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Determination is the core value for the month of May at the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. Determination is what it will take as we rebuild and reopen our local economy. The Chamber Team is committed to supporting

your business as you reopen.

Our Chamber is determined to keep Washington County connected to information and small business resources that can help support, promote and assure the success of local business.

Call the Chamber at 979-836-3695 for more information to get connected to helpful resources and tools. Visit our website, brenhamtexas.com for more information as well.

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce has

been supporting business, workforce and quality of life since 1917, we have been here for over a hundred years and we are here for you today.

Connect with us. Like you, we are determined and committed to your success.



“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.

Renewing Members

April 1-30

Calvary Baptist Church — 48 years
 LaRoche Chev-Cadillac-GMC-Buick — 35 years
 Buddy's Appliance — 30 years
 Brenham Heritage Museum Bus Depot Gallery — 26 years
 Whataburger Restaurant #628 — 25 years
 Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Formu — 24 years
 Nancy's Antiques — 23 years
 Personnel Services — 23 years

The Allcorn House — 19 years
 Kinney, Anne — 13 years
 Aesthetic & Acupuncture Clinic of Texas — 12 years
 Sealand Seafood & Steak — 12 years
 Creatively Yours, LLC — 11 years
 Green Duct Services — 10 years
 Philips Veterinary Hospital — 10 years
 Republican Club of Washington County — 10 years

Walther, Tim — 10 years
 Kool Shades Window Tint — 9 years
 The Gerke Law Firm, PLLC — 8 years
 Luedtke, Terry & Robin — 6 years
 American Overhead Door Co., Inc./Gatekeep — 5 years
 Motel 6 — 3 years
 Garza EMC, LLC — 2 years
 Whatever Pops Up LLC — 2 years

Working for YOU.

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

WALK-INS
 Chamber of Commerce
 April 2020 — 65

WEBSITE
www.BrenhamTexas.com

<i>Unique Visitors</i>	<i>Total Pages</i>
April 2020 — 5,208	April 2020 — 12,431

Chamber launches webinar series

This month, your Chamber will begin hosting weekly webinars with guest presenters in various industries. The cost to view these webinars is FREE; but you must pre-register to get the login information. The benefit of joining the live event is the ability to ask questions to the presenter during the webinar. The questions are previewed before published.

Tuesday, May 19 at 10 a.m.
Tax Implications of the CARES Act

Presented by Amanda Stolz, Seidel Schroeder

Email Shae@BrenhamTexas.com for the event login information.

Past webinar presentations have been on the Joint Information Center with Kevin Deramus, Washington County EMS; and EIDL, PPP and loan forgiveness with Charles Abell of the SBA. You can find past recorded webinars at BrenhamTexas.com/Chamber-Happenings.

Get Noticed...

The ChamberWorks newsletter is published inside *The Banner-Press* on the second Thursday of the month. Chamber members have the opportunity to advertise in this newsletter. Rates start at only \$25 per month.

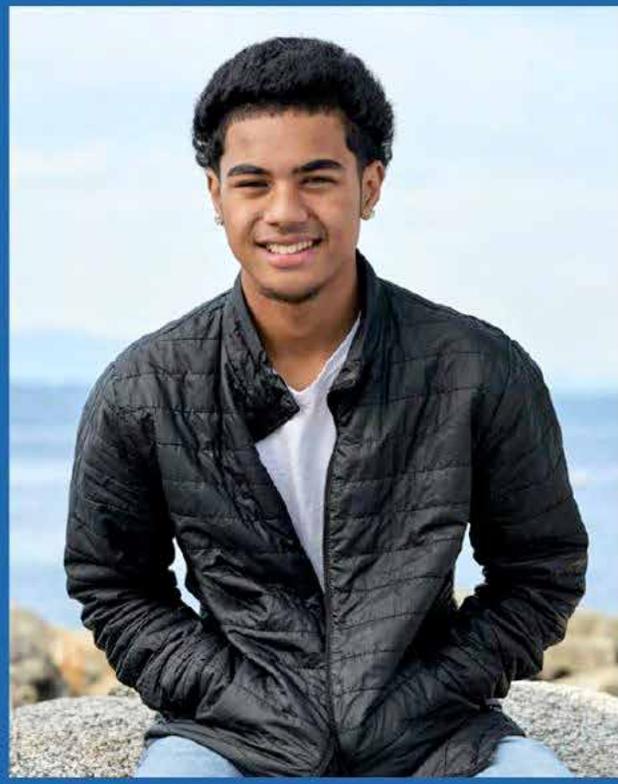
Another great way to promote your organization is through targeted emails. The Chamber will forward your "e-message" to all members, as long as it meets certain criteria.



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Jobs Coming Soon

Once operations for the 2020 Census resume, we will need thousands of workers to fulfill the Constitutional duty of completing the census. Census data helps communities thrive. Help your community by applying for a Census job.

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Reasons Buying Locally Benefits You

1. Right now, while this community is wanting to support local law enforcement and first responders, make this a priority in your family. Keep your dollars here.
2. By shopping in Washington County and paying local sales tax, your dollars stay here to fund city and county operations such as roads and bridges, parks, the library, police and fire departments and more.
3. Local businesses give better support to YOUR community groups. Non-profit groups receive an average of 350% more charitable support from local businesses than they do from non-locally owned businesses.
4. Local businesses make up the largest employer base, giving more jobs to YOU and YOUR family.
5. YOU get more knowledgeable and friendlier customer service. You get to know your local merchants, and they get to know YOU.
6. Spending \$100 at a local independent business creates a ripple effect of \$45 in additional local economic activity.
7. Shopping locally saves YOU gas and time.
8. Local businesses preserve and enhance the unique character of Washington County. This makes it special for YOU and attractive for others to come spend their money here.
9. Shopping locally allows YOU to stay in better touch with YOUR neighbors and the local pulse of YOUR community.
10. Local businesses are more likely to utilize local advertising, banks, insurance companies and other local services.
11. Without the sales tax dollars that stay in Brenham and Washington County, YOUR property taxes would have to be approximately 14% higher.



Get your 'ReOpen Brenham' sign

Would you like one of the "ReOpen Brenham - Washington County" signs that the City created? We have some here at the Chamber and would be happy to deliver. Just email info@brenhamtexas.com. Beth at Scrubs N Stuff Boutique says she is OPEN!

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 ...



New Blue Blazer

Carl Prihoda

Carl was born and raised in the small town of Weimar, Texas. He is a 2002 graduate of Weimar High School and a 2006 graduate of Sam Houston State University earning his BBA in General Business Administration. **EAT 'EM UP KATS!**



the Brazos Valley Food Bank, Voices for Children, Texas Ramp Project, Ducks Unlimited, Brenham High School Friends of Golf, and the Church. He credits his parents for instilling a deep passion in his DNA for helping out his neighbors and the entire community.

He currently serves as the CRA Officer at Citizens State Bank in Brenham working on community reinvestment and development activities. In his spare time, he enjoys spending it with family and friends or being outdoors. He also volunteers with organizations such as

in 2014. They have two beautiful little girls, Ellie (3) and Laynie (1), who bring plenty of fun and entertainment to the household.

New Blue Blazer

Kyler Crenshaw

Kyler was born and raised in Washington County. After graduating from Brenham High School in 2008, he spent his first three years of college as a student-athlete before completing his undergraduate studies at Texas A&M University (Class of 2012).



County Fair and is an active member of the Brenham Cub Baseball Alumni Association. He also serves on the Jr. Board of Directors for Still Creek Ranch, a non-profit Christian-based boarding school & ranch that rescues boys and girls from crisis situations. Still Creek provides these boys and girls a family-style home, an accredited education, and many

Capital Farm Credit recently hired Kyler as the VP - Lending in their Bellville office, which serves Washington and other surrounding counties by providing rural land and agricultural related financing for current and prospective farmers and ranchers.

other life skills.

Kyler is married to Brenham-native, Kelsey (Schwartz). They have been happily married since 2015 and have a 3 year-old son, Riley, and 5 month-old daughter, Avery.

Kyler proudly supports the Washington

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 this page, 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.



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

The Core Essential Values for the year are prepared well in advance of the school year. It is so ironic how the last two fit perfectly with the current events. April was humility, which we saw demonstrated by our wonderful community, and now May is "DETERMINATION," which we are also seeing now as everyone is finding their way through this. The schools are determined to keep the students engaged to finish out the year. Graduation is on the horizon. The 2020-2021 school year will begin before we know it.

We will again be making a contribution to Brenham ISD GameChangers and Burton ISD Education Foundation, thanks to your participation in this program. If you would like to participate in 2020-2021, please contact Shae Janner by emailing shae@brenham-texas.com or calling 979-836-3695.

Thank you to these dedicated Partners for P.E.A.C.E. who have made this program a success in Washington County for the 2019-2020 school year. 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**
- Brenham National Bank**
- Burton Chamber of Commerce**
- City of Brenham**
- Creatively Yours**
- Edward Jones-Brice Milliorn, CFP®, Financial Advisor**
- 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 May:

Determination
 Deciding it's worth it to finish what you started

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