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Annual awards, volunteer recognition announced

A crowd of more than 500 attended the Annual Banquet held by the Washington County Chamber and Brenham Economic Development Foundation on January 30.

The theme was "Building Relationships for a Better World" and featured a keynote speech from Dr. Henry Musoma of the Mays School of Business, Texas A&M University System. Wesley Brinkmeyer 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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Live2Lead leader development experience coming to Brenham

Live2Lead was presented as a worldwide live simulcast event in October 2017, hosted by LEAD Leaders Network. On Feb. 28, Dr. Heather Theielemann of Brenham will facilitate a recorded broadcast of this event at The Barnhill Center at Historic Simon Theatre in Downtown Brenham from 8 a.m. until noon. This high-impact workshop is being hosted by the Washington County Chamber of Commerce



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Keynote Speaker Dr. Henry Musoma



Dr. Donald Draehn and Dr. Heather Theielemann were surprised and honored to be selected as Man and Woman of the Year for 2017.

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Awards

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EDF Chairman Billy Holle recognized retiring EDF board members Roger Atkins of RJ3 Enterprise and Stephen Miller of Brenham Wholesale. 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 Kyle Merten thanked retiring directors: Kurt Alfred of Brenham National Bank; Tammy Jaster of the City of Brenham-Blue Bell Aquatic Center; James Pharaon of Germania Insurance and James Pharaon Creative; and Cyndee Smith of Oldham Goodwin Group. Randy Wells of Faith Mission served as First Vice Chair in

2017 and will remain on the board in 2018 as Chairman.

The Blue Blazers' 2017 president Brice Milliorn 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 Barbara Wilganowski for her enthusiasm and hard work for the club.

Dr. Heather Thielemann won the 2017 Woman of the Year-Lifetime Achievement Award. She was introduced by 2016 winner Nina Hopkins. Dr. Donald Draehn

won the 2017 Man of the Year Award, introduced by the prior year's winner Frank Blizzard and 1997 winner Joe Al Picone. Both winners were stunned and surprised. 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.



Stephen Miller (center) receives a plaque in appreciation of his service to the EDF upon his retirement from the board from Chairman Billy Holle and President Page Michel.



Outgoing Chamber Chairman Kyle Merten (left) thanked fellow executive officers for 2017 Amanda Stolz, Kurt Alfred, Randy Wells, and James Pharaon. Not pictured: Dr. Walter Jackson.



Retiring Chamber Board directors received plaques of appreciation: (from left) Chairman of the Board Kyle Merten, James Pharaon, Cyndee Smith, Kurt Alfred and Page Michel. Not pictured: Tammy Jaster.



The 2017 Blue Blazer of the Year award winner Barbara Wilganowski (center) with club president Brice Milliorn and Chamber manager Jane Hinz.

"Wake Up, Washington County!" Networking Breakfast

Hosted by
Boys & Girls Club of Washington County
1710 E. Tom Green St., Brenham

Tuesday, February 13
Starts at 7:45 a.m.

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

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

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

Another great way to promote your organization is through targeted emails. The Chamber will forward your "e-message" to all members, as long as it meets certain criteria.

For non-profits, it should not have a strong-sell for sponsorships or donations. The message should be newsworthy, typically about an upcoming event. For regular businesses, it should also be about upcoming special events, as long as there is no purchase required for the reader to experience the event.

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YPO 'mobs' LJ's BBQ

The YPO will be conducting a "Lunch Mob" at one Chamber Member restaurant on the last Wednesday of each month. In January, they "mobbed" LJ's BBQ and had a great turnout.

Networking Happy Hour
Thursday, February 22
at Home Sweet Farm Market & Biergarten
307 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham
5-7 p.m.

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

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

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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Leadership in Education

The January session of Leadership Washington County focused on Education, and the class began the day with a light breakfast on the campus of Brenham High School. The group was greeted by Brenham ISD Superintendent Dr. Walter Jackson (LWC Class of 2016), Director of Career & Technical Education Cody Stelter; Career Center Specialist and Community Education Facilitator Jeremy Johnston and Director of Communications and Special Projects Jessica Johnston, who is currently in the LWC class. They also toured some of the CTE classrooms and heard from students in the PAL 2 class. They then met with JROTC members to test their marksmanship at the Mike & Nina Hopkins Shooting Range.

The class then traveled to the Early Childhood Learning Center and was greeted by campus Principal Toni Schwartz who provided a glimpse into this exciting new pre-K campus.

The group also visited the Boys & Girls Club of Washington County, where Director Stephanie Wehring (LWC Class of 2008) led a tour of the club facilities, detailed the volunteer opportunities available, and explained the benefits and programs available for local youth. They heard from Program Director Angelica Gamboa, also currently in the LWC class.

The session culminated on the Blinn College campus. Burton ISD Superintendent Dr. Edna Kennedy (LWC Class of 2017) stopped in to

talk about everything happening in her district. Dr. Kyle Merten (LWC Class of 2015) guided a tour of the Blinn campus, including the W.J. "Bill" Rankin Agricultural Complex, led by current LWC participant Bryn Behnke, and the new Kruse Recreation Center.

Leadership Washington County is a program of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce aimed at educating and motivating current and future leaders. February sessions will include a trip to the Capitol for a state government session and then a day of plant tours to learn about local economic development. The next class forms in July and will run August 2018 through May 2019. Contact the Chamber for more details.



Brenham ISD Superintendent Dr. Walter Jackson gives updates on school statistics.



Career and Technical Education Director Cody Stelter walks the class through the auto tech lab.



Brenham ECLC principal Toni Schwartz (right) and former students who attended Alton Elementary when it was at this campus.



Bryn Behnke gives a tour of one of the shops at the Blinn Ag Complex.



Students take aim at the Brenham High School ROTC shooting range.

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.

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— U.S. 290 East Sign

Glasco & Company Landscaping

— Hwy. 36 North and South Signs

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Tourism News

Photo Contest



Grand Prize Winner

The votes are in for the annual photo contest. Congratulations to Michael Mallory - you are the 2017 Grand Prize Winner! Honorable Mention winners are Jamie Wagner and Linda Woods. Thanks to all who submitted their photos this year; it was a record setting year for entries!

We may hold two or three smaller contests throughout 2018. Announcements will be made, so keep your eyes out so you can submit your best shots.



Where's Della?

"Della took a trot around this example of early pioneer living in Washington County."

Do you know where Della is this month? Email your name, phone number and location guess to Della@BrenhamTexas.com by February 28. A winner will be randomly chosen on March 1 from all correct entries.

In January, Della went to visit the Texas Cotton Gin Museum in Burton! The historic 1914 Burton Farmers Gin is the oldest operating cotton gin in America and is designated a National Historic Engineering Landmark by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; recognized by the Smithsonian Institution; listed on the National Register of Historic Places and designated a Texas Historic Landmark by the Texas Historical Commission. Step back in time and take a journey into living history.

The Cotton Gin museum is open to the public every Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm and offers guided tours through the gin at 10am and 2pm each day. Group tours are also available by appointment.

Congrats to Peggy Bland, the lucky winner for January!

THANK YOU!

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



Geocachers earn this reward coin for completing the GeoTour.

Geocaching in Washington County

Geocaching? What's that?! It's a real world treasure hunt combining the outdoors with technology. This hobby has been worldwide fun since 2001, but staff member, Jenny, didn't get involved until 2013. Immediately she saw the opportunity that building a tour would offer in promoting the area to outside visitors, and in December 2013 the Chamber-CVB launched a 28-cache GeoTour, the first official one in Texas.

Geocaching is truly a hobby for everyone. Brenham has received visitors from a number of countries because of geocaching, and was host to a statewide weekend conference in 2016. The 2013 tour resulted in more than 400 finishers in four years, and a known figure of more than \$45,000 was spent in Washington County by those visitors.

On February 1, the Chamber-CVB launched a brand new tour. Thirty new caches have been placed including four multi caches and one puzzle cache. There is a new Passport to use to record finds in order to be eligible for a new reward geocoin. Geocachers must find at least 15 caches and collect at least 30 points to receive a coin. Cachers collect points by geocaching, eating, shopping, wine tasting and staying overnight.

To learn more about geocaching and the GeoTour, go to VisitBrenhamTexas.com/geocaching.



Jenny Mills maintains the GeoTour and can help you get started.

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Jan. 2018 — 266

HQ Building
Jan. 2018 — 597

WEBSITE

www.BrenhamTexas.com

Unique Visitors
Jan. 2018 — 8,566

Total Pages
Jan. 2018 — 16,239

WEBSITE

www.VisitBrenhamTexas.com

Unique Visitors
Jan. 2018 — 12,735

Total Pages
Jan. 2018 — 30,896

Courtney's Corner

On January 30, Courtney attended the Destinations Galore Travel Show hosted by Harris County Precinct 4's Fun4Seniors program at the Humble Civic Center. Precinct 4 partners with over 400 senior adult groups including churches, civic associations, gardening clubs, and community service organizations to provide transportation and day trip destinations within a 150 mile radius of Houston. We attended to promote Washington County attractions and new services with the intent to bring these groups to our area.

Barry Brass also attended to help promote guided historic tours, as well as Chappell Hill Lavender Farm, Windy Winery, Lillian Farms, and Washington on the Brazos. We were able to create a memorable experience for the hundreds of group representatives in attendance, and make contact with new faces in order to establish relationships that will ensure they think of us when planning trips in the future.



Ask Jennifer

"What day should I come visit to see the best bluebonnets?"

We get so many calls, mostly during the spring, but also throughout the year on when it's best to see the bluebonnets. I really wish I could tell you a specific day, but the best I can do is any time between mid-March and mid-April. How good of a "crop" we have has so many variables like rain, sunshine, the cold, when the land was mowed, if the land was grazed on by livestock, and more. The good news is, you can visit any day and we have a wide variety of wildflowers of all colors, plus plenty of activities going on. Check the website for wildflower updates starting in March. We post information and pictures as we find bluebonnets and other flowers. www.VisitBrenhamTexas.com.



Travel Tip:

"Remember that happiness is a way of travel – not a destination."

— Roy M. Goodman

What's Happening in February

Feb 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 27

Water Aerobics, Aqua Cardio Class

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

Feb 8

Lunch Hour Embroidery at the Library

Come and go on your lunch hour. Bring your own project or create one with materials provided. You can bring a lunch to enjoy, 11am-1pm, Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library, Conference Room B, free, but you must register (979-337-7205).

Feb 8

Homeschool Acting Class Spring Showcase

Students practice theatre skills as they present Kids on Strike, a compilation of pieces about rights of children during Industrial Revolution, grades 4-12 ages 9-18, showcase on April 12 (www.UnityBrenham.org).

Feb 8

Ribbon Cutting - Brenham Clinic

Join in the unveiling of New Pediatric Mutual -Partnership with Brenham Fine Arts League, 4pm, 600 N. Park St, Brenham.

Feb 8

Baylor Scott & White Valentine Ball

Baylor Scott & White Central Texas Foundation-Brenham Valentine Ball, Fireman's Training Center, 6pm.

Feb 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27

Play in the Clay

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

Feb 8-18

"All My Sons" at Unity Theatre

This intense drama concerns the relationships between fathers and sons and the conflict between business and personal ethics. (www.UnityBrenham.org).

Feb 9-10, 16-17, 23-24

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).

Feb 9

Ribbon Cutting - Reveal of New Business

Attend this Reveal of New Business, 11am, Searchers Realty, 3960 Bluebonnet Blvd., Brenham.

Feb 9-11, 16-18, 23-25

Live Music at Home Sweet Farm

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

Feb 9-11, 16-18, 23-25

Brazos Valley Brewery Patio Open

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

Feb 9-10

Valentines' Concerts

Brenham Children's Chorus ensembles perform contemporary, classical, sacred, and folk music at two Valentines' concert, 7pm Friday, 4pm Saturday, Adults \$15, Students \$7, Children 12 and under \$5, First Baptist Church, Brenham (www.BrenhamChildrensChorus.com).

Feb 9

Movie at The Historic Simon Theatre

"La La Land" rated PG-13, 8pm, The Barnhill Center, 111 W. Main St. (www.TheBarnhillCenter.com).

Feb 10

32nd Annual Black History Breakfast

Brenham Activist Association's 32nd Annual Black History Breakfast, guest speaker Dr. Walter Jackson, Brenham ISD Superintendent, 8-10am, Blinn College Banquet Room. Public is invited. Tickets available from any BAA member or call (979-451-0863.).

Feb 10-11

Wine & Chocolate Trail

Trail tickets allow you to sample two wine tastings paired with a wonderful chocolate delicacy (appetizer portion) at each of the member wineries along the Texas Bluebonnet Wine Trail (www.TexasBluebonnetWineTrail.com).

Feb 10

Valentine's Concert

Round Top Festival Institute's Annual Library Benefit and Valentine's Concert with Dick Smith and Friends. 5-4:30pm, Festival Concert Hall, 48 Jaster Rd., Round Top (www.FestivalHill.org).

Feb 10

Once upon a Time -

A Daddy-Daughter Dance

Benefiting Brenham Fire Department and New Beginnings Pregnancy Center. To register, search Eventbrite.com for "Once Upon A Time." Catering by Royer's Cafe. Advanced tickets \$40, at the door \$50, military and first responders are half price. Fireman's Training Center, 5:30pm.

Feb 10

Dinner & Movie at Historic Simon Theatre

Movie "Dirty Dancing" rated PG-13. 6pm dinner, 7:30pm movie. Dinner and movie \$30, movie only \$10 adults, children 11 and under \$6, at Barnhill Center, 111 W.

Main St., Downtown Brenham (www.TheBarnhillCenter.com).

Feb 11

Valentine Caberet

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Parish Hall free concert featuring Andie Sackreiter, Rodney Sharp, and Elise Whittington, 4-5:30pm, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 2310 Airline Dr., Brenham (www.stpetersbrenham.org).

Feb 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28

Aquatics For Arthritis

Warm-water exercise program suitable for every fitness level. Classes meet twice per week for 6 weeks, Blue Bell Aquatic Center, 1800 E. Tom Green, Brenham (www.CityofBrenham.org).

Feb 12-14, 19-21, 26-28

Beginning Wellness

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

Feb 12, 19, 26

Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace University

A money-management class, learn basics of budgeting, dumping debt, saving and more. 6-7:30pm, Abiding Word Lutheran Church, 464 Oak Tree Crossing, Brenham (register online <https://fpu.com/1048972>, www.AbidingWordBrenham.org).

Feb 13

Wake Up, Washington County! Networking Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast and a chance to network, 7:45am, Boys & Girls Club of Washington County, 1710 E. Tom Green, Brenham. Free for Chamber Members.

Feb 13-March 6

Cooking Well with Diabetes

Hands-on-demonstration to help those with diabetes, open to anyone to learn recipe ideas and share cooking skills and tips, Tuesdays, 11am-1pm, Brenham Community Education, 1301 S. Market St., Brenham, \$7 (www.BrenhamCommunityEd.com).

Feb 13

The Green Ladies Meeting

Fellowship, networking, financial topics. February is "Pink out" Valentine's Day Party, 5-7pm, Katie Mathews Edward Jones, 1304 Hwy. 105, Brenham, no charge. (randi.emshoff@edwardjones.com)

Feb 13, 15

Essential Oils, Make & Take

Learn about the benefits of using Essential Oils with instructor Julie Burnside, 5:30-8:30pm Wednesday, 9am-noon Thursday, Room #105, 1301 S. Market St., Brenham (www.BrenhamCommunityEd.com).

Feb 14, 21, 28

Adult Dance Exercise Classes

Spring Classes at Unity Theatre. Classes are 5-6pm and 6-7pm, 12 weeks \$125 (www.UnityBrenham.org, Jamie Ward 979-830-1460 ext 14).

Feb 15

Connect After 5

at Select Furnishings

Bring business cards to share, free for Chamber members and employees. Select Furnishings, 1900 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham, 5-7pm.

Feb 15

Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Featuring Paul Schlesinger, Carol Cochran, Bob Appel and the Bluebonnet Opry House Band, doors open at 5:30pm, food served at 6pm, show starts at 7:30pm, \$5 admission (www.FriendsOfBluebonnetOpry.com).

Feb 15

For Your Information presents Texas Snakes

Clint Pustejovsky Texas Snake presentation and information, 7pm, Round Top Family Library, 206 W. Mill St., Round Top, free event (www.ilovetoread.org).

Feb 15

"Slaphappy" at The O'Donnell

Presented by the Blinn College Chapters of Delta Psi Omega and United States Institute for Theatre Technology, 7-9pm, free admission (www.Blinn.edu).

Feb 19, 21, 26, 28

Photograph and Heirloom Preservation

Learn methods for conservation, preservation and digitization with instructor Doug Price, 6-7pm, Brenham Bus Depot, \$65 (www.BrenhamCommunityEd.com)

Feb 20

Fruit Tree Management Seminar

Featuring Monte Nesbitt, extension horticulturist, \$20 per person, 12-5pm, Winedale Historical Complex, 3738 FM 2714, Round Top (979-968-5831).

Feb 21

Advanced QuickBooks Workshop

All-day advanced-level course, 9am-5pm, A.W. Hodde, Jr., Technical Education Center, 2910 S. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, \$100 (www.BlinnCollege.SBDCnetwork.net).

Feb 22-25

Winedale Quilt Collection

Selections from Briscoe Center's Winedale Quilt Collection, 10am-4pm, Winedale Historical Complex Meadows/Terry Center, 3738 FM 2714, Round Top (979-278-3530).

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Feb 22

YPO Happy Hour

Join Young Professionals Organization of Washington County for food, drinks, networking and prizes, 5-7pm, Home Sweet Farm Market and Bi-ergarten, 307 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham.

Feb 22-25

"Black Comedy" at The O'Donnell

Blinn College O'Donnell Center, 600 Blinn Blvd, Brenham, 7-9pm Thursday and Friday, 2-4pm Saturday and Sunday, adults \$10, students and children \$5 (www.Blinn.edu).

Feb 23

storyPLAY!

Storytime for the family with creative drama activities for children ages 4-8. Professional actress Jamie Ward introduces basic theatre skills through interACTIVE storytelling, movement and music. Unity Theatre, 300 Church St., Downtown Brenham, 10-10:45am, free (www.UnityBrenham.org/educaton, 979-830-1460 ext. 14).

Feb 23

Ribbon Cutting - Arm River Builders

Join in welcoming this new member, 1420 S. Berlin Rd., Brenham, 2pm.

Feb 23

Texas Celebration

First Baptist Church School Annual Texas Celebration fundraiser, drive-through and dine-in meal, games and entertainment, live & silent auctions, 5-8:30pm, Washington County Fairgrounds Event Center, 1305 E. Blue Bell Rd (979-836-6411).

Feb 24

St. Paul's Christian Day School's 2017 Gala Celebration

Gala Celebration annual fundraising event by Parent Support Group, adult only, dinner and dance, Brenham Fireman's Training Center (979-836-1145).

Feb 24

Darden Smith Concert at Historic Simon Theatre

Austin based singer-songwriter performs rock, pop, country, folk and American influences, 7-9:30pm, The Barnhill Center, 111 W. Main St., Downtown Brenham (www.TheBarnhillCenter.com).

Feb 27

Ribbon Cutting - Texas Home Health Group

Join in celebrating new company name, 526 W. Main St., Brenham, 10am.

Feb 27

Reagan Dinner

Washington County Republican Party hosts In Memory of President Ronald Reagan, featuring Comptroller Glenn Hegar, Skipper Dippel and The Honorable Allen West, Lt. Colonel US Army. 6-9pm, Silver Wings Ballroom, 4100 TX 105, Brenham. Call for info and reservations (979-525-1128).

Feb 28

Live2Lead

A half day leadership development experience, led by Dr. Heather Thielemann, 8am-noon, the Barnhill Center, Downtown Brenham, \$99 register online (www.BrenhamTexas.com/LIVE2LEADBrenham).

Feb 28

Brenham Area Real Estate Investors and Landlords Meeting

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

Feb 28 - March 3

Fortnightly Club Annual Used Book Sale

At Washington County Fairgrounds sponsored by The Fortnightly Club benefiting Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library. Admission: Wed 9 am-1pm \$10, after 1pm Wed - Sat \$1. Free Parking, no entry fee for children. Over 95,000 items for sale, 1305 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham.

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

March 1

Arts & Appetizers

Young Artists Showcase and Auction of Brenham ISD's emerging artists. Exhibit February 26 - March 1, Auction March 1, 5:30pm, Brenham National Bank Lobby, 2211 S. Day St., Brenham.

March 3-4

Texas Independence Day Celebration

Washington on the Brazos invites all Texans and visitors to experience for themselves where the passionate, independent Texas spirit originated at Texas Independence Day Celebration. Presented by H-E-B, a free two-day living history experience featuring Texian frontier demonstrations, nonstop entertainment including Texas A&M University Singing Cadets, food, crafts, games and more, 10am-4pm (www.WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

Business Spotlight

Brice Milliorn Celebrates Anniversary as Brenham Financial Advisor

Brice Milliorn, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Brenham, still remembers the day he decided to join the financial services firm. That was 15 years ago.

"After learning how Edward Jones financial advisors were required to meet many members of a community before even being able to open an office, I knew this was the right firm for me," Milliorn said. "Personal service for individual investors is key to the success and longevity of Edward Jones, and I'm proud to be celebrating 15 years of representing those values."

"I've enjoyed doing business the old-fashioned way - in person," Milliorn said. "And I am looking

forward to many more years serving the investment needs of my friends, neighbors and business associates."

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other influencers in the community and expand your business network with relationships that produce tangible results.

Registration is \$99 per person by February 26. (Registration increases to \$119 on February 27 and at the door.) Register online at www.BrenhamTexas.com/pages/LIVE2LEADBrenham or by calling the Chamber office at 979-836-3695 (between 8:30am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday).

For more information, contact events@brenhamtexas.com.



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