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WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BREHAM, TEXAS

## Admin Pros' Day event - April 24

In April, people across the nation will be celebrating Administrative Professionals Week. The Chamber is excited to be hosting the fifth annual Administrative Professionals' Appreciation Day luncheon on Wednesday, April 24, at the Blinn College Banquet Room in Brenham.

This will be a fun and exciting event for you to attend with key staff members. Let them know how much they are appreciated!

Special luncheon speaker will be Julie Alexander, award-winning professional speaker. Julie is a sought-after speaker, author, and consultant who works with organizations to create dynamic, productive

workplaces and to move people from "OK" to "Awesome!"

Thank you to the following sponsor who has already committed to making this luncheon a success:

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There are still sponsorship opportunities available with a variety of valuable benefits including the option to have an

exhibitor table at the event. Contact Shae Janner at [events@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:events@brenhamtexas.com) if you would like to know more.

Join in celebrating those who make our everyday work lives so much easier and more organized. Treat your staff and recognize them at this luncheon to thank them for the extraordinary work they provide.

Tickets are \$25 for Chamber members, \$35 for non-members, and \$250 for a Reserved Table for eight. There will be door prizes and fun gifts for all attendees.

Call the Chamber at 979-836-3695 or email your reservation request to [events@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:events@brenhamtexas.com) or purchase tickets online at [www.BrenhamTexas.com](http://www.BrenhamTexas.com).



**Dr. Eric Alford, Physician of the Day, was recognized on the House floor by Rep. Leman.**

## Washington County Day at the Capitol

On February 26, as important bills and budget issues were being discussed at the State Capitol, the focus that afternoon changed to salad dressing and ice cream.

This year's Washington County Day at the Capitol, organized by the Washington County Chamber, invited several hundred state lawmakers and their staff to enjoy ice cream and Briannas, generously provided by Blue Bell Creameries and Del Sol Food Company in the prestigious setting of the Lt. Governor's Reception Room. Brenham National Bank was also a sponsor of the day's events.

To begin the day, Dr. Eric Alford of Baylor Scott & White - The Brenham Clinic was recognized on the House floor by

Representative Ben Leman as the Physician for the Day at the Capitol. Later, a resolution signifying Washington County Day was read by Rep. Leman, as local officials were introduced. Present were Washington County Judge John Durrenberger, Brenham Mayor Milton Tate, Burton Mayor David Zajicek, Blinn College District Chairman of the Board Charles Moser and Washington County Chamber Chairman of the Board Amanda Stolz. Citizens then made their way to the Senate Gallery where State Senator Lois Kolkhorst announced a resolution and shared the history and many features and virtues of Washington County.

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## Nominations Sought for 'Business of the Year'

On June 5, the Washington County Chamber will host the fifth annual Small Business Forum in Brenham. A major highlight of the event will be the presentation of the Small Business of the Year Awards.

Your help is needed to nominate a "Small Business of the Year" in Washington County for 2019. Businesses from 1 to 100 employees

are eligible. Nominations must be submitted by Friday, April 26.

If you are aware of a local business that you feel is deserving, please nominate them. Criteria for this prestigious award include:

- The business participates in multiple ways in the community and makes lasting

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### "CONNECT AFTER 5"

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT

SPONSORED BY:

## Brenham Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

400 E. Sayles St., Brenham  
Thursday, March 21 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!*

# Ribbon Cuttings



New Location

## Knights Of Columbus Hall

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
705 South Austin Street, Brenham



New Location

## Strand Associates, Inc.

Executive VP: Matt Richards  
1906 Niebuhr Street, Brenham



40th Anniversary

## Mark Hyatt Insurance - State Farm

Owners: Mark Hyatt  
210 East Tom Green Street, Brenham



Enhancement of Services

## Kruse Village

Executive Director: Coy Fontenet  
1700 East Stone Street, Brenham



New Location

## Culligan Water Brenham

Owners: Jerry Ratcliff  
1575 Hwy 290 West, Brenham

## Did You Know?

That the Chamber provides hundreds of "Relocation Info" packages every year to individuals and businesses who are considering moving to this community. Members are eligible to include promotional materials and reach this targeted audience for \$100 at the Basic Level and \$85 for the other membership levels. Contact the Chamber office to be included.

### Washington County Chamber of Commerce

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## Year

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contributions to the growth and well-being of the community.

- The business has displayed evidence of high professional and business standards.
- The business sets an example of leadership for others to follow, within its industry and its workforce.
- This business is locally owned/operated.

While you're thinking about it, please consider nominating your own business. Nobody knows your business better than you.

A form is available to pick up at the Washington County Chamber office (314 S. Austin Street, Brenham) and it is also online at [www.BrenhamTexas.com](http://www.BrenhamTexas.com).

For more information, call (979) 836-3695.

## YPO meets at Thyme

The Young Professionals of Washington County recently met at Thyme Day Spa for their monthly networking event. The next one will be held on April 25th at the Small Business Development Center. Follow them on Facebook to stay up-to-date on their meetings and events.

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[www.infintechllc.com](http://www.infintechllc.com)

# New Chamber Members

## CODY'S PIT STOP BBQ

Owner: Cody & Kameron Stelter  
2828 Industrial Blvd (Physical Address)  
4646 Wiedeville Church Road (Mailing Address)  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 979-421-0514  
codyspitstopbbq@yahoo.com  
www.codyspitstopbbq.com  
Time in Business: 6 months  
Restaurant

## SCRUBS N STUFF BOUTIQUE, LLC

Owner: Beth Teverbaugh  
214 E. Alamo Street  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 979-530-2084  
kbtever@yahoo.com  
Time in Business: Opening soon  
Clothing & Accessories  
Gift Shops

## Infintech features Appel Ford & Hyundai of Brenham in newsletter

Appel Ford & Hyundai of Brenham was recently featured in Infintech's monthly newsletter card talk, which goes out to thousands of businesses across the country.

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Infintech to bring members credit card processing fees down by as much as 40%! Why not take advantage of this great member benefit today?

Here is a little of the interview from the newsletter:

This month, we spoke with Daphne Kohring, controller of Appel Ford & Hyundai of Brenham.

What Initially Drew You to Infintech?

*"As a member of the Chamber, I was excited about the opportunity to lower my card acceptance rates and support the local Chamber of Commerce. It's been a win-win*

*situation ever since. Not only did Infintech significantly lower my fees, they also transitioned most of our business to wireless terminals making it easier for salespeople to take payments from customers and provide a faster checkout experience."*

What's Your Favorite Part About Working with Infintech?

*"We have always received great customer service from Infintech. Our payment processing advisor, Will Watson, is very helpful and continues to guide us on best payment processing practices that help streamline our business. We now have an online portal that makes it easy to review reports, trends, and customer payment history. We have been very satisfied with Infintech since day one!"*

Visit [www.infintechllc.com/washington](http://www.infintechllc.com/washington) for more information.

# CHAMBER 101

Tuesday, April 2  
8:15 a.m.

Chamber Conference Room  
314 S. Austin St.

You are invited to attend this informative session where you will learn how to take advantage of all the benefits of your membership. You will also be able to meet and network with other members.

Come promote your business while learning about how the Chamber works!

This is a FREE session, but there is limited seating.

Please RSVP by contacting Jane Hinze at the Chamber office at (979) 836-3695 or [jane@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:jane@brenhamtexas.com).

*We look forward to seeing you!*

# Renewing Chamber Members

Larry J. Arnie, CPA — 36 years  
Antique Rose Emporium — 35 years  
Brenham Heating & Air Conditioning Co. — 35 years  
Brenham Saddle Shop — 35 years  
Arthur A. Geick — 35 years  
Kohring Monument Company — 35 years  
TFE Company, Inc. — 35 years  
Brenham Veterinary Hospital — 34 years  
Market Realty, Inc. — 29 years  
Hermann Furniture Company — 23 years  
Boys & Girls Club of Washington County — 20 years  
Brenham Tire & Auto Center, Inc. — 19 years  
Culligan of Brenham — 19 years  
Nathan's B-B-Q — 19 years  
Strand Associates, Inc. — 19 years

Legend Log Homes — 16 years  
Longwood Elastomers, Inc. — 16 years  
George Bush Presidential Library & Museum — 15 years  
Brazos Valley Food Bank, Inc. — 14 years  
Book Nook — 13 years  
J & A Roofing — 13 years  
Hollis Properties — 12 years  
Sonic Drive Inn #2 — 12 years  
Lutherhill Ministries — 10 years  
Republic Services — 10 years  
Honest Builders LLC — 9 years  
Prairie Wind Farm — 9 years  
Performance Health and Wellness — 8 years  
Stella Designs & Solutions — 8 years  
Hodde Real Estate Company - Jim Ripple — 6 years

Fleur de Lis — 5 years  
Kate Holman — 5 years  
Brenham Craftsman Charmer — 4 years  
Moser Community Media LLC — 4 years  
Oak Alley Subdivision — 4 years  
PPE LLC — 4 years  
Camp Blessing TX — 3 years  
EVBAYLOIS Academy School of Beauty — 3 years  
LJ'S BBQ — 3 years  
Dorothy Morgan — 3 years  
RJ3 Enterprise, LLC — 3 years  
Brazos Transit District — 1 year  
Chappell Ridge — 1 year  
Garza EMC, LLC — 1 year  
The Get Together Brenham — 1 year

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



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



# Partners for P.E.A.C.E

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

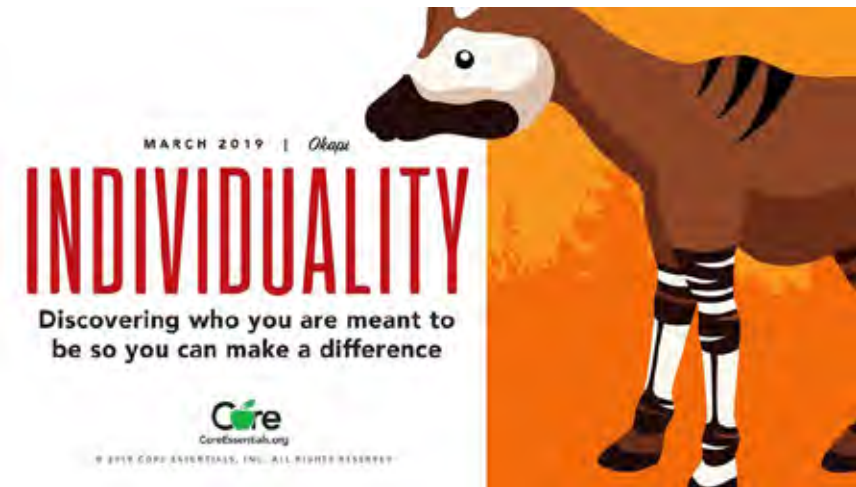
Thank you to these dedicated Partners for P.E.A.C.E. who have signed up so far and are continuing to make this program a success in Washington County. They help reinforce the Core Essential Values students are learning in local public schools at their businesses and through their employee interactions:



- Ant Street Inn
- Associated Credit Union of Texas
- Bank of Brenham
- Baylor Scott & White Medical Center
- 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 Individuality 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 March:**



## Capitol

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Washington County officials who were recognized on the House floor by State Representative Ben Leman were (L to R): Charles Moser, Judge John Durrenberger, Amanda Stolz, Leman, Burton Mayor David Zajicek, and Brenham Mayor Milton Tate.

Carin Simmons, Jeffrey Sadler and Scott Eckert, all of Del Sol Food Co., handed out jars of Briannas Fine Salad Dressing to the lawmakers and staff.



LEFT: Senator Kolkhorst and Rep. Leman serve Blue Bell Ice Cream in the Lt. Governor's reception room for the lawmakers and staff. RIGHT: Senator Kolkhorst brings a tray of Blue Bell to Lt. Governor Dan Patrick.

# Educating Leaders

The February 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 heard from Brenham ISD Superintendent Dr. Walter Jackson (LWC Class of 2016), Director of Career & Technical Education Cody Stelter; Director of Communications & Community Relations Jessica Johnston (LWC Class of 2018), Brenham High School Principal Joseph Chandler (current LWC class), Director of Special Programs & Advanced Academics Lori Ruiz-Wamble (current LWC class),

Director of Human Resources Christie Olivarez (LWC Class of 2017), Director of Child Nutrition Services Sandra Baxter and Assistant Superintendent Paul Aschenbeck (LWC Class of 2015). They also toured some of the CTE classrooms and heard from students in the PAL 2 class who talked about the P.E.A.C.E. program.

The class then traveled to the Early Childhood Learning Center and was greeted by campus Principal Toni Schwartz who gave them a tour of the facility and the update on the new library renovation.

The group also visited the Boys & Girls Club of Washington County, where Program Director Angelica Gamboa (LWC Class of 2018) led a tour of the club facilities, detailed the volunteer opportunities available, and explained the benefits and programs available for local youth.

The session culminated on the Blinn College campus. Executive Dean Dr. John Turner (Current LWC class), welcomed the group, followed by a brief update by Vice Chancellor of Public Affairs, Leighton Schubert. Burton ISD Superintendent Dr. Edna Kennedy

(LWC Class of 2017) stopped in to talk about everything happening in her district. The class was then taken on a tour of the Blinn campus, including the W.J. "Bill" Rankin Agricultural Complex, led by Bryn Behnke (LWC Class of 2018), 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. The next class forms in July and will run August 2019 through May 2020. Contact the Chamber for more details.



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



**Brenham High School Principal Joe Chandler welcomes his fellow classmates to the campus.**



**Brenham High PALs 2 students talk about the P.E.A.C.E. Program.**



**CTE Director Cody Stelter gives a tour of the Career and Technical Education shops and classrooms.**



**ECLC Principal Toni Schwartz with LWC individuals who attended the campus when it was Alton Elementary School.**



**Bryn Behnke gives a tour of the greenhouses at the W.J. "Bill" Rankin Ag Complex on the Blinn College.**

# Stay Local, Play Local

## Burton Heritage Society to hold 9th Annual Texas Ranger Day

Looking for some Texas history, food, and fun? Check out Texas Ranger Day in Burton, Texas on Saturday, March 16 from noon to 5pm.

Celebrate Burton's history and honor former and current Texas Rangers with a day full of activities including tasty food, live action by the Legends of the Texas Rangers, kids activities, music and more. All proceeds to restore the Mt. Zion Historical Chapel.

The fun begins at noon at the Burton Railroad Depot, 507 N. Railroad Street, Burton TX 77835.

Admission to the event is free, tickets for all you can eat fajitas and beans are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-10. For more info visit [www.burtonheritagesociety.org](http://www.burtonheritagesociety.org).

## Head for the Hills on March 23

This 15th annual Bicycle Ride is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Washington County, Texas. This year the ride start has moved to a new location. Parking will be at the Washington County Fairgrounds and the registration and start will be next door at the Brenham High School.

The routes will be new, with some portions following the old routes. Come ride and enjoy the county in the spring when the wildflowers are blooming. In fact, make a weekend of it and stay and enjoy all that Washington County and Brenham have to offer.

All proceeds will be used to support local charities and Rotary International projects such as clean water and End Polio Now.



## Beekeeping School to be held at Brenham High

Exploring the fascinating world of bees while making honey for your family and providing pollination for your flowers and garden are just a few of the advantages of Beekeeping.

The Beginning Beekeeping School in Brenham will teach you how to start and maintain your beehive as well as how to extract honey, assemble your own equipment and even give you the opportunity to safely stand around a live hive while an experienced beekeeper pulls out a frame of bees to show you the queen.

Once you have completed the one-day event, you will be prepared to obtain bees, place them in a hive and watch them grow. Beekeeping is a wonderful family hobby that teaches responsibility to youth and how nature works together.

To be held March 23 at Brenham High School, the classes include beginner, intermediate and advanced level instruction. A catered barbecue meal is included as well as a school book with additional beekeeping information. Vendors with a variety of beekeeping supplies will be available with items for purchase.

Topics for classes range from extracting honey to raising queen bees and include Apitherapy (the use of bee products in medicine), plants bees use, gadgets for beekeepers and using bees for an agricultural valuation. Last year over 650 individuals attended the school.

Contact 979-277-0411 for more information.

## Where was Theo in February?

He was in front of Brenham Abstract & Title Company at the corner of Market Street and Vulcan. The team at Brenham Abstract are ready to help with your next real estate transaction! Visit [BATCOBrenham.com](http://BATCOBrenham.com) for more information.



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## Business Spotlights Blinn College Alumni and Friends Association



The Blinn College Alumni and Friends and the Buccaneer Alumni Lettermen associations are excited to host the fifth annual Blinn College District Clay Shootout to raise funds for academic scholarships and athletic equipment. Last year's event raised more than \$60,000, all of which went directly back to the Blinn College District.

The event will be held on Friday, April 5 at the Boswell Porter 4-H Shotgun Range in Caldwell. Team signup and raffle tickets are online at [blinn.edu/alumni/clayshootout.html](http://blinn.edu/alumni/clayshootout.html). Awards will be presented to the top male, female, and youth shooter following the final flight.

## Hope Rising



Hope Rising is dedicated to the rescue, support and healing of children of sex trafficking in the state of Texas. A group of volunteers have worked diligently to prepare a schoolhouse in the countryside of Carmine TX to allow the girls to have a place surrounded by caring tutors, teachers and support staff during their school day. A place they feel understood yet can start their healing process while being encouraged to flourish in their schoolwork. This schoolhouse was opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on January 10th. Hope Rising is always looking for tutors, artists, school supplies, special project supplies for science projects, field trip tickets to museums or places of historical interest as well as backpacks or lunch boxes. If you have something to donate or offer please contact Hope Rising at 832-779-2190.

In picture from Left to Right is: Mary Long, Damon Ankenman, J. Hill, Sarah Dietzmann, Susan Blanchard, Sherril Clement, Nell Green, Jane Reynolds, Charlie Reynolds, Bill Comiskey. Not Pictured: Summer Steele, Pat Wills

## Working for YOU.

*As a Chamber member, your promotional information is seen by thousands of people every month.*

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Feb. 2019 — 6,379

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# What's Happening in March

*All of March*

**Baby Shower for the Babies of CASA**  
Collecting donations through the month of March: diapers in all sizes, wipes and gift card for new baby items. Drop off at the CASA office or email [doa@wespeak4kids.org](mailto:doa@wespeak4kids.org) or call 979-277-0088 to schedule pick-up, 1500 S. Day St., Brenham ([wespeak4kids.org](http://wespeak4kids.org)).

**The Winedale Story**

Permanent exhibit on Winedale's history, architecture, and historic preservation efforts at Hazel's Lone Oak Cottage. The exhibit is open Monday through Saturday 10am-4pm, Round Top (979-278-3530, [winedale@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:winedale@austin.utexas.edu)).

*Thru May 31*

**Wine Down on the Deck**

"Wine Down" on the relaxing deck of Pleasant Hill Winery every Friday in March, April and May. Cheeseboards available, 3pm – sunset, 1441 Salem Rd., Brenham ([PleasantHillWinery.com](http://PleasantHillWinery.com)).

*Thru May*

**"Two Fold" Art Exhibit**

By Sara Dimitt Waters at the Back Lot Gallery. Sara uses acrylic paint on wood to express a two fold story of the dysfunction of the status quo. All art available for purchase, 308 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham, Fri. & Sat. 12-7pm, Sun. 12-4pm ([BackLotGallery.com](http://BackLotGallery.com)).

*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, (excluding Easter weekend), 901 N. Park St., Brenham.

*March 14-26*

**Hermann Furniture Semi-Annual Sale**  
Flexsteel's Semi-Annual Sale. Save 10% off all Flexsteel special orders and up to 40% off Flexsteel in the store.

*March 14-17, 21-24, 28-31*

**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).

**Brazos Valley Brewery Patio Open**  
Enjoy craft beer with friends, Thurs 4-8, Fri 4-10pm, Sat 12-8pm, Sun 1-6pm, 201 W. First St., Downtown Brenham ([www.BrazosValleyBrewery.com](http://www.BrazosValleyBrewery.com)).

*March 15-16, 22-23, 29-30*

**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](http://TheKenneyStore.com)).

*March 15-16*

**Annual Plant and Gift Sale:**

**Herb Society of America Pioneer Unit**  
Proceeds from the sale are used to provide support for the gardens at Festival Hill as well as the sensory garden at Brenham Elementary. Festival Hill Institute, 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top, 9am-5pm ([herbsocietypioneer.org](http://herbsocietypioneer.org)).

*March 16*

**"Runaway Scrape" Escape Room**

Blinn College's Star of the Republic Museum invites you a Texas-themed escape room, admission \$15 adults, \$13 students 18 and under, \$10 Blinn employees and students. Advance reservations ([www.starmuseum.org](http://www.starmuseum.org)).

*March 16*

**Living History Saturday**

Family activities including quill pen writing, signing a copy of the Texas Declaration of Independence, visiting with militia soldiers and playing early Texas games (936-878-2214, ext. 228, [WhereTexasBecameTexas.org](http://WhereTexasBecameTexas.org)).

*March 16*

**Texas Ranger Day**

Burton Heritage Society hosts folk like demonstrations, crafts, tours of the historic Depot, Cotton Gin Tours, tasty food, live auction and more. Admission is free, tickets for all you can eat fajitas & beans \$10 adults and \$5 for kids ages 5-10, under 5 free ([www.burtonheritagesociety.org](http://www.burtonheritagesociety.org)).

*March 16-17, 23-27, 30-31*

**Parlor Games and Music**

Play with the past and get fun ideas from a world without electronics, Barrington

Living History Farm at Washington on the Brazos, 23400 Park Rd. 12, Washington, 10am-4pm ([www.WhereTexasBecameTexas.org](http://www.WhereTexasBecameTexas.org)).

*March 18*

**Ribbon Cutting - Announcement of the 2019 Read book**

Lifetime Learning will unveil the 2019 Washington County Read book, Nancy Carol Roberts Library Meeting Room, 100 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Brenham, 11:30am.

*March 19*

**Ribbon Cutting - Orman's Steakhouse**

Welcome new Chamber Member, Orman's Steakhouse, 2100 Hwy. 290 E., Brenham, 2pm.

*March 19*

**Republican Club of Washington County**

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

*March 21*

**Autoimmune Secrets**

Discover true causes of autoimmune conditions & how to prevent and reverse symptoms. Episode 6: Is Autoimmune Just the Beginning? Episode airs from 1-6pm, Nancy Carol Roberts Library, Brenham.

*March 21*

**Connect After 5 - Brenham Nursing & Rehabilitation Center**

Unwind after work and expand your network. Enjoy food, drinks and exchange business cards and brochures, 400 E. Sayles St., Brenham, 5-7pm.

*March 21*

**Friends of Bluebonnet Opry**

Featuring Jake Penrod, a tribute to Hank Williams Sr. and the Bluebonnet Opry House Band, doors open at 5:30pm, food served at 6pm, show starts at 7:30pm, \$7 admission.

*March 23*

**Head for the Hills Bike Ride - 14th Annual**

The ultimate training ride. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Washington County. Fully-supported with rest stops and re-

freshments. Three challenging courses: 25 miles, 40 miles, 60 miles (WCRotaryClub.org).

*March 23*

**Beekeeping School**

Class include beginner, intermediate and advanced level instruction. A catered Bar-B-Que meal is included as well as a school book with additional beekeeping information. Vendors with a variety of beekeeping supplies will be available with items for purchase, 8:30am-5:30pm, Brenham High School, 525 A.H. Ehrig Dr., Brenham ([centraltexasbeekeepers.org](http://centraltexasbeekeepers.org), [centraltexasbeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:centraltexasbeekeepers@gmail.com))

*March 23*

**Top Bar Bee Hive Class**

A full day Top Bar Bee Hive class is being offered at the 11th Annual Beginners Beekeeping School in Brenham. Les Crowder, nationally known Top Bar Hive expert, will be the presenter To register for the class go to [www.tinyurl.com/2019BeeSchool](http://www.tinyurl.com/2019BeeSchool) or call 979-277-0411 for more information.

*March 23*

**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: Healthy Eating/Nutrition ([walkwithadoc.org](http://walkwithadoc.org)).

*March 23-24*

**Ride For Hope 2019**

Trail ride benefiting Hope Rising, for children rescued from human trafficking. Two days of fun and fund raising for a great cause, 71L Ranch, 5389 Mill Creek Rd., Cat Springs ([hoperisingministries.org](http://hoperisingministries.org)).

*March 23, 30*

**John P. Coles Home Tours**

Experience colonial Texas life in a dogtrot log cabin and the John P. Coles Home, two of the earliest homes in Washington County. Free tours hosted by Independence Historical Society at Old Baylor Park, Independence ([www.IndependenceTX.com](http://www.IndependenceTX.com)).

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## 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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**Shelby Wiesepape**

*Bank of Brenham*

**Barbara Wilganowski**

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# Calendar

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March 23-24, 30-31, April 6-7

## Texas Bluebonnet Wine & Cheese Trail

Wineries along the Bluebonnet Wine Trail will offer ticketholders a select pairing of two wines and a specially-crafted cheese dish, Saturday 11am-6pm, Sunday noon-5pm (TexasBluebonnetWineTrail.com).

March 23-24

## Spring Tonics

Learn how families concocted remedies to boost their immune system from their own herbs and other items in their garden and house. Washington on the Brazos, 10am-4pm, 23400 Park Rd. 12, Washington (WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

March 23

## Back Porch Event

Hear experts on how to exempt your property in the country from taxes. Food and drinks by Royers Round Top Café, live music by Mason Marek Band. Texas Casual Cottages, 580 S. State Hwy. 237, Carmine, 11am-3pm (979-337-8293, darla.blaha@partnersinbuilding.com).

March 23

## "Journeys" by Kathy Sauer

Artist Reception at Ross Gallery. Admission is free and open to the public. A portion of the proceeds supports the Arts For Rural Texas, 114 N. Live Oak, Fayetteville, 5-7pm (artsforruraltexas.org).

March 23

## Heritage Society 2019 Gala

Giddings Stone Mansion, 2203 Century Circle, Brenham, 6-11pm (giddingsstonemansion.com).

March 26

## Basic QuickBooks Workshop

All-day, basic level course, intended for people who have either no experience or limited experience using the QuickBooks software. A.W. Hodde, Jr. Technical Education Center, 2910 S. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, 9am-5pm (blinncollege.sbdcnetwork.net/blinn).

March 26

## Hospice Brazos Valley New Volunteer Training

New Volunteer Training program at Hospice Brazos Valley. Lunch will be provided, 302 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, 10am-2pm (979-277-9525).

March 27

## State of the Community Forum

Washington County Chamber are pleased to host a State of the Community forum on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 from 11:00am to 1:30pm at the Blinn College Student Center banquet room. Tickets are \$25 for Chamber Members, \$35 for non-members, \$250 for reserved table (BrenhamTexas.com, 979-836-3695, events@brenhamtexas.com).

March 27

## 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).

March 28

## St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Gay Hill Drive Thru Fundraiser

Chicken Spaghetti, green beans, corn, bread and dessert. Proceeds goes to the Restoration of the Church's Stain Glass Windows. 8201 Old Gay Hill Rd., Brenham, 4:30-6:30pm (Michele Glenz 979-203-9245, Peggy Reimer 979-251-2648).

March 28

## 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).

March 28

## SlapHappy Improv

Spend an evening with a twisted group of young people who are a cross between Comedy Sportz Houston, William Shakespeare, and Jerry Seinfeld. Made up of members of Blinn College's two theatre organizations, Slaphappy has a style that is always fresh and never stale. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center at Blinn College, 600 Blinn Blvd, 7-9pm (Blinn.edu/boxoffice)

March 28-April 14

## Unity Theatre Presents -

### "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie

A mystery thriller directed by Kate Revnell-Smith. Set in the 1940's, this perfect combination of thriller and detective story will keep you guessing to the very final moment. (UnityBrenham.org).

March 29-April 6

## LaBahia Antiques Show

Dealers from across the country will provide, antiques, collectibles, vintage, and re-purposed items in the historic 1879 LaBahia Hall. Country Cooking all day, Hwy. 237/Hwy. 290 W., Burton. Free admission and parking (labahiaantiques.com),

March 29

## 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).

March 29

## Ribbon Cutting - Focusing Families

Ribbon Cutting for the new location of Focusing Families, 124 W. Commerce St., Suite A, Downtown Brenham, 11am.

March 29

## Easter Egg Painting Class at Hermann's

Local artist, Sharon Dettling of Chappel Hill. Eggs, paints, brushes are supplied. Bring your own apron. \$55 per person, limited seating, 2pm, 213 W. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham (hermannfurniture.com).

March 29-April 3

## Carmine Dance Hall Antiques Show

Early buying day March 29, 5-7pm. Breakfast Sat-Wed 7:30-10, lunch and awesome desserts, 300 N. Hausprasse, Carmine (ccsvcarmineshall.com)

March 30

## 8th Annual Lone Star Water Forum

Washington County Events Center, 1305 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, 9am-3pm, \$10 includes lunch (wcwildlife.org, lswf@wcwildlife.org, 979-277-6212).

March 30-31

## 19th Century Medicines

Before becoming President, Anson Jones made his fortunes as a doctor. At a time where medicine was more art than science, what would a visit to the doctor be like? Come take a peek behind the curtain with us at Barrington as we uncover the tricks and tools of the trade. This is a special focus weekend at the farm, Washington on the Brazos, 10am-4pm, 23400 Park Rd. 12, Washington (WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

## April Highlights

April 2

### Child Abuse Awareness FREE Community Event

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Free Community Event for Child Abuse Awareness at Fireman's Park with hot dogs, ice cream, games, giveaways, carousel rides, drawing for \$25 gift card every 30 minutes, 4-7pm, 901 N. Park St., Brenham.

April 4

### Connect After 5 - Brenham National Bank & Brenham Heritage Museum

Unwind after work and expand your network. Enjoy food, drinks and exchange business cards and brochures at Brenham National Bank, 2211 S. Day St., Brenham, 5-7pm.

April 5

### Clay Shootout

Blinn College Alumni and Friends and the Buccaneer Alumni Letterman Association Clay Shootout. Meal, drinks, raffle, prizes, trophies. Boswell Port 4-H Shotgun Range, 7676 County Rd. 247, Caldwell. (blinn.edu/alumni/clayshoot).

April 5

### First Fridays Farmer & Artisan Market

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

April 7

### Spring Historical Home Tour

Experience our country's rich heritage and the lifestyles of our forefathers at this year's Spring Heritage Home Tour hosted by Heritage Belles in period costume (giddingsstonemansion.com).



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