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WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## Community Invited Aug. 22 to Kick-off TAILGATE 2019

The countdown is on! TAILGATE 2019 will be held on Thursday, August 22. The Chamber will once again host this exciting community event at Silver Wings Ballroom to kick off the Fall football season. Every team imaginable will be represented, and the spirit will be contagious.

Get ready to enjoy all the food you can eat, plenty of foaming cold beverages, a fabulous auction, mingling, networking, music and dancing! Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Members have been sent complete details about how to get involved, and it's also posted on [www.BrenhamTexas.com](http://www.BrenhamTexas.com). To receive the info directly into your in-box, send a message to [tailgate@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:tailgate@brenhamtexas.com).

Reserved seating tables are being sold now on a first-come, first-sold basis. Table sponsors enjoy many extra benefits and perks! Don't miss the chance. Get publicity and be noticed with a prime spot at the event.

Every member is also invited to contribute an item for the auction. By having an item in the auction, you can help the event be a success and promote your business/organization at the same time. The auction is always a major highlight of the event.

A round of applause goes to all of the generous sponsors who have already committed to making this event a success. Confirmed so far (as of July 10) are these sponsors:

**Super Bowl Level**

**Baylor Scott & White Medical Center  
Blinn College District**

**Touchdown Level**  
**Bank of Brenham**

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## Kolkhorst, Leman to highlight Legislative Wrap-Up Forum

On Tuesday, Aug. 13 State Sen. Lois Kolkhorst and State Rep. Ben Leman will be the featured guests of the next Washington County Forum hosted by the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. This lunchtime event will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the banquet room of the Blinn College Student Center.

Kolkhorst and Leman will give a recap of the 86th Texas Legislative Session and discuss some of the most critical issues facing our state and what it all means for our region.

Kolkhorst is a fifth-generation Texan, with ancestral roots dating to the Texas War of Independence. Born and raised in Brenham, she went on to graduate from TCU where she played collegiate golf.

Kolkhorst served as President and CEO of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation before being elected in 2000 to the Texas House. In 2014, after seven terms in the Texas House, she was elected to the Texas Senate in a special election, becoming only the 17th female to serve in the Texas Senate since 1845. She represents



**Kolkhorst**



**Leman**

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### “CONNECT AFTER 5” WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT

SPONSORED BY:

## Baylor Scott & White Medical Center

700 Medical Pkwy, Brenham  
Thursday, July 18 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!*

**Save the Date:** August Connect After 5  
@ RE/MAX Advantage on Aug. 8 5-7 p.m.



# Ribbon Cuttings



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## Walmart Supercenter #321

203 U.S. 290 West, Brenham  
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Anniversary

## Sun Pools

Owners: Susan and Tom McKenzie  
1809 S. Blue Bell Road, Brenham  
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## SEEKING A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN...

As a Chamber member, you are invited to join in the process to nominate future board members. The Chamber needs five to seven new board members each year to fill a three-year term.

Suitable candidates will fit this description:

- An active member of the local business community
- Participates in Chamber events and programs
- A decision maker in his or her field
- Interested in serving as a volunteer
- A person with vision & leadership skills
- Interest in participating in the Chamber's annual Program of Work
- Able to attend monthly board meetings

Please give this some consideration and help us find the right people to steer the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. Submit nominations in writing from now until August 1st. You can send them by mail, fax or email. Thank you!

# Why Go to Connect After 5?

The Chamber's "Connect After 5" networking events have always been outstanding events each month. Chances are if you want to see someone from the local business community, you will find them at "Connect After 5."

Many know the social benefits of attending. Many more are discovering the business benefits of attending. If you are not yet taking advantage of these networking opportunities, you should. Here are some tips for making the most of the opportunity:

- Wear a name tag. If you don't have one from your

place of business, the Chamber will have some blanks at the event for you to fill in and wear. Name tags help people to remember your name and the business you represent.

- Bring your business cards. Give one to everyone you meet. This gives people your direct contact information, so they can do business with you after the event.

- Talk to people. Don't be shy. Initiate conversations with people you don't recognize. Let that be your conversation starter, "Hello, I don't believe we've met." Most people who attend are Chamber members, so you already have something in common. And most will be very willing to tell you about their business, so start by asking them what they do.

- Get to know the host. Meet the business owner(s). Be sure to find the host and say hello. Take the tour of the property, if offered. Thank them for hosting the event.

- Have fun. There is always great food and drinks. Everyone has a good time at the Chamber's after hours events. Make it a point to attend. It may be your most important business meeting of the month.

## "Wake Up, Washington County!" Networking Breakfast

**Tuesday, August 6**  
Starts at 7:45 a.m.

Hosted by:

**Texas Farm Credit**  
NEW LOCATION

1301 Hwy. 290 E., Brenham

Breakfast Sponsor:

**Brenham Abstract & Title Company**

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.

## 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.



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# Renewing Members

June 1-30

Silver Wings Ballroom — 42 years  
 JH Faske Jewelers — 29 years  
 Moore Supply Company — 27 years  
 Brenham Dental Center — 23 years  
 Volare Italian Restaurant — 21 years  
 Julie Renken — 19 years  
 Salem Lutheran Church — 18 years

Webb Printing — 17 years  
 Krenek's Tractor Repair & Wrecker Service — 16 years  
 Luther Hueske — 14 years  
 Denny's — 11 years  
 Express Home Furnishings — 10 years  
 Kool Shades Window Tint — 8 years  
 Premier Metal Buyers — 8 years

High Hope Care Center of Brenham — 7 years  
 Dairy Queen — 4 years  
 James Pharaon Creative — 3 years  
 Brenham Homebrewer Supply — 2 years  
 Budget Disposal — 2 years  
 Mattrrezz Guys — 1 year  
 Doug & Gracie Slattery — 1 year

# New Chamber Members

## AVIATOR'S PLUS-TRITON AIR LLC

Owner: Brent Nedbalek  
 2901 Aviation Way  
 Brenham, Texas 77833  
 Phone: 979-820-1361  
 brent@aviatorsplus.com  
 cecilia@flytritonair.com  
 www.avitorsplus.com  
 Aviation

## LAW OFFICE OF H. JULIAN FRACHTMAN

Owner: H. Julian Frachtman  
 105 East Main St., Suite 202C  
 (Physical Address)  
 Brenham, Texas 77833  
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 (Mailing Address)  
 Houston, Texas 77098  
 Phone: 832-499-0611  
 hfrachtmanlaw@gmail.com  
 www.julianfrachtmanlaw.com  
 Legal Services

## MAVEN LANDSCAPES

Owner: Brad Tatum  
 2224 Centerhill Road  
 (Physical Address)  
 Bellville, Texas 77418  
 8524 Peaceful Hill Lane  
 (Mailing Address)  
 Austin, Texas 78748  
 Phone: 512-263-3669  
 amanda@mavenlandscapes.com  
 www.mavenlandscapes.com  
 Landscaping/Lawn Service/Materials

## MR UNLIMITED SECURITY SERVICES

Owner: Nathan Bausum  
 105 E. Main St., Suite 200B  
 Brenham, Texas 77833  
 Phone: 979-803-2086  
 nathan.bausum@mrunlimitedllc.com  
 www.mrunlimitedllc.com  
 Private Security and Training

## CANION KOUNTRY BAKERY & RESTAURANT INC.

Owner: Patsy Canion & Mindy Canion  
 401 Highway 290W (Physical Address)  
 Brenham, Texas 77833  
 P O Box 417 (Mailing Address)  
 Brenham, Texas 77834  
 Phone: 979-353-5555  
 canionkountrybakery@gmail.com  
 Restaurant

## RUBY SALON AND BOUTIQUE

Owner: Sydni Brannon  
 2807 HWY 290W  
 Brenham, Texas 77833  
 Phone: 979-551-1081  
 sales@rubysalonandboutique.com  
 www.rubysalonandboutique.com  
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Thank you to our Presidential Level members ...



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# Would you like to be a P.E.A.C.E. Partner for 2019-2020?

The investment is only \$50 and you and your employees can make a big impact on the future of our local workforce.

Thank you to these dedicated Partners for P.E.A.C.E. who continue to make this program a success in Washington County. They help reinforce the Core Essential Values students are learning in local public schools at their businesses and through their employee interactions:

- Ant Street Inn
- Associated Credit Union of Texas
- Bank of Brenham
- Baylor Scott & White Medical Center
- 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
- Creatively Yours
- 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 *Respect* during the month. If you interact with students in grades K-4 in local public schools, be sure to talk to them about the Value of the Month and enhance what they are learning in school and out in the community. Everyone in the community can help reinforce these Core Essential Values in our youth.

**The Value of the Month for July:**

**RESPECT**  
Showing others they are important by what you say and do

Partners for P.E.A.C.E.  
Public Education Advocators for Damaging Engagement

# 11 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 addition.

tional 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.

11. Without the sales tax dollars that stay in Brenham and Washington County, YOUR property taxes would have to be approximately 14% higher.

## TAILGATE

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There will be plenty of spirited rivalries going on at TAILGATE 2019 between fans of the Aggies, Longhorns, Blinn Bucs, TCU Horned Frogs, UH Cougars, Texas Tech Raiders, Houston Texans, Burton Panthers and Brenham Cubs. Don't see your team mentioned here? Then turn out in your colors and represent them!

"This is the largest tailgate party in Washington County and a great opportunity for members to kick-off a new season,"

said Chamber Board Chairman Amanda Stolz from Seidel Schroeder. "It's unique, casual and fun. Be loud and proud and show off your team spirit!"

Proceeds from this event are used for Washington County Chamber programs and services, so that dues can be kept among the lowest level in the state and nation.

For more information, stop by or call the Chamber at (979) 836-3695 or send an email to [tailgate@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:tailgate@brenhamtexas.com).



# Forum

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nearly one-million constituents in Senate District 18, which spans 21 counties and covers a third of the Texas coastline.

As Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, Kolkhorst sets public health policies, regulates physicians and licensed health professionals, and provides oversight to state agencies including the Health & Human Services Commission, Department of Family & Protective Services and the Texas Medical Board. She has crafted statewide solutions to improve maternal mortality rates, and has worked to toughen Texas medical privacy law. A frequent collaborator with CASA, she has sought innovative ways to protect abused children and reform foster care.

Serving on the influential Senate Finance Committee, Kolkhorst is the only lawmaker in Texas history to be named twice to the Budget Conference Committee in both the House and Senate. Along with crafting the state budget, she has led efforts to enhance Texas roads, ports and trade corridors as a member of the Senate Transportation Committee. She also serves on the Senate Committee on Nominations, which vets and confirms government appointees who have been nominated by Governor Abbott.

A longtime voice for private property rights, Kolkhorst is a current member of the Senate Committee on Water and Rural Affairs, the Texas Agriculture Policy Board, the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas Advisory Committee, and the Texas Windstorm Insurance Oversight Board. She has passed legislation that impacts every code of Texas law, including calls for greater government transparency and reduced regulations for small farms and food producers.

Along with helping to secure nearly \$2 billion for border security, Kolkhorst has worked with victims of human trafficking to shut down criminal smuggling networks. Her efforts to support public and higher education have earned her both the "Legislator of the Year" by the Texas Association of College Teachers and the "Friend of Education" award from Sam Houston State University College of Education. She has also received accolades and awards from the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Wildlife Association, the NRA, the Sheriffs Association of Texas, CASA, the Texas Medical Association, the Texas Hospital Association and the Texas DPS Officer Association among others.

Married to her high-school sweet-

heart Jim, together they have two children, Lois Kate and Jake. Her hobbies include hunting, fishing and gardening. She is a frequent volunteer at her local church.

Representative Ben Leman began his successful business career when he co-founded an oil and gas equipment manufacturing company in 1997. As CEO of Merrimac Manufacturing, Inc., he successfully navigated major growth rates on a very tight budget, growing the complex business 'from just two of us in my mother's garage' to more than 100 employees, 25 stocking locations around the world and a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility located in House District 13. Leman sold the company in 2012 to a publicly traded company, where he continued to work for one more year.

In 2013, he shifted his focus toward his civic duty and announced his candidacy for Grimes County Judge to help prepare Grimes County for the rapid growth headed its way. Leman won the Republican nomination for County Judge in 2014, then the General Election later that same year. As County Judge, he combined his business acumen with his conservative principles to do some great work for Grimes County. Among the successes during his three years in office were:

- proposed and passed a property tax cut 2 out of 3 years in office while continuing to reduce debt to an almost zero debt balance
- avoided any tax rate increases despite having a nearly \$600,000 decrease in revenue in one of those years
- fought and defeated the proposed Highway 249 toll road and successfully eliminated the toll in Grimes County
- developed and implemented a citizen-driven strategic plan for the County so the Commissioners Court could build consensus and prioritize their needs as the growth occurred
- developed and implemented an economic development plan for the County
- developed and implemented a performance review based compensation structure for all county personnel to ensure employees are responsive to citizens

Leman is most known in public office for being a staunch defender of private property rights and an advocate for rural Texas. Leman has earned national attention leading the effort against the proposed high-speed rail project in a very public fight both in his County Judge capacity as well as a co-founding member and Chairman of Texans Against High-Speed Rail.

On May 31, 2018, Leman was sworn into office as State Representative of House District 13. He currently serves on the Land and Resource Management Committee, Redistricting Committee and Transportation Committee.

Leman was born and raised in Magnolia. He graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a BBA in Finance, and his wife Christie graduated from Texas A&M University with double major in Spanish and History. They married in 2004 and are blessed with four children. The Lemans are active members of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Anderson and currently reside within Grimes County. As a family they run a cattle operation, the kids show animals at the county fair, they are active in 4-H club, participate in youth sports (where Ben also coaches), and their kids help take care of the numerous animals on their property – horses, pigs, chickens and cows.

The forum will be moderated by Joel Romo of Texana Public Affairs. Romo has worked for members of the Texas Legislature having served as Chief of Staff and advising lawmakers on their legislative agendas, the state budget, and key policy issues impacting their districts and the state of Texas. Romo's lobby experience includes past positions as a Governmental Relations Director for the Association of Texas Professional Educators and as Assistant Director of Governmental Relations and Communications for the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

A graduate of St. Edward's University in Austin, Romo has been president of the Austin St. Edward's Alumni Chapter, a past member of the University's Alumni Board, past Board member of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, past Board member of the Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce, currently serves as the Chair of the Brenham Volunteer Services Council, Brenham State Supported Living Center. He also serves as a Board Member for the Chappell Hill Historical Society and the Brenham Independent School District's Education Foundation Board.

Audience members will have the opportunity to submit questions directly to the Senator and Representative at the Forum.

Tickets are \$25 for Chamber Members, \$35 for non-members, or \$250 for a reserved Corporate Table (seats 8). A catered buffet lunch is included. Reservations can be made by calling the Chamber at (979) 836-3695. The deadline to reserve a seat is Tuesday, August 6, 2019.



## Leadership Application Deadline is July 12

Leadership Washington County is a prestigious program committed to educating, training and motivating existing and emerging local leaders to build more effective skills for the future benefit of Washington County. Program Goals:

To educate, train and provide experiences that enhance leadership skills.

To provide opportunities for participants to develop lasting relationships among community leaders.

To provide greater awareness of community issues and opportunities to serve locally.

To provide greater access to community resources and networking.

To motivate participants to help make a difference in our community by becoming actively involved.

If you or someone at your organization has been considering going through the next Leadership class, please visit [BrenhamTexas.com](http://BrenhamTexas.com) for the 2019/2020 application.

If you would like any further information, please contact Jane Hinze at the Chamber

### Get Noticed...

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

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

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

# Members of the Month of June

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

## Bank of Brenham

501 S. Austin St., Brenham  
979-836-3332 • BankBoB.com

### How long have you been in business?

— Bank of Brenham was founded by a group of local business men in August of 2001.

### What services do you offer?

— Bank of Brenham is a full service community bank. We offer a variety of bank products and services to fit the needs of any individual or business. Many of our products include but are not limited to BoB's Free Checking, Regular Checking, Interest Checking, Personal Savings, Health Savings Accounts, CDs and IRAs, Debit Cards, Credit Cards, Business Accounts, Loans and Mortgages, and various services that are convenient for each of our customers.

### Tell us something unique about your business.

— Bank of Brenham is ranked #1 in deposit market share for Washington County with a 29.5% market share. With such recent phenomenal growth and increase in size, the bank is able to contribute and help more businesses and community members expand and grow financially. Both local loan funding and payment of higher deposit rates to local depositors have helped keep more money in the community, particularly funds held by the local public entities, thus funding jobs and economic growth.

### What do you love about Washington County?

— A top priority for Bank of Brenham is to support Washington County. We love being part of a community that allows us to give back. Bank of Brenham offers high deposit rates which allows for a greater return for our customers and community members. The bank also serves and donates in all shapes and forms to help strengthen Washington County. Each year, Bank of Brenham purchases and sponsors fundraiser tickets for local organizations, makes monetary donations to various civic and

non-profit groups, promotes advertising through local businesses, and volunteers for various community events. Volunteering and making donations not only makes an impact on the greater community, but it impacts families and friends directly. Giving back and helping others and the environment is investing in the community's future and that is a top priority for Bank of Brenham.

## Thielemann Construction Company

2310 South Market, Brenham  
979-836-9386 • thielemannhomes.com

### How long have you been in business?

— We've been doing business for 63 years. Walter and his wife, Evelyn, founded the company in 1956 and it was known as Walter Thielemann Construction. The primary focus was the construction of residential homes. At that time, the business was run directly out of their home. Walter ran the jobs while Evelyn handled all of the administrative details like billings and payroll.

### What services do you offer?

— Our primary focus is custom residential construction, including larger remodels and additions. We facilitate construction projects ranging from small repairs and remodels to multimillion-dollar buildings. We build residential, multi-family, light commercial, fences, farm and ranch projects; basically if it needs to be built, chances are we have the experience and would like the opportunity to be involved. We work closely with architects and designers, design-build projects, as well as provide in-house drafting services to give our customers the best service possible.

### Tell us something unique about your business.

— The majority of our business today comes from word of mouth and repeat business. It is not uncommon for us to build two and three different homes for an individual over their lifetime. We are truly a customer-oriented builder. We build for and with our customers.

### What do you love about Washington County?

— The opportunity to work with and for great people that we call friends. We are truly blessed to have wonderful relationships with so many great subs, local vendors, and businesses in the industry helping us to serve the people of our county.

## Bluebonnet Pottery and Gift Gallery

12341 LBJ Dr, Brenham  
979-289-3765 • bluebonnetpottery.com

### How long have you been in business?

— We have been in business since 1983.

### What services do you offer?

— We offer classes in hand-made pottery and wheel

throwing pottery on the potter's wheel. The facilities include a gallery, supply store, kiln rooms, private working areas, student classroom, and outside raku workshop area. There is also an online store for the gift gallery.

### Tell us something unique about your business.

— We not only offer hand-made pottery, but also have candles and essential oils and diffusers to go with the pottery.

### What do you love about Washington County?

— The beauty of the rolling hills and flowers, the lake and the wonderful friendliness of the people here.

## New Beginnings Pregnancy Center

1016 East Blue Bell Rd., Brenham  
979-836-0397 • NewBeginningsBrenham.org

### How long have you been in business?

— New Beginnings Pregnancy Center was opened in 2002 and New Beginnings Resale in 2007.

### What services do you offer?

— The pregnancy center offers life-affirming consultations, education and spiritual support to individuals and families facing pregnancy related issues, from unplanned pregnancy to pregnancy loss. We do this by offering pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, pregnancy options counseling, parenting preparation support, motherhood & fatherhood groups, mentoring, and referrals for adoption and other services.

Additionally, we provide one-on-one support for women and men who have experienced pregnancy loss – whether that be regret for an abortion decision (made recently or many years ago) or a natural loss such as miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, still birth or early infant death.

#Worthit is a program New Beginnings started in 2016 which presents young adults (middle school, junior high, high school and college age) a counter-cultural message regarding themselves and their relationships using age-appropriate methods. #Worthit includes lessons which emphasize each student's unique value and the value of others, how our differences make us special, and what constitutes a healthy relationship. #Worthit is available as one-on-one sessions, and small or large group presentations.

The resale shop is both a resource for clients to provide for the needs of their family and an outreach to our community. Clients who participate in parenting preparation classes earn Mommy Money and Daddy Dollars they can use to purchase baby and children clothing and items in the resale; this builds the self-esteem of clients by allowing them to earn items for their children as opposed to receiving a handout. Donating to resale is a way for the community to support New Beginnings and our clients. Shopping in resale provides a direct financial benefit to the pregnancy center as all proceeds are used for client services.

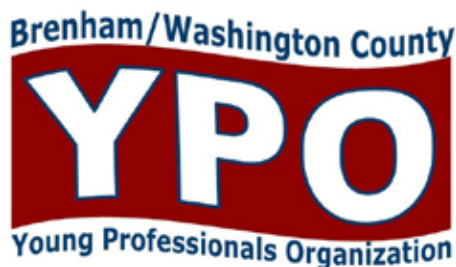
### Tell us something unique about your business.

— New Beginnings provides services not only to residents of Washington County but also Austin, Burleson, Colorado, Fayette, Grimes, Lee and Waller Counties; seeing an average of 1,100 clients each year.

### What do you love about Washington County?

— The heart of the people who call Washington County home.

It doesn't matter if they have lived here all their life or moved here last month; this community is filled with people who have generous, caring hearts. Washington County just seems to attract "the best of the best."



**Networking Happy Hour**  
Thursday, July 11  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Hosted at Padgett Hearing Aid Center**  
103 W. Alamo St., Downtown 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](http://www.Facebook.com/YPOwashingtoncounty)

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

August Happy Hour  
Thursday, Aug. 1 from 5-7 p.m.  
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# What's Happening in July

Thru October  
**Flying Horses Antique Carousel**  
 Ride a piece of history at Fireman's Park, \$1 per rider. Saturdays 11am-4pm and Sundays 1-4pm, 901 N. Park St., Brenham.

Month of July  
**CASA for Kids Gift Card Drive**  
 Any amount is greatly appreciated. Washington County drop-off locations: Brenham Chrysler Dodge & Jeep, Texas Farm Bureau, The Vineyard Church, CASA for Kids, Modern Cleaners (wespeak4kids.org).

Weekends in July and August  
**Windy Winery Harvest Grape Stomp**  
 Harvest Grape Stomp at Windy Winery. Grape picking, barrel stomping, T-shirt. Tastings, food, and activities have fees. Sat 11-4:30 and Sun noon-4:30, 4232 Clover Rd., Brenham (www.WindyWinery.com).

July 11  
**Young Professionals Organization Happy Hour**  
 Padgett Hearing Aid Center hosts the monthly YPO Happy Hour. There will be drinks, food, prizes, and the opportunity to network with other young professionals, 103 W. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham, 5-7pm.

July 11-14, 18-21, 25-28  
**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).

July 12-13, 19-20, 26-27  
**Live Music at The Kenney Store**  
 Varying artists. Grill opens at 3pm weekdays, noon on weekends, music starts around 8:30pm, 811 S. Loop 497 (TheKenneyStore.com).

July 12  
**Ribbon Cutting - New Location Texas Farm Credit**  
 A Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the new location of Texas Farm Credit, 1301 Hwy. 290 E., Brenham, 1:30pm.

July 13-14  
**Kids and Pastimes**  
 Come play and learn some games kids would have enjoyed at Barrington Farm in 1850. Washington on the Brazos, 23400 Park Road 12, Washington, 10am-4pm (WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

July 13, 15  
**Shakespeare at Winedale presents "Hamlet"**  
 Camp Shakespeare is presenting "Hamlet" Saturday at Winedale Historical Center, 7pm, and Monday at Henkel Hall, 2pm. Admission is \$10.00 (cash or check only) and young people 12 and under, free. For Camp Shakespeare ticket reservations, please email Doc Ayres at jayres@cvctx.com directly.

July 13, 20, 27  
**Hot Nights, Cool Tunes**  
 Saturday's in July are made for Hot Nights, Cool Tunes. Bring your lawn chair to the Courthouse square and enjoy some great live music with the community. Also, enjoy the Classic Car Cruise-In as well as food and beverage vendors. This event is free to the public and begins at 7pm (DowntownBrenham.com).

July 15, 17  
**Sewing Class: Bucket Bag**  
 Students will sew a bucket backpack and wallet as the main projects. Along with learning the basics of bag construction, students will use topstitching, quilting designs, and hardware to give their projects a quality, professional look. Class open to students ages 9 and up. (Class machines are available for students who are unable to bring their own). Class size is limited to 6 students. Sign up to reserve your spot. (SewFunSewing.Weebly.com, 979-551-0970).

July 15, 22, 29  
**Open Mic Mondays**  
 Open Mic Mondays, every Monday Night at 4 Star SideBar/ Sign Ups start at 4pm, open mic 6pm, happy hour 4-7pm (4star-brenham.com).

July 17, 18  
**Math Boot Camp**  
 This boot camp is for individuals that are looking to find alternative ways to comprehend math from basic algebra up to college level math. This boot camp will assist you in understanding math formulas, equations and much more. Blinn College Academic Building, 700 Blinn Blvd, Brenham, 6-8pm.

July 18  
**Advanced QuickBooks**  
 All-day advanced-level course for people who have taken the Basic QuickBooks course or have equivalent experience. You must be familiar with Windows using a PC. This class will not teach the online version of QuickBooks, \$100. A.W. Hodde, Jr. Technical Education Center, 2910 S. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, 9am-5pm, (BlinnCollege.SBDCNetwork.net).

July 18  
**Connect After 5 - Baylor Scott & White Medical Center Brenham**  
 Unwind after work and expand your network. Enjoy food, drinks and exchange business cards and brochures, 700 Medical Pkwy, Brenham, 5-7pm.

July 18  
**Friends of Bluebonnet Opry**  
 Hayley Bagwell, Lynn Landry, Cody Rhodes, and the Bluebonnet Opry House Band, doors open at 5:30pm, food served at 6pm, show starts at 7:30pm, \$7 admission.

July 19-Aug 11  
**Shakespeare at Winedale**  
 The Comedy of Errors, MacBeth, and Richard II. See the website for specific times and dates (liberalarts.utexas.edu/winedale/).

July 19  
**Ribbon Cutting - New Business Kat-Bird Cyclery**  
 A Ribbon Cutting for this new Chamber Member, 702 E. Academy St., Brenham, 10:30am.

July 20  
**"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).

July 20  
**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).

July 20-21, 27-28, Aug 3-4, 10-11  
**Crush for Fun at Pleasant Hill Winery**  
 Stomp grapes and personalize a t-shirt with your purple feet. Afterward enjoy wine tasting on the deck. Fun for the whole family. Tastings and stomps have fees. Saturdays 11-6, Sundays 12-5, 1441 Salem Rd., Brenham (PleasantHillWinery.com).

July 22, 24  
**Sewing Class: Pajama Party**  
 Students will go through the process from start to finish--from reading the pattern to cutting the fabric to stitching the pieces to finishing the elastic casing and cuff. Class open to students ages 9 and up. Bring your own sewing machine. (Class machines are available for students who are unable to bring their own). Class size is limited to 6 students. Sign up to reserve your spot. (SewFunSewing.Weebly.com, 979-551-0970).

July 24  
**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).

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## Washington County Blue Blazers

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

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# Stay, Play, Buy Local

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

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

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

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



## Calendar

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July 25-28

### Unity Theatre Presents - "A Pocket Full of Rhymes"

A fun, musical revue featuring some of Mother Goose's 'greatest hits'. Classic nursery rhymes are set to a catchy score and are told through a variety of styles of twentieth-century American music and tells the story of a thousand years of human civilization in music and rhyme. Performance times vary per day ([UnityBrenham.org](http://UnityBrenham.org)).

July 25

### 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)).

July 26

### Hospice Brazos Valley New Volunteer Training

New Volunteer Training program at Hospice Brazos Valley. Lunch will be provided. 9:30am-3pm, 302 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham.

July 26

### Unity Theatre - Showing of "The Sandlot"

Beginning at 10am with baseball themed games, ballpark lunch, a showing of "The Sandlot" on the big screen and cracker jack snacks, \$15, 111 W. Main St., Downtown Brenham ([TheBarnhillCenter.com](http://TheBarnhillCenter.com)).

July 26

### Ribbon Cutting - New Business Ruby Salon and Boutique

A Ribbon Cutting to celebrate this New Chamber Member, 2807 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham, 4pm.

July 27

### American Mahjong Tournament

Main Street House is hosting an American Mahjong Tournament. Practice round Friday at 7pm. Call 979-836-7393 to reserve your seat at a table. Entry fee includes

lunch & snacks. Tournament fee payable by cash only day of tournament. ([MainStHouse.com](http://MainStHouse.com)).

July 27

### Walk With A Doc

Join Baylor Scott & White and the City of Brenham for Walk with a Doc (WWAD) to take a step towards better health, 9am, the Kruse Center - Blinn College. Topic: Immunizations & Debunking Myths. Events are free and all are welcome ([walkwithadoc.org](http://walkwithadoc.org)).

July 27-28

### Sweet Desserts

Summer is a time to enjoy special treats, since farm work and heat is so intense, and you'll want to enjoy a cooler kitchen, 10am-4pm, Washington on the Brazos, 23400 Park Rd. 12, Brenham ([WhereTexasBecameTexas.org](http://WhereTexasBecameTexas.org)).

July 28

### Boys & Girls Club Fundraiser

Featuring Jody Booth at 4 Star Concert Hall, Downtown Brenham. Proceeds Benefits Boy & Girls Club of Washington County. 3pm. To purchase tickets [www.bgc-brenham.org/events](http://www.bgc-brenham.org/events).

July 29

### Sewing Class: Dolly Dress Up

Students will learned the basics of garment making, in miniature form and will make a dress that fits most 18" dolls (or teddy bears). Class open to students ages 9 and up, bring your own sewing machine (Class machines are available for students who are unable to bring their own). Class size is limited to 6 students. Sign up to reserve your spot. ([SewFunSewing.Weebly.com](http://SewFunSewing.Weebly.com), 979-551-0970).

July 31

### Gulf Coast Regional Blood Drive at Brenham Veterinary Hospital

Brenham Veterinary Hospital will be hosting a blood drive for Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, 10am-4pm. Donors will re-

ceive a free Commit For Life beach towel. Snacks and beverages will be provided. 2455 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham. To schedule, email Kathy at [limerick1414@yahoo.com](mailto:limerick1414@yahoo.com) or call 979-836-2472 and ask for Kathy or Misty. Sponsor code BVQ1.

## August Highlights

Aug 1

### Young Professionals Organization Happy Hour

Germania Insurance is hosting the Young Professionals Organization's monthly Happy Hour. Food and prizes, and meet other young professionals in Washington County, 507 Hwy. 290, Brenham.

Aug 2

### First Fridays Farmer & Artisan Market

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

Aug 3

### Burton Farmers & Artisans Market

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

Aug 3

### New Beginnings Pregnancy Center's Heroes Walk 4 Life 2019

5th annual Walk for Life will be a family night of food, fun, and games. Face painting, games, bounce house, balloons, etc. will be available before, during, and after the walk. Prizes for best superhero costume (by age group). Sponsor a walker or register to walk and encourage friends and family to sponsor you as you share the message that life is valuable. All monies raised will help provide life-affirming care to moms in pregnancy-related crisis. 7-9pm, Cub Stadium, 1600 E. Tom Green St., Brenham ([NewBeginningsBrenham.org](http://NewBeginningsBrenham.org)).

Aug 6

### Wake Up, Washington County! Networking Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast and a chance to network with other local businesses and organizations. Site Sponsor is Texas Farm Credit, 1301 Hwy. 290 E., Brenham, 7:45am.

Aug 8

### Connect After 5 - RE/MAX Advantage

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



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