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2020**



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Class of 2020

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“CONNECT AFTER 5”

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT**

Appel Ford

1820 Hwy. 290 West, Brenham

Thursday, July 9 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!

Renewing Members

May 1-31

Botts Title Company — 48 years
 Brenham Fine Arts League — 42 years
 Harvey's Water Wells, Inc. — 41 years
 Wal-Mart Supercenter — 40 years
 John Brieden State Farm Insurance — 39 years
 Newman Printing Company, Inc. — 39 years
 R & S Leasing — 38 years
 Schleider Furniture & Mattress Company — 38 years
 Texas Farm Credit — 37 years
 H-E-B Brenham Market — 35 years
 KTTX 106.1/KWHI 1280/101.7 — 35 years
 Medical Arts Drug Company — 35 years
 Creekside Veterinary Service — 34 years
 Brenham Monument Company — 33 years

Must Be Heaven — 33 years
 Coldwell Banker Properties Unlimited — 32 years
 JH Faske Jewelers — 30 years
 Kruse Village — 30 years
 Twiggs, Keith — 28 years
 Bluebonnet Petroleum — 27 years
 Chappell Hill Sausage Co. — 27 years
 Express Employment Professionals — 27 years
 K & H Portable Toilets, Inc. — 27 years
 Tate, Milton — 27 years
 Bevers Real Estate — 25 years
 Citadel Christian School — 25 years
 Ace Hardware Brenham — 23 years
 Hodde & Hodde Land Surveying, Inc. — 22 years
 Entec Pest Management — 21 years
 Fayetteville Propane Company, Inc. — 20 years
 Renken, Julie — 20 years
 Salem Lutheran Church — 19 years
 Faith Mission/Higgins Branch — 18 years
 Heritage Texas Country Properties — 17 years
 Krenek's Tractor Repair & Wrecker Serv In — 17 years
 LeRoy Schroeder Contractor, Inc. — 17 years
 Professional Communications — 17 years
 Texas Home Health Group — 17 years
 Brenham Children's Chorus — 16 years
 Overhead Door Co. of South Central Texas — 16 years
 Pecan Tree Apartments — 16 years
 Scenic Hill Retreat — 16 years
 Animal Friends of Washington County — 15 years
 B & R Industries — 15 years
 Christ Lutheran Church-Day School-Foundat — 15 years
 Hueske, Luther — 15 years
 Town & Country Realty & Mortgage — 15 years
 Edward Jones-Brice Milliorn, CFP, Financi — 14 years
 Neal Financial Group — 14 years
 BIG Brannon Industrial Group — 13 years
 First Christian Church of Brenham — 13 years
 Lamar Advertising — 13 years
 CASA for Kids of South Central Texas — 12 years

Wolff Companies — 12 years
 Ballard & Fleetwood — 11 years
 Brenham Iron Works, LLC — 11 years
 Express Home Furnishings — 11 years
 Brenham Dermatology — 10 years
 Select Furnishings — 10 years
 Stanpac USA LLC — 10 years
 Abiding Word Lutheran Church — 9 years
 Quality Glass — 9 years
 Rhodes Building Systems, Inc. — 9 years
 Smitty's Cafe Bakery Billiards & Bar — 9 years
 Spherion Staffing — 9 years
 The Flower Market — 9 years
 Infintech — 8 years
 St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Sandy Hill — 8 years
 Arts for Rural Texas (ARTS) — 7 years
 Harmel Electric — 7 years
 Home Sweet Farm Market & Biergarten — 7 years
 Texas Baptist Historical Museum — 7 years
 Blahuta Advertising — 6 years
 Washington County Genealogical Society — 6 years
 Red Fern Woodwork & Renovations — 5 years
 Vincent's Roofing, Inc. — 5 years
 Independence Community Events — 4 years
 James Pharaon Creative — 4 years
 1st Texas Home Health — 3 years
 Burger King/Kolkhorst Foods — 3 years
 First Baptist Church — 3 years
 L & N Blinds and Shutters, LLC — 3 years
 Lox.Beauty Gallery — 3 years
 Topper's Liquor and Wine — 3 years
 Cruise Planners — 2 years
 Slattery, Doug & Gracie — 2 years
 Swartz Septic, LLC — 2 years
 The Canyon Chick — 2 years
 DDM Metal Buildings — 1 year
 Keller Williams Brenham — 1 year
 The Flamingo Ranch — 1 year



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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.

Kyler Crenshaw
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New Chamber Members

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Brenham, Texas 77833
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Trash Disposal/Construction Trash

LAUREN MAREK

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503 Walnut Hill Drive
Brenham, Texas 77833
Phone: 979-877-8911
hello@laurenmarek.com
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Photography

STOP AND GO POTTIES

Owner: Blake Brannon
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Toilets-Portable

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BRENHAM AREA OFFICE**

Primary Representative: Amanda Kohring
1400 S. Austin Street
Brenham, Texas 77833
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askohring@woodmen.org
Insurance

Chamber Member Job Postings

Find out more information on these openings at Chamber.BrenhamTexas.com/jobs

Seidel Schroeder

Tax Manager
Senior Accounting Associate

Volare Italian Restaurant

Waitstaff and Cook

**WoodmenLife –
Brenham Area Office**

WoodmenLife Representative

Del Sol Food Co., Inc. – Briannas

Accounting Internship (Seasonal)

Sonic Drive In #2

Hiring All Positions

WoodmenLife – Cary Dollar

WoodmenLife Representative

Citadel Christian School

1st/2nd Grade Teacher

The Kenney Store

Line/Grill Cooks, Dishwashers & Servers

**SVN | Riverstone
Commercial Real Estate**

Commercial Real Estate Advisor

**Silversage Assisted Living
& Memory Care**

Director/Administrator

**Brenham State
Supported Living Center**

Licensed Vocational Nurse

QIDP – Case Manager

Registered Nurse

Behavioral Health Specialist

Direct Support Professional

Food Service Worker

Custodian I

Cook II

Hermann Furniture Company

Part-time Sales Position

Full-time Warehouse Position

Germania Insurance

Maintenance Assistant

**Volunteer Services Council
for BSSLC**

Volunteer Services Coordinator I

Brenham Veterinary Hospital

Veterinary Technician Wanted

Burger King

Manager-Trainees

Supervisor-Trainees

Hourly Employees

All Positions

**Glasco & Company
Landscaping, Inc.**

Landscape/Maintenance Crew Member

**Canion Kountry Bakery
& Restaurant**

Experienced Cook

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 both months this summer (June and July), we will focus on the word IMAGINATION: finding inspiration in everyday things.

You may need imagination this summer to:

- Create memories with your family when travel and group activities are limited
- Fill the time when camps and summer programs are canceled
- Work with community leaders to address large-scale inequalities
- Enjoy outdoor opportunities to interact safely with people
- Experience music, food, sports, and

other activities we often participate in with large groups

- Pivot your methods used at your place of work, school, or community organization to meet the needs of people under new guidelines
- Find ways to rest and recharge and practice self-care

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 2020-21, please contact Shae Janner by emailing shae@brenhamtexas.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 2019-20 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!

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 lo-

cal 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 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.

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