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WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BREHAM, TEXAS



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## Tri-County Small Business Forum to be held June 5

Small business owners and managers throughout the region will want to block a half-day on Wednesday, June 5, for the sixth annual Small Business Forum to be held in Brenham at the Washington County Fairgrounds Event Center from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sponsored by Baylor Scott & White Medical Center, Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Brenham National Bank and Citizens State Bank, this annual forum provides a local opportunity to gain leading-edge knowledge and professional contacts to help businesses thrive.

It is being co-hosted by the Washington County, Navasota-Grimes County and Burleson County chambers. Attendees will hear from several powerful speakers who have been recruited by these three chambers.

The morning forum speakers will be Matt Prochaska, President and CEO of Brazos Valley Economic Development Corporation. He has a team approach to economic development and loves the Brazos Valley. Matt joined the BVEDC with over 25 years of experience in various leadership positions in industry and economic development.

Next will be Mr. John Romero, Program Manager for the Cyber Readiness Center (CRC) of the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) and Assistant Director for the Tex-

as A&M Cybersecurity Center (TAMC2). John holds a BS in Computer Science from Texas A&M University with a minor in Geographic Information Systems and is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force as an Electronic Warfare System Specialist and Disaster Preparedness Instructor.

After a short break, Mark Winchester, Deputy District Director for the Houston District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration, will speak about Disaster Preparedness. He been with the SBA for eight years. Before joining SBA, Mr. Winchester worked for the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) for nearly eight years. During that time period Mr. Winchester worked for the Women's Business Center (WBC), Small Business Development Center (SBDC), the Veteran's Business Outreach Center (VBOC) and the Rio South Texas Regional Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC). Winchester was an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer for a non-profit in the area of housing and economic development. Mark has also worked for several insurance companies and was exposed to complex litigation, risk management, and underwriting. He has also worked for the State of Connecticut Attorney General's Office as well as U.S. Navy Submarine Force.

Ashley Freeman spoke at the

Small Business Forum in 2017 on cultivating the next generation. This year she will give an overview of the 2019 Global Family Business Survey. She will highlight the key findings and takeaways including what family business plan to focus on next. Ashley is a Tax Manager in the Personal Financial Services (PFS) practice in the Houston office of PricewaterhouseCoopers. Her focus and client base includes high net worth individuals, privately held companies, and large family offices. Along with tax compliance services she assists clients with estate planning matters and family business generational planning. She

has assisted clients in multiple industries – from athletes and entertainers to corporate executives and professionals in the legal and medical fields. Ashley holds a B.B.A. in Accounting and a Master of Science in Taxation from Texas A&M University. She is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Texas Society of CPAs and a licensed CPA in Texas.

The keynote speaker during the Small Business of the Year luncheon will be Dr. Nathan Bryan of Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Bryan earned his undergraduate Bachelor

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### "CONNECT AFTER 5"

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT

SPONSORED BY:

## Blinn College Foundation

706 College Ave., Brenham  
Thursday, May 23 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 Subdivision

## Stylecraft Builders - Vintage Farms Subdivision

CEO: Doug French  
22100 U.S. 290 East, Brenham



New Member

## Dooley Home Inspection

Owner: Jonathan Dooley  
[www.dooleyhomeinspection.com](http://www.dooleyhomeinspection.com)



New Member

## Scrubs N Stuff Boutique

Owner: Beth Teverbaugh  
214 E Alamo St, Brenham



New Member

## Cody's Pit Stop BBQ

Owner: Cody Stelter  
2828 Industrial Blvd, Brenham



New Member

## Organic Hemp Botanicals

Owner: Eric Banks  
100 E Alamo St, Brenham



New Member

## Board & Brush Brenham

Owner: Lacey Harwood  
115 W Alamo St, Brenham



New Member

## Michelle Rigsby - Personal Trainer

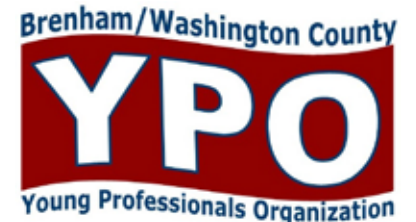
Owner: Michelle Rigsby  
[www.michellerigsby.wixsite.com/fitfam](http://www.michellerigsby.wixsite.com/fitfam)

## 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

314 S. Austin Street | Brenham, Texas 777833  
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Networking Happy Hour  
Thursday, May 16  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Hosted at Puppy Dawgs & Cat Tails  
321 S. Baylor St., Downtown Brenham

Expand your business network and make new friends!

For more information about the Washington County YPO, send your contact information to [washcoypo@gmail.com](mailto:washcoypo@gmail.com), or visit online: [www.Facebook.com/YPOwashingtoncounty](http://www.Facebook.com/YPOwashingtoncounty)



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# New Chamber Members

## BALLAD OF THE BIRD DOG

Owner: Kathleen Matthews  
212 W. Alamo Street  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 979-347-0522  
kathleen@balladofthebirddog.com  
www.balladofthebirddog.com  
*Gift Shops/Coffee Houses*

## BOARD & BRUSH BRENHAM

Owner: Lacey Harwood  
115 W. Alamo Street  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 979-353-0004  
brenham@boardandbrush.com  
www.boardandbrush.com/brenham  
*Entertainment/Recreation  
Arts & Culture*

## ORGANIC HEMP BOTANICALS

Owners: James & Tressie Roark  
100 E. Alamo Street  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
tressieroark@yahoo.com  
www.organicichempbotanicals.com  
*Retail*

## SKYLIGHT STUDIO

Owner: Sara Collier  
208 W. Alamo Street (Physical Address)  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
2524 Bluebonnet Blvd. (Mailing Address)  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 208-681-8585  
sarahcollier@gmail.com  
www.skylightstudiobysara.com  
*Photography*

# Renewing Members

April 1-30

Botts Title Company — 47 years  
Calvary Baptist Church — 47 years  
Brenham Fine Arts League — 41 years  
Newman Printing Company, Inc. — 38 years  
R & S Leasing — 37 years  
Texas Farm Credit — 35 years  
H-E-B Grocery Store — 34 years  
KTTX 106.1/KWHI 1280/101.7 — 34 years  
LaRoche Chevrolet-Cadillac-GMC-Buick — 34 years  
Medical Arts Drug Company — 34 years  
Creskide Veterinary Service — 33 years  
Brenham Monument Company — 32 years  
Must Be Heaven — 32 years  
Coldwell Banker Properties Unlimited — 31 years  
Buddy's Appliance — 29 years  
Tegeler Toyota — 28 years  
Ant Street Inn — 27 years  
Keith Twiggs — 27 years  
Bluebonnet Petroleum — 26 years  
Chappell Hill Sausage Co. — 26 years  
Express Employment Professionals — 26 years  
K & H Portable Toilets, Inc. — 26 years  
Milton Tate — 26 years  
Brenham Heritage Museum — 25 years  
Bever's Real Estate — 24 years  
Whataburger Restaurant — 24 years  
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites - Formula Blue — 23 years  
Nancy's Antiques — 22 years  
Texas Cotton Gin Museum — 22 years  
Camp For All — 21 years  
Hodde & Hodde Land Surveying, Inc. — 21 years  
First Baptist Church — 20 years  
Deans Imaging-Real Estate Photography — 18 years  
LeRoy Schroeder Contractor, Inc. — 16 years  
Professional Communications — 16 years  
Independence Coffee Co.-Black Truck '48 — 15 years  
Toy Box Child Development — 15 years  
Edward Jones - Brice Milliorn, Financial — 13 years  
Neal Financial Group — 13 years  
First Christian Church of Brenham — 12 years  
Anne Kinney — 12 years  
Knights Inn — 12 years  
Lamar Advertising — 12 years  
Blinn College — 11 years

CASA for Kids of South Central Texas — 11 years  
Royers Round Top Cafe — 11 years  
Sealand Seafood & Steak — 11 years  
Solutions In Sound — 11 years  
Ballard & Fleetwood, PLLC — 10 years  
Brenham Home Rental — 10 years  
Burton Friends & Neighbors, Inc. — 10 years  
Redeemer Church — 10 years  
Dona Lynn's Unique Gifts — 9 years  
Philips Veterinary Hospital — 9 years  
Republican Club of Washington County — 9 years  
Abiding Word Lutheran Church — 8 years  
Smitty's Cafe Bakery Billiards & Bar — 8 years  
Yumm! Sweets & Eats — 8 years  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Sandy Hill — 7 years  
Westbrook Storage — 7 years  
Texas Baptist Historical Museum — 6 years  
Jack T. Carr — 5 years  
Terry & Robin Luedtke — 5 years  
Washington County Genealogical Society — 5 years  
American Overhead Door Co., Inc. — 4 years  
Animal Friends of Washington County — 4 years  
B & R Industries, Inc — 4 years  
Back Lot Gallery — 4 years  
Gate Keeper — 4 years  
Jordan Creek Lodge & Equestrian Resort — 4 years  
Red Fern Woodwork & Renovations — 4 years  
Central Washington County Water Supply Co — 3 years  
DI Truck Repair & Hydraulic Hose Service — 3 years  
Goodwill Industries — 3 years  
Independence Community Events — 3 years  
1st Texas Home Health — 2 years  
Apple Jack Small Engine Repair — 2 years  
The Canyon Chick — 2 years  
Cruise Planners — 2 years  
L & N Blinds and Shutters, LLC — 2 years  
Lox.Beauty Gallery — 2 years  
Motel 6 — 2 years  
Topper's Liquor and Wine — 2 years  
Dr. Green Organic Land Management — 1 year  
gen.e.sis yoga — 1 year  
Rock Prairie Behavioral Health — 1 year  
South Texas Money Management, Ltd. — 1 year  
Swartz Septic, LLC — 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 the 2019-20 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 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:

**Partners for  
P.E.A.C.E.**



**Ant Street Inn**  
**Associated Credit Union of Texas**  
**Bank of Brenham**  
**Baylor Scott & White Medical Center**  
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**Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative**  
**Boys & Girls Club of Washington County**  
**Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union**  
**Brenham National Bank**  
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**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 May:**



*New Blue Blazer*

## Melinda Fay

Melinda Fay owns a franchise travel company with Cruise Planners, an American Express Travel Representative, with her husband Peter, where she enjoys spending time talking with potential clients and getting to know them, their likes and dislikes while using this information to craft a vacation experience to remember.

Her first job related to travel was when she was almost 16 years old working in an airport pilot supply company, this sparked her love for the industry. She has more than 15 years in the travel industry and has a love for travel and to see the world. She believes that her personal travel experiences mold her into a better travel advisor for you! She learns through her experiences.

Melinda has 4 children, 5 grandchildren and is blessed to be celebrating her 20th wedding anniversary, in July, to the love of her life, business partner and best friend, Peter.

Cruise Planners has been members of the Washington County Chamber since April 2017.



## 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.

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

## WASHINGTON COUNTY "ADOPT-A-SIGN" PARTNERS

To ensure the long-term care of the Welcome Sign monuments at the five entry points to Washington County, four landscaping companies from our community have volunteered to oversee their maintenance.

**PLM  
Texas**

**Glasco & Co.  
Landscaping**

**Washington County  
Landscapes**

**Wise  
Landscaping**



# Leadership on the Local Level

Leadership Washington County held its Civic Day session on April 11 with a day full of information about city and county operations, hearing from local government speakers and non-profit managers.

The session began at the Cannery Kitchen where the group was hosted for breakfast by Faith Mission. City Manager James Fisher welcomed the class and gave an overview of city services and activities.

Faith Mission executive director Randy Wells and CEO J.D. Young greeted the class. Since 1985, Faith Mission has been serving the Washington County community by serving those in need and in emergency situations. Today, Faith Mission is a multi-campus, faith-

based community working to help people become self-sufficient through emergency assistance and paths to long-term improvement.

The group toured the Brenham Recycling Center on Market Street with City of Brenham Director of Public Works Dane Rau (LWC class of 2004) who explained the drop-off process and what items can be recycled.

The class then traveled to the Blue Bell Aquatic Center where they met with County Commissioner Joy Fuchs. She spoke about her duties as a Commissioner and gave an overview of all County departments and the role of County government throughout the state.

Tammy Jaster (LWC Class of 2010)

and the Director of the Blue Bell Aquatic Center, gave the students information on the history of the BBAC and the services they offer year-round to the community and surrounding area. Current class member, Kelsey Toy, assisted in a tour of the facility.

The session continued at the Brenham State Supported Living Center, where lunch was served. Kristie Wensel (LWC Class of 2015) Community Relations Director at BSSLC, toured everyone across the outstanding campus. The group visited one of the residential cottages, the wheelchair fabrication shop, and the Expressions Bistro, where residents' crafts are sold to the public along with coffee and tea.

The afternoon rounded up with a tour of two of the local media establishments, KTTX/KWHI Radio and The Brenham Banner-Press. Both businesses help keep the community informed and engaged in happenings in and around Washington County and beyond.

Leadership Washington County is a program of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce designed to train and motivate current and future leaders for our community. The next class will form in July and applications are being accepted now!

For more details and/or an application, please call the Chamber at (979) 836-3695 or find the information online at [www.BrenhamTexas.com](http://www.BrenhamTexas.com).



City Manager James Fisher gives an update on city services.



Dane Rau explains the city Recycling Center procedures.



The class listens intently to the speakers in one of the meeting rooms at the BBAC.



The class gets a closer look at the mechanical room of the BBAC.



The wheelchair fabrication shop at BSSLC designs chairs to fit each individual resident.



On the Air! Class members took turns recording ads for the station.



# Stay Local, Play Local

## Brenham Children's Chorus

### Brenham Children's Chorus presents: Rock 'n Roll Journey

Classics from Elvis to Motown to British Invasion to Current Hits at the W.W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center at Blinn College, Brenham.

Visit [BrenhamChildrensChorus.com](http://BrenhamChildrensChorus.com) for more information.



### Flying Horses Antique Carousel

Ride a piece of history! Brenham's Flying Horses Antique Carousel at Fireman's Park is OPEN! Rides are only \$1 per rider. Open weekends thru October: Saturdays 11am-4pm and Sundays 1pm-4pm.



### Springtime Sundays

Springtime Sundays promotes the Downtown Brenham retailers and restaurants that are open on Sundays this Spring! Whether it's books, art, boutiques, tasty treats or hot tunes there is something for everyone in Downtown Brenham this Spring.

Visit [DowntownBrenham.com](http://DowntownBrenham.com) to check out all the participating locations.

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## Business Spotlight Independence Coffee Co.

Christi and Ragan Bond, co-founders of Independence Coffee Co., have been selected as Texas' Small Business Persons of the Year for 2019 by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

They attended ceremonies with fellow state winners in Washington, D.C., earlier this month, where they were honored with their award.

Each year, the U.S. Small Business Administration celebrates National Small Business Week (May 5-11, 2019) by recognizing the achievements of outstanding small business owners and entrepreneurs across the United States.

In addition to opening a new coffee shop, Black Truck 48 Coffee & Tea Market, Independence Coffee Co. has recently started serving workplaces with their office coffee program. ICC provides fresh-roasted coffee, tea, equipment and water filtration services to local businesses.

Find out more information about breakroom provisions for your company at [www.independencecoffee.com](http://www.independencecoffee.com).



## 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.

### Washington County Chamber of Commerce

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## Working for YOU.

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

### WALK-INS

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April 2019 — 566

### WEBSITE

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

Unique Visitors

Total Pages

April 2019 — 11,497

April 2019 — 23,422



# What's Happening in May

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.

May 9-12, 16-19, 23-26, 30-June 2

## Live Music at Home Sweet Farm

In the biergarten enjoy live music, craft beer, wine and fun outdoors, 307 S. Park St., Brenham (HomeSweetFarm.com).

May 9-12, 16-19, 23-26, 30-June 2

## 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., Brenham (www.BrazosValleyBrewery.com).

May 9-19

## Unity Theatre Presents - Breadcrumbs...A Drama

By Jennifer Haley. In this powerful drama we meet two troubled women: Alida, a fiction writer in her 60s, and Beth, a nurse's aide in her late 20s, one of whom needs the other with a not-entirely-healthy urgency. Beth does her utmost to insinuate herself into the life of the famous Alida, a recluse who is battling the onset of Alzheimer's and is lost in a strange forest in a perilous fairy tale, searching for breadcrumbs to find her way home (UnityBrenham.org).

May 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 30-June 1

## 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).

May 10

## Ribbon Cutting - Skylight Studio

Join in welcoming this new business and Chamber Member, 208 W. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham, 10am.

May 10, 17, 24, 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).

May 10

## PONDer This!

### Everything you need to know to succeed with ponds

Post Oak and New Years Creek Spring Wildlife Management Areas Invite you to... PONDer This! Everything you need to know to succeed with ponds. Bring live pond weeds for ID. Speakers are Ben Garcia, NRCS and Justin Sturm, Sturm Fish Hatchery and Bait Farm. Open to the public, but please RSVP. Time 5:30pm social, 6:00pm presentation, 7:00pm dinner. (wcvwildlife.org/EventRegistration, 979-820-1673).

May 10, 11

## The Brenham Children's Chorus "Rock n' Roll Journey"

Brenham Children's Chorus presents "Rock n' Roll Journey," Friday at 7pm, Saturday at 2pm (www.BrenhamChildrensChorus.com).

May 10

## Elvis in Concert

Vince King and the Vegas Mafia Band perform Elvis' biggest hits. Limited seating (TheBarnhillCenter.com).

May 11

## Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Bake Sale

CPA Alumni Bake Sale at Walmart. Proceeds Benefit the Brenham Police Department, 9am until sold out.

May 11

## Gleaning for Pie!

Come and see the different pie fillings the Jones family might have gathered from the farm in spring, or purchased from the store since Anson missed his Northern fruits. Kitchen activities are ongoing (WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

May 12

## 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).

May 13

## Ribbon Cutting - Re-Grand Opening Ranch Interiors

Join to celebrate the Re-Grand Opening if this Chamber Member, 117 W. Commerce St., Downtown Brenham, 2:30pm.

May 13, 20, 27

## 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 (4starbrenham.com).

May 13

## CASA Cafe

CASA for Kids of South Central Texas presents: Creating Caring Connections, How to create & maintain connections with children who have experienced trauma. Door prizes and snacks provided. CASA Office, 1500 S. Day St., Brenham, 6-8pm (WeSpeak4Kids.org).

May 14

## Ribbon Cutting - New Program & Dedication Camp For All

Join in celebrating the new canoe program and amphitheater, 6301 Rehburg Rd., Burton, 9:30am (CampForAll.org).

May 16

## Ribbon Cutting - Cornerstone Brenham Remodel Hanger51 Childrens' Wing

Please join in celebrating the remodel of this childrens' wing, 906 W. Stone St., Brenham, 10:30am.

May 16

## Autoimmune Secrets

Discover true causes of autoimmune conditions & how to prevent and reverse symptoms. Episode 8: The Answer to Neurodegenerative Decline, Feeding Out Microbiome and the Microbiota-Gut-Brain Axis, Brain Exercise and Heavy Metal Detox. Episode airs from 1-6pm, Nancy Carol Roberts Library, Brenham.

May 16

## Young Professionals of Washington County Happy Hour

Puppy Dawgs and Cat Tails is hosting the Young Professionals Organization's monthly Happy Hour in May. Food, drinks, prizes, and meet other young professionals in Washington County, 321 S. Baylor St., Downtown Brenham, 5-7pm.

May 16

## Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Spring Polka Show Featuring Chris Rybak, Shana Lala, Tim & Alicia Kulhanek, and the Bluebonnet Opry House Band, doors open at 5:30pm, food served at 6pm, show starts at 7:30pm, \$7 admission.

May 18

## 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: Local Healthcare Resources (walkwithadoc.org).

May 18

## Farmers Market at Washington on the Brazos

Under the live oaks at the Visitor's Center. Buy local and support area farmers. Fresh vegetables, fruit, baked goods, artisans and much more. Held rain or shine. Washington on the Brazos State Park, 23400 Park Rd. 12, Washington, 10am-2pm (wheretexasbecametexas.org).

May 18

## "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).

May 18

## Living History Saturday

Family activities including quill pen writing, signing a copy of the Texas Declaration of Independence, visiting with

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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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militia soldiers and playing early Texas games (936-878-2214, ext. 228, [WhereTexasBecameTexas.org](http://WhereTexasBecameTexas.org)).

## May 18 Back Porch Event

Texas Casual Cottages by Partners in Building Back Porch Event, Crawfish and Shrimp Boil with all the fixins and all the fun. Zydeco and drinks available, 580 S. State Hwy. 237, Carmine, 11am-3pm. RSVP to Darla Blaha, 979-337-8293.

## May 19 Kelly Willis and Bruce Robinson Honky Tonk Tour

The friends of Winedale present Kelly Willis and Bruce Robinson. Included with your tickets is a tour of the Winedale's Lewis-Wagner House from 1:00-2:45 p.m., 3738 FM 2714, Round Top ([FriendsofWinedale.org](http://FriendsofWinedale.org)).

## May 21 Ribbon Cutting - Keller Williams Brenham

Join in celebrating this new Chamber Member, 416 N. Park St., Brenham, 10am.

## May 22 Brenham Area Real Estate Investors and Landlords Meeting

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

## May 22 Ribbon Cutting - Margolis Fine Tobacco

Join in celebrating this new Chamber Member, 3120 Hwy. 36 S., Suite A, 4pm.

## May 23 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)).

## May 23 Connect After 5 - Blinn College Foundation

Unwind after work and expand your network. Enjoy food, drinks and exchange business cards and brochures, 706 College Ave., Brenham, 5-7pm.

## May 25 Ploughing the Weeds

Come help us clear between the rows of our field crops using our single ox and walk-behind cultivator ([WhereTexasBecameTexas.org](http://WhereTexasBecameTexas.org)).

## May 25 1st Annual Artwork Main Street Chappell Hill

Meet, enjoy and watch artists at work in Chappell Hill at the Historical Society Museum and on the Historical Main Street and other sites. You will find artists painting on canvas, stone chiseling, sculptures, jewelry designer and other interesting talents. 10am-6pm. Interested artists will

submit three images of their work and biography for the jurors, who will then select artists for the Artwalk. Must be 21 or older to enter. Great opportunity to showcase your talents and meet other people who love art. Deadline to enter May 18. Contact TJ Jones, 713-703-3841, email [tjjonesartist@gmail.com](mailto:tjjonesartist@gmail.com)).

## May 30 Washington County Republican Party Drive Thru Fundraiser

Schovajsa will be catering the event and will have 1/2 chicken, green beans, potatoes and home-made bread. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from any Party Executive member. You can find out the contacts and numbers at our website ([WashingtonCountyTXGOP.org](http://WashingtonCountyTXGOP.org)).

## May 30 Chappell Hill Business After Hours

Chappell Hill Chamber Business After Hours at The Rock Store in Chappell Hill, hosted by Heritage Texas Country Properties. Meet, greet and share your business cards with other members. 5070 Main St., Chappell Hill, 5-7pm.

## May 30 The Bellamy Brothers in Concert

Classic Country artist perform their biggest hits. ([TheBarnhillCenter.com](http://TheBarnhillCenter.com)).

# June Highlights

## June 1 CPR Class

Community CPR Class, EMS Station, 1875 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham, 8:30am-noon,

\$25 per student, contact 979-277-6267 prior to attending.

## June 1 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)).

## June 4 Freedom from Addiction Annual Banquet

Adult & Teen Challenge's signature spring fundraising event. Silent auction starts at 6pm, followed by dinner and a program hosted by the men of Texas Brazos Valley campus, starting at 7pm. Cowboy Church of Brenham, 4400 TX-105, \$20 per person or reserved table for eight \$240 ([TCTexas.org](http://TCTexas.org)).

## June 5 2019 Small Business Forum

A high-impact half-day for business owners, managers and civic leaders, plus the Business of the Year Awards. Cohosted by the Washington County, Burleson County and Navasota Grimes County Chambers of Commerce, 8am-1pm, Washington County Fairgrounds Events Center. Tickets sales online ([BrenhamTexas.com](http://BrenhamTexas.com)).

## June 7 First Fridays Farmer & Artisan Market

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

# Forum

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of Science degree in Biochemistry from the University of Texas at Austin and his doctoral degree from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport where he was the recipient of the Dean's Award for Excellence in Research. He pursued his post-doctoral training as a Kirschstein Fellow at Boston University School of Medicine in the Whitaker Cardiovascular Institute. After a two year post-doctoral fellowship, in 2006 Dr. Bryan was recruited to join faculty at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston by Ferid Murad, M.D., Ph.D., 1998 Nobel Laureate in Medicine or Physiology.

Dr. Bryan has been involved in nitric oxide research for the past 19 years and has made many

seminal discoveries in the field. His many seminal discoveries have resulted dozens of issued US and International patents and the product technology resulting from his discoveries and inventions have generated hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue worldwide. His discoveries and patents are some of the most successful in the history of the University of Texas System.

The title of his keynote lecture is: "How Not to Die From Cardiovascular Disease: My Story of Discoveries and Life Lessons Learned Along The Journey."

The highlight of the event will be the presentation of the Small Business of the Year Awards for 2019.

Last year, the 2018 honor was awarded to Bliss Candy Co. and South Texas Tack. The 2017 winners were Independence Coffee Co. and Del Sol Food Co. In 2016 the winners were Kwik Kopy Business Center and Glasco & Company Landscaping. The 2015 winner was Home Sweet Farm Market & Biergarten, and in 2014 Brenham National Bank and RE/MAX Advantage were the winners.

This year, Tee Dippel of Brenham National Bank will serve as the MC.

Tickets to the Small Business Forum are \$49 for Chamber Members and \$59 for non-members until May 31. Corporate Sponsor tables are available for \$499, which includes tickets for 8 guests plus your company name displayed at the event, online and on the printed program. Individual tickets and tables can be purchased online at [www.BrenhamTexas.com/pages/SmallBusinessForum](http://www.BrenhamTexas.com/pages/SmallBusinessForum).

Doors will open at 8 a.m. so that attendees can visit various exhibitors. A delicious buffet lunch is included, and the forum will conclude by 1 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Chamber at (979) 836-3695 or [events@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:events@brenhamtexas.com).

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