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Today our community is in uncharted waters as we work to respond to COVID-19 in our community. Please know that your Washington County Chamber of Commerce is committed to supporting your business, your workforce and our community's quality of life during this very challenging and uncertain time.

We are a community of small businesses that support each other and the Chamber team will be reaching out to our members to find out/ask about their needs and how the Chamber can assist in connecting them to the most helpful resources.

The Chamber has taken steps to centralize information, use-

ful tools and resources on our website. The team is working closely with our local agencies to provide information in a timely manner. Please visit the Chamber's website at BrenhamTexas.com for relevant links to federal, state and local information related to the COVID-19 response.

The Washington County

Chamber of Commerce is committed to serving our community and we hope by centralizing all of this information into one location, you can easily access the information needed to plan for your business and family.

It is a great day to live in Washington County. May you, your family and your business be blessed.



"CONNECT AFTER 5"

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT

Unwind after work and expand your social media network!
Follow the Washington County Chamber of Commerce on Facebook or Instagram.

Update your media platforms to reflect new hours of operation and goods and services delivery methods.

Enjoy take-out food and drinks from your favorite restaurants.

Buy a gift card from your personal services providers, favorite retail boutique or restaurant.

Let's do our best to remotely network and support each other.

JIC streamlines local resources on COVID-19

The JIC, comprised of Washington County emergency management officials, the City of Brenham, local school districts, Blinn, the Chamber of Commerce, Baylor Scott and White, Washington County Sheriff's office, etc. have announced the introduction of a streamlined resource for Washington

County residents to find COVID-19 information, latest news, positive counts and status, and good news stories.

"In an effort to simplify the dissemination of information, squash rumors, and ensure the facts are presented, this central resource is essential," said County Judge John Durrenberger.

The COVID-19 Communication Plan for Washington County is as follows:

Updates will be completed by 10AM, Monday - Friday to the JIC website.

Latest news, good news stories, questions raised by the public, and other

pertinent information will be posted to the Washington County Office of Emergency Management Facebook page several times daily and shared by other respective agencies.

Brenham Mayor Milton Tate says, "We want the public to have as

much information and as many facts as possible." He continues, "If everyone in our community will make this website and the OEM Facebook

page their first source of the latest, factual information, we will come a long way in reducing fear, rumors, and miscommunication."



HOW TO WASH YOUR HANDS
PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS AGAINST INFECTIONS



1 WET HANDS



2 APPLY SOAP



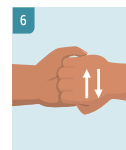
3 RUB HANDS PALM TO PALM



4 LATHER THE BACKS OF YOUR HANDS



5 SCRUB BETWEEN YOUR FINGERS



6 RUB THE BACKS OF FINGERS ON THE OPPOSING PALMS



7 CLEAN THUMBS



8 WASH FINGERNAILS AND FINGERTIPS



9 RINSE HANDS



10 DRY WITH A SINGLE USE TOWEL



11 USE THE TOWEL TO TURN OFF THE FAUCET



12 YOUR HANDS ARE CLEAN

Ribbon Cutting



New Member

The Wash Wag

Owners: Paige Mackey and Daniel Imwalle
204 S. St. Charles St., Brenham



Appreciation Luncheon Rescheduled for Oct. 9

The 6th Annual Administrative Professionals' Appreciation Luncheon that was originally scheduled for April 20, has been postponed for a later date. Please save the date for an Admin Pro and Bosses' Appreciation Luncheon to be held on Friday, October 9, 2020.

Elizabeth McCormick, a decorated US Army Black Hawk Pilot, is happy to remain the guest speaker for the event. Her keynote is titled "YOU. In the Pilot's Seat" and is sure to inspire and motivate attendees.



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March 2020 — 6,212 March 2020 — 16,612

Did You Know?

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

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SUPPORT LOCAL!

Many of our county's essential businesses are offering curbside, takeout, delivery or by appointment options. Contact your favorite merchant or service provider to find out how they can supply your goods and take care of your essential services. Follow their social media outlets, visit their websites or give them a call! Here's some of our local business Members in action.



Canyon Chick is offering curbside service with a smile. Many boutiques in town are doing the same!



Did you know Whataburger has an app to place your curbside pickup order on? Drive-thru and curbside pick-up is also offered at other fast food restaurants.



Many locally owned restaurants, like The Yard, are delivering to our local healthcare providers and first responders. You can also get curbside pizzas and beverages!

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



Thank you to our Presidential Level members ...



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SUPPORT LOCAL!



Most of the local veterinarians are offering curbside services like Washington Animal Clinic is shown here.



Local dental offices, like the Tippit Dental staff shown here at the Brenham location, are seeing patients by appointment.



The tellers at Bank of Brenham are still assisting with their customers' financial needs. Most banks in the county are open to assist by appointment or have drive-thru options.



Board & Brush Brenham is offering pre-made projects & stocked Easter & activity boxes for curbside pickup. What a fun idea! Check with other retailers who may be doing the same!



Padgett Hearing is also offering curbside services for their patients needing supplies. Appointments for in-office visits are also being taken. Medical care and medical supply offices around the county are still fulfilling their patients' needs.

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

We regularly feel like the values are perfectly placed for where our community is in a particular moment, but it has never quite come together like this.

However, instead of simply encouraging people to show a certain behavior this month, I think we should also acknowledge that this month's word is already happening, all around us, in adults and kids alike.

The word this month is HUMILITY- putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

Every person who is staying home is showing humility.

Every person serving food or shopping for others is showing humility.

Everyone keeping us going as essential workers are showing humility.

Every person working in health care or as a first responder is showing humility. Every kid who is disappointed that their special event got cancelled (sports, music, prom, etc) is showing humility.

Every teacher trying to figure out how to encourage, teach, and equip kids right now is showing humility.

Everyone working from home despite interruptions from children and pets is showing humility.

Thank you to these dedicated Partners for P.E.A.C.E. who have made this program a success in Washington County. They help reinforce the Core Essential Values students are learning 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**
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- Padgett Hearing Aid Center**
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- & 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 April:



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