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WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BREHAM, TEXAS

## NEW CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE MEMBERS

The Washington County Chamber is proud to welcome Blue Bell Creameries, Citizens State Bank and the City of Brenham to the Chairman's Circle.

As the top-tier investor, Chairman's Circle members support the Chamber's mission to promote and grow business in this community. These members receive elite recognition at all signature events as well as the highest level recognition in publications, marketing opportunities and on the Chamber website. Additional benefits of the Chairman's Circle include sponsorships of the Annual Banquet, Leadership

Washington County, the annual Board of Directors Planning Retreat, plus invitations to exclusive events with local leaders and elected officials, and much more.

Other Chairman's Circle Members are Baylor Scott & White Health, Brenham Abstract and Title, Brenham National Bank, Germania Insurance, and Van Dyke Rankin & Co.

Please join us in thanking these companies for their commitment to the Chamber of Commerce as the entity that unifies the spirit of this community and directs it into constructive channels.

Chamber  
President  
Wende  
Ragonis  
and  
Blue Bell  
Creameries  
President/  
CEO Ricky  
Dickson.



Cory Flencher,  
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of Citizens  
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Wende Ragonis,  
Chamber  
President; and  
Chris Cangelosi,  
Citizens State  
Bank Brenham  
Branch Manager.



Pictured  
are City  
Manager  
James  
Fisher and  
Chamber  
President  
Wende  
Ragonis.



## Members can post free "Hot Deals" to boost fall season sales

The Washington County Chamber promotes a "Buy Local" campaign year-round and the holiday season is the perfect time to reinforce awareness. To boost interest prior to the Black Friday sales peak, the Chamber is assisting members to step up promotions in October and November. Statistics indicate that most holiday shopping decisions are made by Thanksgiving weekend.



The Chamber will be encouraging area shoppers to search the "Hot Deals" section of BrenhamTexas.com for ideas and inspiration. Members can now list retail "Hot Deals" online and they will be promoted on social media and in eblasts. The Hot Deals will also be published as coupons in upcoming ChamberWorks newsletters in November and December. This opportunity is no additional cost to Chamber members.

While we know shoppers won't swear off shopping online or at a chain store, the Chamber promotes looking for ways to integrate the value of supporting neighbors' and friends' businesses in purchasing decisions. If local residents shift even one or two purchases to independent, community-based businesses this season, it will create a dramatic, positive impact on our local economy.

Non-profit organizations in Washington County depend large-

DEALS continued on page 2

## "CONNECT AFTER 5"

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT

SPONSORED BY:

## Baylor Scott & White — The Brenham Clinic

600 North Park St., Brenham  
Thursday, Oct. 24 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!



# Ribbon Cuttings



New Member

## 12 Armadillos

Owners: Corrin Wilcox and Christa Wilson  
3321 Tiger Point Road, Brenham



New Member

## Royer's Alamo Kitchen

Owners: J.B. & Jamie-Len Royer  
302 East Alamo St., Brenham



Wende Ragonis ..... President  
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# New Chamber Members

## BEHRENS LAND GROUP, INC.

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205 N. Market Street, Suite 209  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 979-337-8370  
[keith@blginc.com](mailto:keith@blginc.com)  
[www.blginc.com](http://www.blginc.com)  
Real Estate

## ROYER'S ALAMO KITCHEN

Owners: J.B. & Jamie-Len Royer  
302 East Alamo  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 979-421-8034  
[jonathandroyer@gmail.com](mailto:jonathandroyer@gmail.com)  
[www.royersalamokitchen.com](http://www.royersalamokitchen.com)  
Restaurant

## TABU TACOS & BURGERS

Owners: Carmen Perez  
& Keiry Guevara  
112 S. Park Street  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 979-353-5738  
[Tabutacosandburgers@gmail.com](mailto:Tabutacosandburgers@gmail.com)  
Restaurant

# Renewing Members

## September 1-30

Brenham Independent School District — 24 years  
Brenham Carpet & Tile, Inc. — 15 years  
Cross Creek Construction & Design, LP — 13 years  
Texas ENT & Allergy — 11 years

THYME...a day spa & salon — 10 years  
Burton American Legion Post #242 — 10 years  
South Texas Tack LLC — 8 years  
Brenham Presbyterian Church — 3 years

## Deals

*Continued from page 1*

ly on the contributions of local independent businesses who, in turn, depend on our patronage. If we value local business support for our children's teams, schools, bands or our favorite charities, we must recognize they can't do it without us!

The long-term relation-

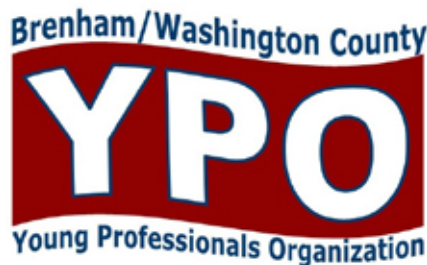
ships fostered by local businesses also cement commitment to schools, churches and civic clubs that aid not just our economic prosperity, but our community cohesion and trust.

To all who are reading this article: please do yourself and your com-

munity a favor this year by shifting a bit more spending to local merchants, service providers, artisans and others. Along with helping your neighbors and community, you may just find that "going local" turns holiday shopping into a far more relaxing and enjoyable experience. One that rewards both you and

your community.

To Chamber members: please take the time to post your Hot Deals before the end of October. If you need any personal assistance with the process, the Chamber staff are ready to help! Call the Washington County Chamber at 979-836-3695 or send an email to Shae Janner at [shae@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:shae@brenhamtexas.com).



**Networking Happy Hour**  
Thursday, October 17  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Hosted at Bank of Brenham**  
501 S. Austin 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)

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

Hosted by  
**Brenham State Supported Living Center**  
**Expressions Bistro**  
4001 Hwy. 36 S., Brenham

**Thursday, November 7**  
**Starts at 7:45 a.m.**

Breakfast Sponsored by: **Associated Credit Union of Texas**

Enjoy breakfast and a chance to network with other local businesses and organizations. It's a great way to inform them about your products and services and learn what's new in the community.

Everyone gets a chance to give a 30-second *commercial* about their business/organization. Be sure to bring plenty of business cards and brochures for sharing.

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# Hiring & You!

Red, White & You!



## 2019 Statewide Hiring Fair

Washington County Fair Grounds Event Center  
1305 East Blue Bell Rd.  
Brenham, Texas 77833

**Open to the Public**  
Nov. 7, 2019  
10:00am to 2:00pm

[www.texasworkforce.org/hrwy](http://www.texasworkforce.org/hrwy)



Join the Texas Workforce Commission and Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley in partnership with City of Brenham, Washington County, and Washington County Chamber of Commerce for the 8th annual Hiring Red, White & You! Statewide Hiring Fair.

*No cost to employers or applicants to attend!*

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.  
Relay Texas: 800-735-2989 (TTY) and 711 (Voice). [texasworkforce.org](http://texasworkforce.org)

*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 for 2019-2020?

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**  
**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 October:**



## New Blue Blazer Kristie Marth

Kristie Dreyer Marth was born and raised in Washington County. She is a 1994 graduate of Brenham High School and a 1996 graduate of Blinn College.

She married Brandon Marth, from Carmine, TX, in 2004. They have two children; Emma (14) and Paige (11).

In 2005, Brandon and Kristie started Brenham Iron Works, LLC where they design, fabricate and erect metal buildings. They also design custom metal gate entrances with automatic operating systems.

When she's not at their office, Kristie can be found running their girls to their



different extra curricular activities. She also enjoys working in their yard, swimming and shopping.

Some of Kristie's past community involvements include being chairman of the Washington County Junior Livestock Auction Clerical Committee and Brenham Elementary School PTO President. Kristie is also an active member of Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church where she served on Church

Council, has taught Sunday School and has served on other church committees. Now, she is a new member of the Washington County Blue Blazers and looks forward to helping others in the community.

## 11 Reasons Buying Locally Benefits You

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

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

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

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

YOUR family.

5. YOU get more knowledgeable and friendlier customer service. You get to

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

know your local merchants, and they get to know YOU.

6. Spending \$100 at a local independent business creates

Brenham and Washington County, YOUR property taxes would have to be approximately 14% higher.





The class met at the beautiful Visitor Center in Downtown Brenham, which is connected to the Historic Simon Theatre and Barnhill Center.



# Exploring the History of Washington County

The October session of Leadership Washington County took the group back in time.

The day began in the historic Simon Theater in Downtown Brenham, featuring the “Step Into The Past” film presented by Barry Brass (LWC class of 2008). The film reveals why our city was named after Dr. Richard Fox Brenham and features local actors depicting important trailblazers in the history of the city.

The group then traveled by bus to the Texas Cotton Gin & Museum in Burton. The class had the opportunity to peruse museum artifacts and watch a movie about the 1914 gin and the ginning process with Museum Director Steph Jarvis. Then a museum assistant gave the class an up-close tour of the gin. Once a year, the 1925 Bessemer Type IV engine gets fired up to gin and bale cotton during the annual Cotton Gin Festival held in April.

Next, the group traveled to the Birthplace of Texas, Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site, where they had lunch upon arrival. The group walked to Independence Hall where they heard the history of how “Texas Became Texas” in that very spot. They were also able to peruse the Visitor Center and travel a short distance to the Star of the Republic Museum.

The group then traveled back to Downtown Brenham and met with Barry Brass at Toubin Park. They learned about the underground cisterns that many did not know existed. The day ended with a tour and history of the Giddings Stone Mansion.

When asked if they felt this session was helpful in their growth as a leader and/or member of this Leadership class, Mandy Wright of CASA for kids answered, “Yes, absolutely! You have to know where you came from before you can move forward.”

Leadership Washington County is a program of the Washington County Chamber aimed at educating and motivating current and future leaders. This year’s class will graduate in May and the next class will form in July 2020.



Steph Jarvis took the group for a tour inside the building that holds the 1925 Bessemer Type IV engine, which gets fired up once at year at the Cotton Gin Festival.



Inside Independence Hall at Washington on the Brazos, the class learned how Texas became Texas.



Many have never been to the Star of the Republic Museum, which is filled with displays on the history of Washington County and Texas.



Toubin Park is a beautiful hidden gem in Downtown Brenham.



# Members of the Month of September

## Adam's Angels Ministry

979-836-0955

Adamsangelsministry.org

*How long have you been in business?*

— Adam's Angels Ministry (AAM) was formed in January 2004. Our ministry operated under the Missions Committee umbrella of First Baptist Church – Brenham from January 2004 through August 2008. In September 2008, AAM began operating as its own 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a volunteer Board of Directors.

*What services do you offer?*

— Adam's Angels mission is to provide care and comfort to families who have children (ages 0 – 20) diagnosed with cancer, children undergoing treatment, and those who have recently lost a child because of childhood cancer. We provide physical, emotional, financial and prayerful support to these families.

Donations enable us to assist cancer families with day-to-day living expenses. Donations, no matter how small, can help save a family's home or car, or shoulder some of the burden to make their battle a little easier. Specific areas we focus on are:

- Parking at the medical center
- Meals going to an appointment/hospital stay
- Fuel to appointments
- Vehicle maintenance
- Providing snacks foods/groceries
- Assisting with telephone bills
- Assisting with utility bills
- Assisting with rent/mortgage payments
- Paying property taxes (if a family is about to lose their home)

We do not provide assistance for medical expenses, funeral costs, research or other blood disorders.

Other programs and areas that have proven to be successful include the following:

- Adopt-a-Family for Christmas Program
- Hosting the MD Anderson Children's Cancer Hospital Christmas Party (MDA/CCH)
- Sponsor the Candlelighters Summer Surprises Party at MDA/CCH
- SWAT Team Program (Serving With an Angels Touch)

Its purpose is to quickly and efficiently bring relief to more families than we currently serve by contacting volunteers who have been added to a special email list so that urgent needs might be met immediately.

- Education and Advocacy

A component which seeks to bring public and governmental awareness to the prevalence and treatment of childhood cancer, as well as problems and bureaucracy those families with sick children face.

*Tell us something unique about your business.*

— Adam's Angels Ministry is a lean operation, with no paid staff and minimal administrative expenses. It is our prayer and plan to continue operating on strictly a volunteer basis.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

— The people and hearts of the people! Everyone in Washington County is like one giant family. Childhood cancer is not a bedazzled business. Starting this non-profit was not easy, but by fully relying on God to lead us, encouraging words from others within this community, and the continued generosity of businesses and residents of this county, we have been blessed. They say it takes a village to raise a child, the same goes for the nature of our business. Thank you to our community for being the village alongside Adam's Angels Ministry and making a difference in the lives of families who face childhood cancer.

## Carol's Quilt Shop

5145 Main Street, Chappell Hill

832-640-2923

QuiltNotes.com

*How long have you been in business?*

— The quilt shop has been open since February of this year; however, I have been in the quilting industry since 1994. I started in the business by quilting for others with my large, computer guided quilting machine. Additionally, I have taught quilting classes around the country and in Canada. My husband and I moved to Washington County a year ago.

*What services do you offer?*

— We are a full-service quilt shop carrying fabric, thread, patterns and batting. Customers bring in their quilt tops to be quilted. We offer binding and finishing services as well. Everything in our shop is for sale, so if you see a quilt, you can purchase that too. Many people request custom quilt sizes and we can make most any quilt to your size and color specifications.

*Tell us something unique about your business.*

— I believe in giving back to the community so we help as much as we can with community service projects. We save the smallest fabric scraps for a group that makes beds for animal shelters. These scraps

would otherwise go right into the trash, instead they become a bed for an animal in need. What I am most passionate about is making Quilts of Valor to present to Veterans. If you would like to honor a Veteran you know with a quilt, I charge only for the materials.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

— The best thing about Washington County is the people. We have been welcomed with open arms in Brenham, where we live, and in Chappell Hill where the shop is located. We have only been here for just over a year, but it feels like coming home. The best part of my day is driving that short distance on 290 between Brenham and Chappell Hill. The rolling hills, cattle grazing, and open vistas are a beautiful blessing each day.

## Diamond Chauffeur Transportation

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4diamondlimo.com

*How long have you been in business?*

— 20 years

*What services do you offer?*

— Complete Chauffeured Ground Transportation.

*Tell us something unique about your business.*

— Last minute every day errands/ or VIP transportation/ or courier service/ fully insured with fingerprint background checked drivers

*What do you love about Washington County?*

— The great people of the community and the fun events all around the county.

## Quality Glass

150 FM 1948 North, Burton

979-289-3303

QualityGlassBrenham.com

*How long have you been in business?*

— We started out in Giddings in 2003 then made the move to Brenham a few years later. We are now located in Burton. So, altogether about 16 years.

*What services do you offer?*

— We repair and replace windshields, back glass, door glass and we also do rock-chip repairs. We also offer a mobile service, so you can have your glass replaced while you're at work! We are also replacing residential windows.

*Tell us something unique about your business.*

— We take pride in our work. If something is not done to your satisfaction we will make it right. We also offer very competitive pricing.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

— We love the country-type atmosphere, it's not a big-city feel. We hope it stays that way!

# Stay, Play, Buy Local

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

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

Chamber member businesses support the community year-round, and they appreciate the support of

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

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



## Working for YOU.

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Chamber of Commerce

Sept. 2019 — 330

### WEBSITE

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

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Sept. 2019 — 6,209

Total Pages

Sept. 2019 — 14,129

# What's Happening in October

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.

Oct. 10-13, 17-20, 24-27

## **Live Music at Home Sweet Farm**

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

Oct. 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26

## **Live Music at The Kenney Store**

Varying artists. Grill opens at 3pm weekdays, noon on weekends, music starts around 8:30pm, 811 S. Loop 497 (TheKenneyStore.com).

Oct. 10-13

## **Unity Theatre presents**

### **"To Kill A Mockingbird"**

The play explores prejudice, compassion and the strength of those who fight injustice and have the courage to do what is right (UnityBrenham.org).

Oct. 12 - 13

## **175 Anniversary Celebration**

### **First United Methodist Church**

Join us for the 175 Anniversary Celebration. 408 S. Baylor Street, Brenham, TX, 77833, Contact: 979-836-2008 for more details

Oct. 12

## **Free Winedale Tours**

The second Saturday through December from 12-3pm. Free tours, demonstrations, hands-on activities, and refreshments at one of historical structures on Winedale's campus, 3738 FM 2714, Round Top.

Oct. 12

## **Car Show by Independence**

### **Community Events**

All vehicles are welcome, 9am-2pm, Independence Community, 9325 FM 390 East Brenham. Contact 979-277-5857 for more information.

Oct. 12

## **Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop**

The one-day Bridges Out of Poverty workshop introduces participants to a comprehensive approach for understanding the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty from the individual to the systemic levels. Sponsored by Episcopal Health Foundation, uses the lens of economic class and provides concrete tools and strategies for a community to prevent, reduce, and alleviate poverty; it is designed to provide a broad overview of concepts. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 2310 Airline Dr., Brenham, 8:30am-5pm, no admission fee and lunch provided. Contact Carol Muegge at cmuegge1@gmail.com for more details (stpetersbrenham.org).

Oct. 17

## **Chappell Hill Chamber**

### **Business After Hours**

Business Networking - Hosted by Texas Star Winery, 10587 Old Chappell Hill Rd., Chappell Hill, 5-7pm. Contact Katie Matthews at katie.matthews@edwardjones.com for more information.

Oct. 17

## **Friends of the Bluebonnet Opry**

Fall Polka Show featuring Mark Dujka, Mark Halata, Greg Machac and the Bluebonnet Opry House Band, doors open at 5:30pm, food served at 6pm, show starts at 7:30pm, \$7 admission.

Oct. 18

## **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 online version of QuickBooks. Each attendee will have a desktop computer to use during the class and be given reference materials to keep. 9am-5pm., A.W. Hodde, Jr. Technical Education Center, 2910 South Blue Bell Road, Brenham. Contact Layla Barrett at 979-830-4333 or layla.barrett@blinn.edu for questions. Fees: \$100.

Oct. 18

## **CASA Brown Bag Lunch**

Bring your own lunch and learn about Patient Better written by Jenny Woodruff. She will share a unique way to chart and track the medical side of advocacy using her book. 12-1pm www.wespeak4kids.org, CASA Office, 1500 South Day St. Brenham, TX 77833, Email info@wespeak4kids.org for more information.

Oct. 18-20

## **Texas Arts & Music Festival**

Rain or shine. Live music, art village, food trucks and more. Check the website for the full schedule (TexasArtsandMusicFestival.com).

Oct. 19

## **Back Porch Event**

This is a full-fledged, Texas-style OKTOBERFEST at Texas Casual Cottages. Beer, brats, sauerkraut, pretzels, live polka music with a Texas flair, and a Lederhosen Contest. Mark Halata & Texavia Polka Band, Texas one Stop, Stone Cellar. Time: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM, 580 South State Hwy 237, Carmine, TX 78932, 979-337-8293, darla.blaha@partnersinbuilding.com

Oct. 22

## **Lunch & Learn - Finding Talent:**

### **Interview Training for Supervisors and Managers**

Presented by Kimberly Behrens, HR professional and management consultant with more than 20 years of experience in delivering client solutions linking people strategy to business strategy. 11:45am-1pm, Blinn College Student Center Conference Room, \$15 includes lunch, register online at BrenhamTexas.com or call 979-836-3695.

Oct. 23

## **Brenham Area Real Estate Investors and Landlords Meeting**

BAREIL meets monthly with the purpose of helping new and experienced investors/landlords. Our goal is to educate our members in real estate investing/landlording and to provide networking opportunities. Citizens State Bank, 2007 St. Day St., Brenham, 11:30am-1pm (512-468-3235, jamesh7213@gmail.com).

Oct. 24

## **Connect After 5 - Baylor Scott & White - The Brenham Clinic**

"Connect After 5" Networking Event, Sponsored by Baylor Scott & White - The Brenham Clinic, 600 North Market St., Brenham, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., "Paint the Town Pink" Theme, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month so plan to wear pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness! Contact Jane at jane@brenhamtexas.com for more details.

Oct. 24

## **Central Texas Beekeepers Association meeting**

In the VIP Building at Washington County Fairgrounds, Brenham. Advisory Council 4:30pm, Apprentice Youth Program 5:30pm, Pot Luck Meal 6:30pm, presentation 7:30pm (www.centraltexasbeekeepers.org).

Oct. 26

## **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. Events are free and all are welcome (walkwithadoc.org).

Oct. 26

## **Gary P. Nunn Concert**

Concert at the The Barnhill Center at Historic Simon Theatre in Downtown Brenham. Purchase tickets online (TheBarnhillCenter.com).

Oct. 26

## **Halloween on Park Street**

Music by Caleb and the Homegrown Tomatoes, costume contest for kids and family, street food, adult costume contest. Visit HomeSweetFarm.com for more information.

Oct. 30

## **CASA Book Club**

Pick up your copy of Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty. We'll get together on Oct. 30th at 10am to discuss and share our

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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.

### **Michael Branton**

Seidel Schroeder

### **Darlene Denman**

Brenham ISD

### **Joyce Dickschat**

Brenham National Bank

### **Eddie Harrison**

Retired-Brenham Municipal Judge

### **Melinda Fay**

Cruise Planners

### **Dr. Tina Henderson**

Ash and Ash Consulting

### **Tammy Jaster**

City of Brenham-Blue Bell Aquatic Center

### **Kristie Marth**

Brenham Iron Works

### **Linda Pipes**

Retired-School Teacher

### **Rachael Powell**

Kruse Village

### **Kathy Randermann**

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### **Debra Wenckens**

Whatever Pops Up.

### **Christy Schlottmann**

Christy Schlottmann Farmers Agency

### **Stephanie Wehring**

Boys & Girls Club of Washington County

### **Randy Weidemann**

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### **Matt Wellmann**

Wellmann Insurance

### **Kristie Wensel**

Brenham State Supported Living Center

### **Shelby Wiesepape**

Bank of Brenham

### **Barbara Wilganowski**

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thought. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, [www.wespeak4kids.org](http://www.wespeak4kids.org), CASA Office, 1500 South Day St. Brenham, TX 77833.

## November Highlights

Nov. 1 - 2

### 4th Annual Holiday House Craft & Bake Sale

Handmade treasures, unique gifts and tasty treats. All crafted by local artisans. Spaces are assigned on a first come first served basis. Application deadline is September 1, 2019. If space is available, we will consider vendors after this date for an additional \$15.00. No refunds of booth fees after notification of acceptance. Vendor setup may begin at 10:00 a.m. the day of the event. Time: 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Country Creations Building, Washington County Fairgrounds, 1305 E. Blue Bell Road, Brenham, TX, 77833, Email: [jillsjamminjelly@hotmail.com](mailto:jillsjamminjelly@hotmail.com), Date/Time Details: Friday November 1, 2019 3:00 - 8:00 p.m., Saturday, November 2, 2019 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Nov. 1

### First Fridays Farmer & Artisan Market

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

Nov. 2

### CPR Class

Community CPR Class, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM at the new EMS Station, 1875 Highway 290 West, Brenham, Texas. Contact 979-277-6267. Fees: \$25 per student. Contact our office prior to attending.

Nov. 4

### Brenham Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Drive Thru

Chicken & Sausage Dinner - Drive Thru Catered by Schovajna Catering Service. Supporting the Brenham Citizens Police Academy Alumni

Associations. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM, Brenham Fireman Training Center, 1101 Hwy 290 West, Brenham, TX 77833, Contact 979-337-7337 for tickets. \$10.00 per ticket.

Nov. 7

### Faith Mission's Candlelit Christmas

Faith Mission's annual fundraiser 6-9 p.m. at Silver Wings Ballroom. Visit [www.Faithmission.us](http://www.Faithmission.us) or contact Susan Lemel or Xanna Young at [Admin@faithmission.us](mailto:Admin@faithmission.us) for more information. Tickets purchased at Faith Mission office, 500 E Academy, or call 979-830-1488.

Nov. 7

### 29th Annual Banner-Press Baking Contest

The Banner-Press will hold is 29th annual Holiday Baking Contest from 7-9 p.m. at Ant Street Inn, 107 W Commerce St, Brenham. To enter drop off your recipe at the Banner Press office or contact Helen Nowicki or Derek Hall at Banner-Press office at 979-836-7956. Recipes must be dropped off at Banner-Press located at 2430 Stringer Street, Brenham, by 5 p.m. on Nov. 1. The event is free to enter and open to the public.

Nov. 8

### Advanced QuickBooks

This is an all-day advanced-level course for people who have taken the Basic QuickBooks course or have equivalent experience. You must be familiar with Windows using a PC. This class will not teach the online version of QuickBooks. Time: 9 AM - 5 PM, <https://www.blinncollege.sbdcnetwork.net/assnfe/ev.asp?ID=70>, Blinn College SBDC, A.W. Hodde, Jr., Technical Education Center, 2910 S. Blue Bell Rd, 2910 S. Blue Bell Rd Brenham, Texas 77833 Contact Layla Barrett at 979-830-4333 or [layla.barrett@blinn.edu](mailto:layla.barrett@blinn.edu) for questions. Fees: \$100

Nov. 9

### Big Star Texas Night 2019

The Burton Area Chamber of Commerce, Burton Friends & Neighbors and Burton Educational Foundation invites you to the ninth annual "Big Star Texas Night" at the historic La

Bahia Turn Verein and dance hall. Sean Orr Band from 6-8 pm, raffle, live and silent auction, and Texas music legend Max Stalling from 10-11:30 pm, and a mouthwatering meal. Advance tickets can be purchased online for \$40 + service fee. Tickets can also be purchased locally at The Texas Cotton Gin Museum at 307 N Main St. Burton. La Bahia Turn Verein and Dance Hall, 550 Hwy 237, Burton ([www.burtontexas.org/bigstartexasnight](http://www.burtontexas.org/bigstartexasnight), [info@burtontexas.org](mailto:info@burtontexas.org))

Nov. 9

### Blackwood Harvest Hoedown

The second annual Blackwood Harvest Hoedown is a fun, immersive, family-friendly fall festival and farm experience celebrating the bounty of our Gulf Coast region. Attendees will enjoy live music, a farmer's market full of local vendors and artisans, curated classes and demonstrations ranging from fermentation and mixology to chicken and beekeeping, hayrides, a pumpkin patch, delicious food, and so much more. Time: 12-6pm., 27144 Rock Island Road Hempstead. Contact Gabi Graves or Cath Conlon at [info@blackwoodland.org](mailto:info@blackwoodland.org) for more details. Admission: \$15/person \$5 (Ages 5-15) FREE (4 & under). ([blackwoodland.org/hoedown](http://blackwoodland.org/hoedown)).

Nov. 12

### Chamber Chat - Workforce Development

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Washington County Chamber of Commerce 314 S. Austin St., Brenham, TX 77833, Contact 979-836-3695 for more information.

Nov. 14

### Connect After 5 - Kruse Village

Connect After 5 with your fellow Chamber Members! This event invites you to come enjoy some great networking, delicious food and refreshments! Bring plenty of business cards to share with other members. Free for Chamber members and employees! Time: 5-7pm, Kruse Village, 1700 East Stone Street, Brenham, TX 77833, Contact Jane Hinze 979-836-3695 for more details.



## Interview Training for Managers

Presented by:  
**Kimberley Behrens**

**Tuesday, Oct. 22**

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

**Blinn College Student Center  
Conference Room, Brenham**

**Cost: \$15**  
**Includes a light lunch.**

**Register at [BrenhamTexas.com](http://BrenhamTexas.com)**

## Why Go to Connect After 5?

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

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

- Wear a name tag. If you don't have one from your place of business, the Chamber will have some blanks at the event for you to fill in and wear. Name tags help people to remember your name and the business you represent.

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

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

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

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



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