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## Shaping the Future



Keynote Speaker Tyson Voelkel, president of the Texas A&M Foundation.

A crowd of more than 550 attended the Annual Banquet held by the Washington County Chamber and Brenham Economic Development Foundation on Feb. 5. The theme was "Shaping the Future" and featured a keynote speech from Tyson Voelkel, president of the Texas A&M Foundation. Brett Smith served as Master of Ceremonies.

Thanks to all members and guests who attended, and to the following headline sponsors and Chairman Circle members for ensuring the success of the event:

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EDF Chairman Tee Dippel recognized retiring EDF directors Cory Flencher of Citizens State Bank and William Krueger, retired from Jones & Carter. He also thanked several partner organizations including the City of Brenham, Brenham Community Development Corporation, Washington County and Bluebonnet Electric.

The Chamber's outgoing Board Chairman Randy Wells thanked retiring direc-

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From left: 2019 EDF Chairman Tee Dippel, outgoing Chairman Billy Holle and retiring director Cory Flencher.



Retiring Chamber Board directors received plaques of appreciation: (from left) Walter Jackson, Kristie Wensel, Jenny Van Dorf, Kyle Merten, and Jeannie Kroll. Not pictured: LaVerne Krumrey.

## Washington County Day at the Capitol Feb. 26

As state legislators and officials convene in Austin for the 86th Legislative Session, the Washington County Chamber will host the biannual Washington County Day at the Capitol on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

The event is sponsored by Blue Bell Creameries, Briannas Salad Dressing, Brenham National Bank, and the Washington County Chamber of Commerce.

More than two dozen elected officials and business/community leaders will be in Austin for the event. When the House convenes at 10 a.m., Representative Ben Le-man will read a resolution about the history and unique character of Washington County. Five officials will be introduced on the House floor: County Judge John Durrenberger, Brenham Mayor Milton Tate, Burton Mayor David Zajicek, Blinn College District

Chancellor Dr. Mary Hensley, and Chamber Chairman of the Board Amanda Stolz.

Sen. Lois Kolkhorst will also recognize Washington County officials and citizens from the Senate floor when it convenes at 11 a.m. that morning.

In continuing a tradition set in place during Lt. Governor Bob Bullock's tenure, leaders from Brenham/Washington County will hand-serve Blue Bell

ice cream in the Lt. Governors Reception Room to senators, representatives and their staff members, thanks to a generous donation from Blue Bell Creameries. The legislators will also be given gifts of Briannas Gourmet Salad Dressing, generously donated by Del Sol Food Company.

Dr. Eric Alford from Baylor Scott & White-The Brenham

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# Ribbon Cuttings



*New Member*

## U.S. Army Recruiting Station

Manager: Sgt. John Hatfield  
2666 Highway 36 South, Brenham



*New Member*

## Catherine's Victorian Tea Room

Owners: Catherine and Brian Wetmore  
302 South St. Charles Street, Brenham



*New Member*

## Dream Body LLC

Owners: Jesse Baker, Cindy Randermann,  
and Jim and Angie Baker  
2108 South Market Street, Brenham



*Park Expansion*

## City of Brenham Pickleball Courts at Jackson Street Park

1300 South Jackson Street, Brenham



*New Member*

## Wingstop

Owners: Brandon and Chantel Gawthorp  
2642 Highway 36 South, Brenham



*Business Expansion/35th Anniversary*

## Antique Rose Emporium

Owners: Mike and Jean Shoup  
10000 FM 50, Brenham



*40th Anniversary*

## The Pomegranate

Owner: Connie Wilder  
203 West Alamo Street, Brenham



*New Location*

## Moser Community Media

Owner: Jim Moser  
101 East Main Street, Brenham

## Capitol

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Clinic will serve as Physician of the Day at the Capitol again this year. As a service to the Texas Legislature, the Texas Academy of Family Physicians provides a physician in the Capitol for each day of the legislative session and has since 1971. This program is organized by TAFP and supported by the Texas Dept. of State Health Services and the Texas Medical Association. The Physician of the Day is introduced in both the Senate and the House of Representatives and his name becomes a permanent part of the official legislative record. Dr. Alford will see patients throughout the entire day. Dr. Alford is also a member of the Washington County Chamber Board of Directors.

After "Washington County Day at the Capitol," photos will be posted on the Washington County Chamber's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/Washingtoncountychamber](http://www.facebook.com/Washingtoncountychamber).

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# Renewing Chamber Members

12 Armadillos — 1 year  
 23 Fitness — 2 years  
 Allcorn House, The — 18 years  
 AT&T Retail Store — 18 years  
 Barnhill House Toys & Books — 19 years  
 Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative — 35 years  
 Bluffview Villas — 12 years  
 Dot Borchardt-Washington County Tax Assessor — 11 years  
 Brazos Valley Council of Government/Workforce — 2 years  
 Brenham Activist Association — 21 years  
 Brenham Banner Press — 35 years  
 Brenham Family Dental — 5 years  
 Brenham House Bed & Breakfast — 12 years  
 Brenham Insurance Center — 17 years  
 Brenham L-P Gas Inc. — 37 years  
 Brenham Maifest Association — 37 years  
 Brenham Memorial Chapel — 35 years  
 Brenham Trees, Inc. — 3 years  
 Brenham Wholesale Grocery Co., Inc. — 34 years  
 Cannery Kitchen & Gift Shop — 9 years  
 Christians Development Company, Inc. — 9 years  
 Clover & Marak PLLC — 8 years  
 Collier Construction LLC — 29 years  
 Compass Quarters — 4 years  
 Cowboy Church of Brenham — 9 years  
 Cy-Fair Tire — 1 year  
 David Hermann Electric Co., Inc. — 29 years  
 Detering Brothers Investments — 37 years  
 Don's Appliance Service — 10 years

Downtown Art Gallery, LLC — 10 years  
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 Paul A. Ehler — 9 years  
 Enterprise Products — 27 years  
 Farmers Mutual Aid Assoc. of Washington County — 24 years  
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 Felder's Buy N Bye — 4 years  
 Fischer Tile & Floor Covering — 35 years  
 Goss Communications, Inc. — 22 years  
 Eddie E. & Margaret D. Harrison — 19 years  
 Hi-Line Industries II, Inc. — 31 years  
 Hodde Real Estate Company — 22 years  
 Hospice Boutique Resale — 17 years  
 Washington County Abstract Company — 54 years  
 Seidel Schroeder — 41 years  
 Medi-Care Equipment Specialties, Inc. — 37 years  
 Volunteer Services Council for Brenham St — 37 years  
 Kenjura Pharmacy, Inc. — 34 years  
 Lacina & Kenjura PC — 34 years  
 Moeller Electric Company — 34 years  
 Thielemann Construction Co., LP & Stegent — 34 years  
 Washington County Tractor, Inc. — 34 years  
 Wellmann Insurance Agency, Inc. — 34 years  
 Thrivent Financial — 32 years  
 Phillips Painting Contractor — 30 years  
 Lete Phillips Exercise Program — 29 years  
 Leon Toubin — 29 years  
 Unity Theatre — 24 years  
 Hospice Brazos Valley — 21 years

Ozarka Spring Water (Aqua Beverage Company) — 21 years  
 Southern Rose Ranch — 20 years  
 Lampe Surveying — 19 years  
 Pooltex American, Inc. — 19 years  
 Total Storage — 19 years  
 Dr. Donald Voelter — 19 years  
 Woltmann's Welding & Fabricating — 19 years  
 Martha's Bloomers — 18 years  
 Kountry Boys Sausage — 17 years  
 Windy Winery — 17 years  
 Subway Sandwiches & Salads — 15 years  
 Margaret E. Blizzard Senior Activity Center — 12 years  
 Preservation Storage, LLC — 11 years  
 Portable Buildings of Brenham — 9 years  
 Rotary Club of Brenham — 9 years  
 Sigma Chi Chi Professional Women's Club — 9 years  
 Texas Country Title — 8 years  
 ISB Insurance Services, Inc. — 6 years  
 Peek a Ranch Alpacas — 5 years  
 Kountry Boys Bakery & Restaurant — 4 years  
 Lauren Concrete — 4 years  
 The Errand Lady — 3 years  
 Texas Custom Construction — 2 years  
 Tippit Dental Group-Brenham — 2 years  
 Moosefeathers Florist — 1 year  
 Prasek's Hillje Smokehouse Sealy — 1 year  
 Riverstone Commercial Real Estate — 1 year  
 Robinson Landcare — 1 year

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



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



# Washington County Blue Blazers

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

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**Tammy Jaster**  
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 Retired-Brenham Municipal Judge

**Kathy Randermann**  
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# Leadership at State, Local Level

On January 23, the Leadership class traveled to Austin for the State Government session. The group also received a guided tour of the Capitol and learned about the historic artwork, statues and layout of the impressive building.

Lobbyist Joel Romo of Texana Public Affairs greeted the group and gave insight to his profession and the role it plays in assistance to legislators in Austin and around the state. State Representative Ben Leman and State Senator Lois Kolkhorst each met with

the class, respectively, and gave an update on their committee assignments and the top priorities in this 86th Legislative Session.

After hearing from our Representatives, lunch was enjoyed in the Capitol Grill. The class then traveled to the Bob Bullock Tex-

as State History Museum. They browsed three levels of historical artifacts and exhibits, educational resources and programs. They also watched "The Star of Destiny" a multi-sensory film inside the Texas Spirit Theater.



Outside the Texas State History Museum.



The class began their day with a guided tour of the Capitol.



LWC Class of 2019 with Rep. Ben Leman and Sen. Lois Kolkhorst.



Joe Chandler gets a perfect shot of the star in the dome of the rotunda.



Brenham's own Joel Romo speaks to the class about his job as a lobbyist.



Jennifer Phillips enjoys one of the exhibits on Texas rodeos inside the museum.

FEBRUARY 2019 | Dog (Labrador Retriever)

# SERVICE

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## Core Essential Value of the Month

Thank you to the 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.

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.



# Leadership Lessons in Emergency Management

The January session of Leadership Washington County began at the Brenham Fire Department. The class heard from Kristi Stamnes (LWC Class of 2018), Washington County 9-1-1 Director and Brian Scheffer, assistant fire chief. Attendees were then able to see first-hand how emergency situations are communicated and executed from the command center downtown through a mock disaster drill at the department's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Brenham where they had lunch and heard from Lynna Tolliver of Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union, the lunch sponsor for the day. EMS Director Kevin Deramus then welcomed the class and explained what EMS does, its history and how they transport and care for patients. Then other paramedics demonstrated the Lund Hospital Cardiac Arrest System (LUCAS) on a mannequin. The class was given a tour of the station.

They were then given a tour of the department and got to try out some of the equipment, including a trip up in the bucket of the ladder truck. The Brenham Fire Department has been operating since 1867. The group then traveled to the EMS station located at 1875 Hwy 290 West in

Leadership Washington County is one of the key programs of the Washington County Chamber designed to train and motivate leaders for this community. The next class will form in July. For more details or to view the application form, visit the "Leadership" page on [www.BrenhamTexas.com](http://www.BrenhamTexas.com).



Paramedics demonstrate the Lund Hospital Cardiac Arrest System.



Lynna Tolliver of Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union, the day's lunch sponsor, gives an overview of the services they offer.



Joe Chandler and Courtney Mason develop a plan in their roles during the emergency drill.



Tiffany Holmes peers over the edge of the bucket ladder.



9-1-1 Director Kristi Stamnes and Assistant Fire Chief Brian Scheffer explain the procedure in the event of an emergency.

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

SPONSORED BY:

**Brenham Education Foundation  
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*Hosted at Ant Street Inn - 107 W. Commerce St., Brenham*  
**Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 5-7 p.m.**

*Beverages sponsored by Mike Hopkins Distributing.*  
*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!*



# Stay Local, Play Local

## Where's Theo?



Inside this local business, people who are buying and selling real estate meet to review and sign lots of documents. Do you know where Theo is this month? Email your name, business/employer and location guess to Theo@Brenham-Texas.com by February 28th. A winner will be chosen on March 1st from all correct entries and announced in the next newsletter.



Congrats to Paula Hughes of Brenham Collision for correctly guessing where Theo was in January! He was in front of the Brenham Community Center on Blue Bell Road (FM 577), operated by the Brenham Housing Authority. The property was modernized a couple years ago by Upchurch Architect. Paula 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.**

## Theatre Arts of Blinn – Brenham presents: “Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter?”

By George Axelrod. When mild-mannered reporter, George MacCauley, comes to interview motion picture goddess, Rita Marlowe, he meets a high-powered agent who, for successive ten percents of his soul, arranges for the goddess to fall madly in love with him. But after winning an Oscar for Best Screenplay, George finds he must free himself from both Hollywood and the Devil.

Performances Feb. 14, 15, 16 at 7 p.m., February 17 at 2 p.m. O'Donnell PAC Auditorium, 600 Blinn Blvd., Brenham. [blinn.edu/boxoffice/](http://blinn.edu/boxoffice/)

## Pickin' Party at Home Sweet Farm

Mark the date! Saturday, February 23 an amazine Bluegrass Pickin' Party featuring Steel Betty, Helium Taxi and the SugarTree Band! Doors open and music begins at Noon... BBQ plates by LJ's BBQ will be available for lunch along with Jax Brenham for Dinner. FREE fabulous family fun! HomeSweetFarm.com



## Texas Independence Day Celebration at WOB

“Texas Independence Day Celebration”—presented by H-E-B—is an admission free annual two-day living history celebration from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 2 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 3 on the 293-acre Washington on the Brazos State Historic Site to commemorate when 59 delegates bravely met in 1836 to make a formal declaration of independence from Mexico and form a new nation.

Visit [WhereTexasBecameTexas.org](http://WhereTexasBecameTexas.org) for more information

# Business Spotlight

## Baylor Scott & White Health - Brenham

Baylor Scott & White Health is passionate about bringing quality, personalized healthcare and an exceptional customer experience to the Brenham community.

### More Specialists. Expanded Services.

We offer full-time specialists in cardiology, internal medicine, orthopedics and general surgery among many others to serve the Brenham area. Many other specialists regularly rotate through.

Baylor Scott & White Medical Center – Brenham and area Baylor Scott & White clinic services now include: Cardiology, Cardiac rehabilitation, Diabetes, ENT, Emergency medicine, Family medicine, General surgery, Imaging services, Internal medicine, Nephrology, Occupational medicine, Orthopedics, Pain management, Pediatrics, Physical therapy, Podiatry, Rehabilitation, Specialized surgical services, Sports medicine, Trauma care and Women's health.

### Upping Our Investment

We recently invested more than \$4 million into the Brenham community in renovations, additions, and new services to our medical center and other Brenham healthcare facilities, including advanced outpatient orthopedic services and a new pain clinic. We were also excited to unify the greater Brenham community through the addition of providers and staff from The Brenham Clinic, the Blinn student clinic, and the Bellville clinic.

### Committed to Quality

Providing quality care during each patient encounter is our top priority. Every Baylor Scott & White facility is not only held to our own organization's rigorous quality standards but is also accredited by The Joint Commission – the nation's largest healthcare standards-setting and accrediting body. Brenham-area facilities surveyed and accredited by The Joint Commission include: Baylor Scott & White Clinic – Bellville, Baylor Scott & White Medical Center – Brenham, Baylor Scott & White – The Brenham Clinic, Baylor Scott & White Clinic – Brenham Hwy 290, Baylor Scott & White Sports Medicine and Therapy Services – Brenham, Baylor Scott & White Community Wellness and Diabetes Center – Brenham, Baylor Scott & White Clinic – Brenham College Ave (Blinn College Student Clinic)

For more information, visit [BSWhealth.com/Brenham](http://BSWhealth.com/Brenham).

## Washington County Chamber of Commerce

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Jan. 2019 — 16,584

# What's Happening in February

Feb 14-17

## Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter?

The Blinn College-Brenham Campus Theatre Arts Program is bringing Faustian comedy to the W.W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center. ([www.blinn.edu/boxoffice](http://www.blinn.edu/boxoffice), [boxoffice@blinn.edu](mailto:boxoffice@blinn.edu), 979-830-4024).

Feb 14-17

## Unity Theatre Presents - Cat on Hot Tin Roof

A Pulitzer Prize Winning Drama by Tennessee Williams ([www.UnityBrenham.org](http://www.UnityBrenham.org)).

Feb 14-17, 21-24, 28-March 3

## 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).

Feb 14-17, 21-24, 28-March 3

## 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](http://www.BrazosValleyBrewery.com)).

Feb 15

## Open Enrollment - Brenham FBCS

Open enrollment begins for the public. Brenham First Baptist Church School, 302 Pahl St., Brenham ([www.fbcsbrenham.org](http://www.fbcsbrenham.org)).

Feb 15-16, 22-23, March 1-2

## 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](http://www.TheKenneyStore.com)).

Feb 15

## Black History Exhibit

Exhibit to be shown at the Chappell Hill Historical Society Museum, 9220 Poplar St., Chappell Hill ([ChappellHillMuseum.org](http://ChappellHillMuseum.org)).

Feb 16

## "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](http://www.starmuseum.org)).

Feb 16

## 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](http://WhereTexasBecameTexas.org)).

Feb 16

## Shopping for Your Sweet Heart Back Porch Event

Live music by The Black Cat Trio, food, drinks, shopping, drawings for wine and chocolate gift baskets, Texas Casual Cottages, 580 S. State Hwy 237, Carmine, 11am-3pm ([www.TexasCasualCottages.com](http://www.TexasCasualCottages.com)).

Feb 17, 24

## 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](http://www.WhereTexasBecameTexas.org)).

Feb 19-24

## 2nd Annual Brenham Sheep Dog Trial

One of the largest trials in the US. 140 Dogs will be competing from all over the US and Canada. Public is welcome. 5150 Mustang Rd., Brenham ([www.texasheepdogassoc.org](http://www.texasheepdogassoc.org)).

Feb 19

## Ribbon Cutting - 40th Anniversary Recognition Mark Hyatt State Farm Insurance Agency

Join to celebrate this anniversary, 210 E. Tom Green, Brenham, 11am.

Feb 19

## Ribbon Cutting - Orman's Steakhouse

Join in welcoming this new Chamber Member, 2100 Hwy 290 E., Brenham, 2pm.

Feb 19, 21, 23, 26, 28

## CASA Advocate Academy Training

Training to become a special advocate for children in the foster system, CASA for kids, 2309 S. Day St., Brenham, 5:30-8:30pm ([www.WeSpeak4Kids.org](http://www.WeSpeak4Kids.org)).

Feb 19

## Republican Club of Washington County

Monthly meeting at Blinn College Banquet Room, Brenham, 6-8pm.

Feb 20

## 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)).

Feb 21

## Starry Spring Night Design Seminar

Join Hermann Furniture for a Door to Table presentation. Seating is limited, call for reservations, 213 W. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham, 2-4pm ([www.HermannFurniture.com](http://www.HermannFurniture.com), 979-836-7231).

Feb 21

## Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Featuring Neil Kulhanek, Vicki Wehmeyer, Abigail Taylor and the Bluebonnet Opry House Band, doors open at 5:30pm, food served at 6pm, show starts at 7:30pm, \$7 admission.

Feb 21

## Michael Martin Murphy hosted by Citadel Christian School

This event includes dinner, live auction and information on Citadel Christian School. ([www.CitadelChristian.org](http://www.CitadelChristian.org)).

Feb 22

## 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](http://UnityBrenham.org/education) or [cityofbrenham.org/library](http://cityofbrenham.org/library)).

Feb 22

## Ribbon Cutting - St. Mary's Catholic Church Knights of Columbus Hall

Join to celebrate St. Mary's Catholic Church Knights of Columbus Hall, 705 S. Austin St., Brenham, 3pm.

Feb 22

## Bri Bagwell at 4 Star Concert Hall

General admission, \$20, 5-9pm ([www.4StarBrenham.com](http://www.4StarBrenham.com)).

Feb 23-24

## Candle Dripping

Learn how families would have needed to make their own light for nighttime and see the process of hand-dripping candles. Barrington Living History Farm at Washington on the Brazos, 10am-4pm, 23400 Park Rd. 12, Washington ([www.WhereTexasBecameTexas.org](http://www.WhereTexasBecameTexas.org)).

Feb 24

## Blinn College presents: Second City: Made in America (Some Assembly Required)

The Second City is celebrating nearly sixty years of producing cutting-edge satirical revues and launching the careers of generation after generation of comedy's best and brightest. W.W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center, 600 Blinn Blvd, 4pm ([www.Blinn.edu/BoxOffice](http://www.Blinn.edu/BoxOffice)).

Feb 25

## Citadel Christian School Open House

Open House for prospective students and parents, 6pm, 2111 S. Blue Bell Rd. ([www.CitadelChristian.org](http://www.CitadelChristian.org)).

Feb 26

## Washington County Day at the Capitol

A resolution for "Washington County Day at the Capitol" will be read on the House floor by Rep. Ben Leman at 10am and on the Senate floor by Sen. Lois Kolkhorst at 11am.

Feb 26

## Connect After 5 - Brenham Education Foundation & Appel Ford

Unwind after work and expand your network. Enjoy food, drinks and exchange business cards and brochures at Ant Street Inn, 107 W. Commerce St., Downtown Brenham, 5-7pm.

Feb 27 - March 2

## Fortnightly Club Annual Book Sale

Annual Used Book Sale at the Washington County Fairgrounds sponsored by

The Fortnightly Club benefiting the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library. Admission: Wed 9am-1pm, \$10; after 1pm - Sat, \$1 free parking, no entry fee for children.

Feb 28

## Open House on Brenham's Future

The Barnhill Center, 5:15-7pm, 111 W. Main St., Downtown Brenham. More details about the comprehensive plan can be found at [cityofbrenham.page.link/complan](http://cityofbrenham.page.link/complan)

Feb 28

## Ribbon Cutting - Strand Associates, Inc.

Join to celebrate the New Location for Strand Associates, Inc., 1906 Niebuhr St., Brenham, 4pm.

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## 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](http://www.centraltexasbeekeepers.org)).

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## Arts & Appetizers

This is the annual fundraiser for Brenham ISD Education Foundation, Ant Street Inn, 107 W. Commerce St., Brenham, 5:30-7pm.

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## New Beginnings 2019 Celebration of Life Banquet

Annual fundraising banquet, Fireman's Training Center, 1101 Hwy 290 W., Brenham. No charge to attend, but reservations are highly recommended ([NewBeginningsBrenham.org](http://NewBeginningsBrenham.org)).

## March Highlights

March 1

### First Fridays Farmer & Artisan Market

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

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### Texas Celebration

Brenham's First Baptist Church School annual fundraiser with drive thru or dine in meal, silent, live and dessert auctions, and games for the kids, Washington County Fairgrounds Event Center, 4-8pm ([www.FBCSBrenham.org](http://www.FBCSBrenham.org)).

March 2-3

### Texas Independence Day Celebration

This annual two-day celebration features live music, food, traditional crafts, living history presentations, firing demonstrations, historical encampments and commemorative programs, Washington-on-the-Brazos ([www.WhereTexasBecameTexas.org](http://www.WhereTexasBecameTexas.org)).



# Future

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tors: Walter Jackson of Brenham ISD, Jeannie Kroll of Baylor Scott & White – The Brenham Clinic, LaVerne Krumrey of Brenham Monument Company, Kyle Merten of Bluebonnet Electric, Jenny Van Dorf of Blue Bell Creameries and Kristie Wensel of Brenham State Supported Living Center.

The Blue Blazers' 2018 president Tammy Jaster thanked the members for all their hard work helping to recruit and retain members. He announced the Blue Blazer of the Year award. It was won by Debra Leroy Wenckens for her enthusiasm and hard work for the club.

Dottie Schaer won the 2018 Woman of the Year-Lifetime Achievement Award. She was introduced by 2017 winner Dr. Heather Thielemann. Charlie Pyle won the 2018 Man of the Year Award, introduced by the prior year's winner Dr. Donald Draehn. They expressed sincere appreciation for being selected and talked about what a great community this is to live in and be of service to others.

That concluded a wonderful evening of celebration for this community's business leaders and hard-working volunteers. Plans for next year's banquet are already underway.



**Dottie Schaer and Charlie Pyle were surprised and honored to be selected as Man and Woman of the Year for 2018.**



**The 2018 Blue Blazer of the Year award winner Debra LeRoy Wenckens (center) with club president Tammy Jaster and Chamber manager Jane Hinze.**



**Page Michel received a special Congressional Recognition from Andrew Ross, a representative from Congressman Michael McCaul's staff.**



**Page Michel receives a plaque from Randy Wells recognizing her 18 years of dedication to the Chamber.**



**Brett Smith did an outstanding job as MC for the evening.**



**The Bluebonnet Garden Club always does a fabulous job decorating the tables each year.**

# Business Spotlight

## Blinn College

### The Second City set to bring big laughs to O'Donnell Center

*Made in America (Some Assembly Required) comedy tour comes to Brenham on Feb. 24*

The Blinn College District will bring one of the nation's most legendary comedy troupes to the Dr. W.W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center when it hosts The Second City's comedy revue, "Made in America (Some Assembly Required)."

A certified American comedy institution since 1959, The Second City is sending satire down the conveyor belt and celebrating what makes America tick with a hilarious show that will leave audiences breathlessly ready to face the future ... and all its loose screws.

"It is an honor to bring comedy performers with The Second City's tradition and name recognition to our community," said Deborah Vavra, Dean of Visual/Performing Arts and Kinesiology. "We look forward to hosting an incredibly funny show, and giving our audience an opportunity to see talents that they may see on Saturday Night Live or in the movies in the years to come."

Performing social and political satire in two 45-minute acts of scripted scenes, music, and improvisations, The Second City is always original, daring, and spectacularly funny. Celebrating almost 60 years of producing cutting-edge satirical revues, The Second City has launched the careers of generation after generation of comedy's best and brightest. Its alumni list is a veritable "Who's Who" of comedy, including Bill Murray, John and Jim Belushi, Mike Myers, Steve Carell, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, George Wendt, Tina Fey, John Candy, Stephen Colbert, Chris Farley, Harold Ramis, Jason Sudeikis, Keegan-Michael Key, and many more.

The show takes place at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24. Individual show tickets are \$35, and discount \$15 tickets are available for children ages 10 and under. Blinn employees and groups of 10 or more can purchase discounted \$30 tickets and student rush tickets are \$10. Single reception tickets will be available up to five days prior to the show for \$20. To purchase tickets, visit [www.blinn.edu/performing-arts-series](http://www.blinn.edu/performing-arts-series) or call 979-830-4024.

"Made In America (Some Assembly Required)" marks the third show of Blinn's 2018-19 Performing Arts Series, which brings elite performers from across the nation to the O'Donnell Center. Following the success of "Yesterday and Today: The Interactive Beatles Experience" and "Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol" during the Fall semester, this year's Series will conclude Sunday, March 31, with "The Doo Wop Project."

### About the Blinn College District

With an enrollment of 19,581 students, Blinn ranks among the nation's leaders in transferring students to leading four-year universities and has received national recognition for affordable educational excellence. For more information, visit [www.blinn.edu](http://www.blinn.edu).



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