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WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BRENNHAM, TEXAS

WCCC, Brazos Valley Gives team up to help non-profit members raise money

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce is partnering with Brazos Valley Gives to help their non-profit agency members raise money.

The one day event will be held on Oct. 27. It will be promoted throughout the Brazos Valley to encourage giving to area non-profit organization. Interested persons can visit their 2019 website, brazosvalleygives.org, to gain an understanding of last year's 2019 campaign.

Donors will be directed to the 2020 site when the program is launched for this year.

Five Washington County non-profits participated last year: Volunteer Services

Council, Blinn College Foundation, CASA for Kids of South Central Texas, Miracle Farms, and New Beginnings Life Ministries. Some of these agencies had a great financial gain from this program.

Eighty percent of donors that participated in the Brazos Valley Giving Day in 2019 were first time donors to the organization they selected to give. This may prove to be a great opportunity for non-profit organizations to receive funds from new sources and individuals. The minimum gift is \$10, so this may bring awareness to individual donors that have not previously been reached.

The Washington County Chamber will

promote the on-line giving day to encourage members of the local community to give to the local non-profit of their choice. It will be promoted through local media outlets in Washington County and through the Chamber communication network as well. If local donors do not wish to donate on-line, they can drop a gift (check preferred) at the Chamber on the designated giving day, Oct. 27 to be collected.

An informational Zoom meeting was held on Thursday, July 9. The recording will be available. Contact brazosvalleygives@gmail.com for more information or all Patricia Gerling at 979-589-4305.



61.9% of Households Have Responded

It has never been easier to respond to the census on your own, whether online at 2020census.gov, over the phone, or by mail. 90,800,000 households in the country have responded so far!

Update Leave field operations resumed in early May and more than 90% of households in Update Leave areas have now received a packet at their door inviting them to participate in the census. As a result, we are seeing those housing units respond to the census and our response rates are continuing to rise.

How Does Our Community Rank?

- Texas ranks 40th in percentage of responses (56.7%)
- Washington County ranks 41st in the State of Texas (55.9%)

The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, inform hundreds of billions in federal funding every year, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade.

It's not too late to complete your 2020 Census.

“CONNECT AFTER 5”

WASHINGTON COUNTY
CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT

Appel Ford

1820 Hwy. 290 West, Brenham

Thursday, July 30 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!

Members of the Month of June

Diamond Chauffeur Transportation

1046 Austin Street, Hempstead
877-248-5466
4diamondlimo.com

How long have you been in business?

— Over 20 years in business.

What services do you offer?

— Complete Chauffeured ground transportation-buses, sedans, SUVs, limos, or vans. Contract, hourly or point-to-point service available. Virus protocols are in place. Short trips are welcomed as well as cross country trips. We also do courier and errand trips. Most of our trips are eating out, shopping, medical visits, airport, work meetings, and children errands.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— Fully insured and fingerprint background checked. Operate 24/7/365

What do you love about Washington County?

— The great people of the community.

Tegg Art Studio

119 W. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham
979-337-1179
AliciaTegg.com

How long have you been in business?

— 4 years.

What services do you offer?

— Artist, paintings, gallery.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— Not only do we offer regional scenes of Washington County depicted in original oil paintings, we also offer commissioned pieces of your special farm/ranch or pet.

What do you love about Washington County?

— I've always loved coming through Washington County since I was a kid. The green gentle rolling hills, big ranches, wildflowers, small town laid back lifestyle and the people.

Bridge Ministry of Burton, Texas

601 W. Main St., Burton
Messages and senior meal hotline: 979-337-3370
BurtonBridgeMinistry.org

How long have you been in business?

— Bridge Ministry of Burton Texas was founded in 2010, and The Corner Shoppe was established in 2012. The Corner Shoppe, a thrift store, is our primary income source.

What services do you offer?

— Our mission is to build a bridge between racial, cultural, educational, and economic divisions within the community. We have five ministry teams: children and youth, seniors, manna, helping hands, and community relations. Our activities include the monthly mobile food pantry (distributing food provided by Brazos Valley Food Bank), weekly meals for senior citizens, and ongoing outreach to low income families. While we have not been able to open our thrift store because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we still have been able to sell furniture through Facebook Marketplace.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— Our entire business model has changed because of the pandemic, but we are embracing the challenge. We have increased food distributions, have contracted with area restaurateurs to provide meals to those who have lost their jobs, and have been blessed to have a network of volunteer seamstresses so that we can pro-

vide cloth masks to every man, woman and child in the area. We also received a grant through the Brazos Valley COVID-19 Community Relief Fund, allowing us to further help those in our community with rent, utilities and food assistance. Our motto? "A Mighty Force for Good."

What do you love about Washington County?

— There's so much to love about Washington County: the rolling hills, clear blue skies, and the way we hold onto architecture from 50 or 100 years ago. How there are historic markers on just about every corner, and how important this region is to Texas history — La Bahia Trail and nearby Birthplace of Texas. We also love how the people we meet have deep roots in the community, and how their family names can be found on street signs and small towns in the region. Country life is the best life!

Cy-Fair Tire

3201 Hwy. 36 S., Brenham
979-421-7900
CyFairTire.com

How long have you been in business?

— Since 1979

What services do you offer?

— Retail and commercial tire sales and services as well as roadside service.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— Family owned and operated. We stock more inventory than anyone in Washington County.

What do you love about Washington County?

— Beautiful property and wonderful, courteous people. Still a place where business gets done on a handshake (at least before COVID, lol), which is rare these days.

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.

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Coloring & Creativity Contest!

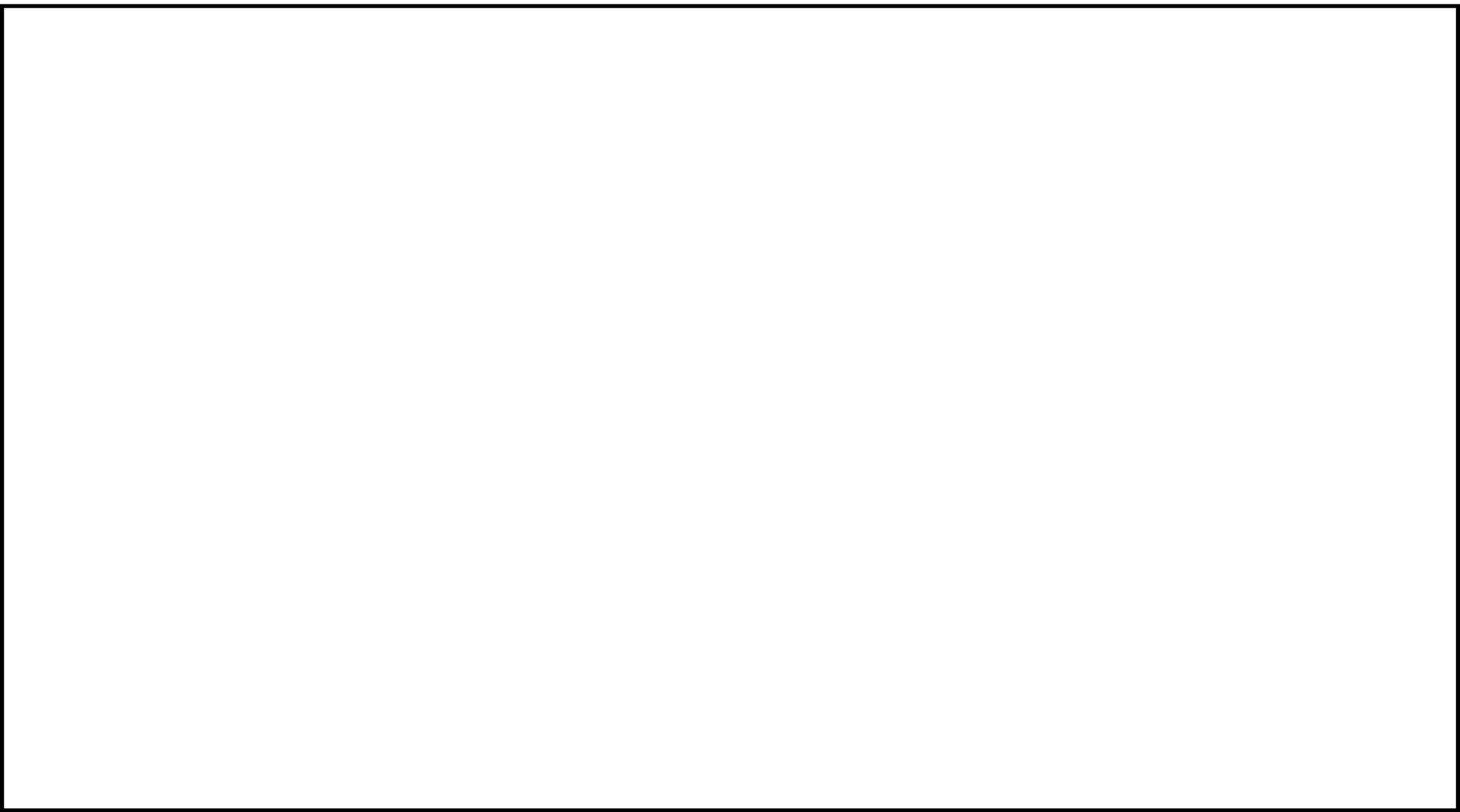
Color and send in by July 31 to be eligible to win a fun prize from the Chamber!
314 S. Austin St., Brenham, Texas 77833

Use your...



finding inspiration in everyday things.

— Draw your favorite thing about summer! —



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



Thank you to our Presidential Level members ...



Renewing Members

June 1-30

Moore Supply Company/The Bath & Kitchen — 28 years
 BBA Architects, L.P. — 24 years
 Volare Italian Restaurant — 22 years
 Edward Jones - Financial Advisor - Billy — 20 years
 First United Methodist Church — 20 years
 Deans Imaging-Real Estate Photography — 19 years
 Webb Printing/Mailing Services Etc. — 18 years
 Independence Coffee Co.-Black Truck '48 C — 16 years
 Toy Box Child Development — 16 years
 PapeScapes — 14 years
 Denny's #7916 — 12 years
 Royers Round Top Cafe — 12 years

Brenham Home Rental — 11 years
 Burton Friends & Neighbors, Inc. — 11 years
 Today And Yesterday — 11 years
 Henkel Square Market — 8 years
 Westbrook Storage — 8 years
 Mid-Continental Insurance Services, Inc. — 7 years
 Texas Plumbing Solutions — 7 years
 Lighthouse Business Solutions — 5 years
 Adult & Teen Challenge of Texas/Restored — 3 years
 Coaching with Hart — 2 years
 Support Our Servants — 2 years

Ribbon Cutting



New Member

Branded Beauty Plus

Owners: Todd Johnson and Elizabeth Tolbert
 1708 North Park Street, Brenham



New Location

The Flower Market

Owner: Stephanie Minar
 1804 South Day Street, Brenham

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.

Working for YOU.

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

WALK-INS
 Chamber of Commerce
 June 2020 — 198

WEBSITE
 www.BrenhamTexas.com

Unique Visitors
 June 2020 — 4,936

Total Pages
 June 2020 — 11,833

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS
 BRAZOS VALLEY
 AmericanJobCenter

**REOPEN BRAZOS VALLEY
 VIRTUAL HIRING EVENT**

**JULY 16, 2020
 10:00AM TO 2:00PM**

**For more details
 call:(979) 595-2801 ext 2140
 Email: bsubv@bvcog.org**

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