By Brenham artist Mark Baugus, Fri-Sat 12-7, Sun 12-4, 308 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham (backlotgallery.com).

Dec 13

YPO Networking & Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

Join the Young Professionals Organization of Washington County at Century 21 Holton Realty, 9000 Hwy 290 E., Chappell Hill, 5-7pm.

Dec 13-16, 20-23, 27-30

Live Music at Home Sweet Farm

In the biergarten enjoy live music, craft beer, wine and fun outdoors (HomeSweetFarm.com).

Dec. 13-16, 20-23, 27-30

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).

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

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).

Dec 14, 21, 28

Brenham Elks Lodge Steak Night

Every Friday night 6:30-8pm. Menu may change, check Facebook page "Elks Lodge Brenham" for updates, 400 E. Germania St., Brenham.

Dec 14

Brenham Children's Chorus presents "Joy to the World"

At Brenham's First Baptist Church, 302 Pahl St., 7pm. Adults \$15, children 12 and under \$5, Jr. High, High School and College Students \$7 (979-277-3897).

Dec 15

"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).

Dec 15-16

Staying Warm

Haul firewood, learn how to use flint and steel, and stave off the cold. Barrington Living History Farm at Washington-on-the-Brazos, 10am-4pm (wheretexasbecametexas.org).

Dec 15

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, adam.arnold@tpwd.texas.gov, WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

Dec 15

Hands on History - Buzz Saw Toys

Join museum staff at Star of the Republic Museum to make crafts and toys that pioneer children made during the Republic time (wheretexasbecametexas.org).

Dec 15

Pictures with Santa Back Porch Event

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at Texas Casual Cottages from noon-2pm, live music with the Sean Orr Trio, tickets to Ledbetter Lane of Lights for first 20 guests, snacks and refreshments. Collecting Toys for Fayette County Deputy Santa Program. At Texas Casual Cottages, 580 S. State Hwy 237, Carmine, 11am-3pm (979-337-8293).

Dec 16

Bruce Robison & Kelly Willis' Annual Holiday Shindig

Texas country music duo ringing in the holidays at 19th annual Holiday Shindig, 4 Star Concert Hall, Downtown Brenham, 7-9pm, \$25-\$35 admission (www.4starbrenham.com).

Dec 17

Fall 2018 Sewing Club

Creative projects, practical techniques and sharing the joy of sewing. Beginners 9 and up welcome, 4-5:30pm (979-551-0970, www.sewfunsewing.weebly.com).

Dec 17, 19

Beginners P90X Workout

Bring light to medium dumbbells, water and towel, 1209 Mangrum, ECLC Gym (Old Alton Gym), Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30pm, \$20 (979-451-1163).

Dec 17

Dale Carnegie Training - Free Session

Complimentary session, learn 30 time-tested ways to influence people, a magic process to memorize any and everything, understand the key ingredients to become a powerful communicator, a better understanding of the Dale Carnegie Course, a preview of the 5 Drivers of Success, new connections with local professionals. Held at Hampton Inn & Suites, 2605 Schulte Blvd., Brenham, free admission, contact Bob Asaf (512-799-5400).

Dec 17

Handel's "Messiah"

Brenham Choral Society annual concert. Eric Johnson, Music Director, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Austin will conduct. Reception to follow, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 2310 Airline Dr., Brenham, 7pm (stpetersbrenham.org).

Dec 20

Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Featuring David Lewis, D'Vine Testament, Myra Rolan, and Bluebonnet Opry House Band, doors open at 5:30pm, food served at 6pm, show starts at 7:30pm, \$7 admission

Dec 22-23

Horse High, Bull Strong and Hog Tight

With main crop fields empty, repair and restack fencing around the farm. Help clear and build up fences to be ready for new spring crop, Washington on the Brazos (wheretexasbecametexas.org).

Dec 26

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).

Dec 26

Young Professionals of Washington County Lunch Mob

Held on last Wednesday each month, location announced the morning of via email and on YPO Facebook event page.

Dec 27

Autoimmune Secrets

Discover true causes of autoimmune conditions & how to prevent and reverse symptoms. Episode 2: When Your Body Attacks, episode airs continuously from 1-6pm, at Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library, Brenham.

Dec 29-30

A Stitch in Time

Learn simple stitches and help with 1850's mending, gain handy skills to sew on buttons, Washington on the Brazos, 10am-4pm (wheretexasbecametexas.org).

Dec 31

Elks Lodge New Year's Eve Dance

Ring in the New Year with the Risky Liver Band, toast at midnight, breakfast buffet, peas and cabbage. Cash bar, \$25 per person, \$35 per couple in advance. Price increases at door. Brenham Elks Lodge #979, 400 E. Germania St. (facebook.com/elkslodgebrenham).

January Highlights

Jan 3

Ribbon Cutting - Center Stage Dance & Fitness

Join in celebrating the new location for this member at 2600 N. Park St., Brenham, 4pm.

Jan 4

Ribbon Cutting - Catherine's Victorian Tea Room

Join in celebrating with this new Chamber Member, 302 S. St. Charles St., Downtown Brenham, 10am.

Jan 9

Lunch & Learn - Figuring Out What Your REAL Goal Is

Presented by Johanna Fatheree - Desiderata Coaching, Washington County Chamber Conference Room, Brenham, noon-1pm, \$10, lunch included. Advance reservations.

WASHINGTON 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.

PLM Texas

— U.S. 290 West Sign

Tranquility Landscapes

— U.S. 290 East Sign

Glasco & Company Landscaping

— Hwy. 36 North and South Signs

Wise Landscaping — Hwy. 105 Sign

HOT HOLIDAY DEALS



10% Off Unique Wine Related Gifts

*Lots of "Grape" Gifts for the Holidays!
10% off items in our gift shop (excluding wine)
Unique wine related gifts such as: stoppers, imprinted wine glasses, cork screws, candles, linens, books, jewelry, t-shirts, assorted wine gadgets, stocking stuffers, custom chocolates, mulling spices, dipping oils and more!*

Offer ends December 23, 2018

Pleasant Hill Winery
1441 Salem Rd., Brenham
979-830-8463
www.pleasanthillwinery.com

15% Off Holiday Arrangements
15% Off Fresh or Permanent Arrangements

Offer valid until December 31, 2018

Brenham Floral Company
2630 Highway 36S, Brenham
Bluebonnet Shopping Center
979-836-3566
www.brenhamfloral.com

**\$500 Off A Premium Pair of Hearing Aids
Along With A Free Hearing Evaluation**

Texas ENT & Allergy is a full service Ear Nose & Throat, Allergy and Audiology practice and Dr. Andrew de Jong has been serving the Brenham area for 15 years. Along with Genna Lechler, FNP and Natalie Sosa, HIS Implant Coordinator, the patient's personalized care is our priority. We are committed to providing the highest level of service to meet the individual patient's needs.

Offer valid now until December 31, 2018

Texas ENT & Allergy
539 Medical Parkway
877-377-4368
www.texasentandallergy.com

Merry Christmas from Willie Boy's

Your extended family or Christmas guests will enjoy the festive decorations, complete with a country Christmas tree. Let us make our rental a home-away-from home this December for out of town family and friends. This freshly-remodeled home offers modern conveniences, while maintaining the nostalgia and country charm of its 1950s roots

Willie Boy's features three comfortable bedrooms to choose from. Together, they can accommodate groups or families as large as six.

Offer valid until December 31, 2018

Willie Boy's - Brenham Vacation Rental
6673 Old Mill Creek Rd.
979-251-4765
www.willieboysbrenham.com

**Receive \$15 By Mail
With The Purchase Of Two Bravecto For
Cats Flea And Tick Prevention**

Bravecto for cats is a prescription topical to be applied once every three months to prevent fleas and ticks.

Offer valid until December 31, 2018

Brenham Veterinary Hospital
2455 Highway 290 W., Brenham
979-836-2472
www.brenhamvethospital.com

**Free Pumpkin Enzyme Peel with the
Purchase of a Full Fabulous Facial**

Simply, a refinisher application that delivers skin smoothing results equivalent to a microdermabrasion session, without the damaging suction and messy/toxic aluminum oxide crystals! This non-abrasive formula features Pumpkin Enzymes that resurface and polish the skin, and bentonite clay to remove dull skin cells. This treatment helps create a lovely canvas for serums and plants extracts to plump and tightening the skin.

Offer valid until December 12, 2018

**Karen Skin Secrets
@ The Golden Mirror**
2431 Stronger St., Brenham
713-858-1458

Candy Cane Hot Cocoa
with your Cotton Gin Stein or Mug

Tours of the historic 104 year-old Cotton Gin at the Texas Cotton Gin Museum can be a little chilly in December. Soooo, how about some candy cane hot cocoa with the purchase of a Cotton Gin Stein or Mug? Certain to warm you and your family up during or after your tour, while learning about the legacy of cotton and its role in Texas History! All ages enjoy the one hour guided tours at 10am and 2pm at the oldest operating cotton gin in America. Open daily Tue-Sat. Exhibit room & video are free all day. Tours through the Gin \$6 Adults/\$4 Students, offered only at 10am & 2pm. Kids under 5 are free! Happy Holidays, Y'all!

Offer valid until January 8, 2019

Texas Cotton Gin Museum
307 Main St., Burton
979-289-3378
www.cottonginmuseum.org

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Offer valid until January 31, 2019

Cruise Planners - Peter & Melinda Fay
979-836-4085
www.forallyourtravel.com

**Free Plate of Christmas Cookies
when you book at two-night stay**

Book a two night stay with us Sunday - Thursday, from November 26 - December 23, 2018, and receive a plate of Christmas cookies with milk in your room! Cookie variety varies and no special requests are available. Just mention "Christmas Cookies" when you make your reservation directly with us on-line or over the phone.

Offer valid until January 25, 2019

Ant Street Inn
107 W. Commerce St., Downtown Brenham
979-836-7393
www.antstreetinn.com

Free Holiday Framable 4x6 Print

Visit our gift shop, The Vault, located in our downstairs lobby and receive free set of five (5) framable Holiday prints when you spend \$20 on additional gift items. We have Ant Street Inn swag, soaps, artwork and more! Offer available to everyone, not just guests!

Offer valid Nov. 1 - Dec. 23, 2018

Ant Street Inn
107 W. Commerce St., Downtown Brenham
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www.antstreetinn.com

Get \$25 Off Chemical Peel

The Perfect Peel is a revolutionary chemical peel that contains the ingredients to transform you skin into looking younger, healthier and clearer in just one week. The Perfect Peel can be used on all skin types and requires no pre-peel skin preparation. Ideal for face, neck, décolleté, arms and hands.

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HomeAgain Microchip Special

One out of every three pets will go missing during its lifetime. Without proper ID, up to 90% of these pets never return home. A HomeAgain microchip is your pet's permanent ID. A pet microchip—the size of a grain of rice—goes beneath your pet's skin. This permanent ID can never be removed or become impossible to read. HomeAgain uses this ID to contact you and reunite you with your pet. Your pet's microchip ID number will be permanently registered in the HomeAgain National Pet Recovery Database, along with your contact information. Always keep your contact information up to date. Updates are always free.

Offer valid now until December 31, 2018

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979-836-2472
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3.00% 13 Month CD Special

APY= Annual Percentage Yield. Rate as of 12/01/2018. APY based on dividends calculated daily, paid monthly. Minimum deposit of \$1,000.00 to open certificate. All CD special deposits must be new money transferred to ACU of Texas. Limited time only. Rates are subject to change without notice. Penalties may apply for early withdrawal. Membership requires savings account with minimum balance of \$1.


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