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2020 Annual Banquet Highlights



Charlie and Carolyn Matejowsky were surprised and honored to be selected as Man and Woman of the Year for 2019.

A crowd of over 500 attended the Annual Banquet held by the Washington County Chamber and Brenham Economic Development Foundation on January 28. The featured keynote speaker was Jon Peters, a native of Brenham, an author and coach. Charlie Matejowsky served as Master of Ceremonies.

Thanks to all members and guests who attended, and to the following headline sponsors and Chairman Circle members for ensuring the success of the event:

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Baylor Scott & White Health
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EDF Chairman Tee Dippel recognized retiring EDF directors Arlen Thielemann, Thielemann Construction, for 9 years of service on the board and Gary Weiss, Germania insurance (retired), for his 9 years of service on the board. He also thanked several partner organizations including the City of Brenham, Brenham Community Development Corporation, Washington County and Bluebonnet Electric.

The Chamber's outgoing Board Chairman Amanda Stolz thanked retiring directors: Lloyd Powell of City of Brenham Police Department, Gena Wilimitis of Miracle Farm, Darren Huckert of Garza EMC, Dr. Edna Kennedy, Superintendent of Burton Independent School District and Jim Kruse of Bank of Brenham.

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"CONNECT AFTER 5"

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT

SPONSORED BY:

RE/MAX

Bluebonnet Properties

308 S. St. Charles St., Downtown Brenham

Thursday, Feb. 20 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!



Keynote Speaker Jon Peters addresses the crowd.

Ribbon Cuttings



New Business

Party Gatherings

Owners: Clara Carrias and Inez Flowers
4100 Hwy 105 East, Brenham



New Business

Skincare by Shari

Owner: Shari Tackert
306 E. Main Street, Brenham



New Location

Red Fern Woodwork and Renovation

Owners: Dayle Burkhart
1801-A South Blue Bell Road, Brenham



Business Expansion

Brenham Iron Works

Owner: Kristie and Brandon Marth
4455 U.S. 290 West, Brenham



New Location

Washington County Republican Party

217 West Main St., Brenham



New Business

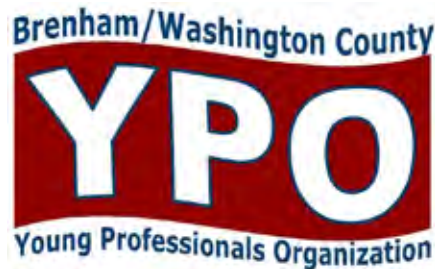
Lone Star Southern Grill

Owners: Brett Smith
2120 U.S. 290 West, Brenham



Wende Ragonis President
Jane Hinze Member Services Manager
Shae Janner Business Programs Manager
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314 S. Austin St. | Brenham, TX 77833
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Networking Happy Hour
Thursday, February 27
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Hosted at Ballad of the Bird Dog
212 W. Alamo, 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. or visit online: www.Facebook.com/YPOwashingtoncounty



New Business

Brunmillers Organic Soapworks

Owners: Leanna Brun
212 E. Alamo, Brenham

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Banquet

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Chamber President/CEO Wende Ragonis thanked Amanda for her year as Board Chair.

Chamber Member Services Manager Jane Hinze spoke on behalf of the Blue Blazers and thanked the members for all their hard work helping to recruit and retain members. She announced the Blue Blazer of the Year award. It was won by Linda Pipes for her enthusiasm and hard work for the club.

Carolyn Matejowsky won the 2019 Woman of the Year-Lifetime Achievement Award. She was introduced by

2018 winner Dottie Schaer. Charlie Matejowsky won the 2019 Man of the Year Award, introduced by the prior year's winner Charlie Pyle. They expressed sincere appreciation for being selected and talked about what a great community this is to live in and be of service to others.

That concluded a wonderful evening of celebration for this community's business leaders and hard-working volunteers. Plans for next year's banquet are already underway.

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Pictured from left are 2019 Board Chair Amanda Stolz, outgoing directors Lloyd Powell, Darren Huckert, Jim Kruse, and Chamber President/CEO Wende Ragonis. Not pictured are outgoing directors Dr. Edna Kennedy and Gena Wilimitis.

Renewing Members

December 1-31

Washington County Abstract Company — 55 years
 Seidel Schroeder — 42 years
 Brenham L-P Gas Inc. — 38 years
 Medi-Care Equipment Specialties, Inc. — 38 years
 Volunteer Services Council for Brenham St — 38 years
 Arnie, Larry J. ,CPA — 37 years
 Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative — 36 years
 Brenham Memorial Chapel — 36 years
 Brenham Saddle Shop Inc. — 36 years
 Fasse's Jewelry — 36 years
 Fischer Tile & Floor Covering — 36 years
 Geick, Arthur A. — 36 years
 H & H Machine Service — 36 years
 Brenham Veterinary Hospital — 35 years
 Lacina & Kenjura PC — 35 years
 Thielemann Construction Co., LP & Stegent — 35 years
 WCTractor — 35 years
 Wellmann Insurance Agency, Inc. — 35 years
 Thrivent Financial — 33 years
 Phillips Painting Contractor — 31 years
 David Hermann Electric Co., Inc. — 30 years
 Lete Phillips Exercise Program — 30 years
 Market Realty, Inc. — 30 years
 Texas Commercial Waste — 30 years
 Enterprise Products — 28 years

Farmers Mutual Aid Assoc. of Washington C — 25 years
 Unity Theatre — 25 years
 Hospice Brazos Valley — 22 years
 Boys & Girls Club of Washington County — 21 years
 Southern Rose Ranch — 21 years
 Brenham Tire & Auto Center, Inc. — 20 years
 Ehlert, Paul A. — 20 years
 Harrison, Eddie E. & Margaret D. — 20 years
 Total Storage — 20 years
 Woltmann's Welding & Fabricating — 20 years
 Martha's Bloomers — 19 years
 Brenham Toy Company & Teacher Supply — 19 years
 Brenham Insurance Center — 18 years
 Hospice Boutique — 18 years
 Kountry Boys Sausage — 18 years
 Brazos Bed & Breakfast — 15 years
 Christians Development Company, Inc. — 15 years
 The Book Nook — 14 years
 J Hill Properties-Jane Hill — 13 years
 Margaret E. Blizzard Senior Activity Cent — 13 years
 Preservation Storage, LLC — 12 years
 Don's Appliance Service — 11 years
 Downtown Art Gallery, LLC — 11 years
 Lutherhill Ministries — 11 years
 Cowboy Church of Brenham — 10 years

Portable Buildings of Brenham — 10 years
 Sigma Chi Chi Professional Women's Club — 10 years
 Clover & Marak PLLC — 9 years
 Texas Country Title — 9 years
 Hodde Real Estate Company - Jim Ripple — 7 years
 ISB Insurance Services, Inc. — 7 years
 Fleur de Lis — 6 years
 Chappell Hill Moving & Storage — 5 years
 Compass Quarters — 5 years
 Felder's Buy N Bye — 5 years
 Lauren Concrete — 5 years
 LJ'S BBQ — 4 years
 Salem Volunteer Fire Dept — 4 years
 The Barnhill Center at Historic Simon — 4 years
 The Errand Lady — 4 years
 Pro-Tech Solutions — 3 years
 Tippit Dental Group-Brenham — 3 years
 12 Armadillos — 2 years
 Brazos Transit District — 2 years
 Brenham Cell Phone Guru & Computer Repair — 2 years
 Cy-Fair Tire — 2 years
 Prasek's Hillje Smokehouse Sealy — 2 years
 NAMI Brazos Valley — 1 year

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**
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- 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**
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- 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 February:

Creativity
Using your imagination
to do something unique



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FEBRUARY 2020

New Chamber Members

BREHAM SELF STORAGE & A-1 FLAGS

Owner: Amanda Ballard
2000 HWY 290 East
Brenham, Texas 77833
Phone: 979-836-0711
dss17@diamondselfstorage.net
www.diamondselfstorage.net
Storage/Flags

DAVS AMUSEMENT INC.

Owner: David Todaro
P O Box 5336 (Mailing Address)
Bryan, Texas 77805
Phone: 979-776-8287
david@davsamusements.com
www.davsamusements.com
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Audio Systems

HODDE REAL ESTATE COMPANY -WILLIAM "BOO" CHRISTENSEN

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112 W. Main Street
Brenham, Texas 77833
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boo@realtorboo.com
www.realtorboo.com
Real Estate

RE/MAX BLUEBONNET PROPERTIES -MIKE SCHROEDER

Broker/Owners: Mike & Pam Schroeder
308 S. St. Charles Street
Brenham, Texas 77833
Phone: 979-251-7500
mike@mikeschroederteam.com
www.bluebonnetproperties.com
Real Estate

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Broker/Owner: Pam Schroeder
308 S. St. Charles Street
Brenham, Texas 77833
Phone: 281-630-4352
pam@mikeschroederteam.com
www.bluebonnetproperties.com
Real Estate

RE/MAX BLUEBONNET PROPERTIES -STEFANIE FISHER

Agent: Stefanie Fisher
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Brenham, Texas 77833
Phone: 979-451-5589
sfisher@remax.net
Real Estate

VALMONT INDUSTRIES, INC.

Plant Manager: Tim Murray
HR Manager: Gregg Morrison
2551 Valmont Drive
Brenham, Texas 77833
Phone: 979-277-3301
gregg.morrison@valmont.com
www.valmont.com
Manufacturing

VIRTUALTONE

Manager: Alaina Trahan
1603 W. Main Street
Brenham, Texas 77833
Phone: 281-756-9800
a.trahan@virtualtone.com
www.virtualtone.com
Telecommunications Sales & Service

WESTWOOD CAR WASH

Owner: Brett Smith
2205 HWY 290 West (Physical Address)
Brenham, Texas 77833
P. O. Box 850 (Mailing Address)
Brenham, Texas 77834
Phone: 979-836-4939
brettsmith@sbcglobal.net
www.westwoodcw.com
Car Wash

Promote Your Business as a Breakfast Sponsor

"Wake Up, Washington County!" These networking events are held quarterly at various locations. You will meet other members and learn about their businesses as well as have the opportunity to inform others about your products and services. You will also hear updates from the Chamber about what is going on in the community.

For Chamber members, there is no admission to attend. Two sponsors are sought for each event and it provides a huge amount of exposure and publicity. There is a site sponsorship and a food sponsorship, both \$200.

This event is a great way to promote your business. Your business name will be included on the invitations that all Chamber members receive, and you will be given recognition and additional time to talk about your business at the breakfast event.

Contact Jane Hinze at the Chamber for more info: jane@brenhamtexas.com or 979-836-3695.

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 in Education

The February session of Leadership Washington County focused on Education, and the class began the day with a light breakfast on the campus of Brenham High School. The group heard from Brenham ISD Director of Communications & Community Relations Jessica Johnston (LWC Class of 2018), Superintendent Dr. Walter Jackson (LWC Class of 2016), and Director of Career & Technical Education Cody Stelter. They also toured some of the CTE classrooms, labs and workshops and heard from students in the PAL 2 class who talked about the P.E.A.C.E. program.

The class then traveled to the Early Childhood Learning Center where Principal Toni Schwartz (Current LWC class) gave them a tour of the facility. The class interacted with the students.

The group also visited the Boys & Girls Club of Washington County, where Executive Director Stephanie Wehring (LWC Class of 2008) and Program Director Angelica Gamboa (LWC Class of 2018) led a tour of the club facilities, detailed the volunteer opportunities available, and explained the benefits and programs available for local youth.

The session culminated on the Blinn College campus. Executive Dean Dr. John Turner (LWC Class of 2019), welcomed the group. Burton ISD Superintendent Dr. Edna Kennedy (LWC Class of 2017) stopped in to talk about everything happening in her district. The class was then taken on a tour of the Blinn campus, including the Kruse Recreation Center and the Moody Library.

Leadership Washington County is a program of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce aimed at educating and motivating current and future leaders. February sessions will include a trip to the Capitol for a state government session and then a day of plant tours to learn about local economic development. The next class forms in July and will run August 2020 through May 2021. Contact the Chamber for more details.



Brenham ISD Superintendent Dr. Walter Jackson welcomes the class of 2020 to Brenham ISD.



Brenham ISD CTE Director walks the class through one of the workshops at Brenham High School.



Members of the class who are also alumni of Alton Elementary, pose with current ECLC (former AES campus) Principal Toni Schwartz. Left to right are: Barbara Rudloff, Allan Colvin, Casey Finke, Tricia Schroeder, Paula Hughes, Schwartz, Carrie Derkowski, Elizabeth Broesche, Shawn Bolenbarr and Leigh Linden.

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.



Carrie Derkowski has fun with puppets and the students.



Burton ISD Superintendent Dr. Edna Kennedy talks to the class about what's happening in her district.

Members of the Month of December

Pleasant Hill Winery

1441 Salem Rd., Brenham
979-830-VINE (8463)
PleasantHillWinery.com

How long have you been in business?

— It will be 23 years next Spring. The land was purchased in 1992, grapes were planted in 1993, and we opened to the public in 1997.

What services do you offer?

— We offer an informative tour explaining Texas grape growing and winemaking. Visitors then choose tastings from a dozen award-winning wines. There's a unique gift shop to browse. It features wine lover essentials and gadgets. They can also browse winery artifacts and antiques, including family wine presses and a cork screw collection. We are open year round: Saturdays 11:00-6:00 and Sundays noon-5:00.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— We are a family owned and operated winery. Only Texas grapes are used from our vineyard and from around the state, including local vineyards and mostly from the Lubbock area.

What do you love about Washington County?

— The people are the best - friendly, helpful, outgoing. Having lived in big cities, we love the proximity of everything.

Round Top Home Builders

204 B. Washington St., Round Top
979-249-5151
RoundTopHomeBuilders.com

How long have you been in business?

— Over 10 years.

What services do you offer?

— We build high-quality custom homes, cottages, barns, barndominiums, and event spaces. We renovate existing homes, remodel spaces and build additions. We also help homeowners with floor plan design, site planning, construction consulting and interior design.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— We are a family owned and operated business with over 60 years of home building experience. Our team is passionate about not just the homes we build for our clients, but

also the relationship that is built during the process.

What do you love about Washington County?

— What is not to love?!? We love the people in Washington County; genuine, friendly and generous. We love the gentle rolling hills, bluebonnets and countryside views. We love the uniqueness to the historic homes and architecture. Washington County is truly a one of a kind place and we love calling it home.

Jet Set Chocolates

2403 South Market Street, Suite D,
Brenham
979-421-8477
JetSetChocolates.com

How long have you been in business?

— 2 years. November 2, 2017.

What services do you offer?

— European styled luxury chocolates made in Brenham.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— Every chocolate is designed to be a work of art. And they taste better than they look.

What do you love about Washington County?

— Our people and our community.

Michelle Rigsby Personal Trainer

Brenham
979-551-3042
MichelleRigsby.org

How long have you been in business?

— 10 Months.

What services do you offer?

— Personal training, Camp Gladiator (outdoor group fitness classes), yoga classes, health coaching (habit change and nutritional guidance).

Tell us something unique about your business.

— I am a multifaceted on-the-go business, working at the parks, at client's homes, in a studio, and virtually. I have a passion for fitness for all ages, working with a wide age range (9-98), but what I live for is seeing people overcome limitations that have been holding them back for years to lead the life they have wanted to live!

What do you love about Washington County?

— I love how supportive the community has been to my small business.

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Pictured from left are retiring Brenham Economic Development Foundation director Gary Weiss, EDF Chairman Tee Dippel, and retiring director Arlen Thielemann.



The Bluebonnet Garden Club always does a fabulous job decorating the tables each year.



The 2019 Blue Blazer of the Year award winner Linda Pipes (left) with Chamber Member Services Manager Jane Hinze.



Members of the Blinn College Dance Team helped serve salad and drinks.

What's Happening in February

Feb 13-March 1

Unity Theatre Presents - Daddy Long Legs

Based on the novel which inspired the 1955 movie starring Fred Astaire, Daddy Long Legs is a charming and delightful 'rags to riches' tale of newfound love (UnityBrenham.org).

Feb 14

Come and Go Breakfast Treat - Customer Appreciation

Brenham Abstract & Title Company, 205 N. Market St., Brenham, 8-10am.

Feb 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29

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).

Feb 14-16, 21-23, 28- March 1

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).

Feb 15

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).

Feb 18

Lunch and Learn - Winedale

Randy Melton, Round Top Historical Society, presents "A History of Round Top." Bring your lunch. Drinks and dessert provided. Meadows Large Classroom, 3760 FM 2714, Round Top, 12-1pm, free.

Feb 19

Regional Agriculture Update

Featuring Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, Leadership Program Director for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Texas A&M University Professor in the Department of Agriculture Leadership, Education & Com-

munications. Blinn College Student Center, Janis Sneed Banquet Room, 11:30am-1pm. \$25 for Chamber Members, \$35 for non-members, \$250 table for eight. Lunch included. Call 979-836-3695 for tickets.

Feb 20

Grand Opening Ceremony

Blinn College District new Agricultural Sciences Building on the Blinn Brenham Campus, 1403 Old Mill Creek Rd., Brenham, 2pm.

Feb 20

Hermann Furniture Spring Design Seminar

Join Kristen and Jennifer as they playfully navigate changes in proportions, styles, arrangements and seasons. Seating is limited, please call to make a reservation 888-836-7237, Hermann Furniture, 213 W. Alamo, Downtown Brenham, 2-3:30pm

Feb 20

Ribbon Cutting - RE/MAX Bluebonnet Properties

Join in celebrating with this Chamber member, 308 S. St. Charles St., Downtown Brenham, 4:30pm

Feb 20

Connect After 5 - RE/MAX Bluebonnet Properties

Connect with fellow Chamber Members! Enjoy great networking, delicious food and refreshments. Bring plenty of business cards to share with other members. Free for Chamber members and employees. 308 S. St. Charles St., Downtown Brenham, 5-7pm.

Feb 20

Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Featuring Terry Lynn Moore, Briana Adams, Darrell Appel plus the Bluebonnet Opry House Band, doors open at 5:30pm, food served at 6pm, show starts at 7:30pm, \$7 admission. Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Feb 20-21

Macbeth - Dr. W.W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center

Written by William Shakespeare. Adapted by Jim Devenport (Blinn.edu/BoxOffice, 979-830-4024).

Feb 21-22

Nature's Blessings Quilt Show

Area quilters using their talents to benefit the community. A judged show with door prizes, country store, boutique, vendors, HOSPICE Charity quilts, raffle quilt and more. Fireman's Training Center, 1101 US 290, Brenham, 10am-5pm (FriendshipQuiltGuild.weebly.com).

Feb 21

Preview Reception: Basket and Blooms: Floral Quilts from the Winedale Collection

This free exhibit celebrates the end of winter and the beginning of spring with floral patterns and springtime motifs, 3738 FM 1714, Round Top, 5-7pm (winedale@austin.utexas.edu, 979-278-3530).

Feb 22 - March 01

Baskets and Blooms: Floral Quilts from the Winedale Collection

This free exhibit celebrates the end of winter and the beginning of spring with floral patterns and springtime motifs which have been long popular in many quilt patterns, Meadows Large Classroom at Winedale, 3760 FM 2714, Round Top, 10am-4pm Sat., 12-4pm Sun.

Feb 23

Oral History Workshop

Attendees will learn the technique for getting the most out of interviews, proper interview etiquette, where to locate potential interview subjects and what forms are required so that oral history recordings can be shared. Bus Depot, 313 E. Alamo St., Brenham, 1:30-3pm. The workshop is free of charge, but space is limited. RSVP is required by emailing director@brenham-heritagemuseum.org or calling 979-551-3750 (BrenhamHeritageMuseum.org).

Feb 26

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).

Feb 27

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).

Feb 27

YPO Networking Happy Hour

Network with the Young Professionals of Washington County at Ballad of the Bird Dog, Downtown Brenham, 5-7pm.

Feb 27

BISD Education Foundation Arts & Appetizers

15th Annual Arts & Appetizers, live and silent auction event which showcases the artwork of BISD's emerging artist. Auctions include artwork created by all BISD campuses and a variation of other items appealing to all. Ant Street Inn Ballroom, 107 W. Commerce St., Downtown Brenham, 5:30-7pm (BrenhamISD.net/page/edfound.home).

Feb 28

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. Lunch is not provided. \$100, A.W. Hodde, Jr. Technical Education Center, 2910 S. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham (BlinnCollege.sbdcnetwork.net).

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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.

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

Mandy Henke

Kruse Village

Tammy Jaster

City of Brenham-Blue Bell Aquatic Center

Kristie Marth

Brenham Iron Works

Linda Pipes

Retired-School Teacher

Carl Prihoda

Citizens State Bank

Kathy Randermann

KTTX 106.1/KWHI 1280

Debra Wenckens

Whatever Pops Up.

Christy Schlottmann

Christy Schlottmann Farmers Agency

Stephanie Wehring

Boys & Girls Club of Washington County

Matt Wellmann

Wellmann Insurance

Kristie Wensel

Brenham State Supported Living Center

Shelby Wiesepape

Bank of Brenham

Barbara Wilganowski

Spherion Staffing

Leadership at State, Local level

On January 22, the Leadership class traveled to Austin for the State Government session. The group received a guided tour of the Capitol and learned about the historic artwork, statues and layout of the impressive building. They were also able to sit in the Senate Gallery to watch a committee meeting in progress, which Senator Lois Kolkhorst took part.

Lobbyist Joel Romo of Texas Public Affairs greeted the group and gave insight to his profession and the role it plays in assistance to legislators in Austin and around the state. State Representative Ben Le-man's Chief of Staff and State Senator Lois Kolkhorst each met with the class, respectively, and gave an update on their committee assignments and the top priorities in the latest Legislative Session.

After hearing from our Representatives, lunch was enjoyed in the Capitol Grill. The class then traveled to the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum where they watched "The Star of Destiny" a multi-sensory film inside the Texas Spirit Theater.



The class began their day with a guided tour.



Allan Colvin stops to view the Medal of Honor wall located in the Capitols extension hallway.



On the ornate floor of the Bob Bullock Museum.

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Feb 29
Licensed to Carry Class in Spanish/English

Held at Salem Fire Dept, 251 Salem Rd., 8am-12pm. Cost is \$110. Attendees will need a box of 50 round of ammunition. Contact Finney Clay, 979-836-0986.

March Highlights

March 2
Fundraiser for La Verne Krumrey
Drive-thru or dine-in meal catered by The Kenney Store. Roast Beef and all the trimmings. Entertainment, raffle, and silent auction inside the Fireman's Training Cen-

ter. Sponsored By: Washington County Lady Lions & Brenham Elks Lodge #979. For tickets Call: 979-661-5109 or 979-277-4479

March 3
Glenn Shepard - How to Supervise and Lead a Team
An accredited workshop for managers and frontline supervisors held at the Historic Simon Theatre, Downtown Brenham, 8:30am-noon. \$149 for Chamber Members, \$169 for non-members, buy 3 get 4th free.

March 5
New Beginnings 2020 Celebration of Life Banquet
Silent auction and delicious catered dinner, followed by a state-of-the-ministry update and an enlightening guest speaker, Megan Almon, with Life Training Institute. Fireman's Training Center, 1101 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham, 6-9pm (NewBeginningsBrenham.org/events).

March 5
"He Has Plans!" by Mike Barnes
Former award winning sportscaster in Austin for 29 years, will talk about accepting the changes in your life. A light soup dinner will be served. Free event, 6:30-

8pm, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 2310 Airline Dr., Brenham. Please RSVP to Amy Schramm, amy@stpetersbrenham.org (StPetersBrenham.org).

March 6
Every Family Has a Story: This is Ours by Danni Morford
A lifelong journal and letter writer, Morford's book of letters, Shoot My Ashes from a Cannon: Beyond Addiction, was published in 2019. After the death of her son, she founded the grassroots organization DOA: Disease of Addiction to bring awareness to a disease shrouded with stigma. Janis Sneed Banquet Room, Blinn College, Brenham, 11:30-1pm, \$25 (StPetersBrenham.org).

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