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Chamber Banquet to be held Feb. 5

Plan to join the volunteer leaders of the Chamber at this elegant evening of celebration on February 5th in Brenham!

Tickets and tables for the Washington County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Foundation of Brenham's Annual Banquet are now on sale. The theme of the banquet is "Shaping the Future" and Brenham native Tyson Voelkel will be the keynote speaker. He is the president of the Texas A&M Foundation. The banquet will be held at Fireman's Training Center in Brenham. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.



Voelkel

Thanks to these Chairman Circle sponsors:

- Baylor Scott & White Health**
- Blue Bell Creameries**
- Brenham Abstract & Title Co.**
- Brenham National Bank**
- City of Brenham**
- Germania Insurance**
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Headline Sponsors of the banquet include:

- Blinn College**
- Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative**
- Brenham Chrysler Jeep Dodge**

A 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.

Individual tickets are \$40 per person and reserved tables for eight are \$440 until Jan. 29. Contact the Washington County Chamber to make your reservations at 979-836-3695 or info@brenhamtexas.com.



Washington County Day at the Capitol scheduled for Feb. 26

As our State legislators and officials convene for the 85th Legislative Session, the Chamber of Commerce will host the biannual Washington County Day at the Capitol on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

This special event presents a significant public relations opportunity for Washington County residents to visit with legislators and to see them in action. Resolutions will be read in the House and Senate about Washington County and several local elected officials will be recognized.

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"CONNECT AFTER 5" WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT

SPONSORED BY:

Bank of Brenham and Funky Art Café

Hosted at Bank of Brenham
501 S. Austin St., Brenham
Thursday, Jan. 31 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 and brochures.*

Free for Chamber members and employees!

Promote Your Business As a Breakfast Sponsor

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

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

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

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

Ribbon Cuttings



New Member

Brenham Cell Phone Guru & Computer Repair

Manager: Chino C
2125 S. Market St., Brenham



New Location

Center Stage Dance & Fitness

Owners: Amber and Lane Blenziger
2600 N. Park St., Brenham

Capitol

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The Chamber seeks sponsors to support this important event. The first confirmed Superior Sponsor of the 2019 Day at the Capitol is **Brenham National Bank**. Please contact the Chamber by Jan. 28 if your business would like to join in being a sponsor of this event.

In continuing a tradition set in place during Lt. Governor Bob Bullock’s tenure, local elected officials will serve Blue Bell ice cream in a private reception for state senators, representatives, officials and their staff. Del Sol Food Company will give gifts of Briannas Salad Dressing to all state legislators.

Gifts from other local companies may be distributed too. Please inquire by Jan. 28 if you would like to make a donation from your business (185 items are required to include all state legislators).

If you have never been to the Capitol in Austin, this will be an exciting and meaningful day to attend. Even if you have been many times before, participating in Washington County Day at the Capitol is guaranteed to make your pride in Washington County grow even deeper.

Did You Know?

That the Chamber provides hundreds of “Re-location Info” packages every year to individuals and businesses who are considering moving to this community. As a member, you are eligible to include your promotional material and reach this targeted audience for a nominal annual fee (\$85). Contact the Chamber office to be included.

New Chamber Members

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Columbus, Texas 78934
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www.ormanssteakhouse.com
Restaurant

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Contact: John E. Hatfield
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Brenham, Texas 77833
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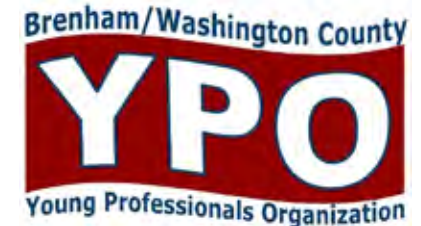
“Wake Up, Washington County!” Networking Breakfast

Hosted & Sponsored by
Brenham Memorial Chapel
2300 Stringer St., Brenham

Thursday, February 14
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.



Networking Happy Hour
Thursday, January 24
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Hosted at Culligan of Brenham
310 E. Main St., Brenham

Expand your business network and make new friends!

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

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Renewing Members

December 1-31: Thanks to the following members for continuing your investment in the Chamber.

- Westwood Cinema 6 – 21 years
- Ozarka Spring Water (Aqua Beverage Co.) – 20 years
- Scenic Hill Retreat – 14 years
- Brazos Bed & Breakfast – 13 years
- Home Sweet Farm Market & Biergarten – 5 years
- Nails Creek State Park – 5 years
- Dynamic Drains of Texas – 4 years
- Center Stage Dance & Fitness – 3 years
- Chappell Hill Moving & Storage – 3 years



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New Chamber board inducted for 2019-21

Pictured from left: Joe Robertson, *Blue Bell Creameries*; Johanna Fatheree, *RE/MAX Advantage*; Aaron Gonzalez, *Padgett Hearing Aid Center*; Dr. Eric Alford, *Baylor Scott & White – The Brenham Clinic*; Paul Aschenbeck, *Brenham ISD*; Katie Burch, *PlanNorth Architectural Co.*; and Dr. John Harris, *Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church*.

Ultimate Benefit for Washington County Chamber Members

When it comes to credit card processing, obtaining the best rates and customer service means everything. That's why the Washington County Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Infintech – to deliver a member benefit program that can cut credit card processing rates as much as 40%!

Will Watson, our Infintech advisor, will help you discover exactly what you're currently paying and how to unearth potential savings, while delivering solutions customized for your business.

Don't just take our word for it here is a testimonial from a chamber member below:

"For almost 4 years we have worked with Infintech, and have been pleased with their knowledge, professionalism, and customer service. In addition to Infintech"

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Johanna Fatheree speaks at a Lunch and Learn hosted by the Washington County Young Professionals Organization about "Figuring Out What Your REAL Goal Is." The YPO will be hosting quarterly lunch and learns that are open to everyone. The next one will be in April.

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

Burton Chamber of Commerce | Citizens State Bank

City of Brenham | Coaching With Hart

Compass Quarters | Germania Insurance

Hospice Brazos Valley | Independence Coffee Company

Mid-Continental Insurance Services, Inc.

Padgett Hearing Aid Center | Personnel Services

RE/MAX Advantage | Seidel Schroeder

Thielemann Construction Co., L.P. | Unity Theatre

Westwood Cinema 6

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



Why Go to Connect After 5?

The Chamber's "Connect After 5" (formerly "Business After Hours") 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. (And some of us need more help than others in the memory department.)

- 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.

- Donate a door prize. Another way to get recognition at the event is to contribute a door prize to be given away. Bring it to the Chamber before the event, or bring it with you that night. Everyone loves to win something, and this is a great way to make a connection with others.

- 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.

- Come early and stay late. The longer you are there, the more people you will get to meet and the more who will meet you.

- 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.

10 Reasons Buying Locally Benefits You

1. Right now, while this community is wanting to support local law enforcement and first responders, make this a priority in your family. Keep your dollars here.

2. By shopping in Washington County and paying local sales tax, your dollars stay here to fund city and county operations such as roads and bridges, parks, the library, police and fire departments and more.

3. Local businesses give better support to YOUR community groups. Non-profit groups receive an average of 350% more charitable support from local businesses than they do from non-locally owned businesses.

4. Local businesses make up the largest employer base, giving more jobs to YOU and YOUR family.

5. YOU get more knowledgeable and

friendlier customer service. You get to know your local merchants, and they get to know YOU.

6. Spending \$100 at a local independent business creates a ripple effect of \$45 in additional local economic activity.

7. Shopping locally saves YOU gas and time.

8. Local businesses preserve and enhance the unique character of Washington County. This makes it special for YOU and attractive for others to come spend their money here.

9. Shopping locally allows YOU to stay in better touch with YOUR neighbors and the local pulse of YOUR community.

10. Local businesses are more likely to utilize local advertising, banks, insurance companies and other local services.

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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Matt Wellmann
Wellmann Insurance

Kristie Wensel
Brenham State Supported Living Center

Shelby Wiesepape
Bank of Brenham

Barbara Wilganowski
Spherion Staffing

Leadership in Health Care

The December session of Leadership Washington County focused on Health Care and allowed the class to learn more about the industry first-hand.

The day began at Baylor Scott & White-The Brenham Clinic with a welcome by Administrator Melissa McCune (LWC Class of 2000), followed by presentations from Dr. William Loesch, Dr. Jeff Stoltenberg, Dr. Eric Alford and Dr. Jennifer Jones. They talked about the recent merger with Baylor Scott & White, national trends in health

care, and issues related to rural health care.

The doctors emphasized the high demand for health care professionals now and in the future and encouraged class members to inform all youth in the community who may be interested in medical careers. There are medical school scholarships available for doctors to serve in rural communities.

The group next traveled to the Texas A&M Health Science Center in College Station. The center is home to several Blinn College vocational programs. It is a multi-mil-

lion dollar facility complete with simulated delivery rooms, simulated ambulance and simulation mannequins. Each of the simulators is controlled through software guided by instructors and recorded so students can play back recordings and view their progress. The classrooms and technology are highly impressive, offering Blinn student's excellent instruction and experience.

The session concluded with a presentation and tours at the Baylor Scott & White Medical Center led by VP of Operations John

O'Hearn. The group learned more about the coming merger with Memorial Hermann and saw demonstrations of high-tech equipment in several departments of the hospital.

Leadership Washington County is a program of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce designed to train and motivate current and future leaders of our community. Graduates of the program are highly sought by civic groups and valued by local employers. The next class will form in July and begin in August.

At BS&W-The Brenham Clinic with Dr. Stoltenberg, Dr. Loesch, Administrator Melissa McCune, Dr. Jones and Dr. Alford.



The class hears from Baylor Scott & White Medical Center VP of Operations John O'Hearn in Brenham.



Marie Meier volunteers to test the AccuVein vein illumination device.



Tiffany Holmes, Marissa Buckner and Crystal Hinds look over a state of the art x-ray monitor, demonstrated by Sami Rahman, Director of Simulation and Clinical Labs, Blinn College.



Luke Ongudu and other students inside the simulated delivery room area.

Stay Local, Play Local

Where's Theo?



This is a place where children and adults in the community come together for various activities including learning, reading, working or relaxing. It can also be rented out for special events. Do you know where Theo is this month? Email your name, business/employer and location guess to Theo@BrenhamTexas.com by January 31st. A winner will be chosen on February 1st from all correct entries and announced in the next newsletter.



Congrats to Nancy Stafford at the City of Brenham for correctly guessing where Theo was in December! He was in front of RAM Optical at the corner of S. Chappell Hill Street and Stringer Street. Nancy 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.**



Uptown Swirl

What better way to kick off the new year on an "up beat" than at the Uptown Swirl on Saturday, January 19th! Enjoy an afternoon and evening of wine tasting in the charming stores around Brenham's downtown district.

Taste over 40 different wines in a keepsake glass. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased at several venues including the Washington County Visitor Center at 115 W. Main Street.

Maps and full details will be distributed on the courthouse square on the day of the event. Downtown will be hopping and it will be a great day to shop local! Find more details on www.downtownbrenham.com.

Unity Theatre presents "Cat on A Hot Tin Roof"

From January 31 through February 17, enjoy this Pulitzer Prize winning drama by Tennessee Williams, directed by Paul Gaffney.

Set in the 1950's in a plantation house in the Mississippi Delta, a family celebrates the 65th birthday of patriarch Big Daddy, but despite the festivities, the mood is somber. A number of evils poison the gaiety: greed, sins of the past, and desperate hopes for the future spar with one another in this great American classic. Maggie, 'The Cat', is struggling to save her marriage to favored son, Brick, while swarming around them are their intrusive, conniving relatives, all eager to see Maggie put in her place and Brick tumbled from his position of most-beloved son. (Contains mature subject matter.)

Get Noticed

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

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

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

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

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atives, all eager to see Maggie put in her place and Brick tumbled from his position of most-beloved son. (Contains mature subject matter.)

For more details and to purchase tickets, visit www.UnityBrenham.org or call 979-830-8358.

"Runaway Scrape" Escape

On Saturday, January 19, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. you can enjoy the "Runaway Scrape" Escape Room in the Star of the Republic Museum at Washington on the Brazos.

This is the newest program at the museum. Guests ages 10 and up must use teamwork and problem solving skills to decipher puzzles and riddles in order to get out of the room in the 45-minute time limit. It's a perfect activity for families, groups of friends, and Texas History buffs. Advance reservations are required and the time slots fill up quickly. To make a reservation, call 936-878-2461.



Live Music at 4 Star Concert Hall

In the heart of historic Downtown Brenham and you can now enjoy this beautifully restored building at 209 S. Market Street! The 4 Star Concert Hall has been renovated to bring a modern touch with an elegant style to the over a century-old building.

Inside you will find live music 7 days a week plus a full bar with beer, wine, and special signature cocktails. There are four stages in the 4 Star Complex featuring national, regional, Texas and home-town talent performing Blues, Country, Rock & Roll, Americana, Folk, Jazz and more.

Keep an eye out for upcoming shows, open mic nights, special events and big concerts coming this way on the online Calendar at www.4starbrenham.com.

The Joke's On Us

A shopkeeper was dismayed when a brand new business much like his own opened up next door and erected a big sign that read 'BEST DEALS.'

He was horrified when another competitor opened up on his right, and announced its arrival with a big sign that read 'LOWEST PRICES.'

The shopkeeper panicked, until he got an idea. He put a new sign over his own shop. It read 'MAIN ENTRANCE'

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WEBSITE
www.BrenhamTexas.com

Unique Visitors **Total Pages**
Dec. 2018 — 5,204 Dec. 2018 — 11,688

What's Happening in January

Jan 10-13, 17-20, 24-27

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).

Jan 10-13, 17-20, 24-27

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).

Jan 11-12, 18-19, 25-26

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).

Jan 12

Texas Tomato Lovers Conference

Featuring Bill Adams author of "Texas Tomato Lovers Handbook"; Tom LeRoy, Skip Richer and Patty Leander. Includes breakfast, lunch, handouts, goodie bag with tomato seeds and supplies and access to experts. \$75, 8am-4pm, Antique Rose Emporium, 10000 FM 50, Brenham (www.wearerose.com).

Jan 12-13

Butchering and Curing

Butcher a hog on Saturday, begin curing process on Sunday. Program is dependent on cold weather. Barrington Living History Farm at Washington on the Brazos, 10am-4pm, 23400 Park Road 12, (www.WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

Jan 12

Texas Guitar Quartet

Bringing together the extraordinary talents of Isaac Bustos, Jay Kacherski, Alejandro Montiel and Joseph Palmer, Round Top Festival Institute, 3-5pm, 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top (www.FestivalHill.org).

Jan 12

Veteran's Dinner & Dance

For living veterans and significant others, with proof of service. 5pm Social, 6pm dinner and gifts, 6:30-9:30 dance. Brenham Elks Lodge 979, 400 E. Germania St., Brenham. RSVP by Jan 10 (979-830-0810, mccord_sheri@yahoo.com).

Jan 15

Republican Club of Washington County

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

Jan 17

Ribbon Cutting -

U.S. Army Recruiting Station

Ribbon Cutting and luncheon to follow, 2666 State Hwy. 36 S., Brenham, 11am.

Jan 17

Autoimmune Secrets

Discover true causes of autoimmune conditions & how to prevent and reverse symptoms. Episode 4: Learning to Thrive Instead of Just Survive: The Truth About Lyme and the Effects of Toxins & Parasites. Episode airs from 1-6pm, Nancy Carol Roberts Library, Brenham.

Jan 17

Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Cajun Fiddle Fest featuring Waylon Thiondeaux, Keith Junot, Wyatt Aleman and Bluebonnet Opry House Band, doors open at 5:30pm, food served at 6pm, show starts at 7:30pm, \$7 admission.

Jan 18

Advanced QuickBooks

All-day course for people who have taken Basic QuickBooks or have equivalent experience. Must be familiar with Windows on a PC. Hodde Tech Ed Center, 2910 S. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, 9am-5pm, \$100 (www.blinncollege.sbdcnetwork.net).

Jan 18

Ribbon Cutting -

Catherine's Victorian Tea Room

Join in welcoming this new Chamber Member, 302 S. St. Charles St., Downtown Brenham, 10:30am.

Jan 19

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).

Jan 19

"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).

Jan 19

Uptown Swirl in Downtown Brenham

Taste over 40 different wines and take home a commemorative glass, 3-7pm (www.DowntownBrenham.com).

Jan 21

BAA Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Candlelight Vigil

Speaker: Rev. Albert Wright, Pastor of New Life Church of God, 6:30-8:30pm, Cannery Kitchen.

Jan 22

Ribbon Cutting -

Dream Body LLC

Join in welcoming this new Chamber Member, 2108 S. Market St., Brenham, 10:30am.

Jan 23

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).

Jan 24

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).

Jan 24

Ribbon Cutting -

City of Brenham Pickleball Courts

Celebrate these new courts at Jackson Street Park, 1300 S. Jackson St., Brenham, 4:30pm.

Jan 24

YPO Happy Hour

Attend to meet young professionals in Washington County, hosted at Culligan of Brenham, 1575 Hwy. 290 West, 5-7pm.

Jan 25

storyPLAY!

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

Jan 26-27

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).

Jan 31

Connect After 5 - Bank of Brenham

Unwind after work and expand your network. Enjoy food, drinks and exchange business cards and brochures, 501 S. Austin St., Brenham, 5-7pm.

Jan 31-Feb. 17

Unity Theatre Presents - Cat on Hot Tin Roof

A Pulitzer Prize Winning Drama by Tennessee Williams (www.UnityBrenham.org).

February Highlights

Feb 1

Ribbon Cutting & 35th Anniversary - Antique Rose Emporium The Pub Club

Join to celebrate this business expansion and anniversary, 10000 FM 50, Brenham, 11am.

Feb 1

First Fridays Farmer & Artisan Market

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

Feb 2-3, 9-10

Wine & Chocolate Trail

A wonderful way to celebrate Valentine's Day. For 4 days on first 2 weekends in Feb., trail ticket allows 2 wine tastings paired with chocolates (appetizer portion) at each winery along Texas Bluebonnet Wine Trail (www.TexasBluebonnetWineTrail.com).

Feb 5

Chamber & EDF Annual Banquet

Celebrating achievements of community leaders and volunteers. Includes social hour, featured speaker, buffet dinner and Blue Bell ice cream, plus announcement of Man & Woman of the Year awards (www.BrenhamTexas.com).

Feb 9

Annual Black History Breakfast

Guest Speaker Elvis McBride (BHS 1980), Retired FBI Agent, Blinn Student Center, Brenham, 8:30am.

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- Connects current generations with new generations.
- Connects citizens with information.
- Connects tourists with the region's attractions.
- Connects members with educational opportunities.

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