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New Chamber Leaders Elected

All Chamber members received their annual ballot in October to elect new directors to the Chamber Board. Members voted to elect 5 new board members, and they will serve a three-year term. A nominating committee assigned by the Chairman of the Board developed the list of candidates. The seven newly elected directors to serve in 2020-22 include:

Susan Cates *City of Brenham*

Susan Cates is a native Texan with roots deep in rural Texas. Susan is a graduate of Texas A&M University. Career experience spanning Human Resources, Manufacturing, Sales, and Marketing, as well as owning her own business, led her to a career in Economic Development. Susan brought nine years of economic development experience in the communities of Oak Ridge North, Mexia and Hutto prior to accepting the position of Director of Economic Development with the City of Brenham in January 2019. She has a proven track record assisting businesses maintain and expand their operations and is particularly passionate about small business development and entre-

preneurship. Susan holds her Professional Community and Economic Developer certification from the Community Development Council and is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute. Susan is married to Bill Cates. Bill is a Professor of Physics at Blinn College. They have three children: Lindsay (16), Elizabeth (15), and William (11). All three are students in Brenham ISD and are excited to be Cubs! The Cates family are active members of Redeemer Church and have quickly found activities in Brenham to get involved. In addition to remodeling their home in Bluebonnet Hills, BHS Varsity Choir, Washington County Little League, Washington County Flag Football, and volunteering at Nancy Carol Roberts Library are a few of the activities that keep the Cates family on the move! The Cates family have found that there is never a lack of things to do in Washington County. From Hot Nights, Cool Tunes to the Washington County Fair to Maifest or just checking out shops and restaurants in Brenham's Downtown, they are enjoying exploring and getting to know Brenham as their hometown.

Michelle Panko *Barking Ranch Pet Resort* *& Brenham Veterinary Hospital*

Michelle grew up in San Diego, California and the graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. After living in La Grange, Texas for some years, Michelle and her husband, Dr. Lee Panko, moved to Brenham in 2009 to become owners of Brenham Veterinary Hospital. Five years later, Michelle expanded that business by opening Barking Ranch Pet Resort, located next to the hospital. Michelle and her husband Lee have been married for 18 years and have three children; Nicholas, Marissa, and Luke. She is an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and previously volunteered as a Blue Blazer for the Chamber.

Roger Ross *Coldwell Banker*

In 1970, Roger's family moved to their farm in Brenham. He attended schools in the Brenham Independent School District from eighth through the twelfth grade. While in high school, Roger worked at their family store as well as the cotton mill

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Chamber named 'Tip of the Hat' winner

The Bluebonnet Garden Club presented the "Tip of the Hat" award to the Washington County Chamber located at 314 S. Austin Street. This award is given by the Bluebonnet Garden Club bi-annually to a Brenham business that shows care and concern for its appearance and landscaping. Presenting the award to Wende L. Ragonis, President of Washington County Chamber, are Judy Pendergrass and Joy Goedeke, Co-Chairs for Tip of the Hat, and Charlotte LaRoche, Club President.

Elected

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in Brenham. After graduating from high school in 1975, Roger attended Blinn Junior College for one year, then transferred to Southwest Texas State University (which is now Texas State) in San Marcos. He majored in Psychology with a minor in Sociology. During his sophomore year he took a job as a Mental Health Worker at the Brown Schools, a psychiatric facility located in San Marcos. Roger graduated from SWTSU in 1979, but continued working as a supervisor at the hospital. In 1983, he was offered employment at the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin, working in their multiply handicapped department. Ross worked in various capacities during his tenure at the school, culminating in the position of Assistant Director of Residential Services. In July of 2013, after working at the school for 30 years, he seized the opportunity to retire and move his family back to Brenham and live on the family farm again. Although retired, Roger wasn't ready to discontinue working so, once again, found himself enrolled at Blinn College taking real estate courses. Within that same year he received his real estate license and became associated with Coldwell Banker Properties Unlimited in Brenham. Roger is an active member of St. Peters Episcopal Church and served for three years on the vestry, ending his term in 2018. He participates in the Food Initiative program, distributing food to needy families the first Friday of every month. He also assists in distributing food on Saturday mornings from the community center to the home bound. Roger is a board member of the Washington County Rotary in charge of fund raising, in addition to being the facilitator for the annual "Head for the Hills Bike Ride." He has been a member of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce since 2015. One of his community interests and passions is the Unity Theater and for the last four years has volunteered

as house manager. He continues living on the family farm with his 16 year old daughter. She attends Brenham High School and is very involved in Theater Arts in school, as well as in the community.

Jeffrey Sadler Del Sol Food Co.

As the VP of Sales & Marketing, Jeffrey is entrusted with creating strategies for developing the business and reaching the company's sales goals. In addition, his responsibility is to create a culture of success and goal achievement to motivate the marketing and sales team. Among his greatest accomplishments is his involvement with BRIANNAS Fine Salad Dressing. Sadler has been a part of BRIANNAS for 28 years. First, as a specialty food broker for 19 years and then as a member of management for the past 9 years. In that time BRIANNAS has become the 8th largest salad dressing brand in America and the #1 specialty salad dressing brand in the world. In the past 9 years, managing the sales department, sales have increased from 8.6M bottles sold to 16.2M bottles sold. Jeffrey was fortunate to have one of the founding fathers of the TX Specialty Food industry as his father. His dad, Ron Sadler, instilled a passion in Jeffrey for the food business. The tenets of customer focus, organization, passion, and execution of goals were the bedrock of his father's teachings. Jeffrey does his best to live by those same standards and it's what kick starts his day whether he's at work or enjoying his family. Speaking of family, Jeffrey has been married for 16 years with two children, ages 6 and 10. They enjoy their adopted community and friends. Moving to Brenham from Plano, TX is one of the best decisions his family ever made. His family enjoys many of the same interests and are serious foodies at heart. Dim sum, Tapas, and Korma are common household vernac-

ular. Outside of work his personal interests span from Hot Rods to collecting vintage BMX bikes, skateboards, and trying new restaurants.

Dr. John Turner Blinn College

Dr. John A. Turner is the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Services for the Blinn College District, and as such provides district oversight of recruitment, enrollment management, residence life and housing, financial aid, student leadership and activities, and other core areas of student services to a student population of over 19,000. As Executive Dean of Blinn's flagship campus, Dr. Turner provides administrative direction and coordination for the Brenham Campus, and leads the campus' community engagement efforts. Dr. Turner holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a double major in marketing management and organizational communications/public relations from California State University. He holds a Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration from the University of Louisville and a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration from Texas Tech University. Dr. Turner participates with a number of national and regional boards and associations, representing the Blinn College District to the Higher Education community. Dr. Turner is very active in Brenham, and serves on a number of boards and committees, including serving as Vice President of the Washington County Rotary Club, serving on the Board of Directors for the Washington County Healthy Living Association (Margaret E. Blizzard Senior Activity Center), the Board of Directors for the Texas Arts & Music Festival, serving as a community partner to the Economic Development Foundation of Brenham, and also as a member of the City of Brenham Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee. Dr. Turner is married to his wife Samantha, and has a stepdaughter named Harlea, who will be a freshman at Blinn next fall. Among his hobbies are golf, enjoying watching all the Blinn athletics and other extra-curricular events, watching his daughter's softball games, and taking the occasional motorcycle ride.

As of January 2020 the remainder of the Chamber Board will include: Amanda Stolz, Seidel Schroeder; Melissa Duckworth, Thielemann Construction; Wendy Frazier, Associated Credit Union of Texas; Andy Heflerly, Moorman Tate, LLP; Zelda Moore, EVVAYLOIS Academy School of Beauty; Ash Patel, Best Western Inn; Jay Schroeder, Texas Farm Bureau Insurance; Dr. Eric Alford, Baylor Scott & White The Brenham Clinic; Paul Aschenbeck, Brenham ISD; Katie Burch, PLAN NORTH Architectural Co.; Johanna Fatheree, RE/MAX Advantage; Aaron Gonzalez, Padgett Hearing Aid Center; Dr. John Harris, Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church; and Joe Robertson, Blue Bell Creameries. Executive officers to serve in 2020 will be elected by the Board in December.

Ribbon Cuttings



New Member

Renae's Makeup Artistry

Owners: Wendy Monfreda
2634 Highway 36 South, Brenham



New Member

4 Star Sports Bar

Owner: John Elford
209 South Market Street, Brenham



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Renewing Members

October 1-31

Chappell Hill Historical Society — 51 years
 Sun Pools — 35 years
 Washington Animal Clinic, PLLC — 35 years
 Washington County Appraisal District — 35 years
 Bevers Kitchen — 34 years
 H-E-B Brenham Market — 34 years
 Washington County Farm Bureau — 34 years
 Alexander Oil Company — 33 years
 Appel Ford, Inc. — 33 years
 Del Sol Food Co., Inc. - Briannas — 31 years
 Two Creek Feed & Farm — 28 years
 Artesian Park RV Campground — 26 years
 Far View Bed & Breakfast — 26 years
 Renee Ann Mueller, County Attorney — 25 years
 Brenham Floral Company — 22 years
 Betts, Bill — 21 years
 Upchurch Architects, Inc. — 21 years
 Prairie Hill Farm — 20 years
 RWG Construction Management — 20 years
 Independence Historical Society — 18 years
 Boeker, Joyce — 17 years
 Plants N Things — 17 years
 Rotary Club of Washington County — 16 years
 The Front Porch — 15 years
 McCaul, Michael-Congressman District 10 — 14 years
 Texas Broadband, Inc. — 14 years
 Computer Helpers — 13 years
 Inn at Indian Creek — 13 years
 Leftovers Antiques Home Mercantile — 13 years
 Burton Heritage Society — 12 years
 St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill — 12 years
 LaBahia Turn Verein Event Center — 11 years

Reeter, Jeff D. — 11 years
 Washington County Habitat for Humanity — 10 years
 Winedale Historical Complex — 10 years
 Washington County Wildlife Society — 9 years
 Los Cabos Mexican Grill & Steakhouse — 8 years
 Brazos Valley Pediatric Dentistry — 7 years
 Wittner Plumbing, LLC — 7 years
 Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Home — 6 years
 Brenham Orthodontics — 6 years
 Champion Fellowship — 6 years
 Fellowship Baptist Church — 6 years
 Rockin' Star Ranch — 6 years
 The Kenney Store — 6 years
 Dynamic Drains of Texas LLC — 5 years
 Holman, Kate — 5 years
 Noble Living Studios — 5 years
 The Fortnightly Club of Brenham — 5 years
 Burton Independent School District — 4 years
 Lakeway Air Conditioning, Inc. — 4 years
 Metro Container LLC — 4 years
 Ninety Six West — 4 years
 Picone, Joe Al — 4 years
 PLANNORTH Architectural Co. — 3 years
 Rockin Mc Rustic — 3 years
 Willmark Homes — 3 years
 Brenham Education Foundation — 2 years
 First Baptist Church School & Early Education — 2 years
 Bridge Ministry of Burton Texas — 1 year
 Dream Body LLC — 1 year
 Texas Gardener — 1 year
 TG Trucking — 1 year
 Wingstop 1524/Seventy 5 Wing Co. LLC — 1 year

New Chamber Members

FRIENDS OF BLUEBONNET OPRY

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 Brenham, Texas 77834
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 Brenham, Texas 77833
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 Gift Shops
 Spa

NEXTLINK

Owner: Bill Baker
 95 Parker Oaks Lane
 Hudson Oaks, Texas 76087
 Phone: 888-763-1978
 bbaker@team.nxlink.com
 www.nextlinkinternet.com

RENAE'S MAKEUP ARTISTRY LLC

Owner: Noemi Monfreda
 2634 HWY 36 (Physical Address)
 1302 Ledbetter Lane (Mailing Address)
 Brenham, Texas 77833
 Phone: 979-353-5757
 wendy@renaesmakeup.com
 www.ranaesmakeup.com
 Cosmetics

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**

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



Thank you to our Presidential Level members ...



Would you like to be a P.E.A.C.E. Partner?

A Partner for P.E.A.C.E. (Public Education Ambassador for Community Engagement) is encouraged to share the monthly value and promote that value within the company so that possible employees and customers will see that you also support public education. It is in hopes that the adults who see these values at their workplace will share with the children in their lives who are also seeing this at school. These Core Essential Values are taught at both Brenham and Burton ISDs.

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
Better Homes & Garden Real Estate Hometown – Mandy Allen
Blue Bell Creameries
Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative
Boys & Girls Club of Washington County
Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union
Brenham Abstract & Title Company
Brenham National Bank
Burton Chamber of Commerce
City of Brenham
Creatively Yours
Germania Insurance
Glasco & Co. Landscaping
Independence Coffee Company
Padgett Hearing Aid Center
Personnel Services
Seidel Schroeder
Thielemann Construction Co., L.P.
& Stegent-Thielemann Plumbing
Unity Theatre

We would love to have more!

Be on the lookout for creative things to happen at these local businesses as their employees promote this values 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 November:



Small Business Saturday is Nov. 30

What is Small Business Saturday?

Small Business Saturday® falls on the Saturday after Thanksgiving — November 30, 2019. In the age of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, it's easy to skip over

the mom-and-pop shop for the big box store or online retailer. But SBS sponsors hope you don't forget about smaller neighborhood shops.

History of Small Business Saturday

Oddly enough, American Express, a U.S. corporation with \$37 billion in revenue last year, started Small Business Saturday in 2010. (Yes, most small retailers do accept credit cards.) The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) joined as a cosponsor five years later. SBS has become an important part of how many small businesses launch their busiest shopping season.

According to the 2018 SBS Consumer Insights Survey, total reported spending among U.S. consumers who said they shopped at independent retailers and restaurants on the day reached a record high of approximately \$17.8 billion. The same survey reported that more than 70% of consumers are now aware of the Small Business Saturday initiative. Based on this annual survey over the years, SBS spending has now reached a reported estimate of \$103 billion since the day began.

SBA, Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPPP), and American Express hope to drive traffic and revenue to America's 30 million independent businesses through Small Business Saturday events.

The U.S. Small Business Administration, created in 1953, helps Americans start, build, and grow businesses. It's an independent agency of the federal government built to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation.

Among other things, the SBA provides small businesses with access to capital, entrepreneurial development, government contracting, and advocacy. Perhaps most importantly, the SBA offers free counseling and low-cost training to new entrepreneurs and established small businesses in more than 1,800 locations.

“CONNECT AFTER 5”

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT

SPONSORED BY:

**Heritage Texas
Country Properties**

**605 S. Austin St., Brenham
Thursday, Dec. 5 from 5-7 p.m.**

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!

Leadership and Law Enforcement

The November session of the Leadership Washington County program introduced the group to local law enforcement. The class began its day at the City of Brenham Police Department.

Sgt. Steven Eilert and Brenham Chief of Police Louis Barrow Jr. welcomed the class. The

class also heard from District Attorney Julie Renken (LWC Class of 2001) and County Attorney Renee Mueller (LWC Class of 1995).

The class then traveled to the Washington County Jail, where they were greeted by Sheriff Otto Hanak and given a tour. The action-filled day was

comprised of more than just lectures. After the tour of the jail, the class traveled back to the police station for lunch and then participated in breakout sessions, including a 'Shoot, Don't Shoot' scenario and an active shooter presentation.

When asked about the session, one participant comment-

ed, "I am thankful for our law enforcement officials, as they jeopardize their lives everyday to keep us safe. We cannot thank them enough for sharing this information with us and for the other individuals who took the time out of their busy days to share their areas of expertise as well."

The next leadership session will be focus on health care.

The program runs from August to May each year. The next class will form in July 2020. Those interested are encouraged to call the Chamber office at (979) 836-3695. Details are posted on www.Brenham-Texas.com.



Brenham Police Department



District Attorney Julie Renken



County Attorney Renee Mueller



Washington County Sheriff Otto Hanak



Lieutenant Marlow Lowery always gives a great tour of the jail to the LWC participants.



Allan Colvin of Brenham ISD receives his "Shoot, Don't Shoot" instructions from Brenham Police Sgt. Steven Eilert.

Members of the Month of October

Chappell Hill Historical Society

9220 Poplar St., Chappell Hill

979-836-6033

ChappellHillHistoricalSociety.com

How long have you been in business?

— The Chappell Hill Historical Society Museum first opened on Main Street in the Spring of 1966. Edward Shaver, the owner of several pieces of property in downtown Chappell Hill, allowed the Society to use the old Perkins Drugstore building to house a collection of artifacts of local provenance that had been collected by Mr. and Mrs. Nath Winfield. The collection included a grist mill that had once belonged to Dr. William Langhorne, a large cane mill that was found on a farm on Caney Creek south of Chappell Hill, a display of wooden planes and other carpenter's tools that were once used by Mr. Henry Brandt, and a replica of a nineteenth century blacksmith shop with a large bellows that was brought to Chappell Hill in an ox wagon by the father of Mr. Will Barnett. The Chappell Hill Independent School District consolidated with Brenham in the early 1960's, and the school in Chappell Hill, which was built in 1927 on the site of the Chappell Hill Female College, was closed. In 1966, the Historical Society negotiated a lease on the vacant school building and used it as the venue for their annual antique shows. The Brenham Banner-Press of April 13, 1966, carried a lengthy article announcing that the Chappell Hill Antique would be held on April 16-17 of that year. The article indicated that the "new museum will be opened free of charge to the public." By the 1980's, the collections of the museum took up a large percentage of space in the museum building, and it was determined by the Board of Directors of the Chappell Hill Historical Society that the time had come for updating the museum by preparing a story line and designing and fabricating new cases.

What services do you offer?

— CHHS provides visitors with historic tours of all of their historic properties including the Rock Store, the Providence Baptist Church, the Circulating Library and the Museum. If tours are set up in advance, the Chappell Hill United Methodist Church is included in the historic tour. We can help visitors with inquiries on any research involving Chappell Hill, the Chappell Hill Female College, Soule University and the surrounding community.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— The most unique thing about our business is we have such an extensive history and we are still learning new things all the time.

What do you love about Washington County?

— The thing I love most about Washington County is it is the birthplace of Texas and it is such an integral part of who we are as Texans.

Antique Rose Emporium

9300 Lueckemeyer Rd., Brenham

979-836-5548

AREGardens.com

How long have you been in business?

— We started in 1983, so for 36 years.

What services do you offer?

— We sell potted roses in a retail garden center, by mail order nationally, and wholesale to garden centers and landscapers. In addition to roses, we sell all kinds of landscape plants as well as hard goods and gift shop items. The 8 acre setting is a destination

garden also serving as a wedding venue. We have many historic buildings including an 1850s Stone Kitchen on the premise. There is also a pub for refreshment.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— Our roses are garden varieties, not florist types. Many of the roses are very old, surviving from the 19th and 20th centuries. They unlike modern roses are fragrant and easy to grow in the landscape.

We have been featured in Southern Living, Nat'l Geographic and Smithsonian magazines. We are also breeding new roses with these characteristics in mind. People from all over the world have visited our gardens.

What do you love about Washington County?

— Washington County has incredible historic interest.... the birthplace of Texas. This history, the fact that Independence is home to Baylor and the original home for many individuals in Texas's storied history is a perfect backdrop for selling our time-tested roses from this period.

Brenham Orthodontics

1704 S. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham

979-836-6160

BrenhamOrthodontist.com

How long have you been in business?

— Brenham Orthodontics has been servicing this community since 1980; however, Dr. Troy Gor joined and purchased the practice near the end of 2016.

What services do you offer?

— We specialize in orthodontics and help our patients achieve beautiful smiles using traditional braces, clear braces and clear aligners (Invisalign).

Tell us something unique about your business.

— Something unique to our business is that we provide complimentary exams. If you are interested in improving your smile, please give us a call. We would love to discuss what treatments options are available to help you achieve your goals.

What do you love about Washington County?

— I loves the small town feel of Washington County. Not only is it a beautiful place, but I think the people are what makes it so special. People here are so kind and down to earth. It's such a loving and caring community to be a part of.

~ Dr. Gor

The Barnhill House Toys & Books

606 S. Austin St.

979-836-1817

TheBarnhillHouse.com

How long have you been in business?

— We've been in business for 29 years. We started out in 1990 as "Fruit Baskets of Brenham" (#Lamar Johnson) while adding a few puzzles and toys to the little store in our garage. The toy business seemed to be more popular than fruit baskets (or maybe I was more interested in that since we had four children!) We started to focus more on toys and books, filling three rooms in the house, and phased out the fruit baskets.

What services do you offer?

— A few services we offer are complimentary gift wrap, lay-away, and personal shopping. We have several regular customers who call to ask us to choose a good toy or book, wrap it, and deliver in town.

Our regular hours are Wednesday-Saturday 10-4, and now Tuesday afternoons 1-4.

Mid-November our Christmas hours begin, and we'll be open EVERY DAY till Christmas.

Our December hours: Monday-Friday from 10am-6pm; Saturday 10am-4pm; and Sunday 1-4 pm.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— I think our business is unique because we have a large selection of hard-to-find toys and books chosen by a former Kindergarten teacher (me!).

Our inventory is loaded right now in preparation for Christmas, and customers will have the best selection if they shop before December.

We don't have a lot of anything, but we have a little bit of everything!

What do you love about Washington County?

— What I love about Washington County is the tradition, the history, and the citizens who appreciate it. I think this is such an important part of our county. So many of our customers coming from other cities and states say they came to Brenham to experience an old-fashioned town square, historic homes, and a slower pace of life. They're very interested in our store and the fact that we have old-fashioned toys (marbles, jacks, rocking horses, jack-in-the-boxes, etc.) in my grandparents' 1956 pink brick house. They want to know the history of the house, and it's not even as old as many of the homes around the county! Hopefully Washington County will keep up the good work of promoting our tradition and history while trying to bring new folks to our community.

~ Betsy Barnhill Newman, owner

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

2310 Airline Dr.

979-836-7248

StPetersBrenham.org

How long have you been in business?

— St. Peter's was established in May 1848 by the Reverend Niles Pierce, a graduate of Brown University, a Brenham school teacher, and later Bishop of Arkansas and the Indian Territory.

What services do you offer?

— We serve the community in various ways. St. Peter's offers several food assistance ministries, including a Mon-Thu emergency food pantry, monthly First Friday Mobile Food Pick-up and the weekly Saturday Food Pantry at Brenham Housing Authority (More hands are always welcome.)

St. Peter's assists our sister church Champion Fellowship in the after school adventures of BTxLA, to support children from K-6th grade.

St. Peter's supports the CARS reading program through volunteering in our public schools.

St. Peter's Sunday worship services are 8am and 10:30am (with music), including Holy Scripture reading, and Holy Communion. We have a Wednesday Noon service of Healing and Holy Communion.

We have children and adult Christian education programs and reading programs. And lots more including our upcoming St. Peter's Art Show & Sale November 8 and 9.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— St. Peter's worships in a style that reflects the heritage of English country churches and cathedrals. It is rooted in ancient traditions of the reverent liturgy, beautiful music, faithful scripture reading, and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament.

What do you love about Washington County?

— It still feels like Texas in Washington County. Strangers are still neighbors and they still wave hello to you. And! You can get anywhere in 5 minutes.

What's Happening in November

Until Nov. 22

Quilting Exhibit

This exhibit is in collaboration with Carol's Quilt Shop and Friendship Quilt Guild, Wed. – Sat. 10am-4pm, Chappell Hill Historical Museum, 9220 Poplar St., Chappell Hill.

Until Nov. 29

Burton's Great Pumpkin Patch

Hand decorated by local kiddos at area businesses in downtown Burton. Follow the map and enjoy the creativity and talent (BurtonTexas.org/pumpkinpatch).

Until Dec. 29

MoonShadow Press Exhibit

Joyce McCown of MoonShadow Press returns to the gallery for a one-woman mixed media studio show. Photography, hand lettering and three dimensional artwork. Artist reception Saturday, November 16, 1-6pm, Open Thanksgiving weekend and closed December 1st and 27th, Back Lot Gallery, 308 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham, (BackLotGallery.com).

Nov 14

Connect After 5 - Kruse Village

Enjoy some great networking, delicious food and refreshments. Bring plenty of business cards to share with others. Free for Chamber members and employees. 1700 E. Stone St., Brenham, 5-7pm.

Nov 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).

Nov 15-17, 22-24, 29-Dec 1

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).

Nov 16

Christmas Holiday Market

2nd Annual Handmade Holiday Market featuring handmade leather goods, baked treats, wreaths, treenware, and much more. Enjoy the live music and food vendor, 10am-2pm, Washington on the Bra-

zos State Historic Site, 23400 Park Road 12, Washington (WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

Nov 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).

Nov 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).

Nov 16

Houston Brass Band

Bring your family and friends to enjoy the Houston Brass Band in the extraordinary acoustics of the Festival Concert Hall, Round Top Festival Institute, 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top (FestivalHill.org).

Nov 16

Thanksgiving Murder Mystery Dinner

All guests will have the choice of playing a character or a detective to help act the story and solve the crime. Admission is \$75, doors open at 6:30pm, event begins at 7pm, Ant Street Inn, 107 W. Commerce St., Downtown Brenham, (AntStreetInn.com).

Nov 17, 24

Labour of Thine Hands (Early Trades in Early Texas)

Demonstrators will exhibit some of the many skills needed by our ancestors. Hear the ringing of the blacksmith's hammer, get your hands dirty as you help mold bricks, see a tailor nimbly stitch together a historic garment, help a surveyor measure with his chain, or watch a potter turn clay into vessels, 10am-4pm, Washington on the Brazos, 23400 Park Road 12, Washington, (WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

Nov 18

Ribbon Cutting - Clean Car Custom Detail

Join in welcoming this new Chamber Member, 603 W. Alamo St., Brenham, 10:30am.

Nov 18, 25

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).

Nov 19

Brenham Vet Hospital Senior Discount Day

Held on the third Tuesday of each month, pet owners over age 50 save 15% on wellness visits and wellness vaccines as well as spays/neuters, Brenham Veterinary Hospital, 2455 Highway 290 W., Brenham (BrenhamVetHospital.com).

Nov 19

Lunch and Learn - Development Services Development Update -Understanding the City of Brenham's Processand New Projects Around Town, presented by Stephanie Doland, 11:45am-1pm, \$15 includes lunch, Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library, register online at BrenhamTexas.com.

Nov 19

Lunch and Learn - Winedale

Bring your lunch and learn about local history the 3rd Tuesday of the month through December. These programs are free. Meadows Large Classroom at Winedale, 3760 FM 2714, Round Top, 12-1pm (tricia.blakistone@austin.utexas.edu, 979-278-3530).

Nov 19

Republican Club of Washington County Monthly Meeting

Guest speaker will be Citizens Commission on Human Rights, Texas Executive Director, Lee Spiller. Blinn College Student Center Banquet Hall, 5:30-7:30pm, free to attend to listen, dinner option is \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members (WashingtonCountyTXGOP.org).

Nov 21

Ribbon Cutting - Thrivent Financial

Join in celebrating the new location for this Chamber Member, 203 S. Jackson St., Brenham, 3pm.

Nov 21

Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Derek Spence tribute artist to George Strait plus the Bluebonnet Opry House Band, doors open at 5:30pm, food served at 6pm, show starts at 7:30pm, \$7 admission.

Nov 21-24

The Adventures of Robin Hood

Based on the novel The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood by Howard Pyle, adapted by Michele L. Vacca. Dr. W.W. O'donnell Performing Arts Center, Blinn College, Brenham, adults \$10, students and children \$5 (Blinn.edu/boxoffice).

Nov 23

Sugar Plum Market

Lots of gift items in this one stop shop, plus food by Smitty's Café, 9am-4pm, Washington County Fairgrounds Event Center.

Nov 23

St. Mary's PCCW Pre-Holiday Bazaar

Handcrafts, homemade canned Items and baked goods. Raffle tickets will be sold for a quilt, gift cards, and other items, 9am-2pm, St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Activity Center (PAC), corner of Germania and Park St.

Nov 23, 24

Turning Up and Going Fallow

Come see the strong oxen at work and try your hand at walking behind a plow, 10am-4pm, Washington on the Brazos, 23400 Park Road 12, Washington (WhereTexasBecameTexas.org),

Nov 25

Barn Cat/Stray Cat Discount Spay and Neuter Day

To be held the last Monday of each month. Drop cats off in a crate by 8am, pick up

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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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Brenham State Supported Living Center

Shelby Wiesepape

Bank of Brenham

Barbara Wilganowski

Spherion Staffing

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same day at 4:30pm, animals must be current on rabies or will be required to receive rabies vaccine on surgery day. Call 979-836-2472, Brenham Veterinary Hospital, (BrenhamVetHospital.com),

Nov 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).

Nov 29-30

Hermann Furniture Holiday Open House

Special "thank you" gift with every purchase, 213 W. Alamo, Downtown Brenham, 9am-5pm (HermannFurniture.com).

Nov 30, Dec. 1, 7, 8

Holiday Crystal Wine Trail

The Texas Bluebonnet Wine Trail, Holiday Crystal Wine Trail. Trail ticket allows you to enjoy two specially selected wine tastings, paired with a terrific holiday food sample at each winery on the trail.

As an added bonus, receive a Bluebonnet Wine Trail commemorative keepsake at the sixth winery visited, while supplies last. (TexasBluebonnetWineTrail.com).

December Highlights

Dec 3

Ribbon Cutting - Hours2Go by Charlotte

Join in welcoming this new Chamber Member at the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, 314 S. Austin St., Brenham, 10:30am.

Dec 4

Mark Wills at The Kenney Store

Experience one of the intimate concerts everyone is talking about. Hear raw, real music with unforgettable stories told by legends. Meal included with concert ticket, \$60. (TheKenneyStore.com).

Dec 4

Ribbon Cutting - Brenham Floral Company

Join in celebrating the new location for this Chamber Member, 707 S. Austin St., Brenham, 10:30am.

Dec 5

Connect After 5 - Heritage Texas Country Properties

Enjoy some great networking, delicious food and refreshments. Bring plenty of business cards to share with others. Free for Chamber members and employees. 605 S. Austin St., Brenham, 5-7pm.

Dec 5-22

"A Christmas Story" at Unity Theatre

Humorist Jean Shepherd's memoir of growing up in the mid-west in the 1940s follows 9 year old Ralphie Parker

in his quest to get a genuine Red Ryder BB gun under the tree for Christmas. (UnityBrenham.org).

Dec 6

Basic Quick Books

This is an all-day, basic level course, intended for people who have either no experience or limited experience using the QuickBooks software. You should be familiar with Windows on a PC. This class will not teach the on-line version of QuickBooks. A.W. Hodde, Jr. Technical Education Center, 2910 S. Blue Bell Rd. (BlinnCollege.SBDCNetwork.net).

Dec 6

First Fridays Farmer & Artisan Market

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

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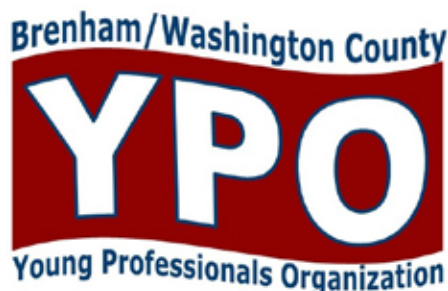
Candlelight Christmas at Washington on the Brazos

Walk the candlelit paths at Barrington Plantation and experience a Texas Christmas in the decade before the Civil War, 4:30-8:30pm, Washington on the Brazos, 23400 Park Road 12, Washington (WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

Dec 7

Brenham Christmas Stroll

Breakfast with Santa, Santa's village and Reindeer Training, Sip, Shop, and Stroll, Jingle Bell Market, "Christmas Memories on Main" Lighted Parade. Visit Jingle.Cityof-Brenham.org for schedule of events.



Networking Happy Hour

Thursday, December 12

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Hosted at Red Fern Woodwork & Renovation

1801A S. Blue Bell Rd., 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. or visit online: www.Facebook.com/YPOwashingtoncounty



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Development Update

Understanding the

City of Brenham's Process

& New Projects Around Town

Presented by:

Stephanie Doland

City of Brenham,

Director of Development Services

Tuesday, Nov. 19

11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Nancy Carol Roberts
Memorial Library, Brenham

Cost: \$15

Includes a light lunch.

Register at BrenhamTexas.com



Chamber Chats are RSVP events that will be held monthly with the intent to identify challenges and begin solution development. Once there is agreement on a solvable challenge, the goal is to begin the problem solving process, by making relevant connections or referrals to resources that can develop realistic solutions.

December Topic:

Non-profit Management

Tuesday, December 10

8 a.m.

Chamber Conference Room

Limited Seating (25).

Must RSVP. No Charge.

Chamber Members ONLY.

Get on the list by emailing:

info@brenhamtexas.com