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TxDOT District Engineer to give project update at Lunch & Learn

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, the Washington County Chamber of Commerce will host a Lunch & Learn at the Washington County Fairgrounds Event Center. Texas Department of Transportation District Engineer, Lance Simmons, will be the guest presenter. The event will have limited seating and guest must pre-register by Sept. 25 with the Chamber office.

Lance W. Simmons, P.E., serves as the district engineer for TxDOT's Bryan District.

The district comprises Brazos, Burleson, Freestone, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Milam, Robertson, Walker and Washington counties. Simmons is



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responsible for all areas of the district's multimodal transportation network.

Simmons oversees the planning, designing, building, operation and maintenance of the state transportation system for the 10-county Bryan District. He served as the Atlanta District's Director of Operations from 2010 to February 2014.

A 21-year TxDOT veteran, Simmons officially began his career with the department in 1994 in the Atlanta District's Design Office (after working for three summers in the Atlanta Area Office). Through the Young Engineers Rotation Program, he also worked in the Advance Planning, Traffic and Atlanta Area Office.

es. From 2001 to 2009, he served as the District's Bridge/Special Projects Engineer before being selected as its Director of Operations in 2010.

In 2014, Simmons was honored with the 2014 Luther DeBerry Award at the Transportation Short Course. As a Terry Scholar at Texas A&M University, he earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1994, and he received his license as a professional engineer in February 2001.

The luncheon will begin at 11:30 and will end with a Q&A session just before 1 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for Chamber Members and \$35 for non-Members. You may register online at <https://bit.ly/32JQdoi> or call or stop by the Chamber, 979-836-3695, 314 S. Austin St., Brenham. The deadline is Friday, Sept. 25. Seating is limited.

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Aug. 2020 — 10,010



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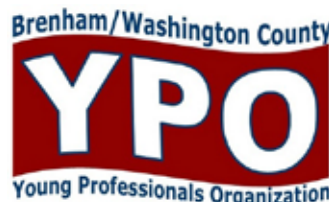
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Washington County Blue Blazers

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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Brenham, Texas 77833
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Brandedbp20@gmail.com
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August Members of the Month

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ProTechBrenham.com

people for the first time and learn more about all the great things our local businesses do and produce for our community and the world.

WCTractor
1889 Highway 290 E., Brenham
979-836-4591
WCTractor.com

WoodmenLife – Brenham Area Office
1400 S. Austin St., Brenham
979-836-8323
WoodmenLife.org

How long have you been in business?
— Creatively Yours has been in business since 2009 but has been under new ownership/management since 2018.

What services do you offer?
— We offer Screen Printing, Embroidery, Adhesive and Heat Vinyl Customizations. At Creatively Yours we pride ourselves on being able to work with our clientele to deliver the custom design that makes it personal to them! Whether you have one item in mind or dozens, we can work with you to give your ideas life within the budget you determine. Our motto has always been “We Make it Personal.”

Tell us something unique about your business.
— Peggy and Tayler take great pride in helping their customers turn their dreams into reality. We are proud to say that the majority of our work is done in-house so that we can work one-on-one with you to ensure that the design you want is done to your specifications. Customer satisfaction is one of our primary goals.

What do you love about Washington County?
— We love the sense of community and how close knit everyone is. People go above and beyond to help each other. We run fundraisers and meal trains. We abide by the “It takes a village” mentality.

How long have you been in business?
— Business was started in Brenham in 2016
What services do you offer?
— - Broad Spectrum of Technology Services provided to both Businesses and Individuals
- PC Desktop & Laptop Support, Troubleshooting, and Repair
- New & Refurbished Computer Sales
- Wireless Network Design & Installation (WiFi)
- Wired Network Design, Installation, and Repair (Ethernet)
- Fiber Optic Networking
- Network & Data Security
- Cellular Signal Boosters & Amplifiers
- Email Service and Cloud Consulting
- Website Design, Development, and Management
- Audio, Visual, and Home Theater Design & Installation

Tell us something unique about your business.
— Business is owned and operated by the sole technician, which ensures high quality of work, attention to detail, and commitment to customer satisfaction.
What do you love about Washington County?
— After 5 years in Brenham, I still meet wonderful

How long have you been in business?
— 81 years
What services do you offer?
— Tractor, Utility Vehicle, Lawn Mower, Construction Equipment Sales; Parts, Services and Rentals.
Tell us something unique about your business.
— We have three locations in Washington County and nine, total. We have had five different owners, all from Washington County since 1939.
What do you love about Washington County?
— We love the small-town feel, the community, and of course the ice cream! It is a blessing to have a business surrounded by an amazing community that supports one another.

How long have you been in business?
— 130 years
What services do you offer?
— Life Insurance, Annuities, Retirement Plans, Medicare Supplement and Mutual Funds
Tell us something unique about your business.
— Woodmen is a fraternal benefit society, with members connected by their membership and their desire to better their lives, their families' lives and their communities. Woodmen is a non-profit organization, owned and governed by its members.
What do you love about Washington County?
— We love that Washington County is growing, but still provides that small-town feel that makes everyone feel welcome.

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.Brenham-Texas.com.

A lot of our Chamber Members

will include HOT DEALS on our website to promote their sales and special offers.

The Chamber provides education, advocacy, marketing assistance, referrals and more to members, along with great networking and leadership development opportunities.

For more information, stop by the Chamber office or call 836-3695.

Renewing Members

August 1-31

Dahmann & Associates, LLC — 43 years
Silver Wings Ballroom — 43 years
Miracle Farm — 38 years
Brenham Chrysler Jeep Dodge — 36 years
Brenham Country Club — 31 years
Lube Rite, Inc. — 31 years
Artesian Park RV Campground — 27 years
Washington on the Brazos State Park Assoc. — 27 years
Brenham Collision Center — 26 years
Best Western Inn of Brenham — 23 years
Oak Creek Apartments — 22 years
Rothermel, Beth A. — 22 years
Texas Ranch Life — 21 years
Kolkhorst, Lois W. State Senator — 20 years
Round Top Festival Institute — 19 years
BlissWood Bed & Breakfast Ranch — 18 years
Boeker, Joyce — 18 years
Brenham Housing Authority — 18 years
Brenham Oaks — 18 years

Brenham Cemetery Association — 17 years
Haulright — 17 years
Plumb Level LLC — 17 years
Washington County Republican Party — 17 years
Brenham Crossroads Shopping Center — 15 years
Burton Heritage Society — 13 years
Hampton Inn & Suites — 11 years
THYME Day Spa & Salon — 11 years
Winedale Historical Complex — 11 years
K & W Dozer Service — 10 years
Ladco Construction Company Inc. — 10 years
Washington County Wildlife Society — 10 years
Chappell Hill Bakery & Deli, LLC — 9 years
CHI St. Joseph Health Primary Care Brenham — 9 years
Mill Creek Custom Homes & Outdoor Living/ — 9 years
Yumm! Sweets & Eats — 9 years
QuestSpecialty Corporation — 8 years
1st Step Dog Training & Grooming — 7 years
Branded Boutique — 7 years

Texas State Optical — 7 years
Russell Hall Construction, LLC — 6 years
Texana Public Affairs — 5 years
Associated Credit Union of Texas — 4 years
Brenham Presbyterian Church — 4 years
Camp For All — 4 years
Crosswinds Estates Subdivision — 4 years
Fringe Salon — 4 years
North Park Apartments — 4 years
Gene's Services, LLC — 3 years
Hope Rising — 3 years
Blackwood Educational Land Institute — 2 years
Brenham Mobility — 2 years
Integ/Insite Magazine — 2 years
BVR Material — 1 year
Carol's Quilt Shop — 1 year
Law Office of H. Julian Frachtman — 1 year
Maven Landscapes — 1 year



Introducing the Leadership Class of 2021

Participants in the newly formed class of Leadership Washington County convened this month for an Orientation meeting.

Barry Brass also spoke on the history of Washington County and the class took a “Step Into The Past” and viewed The Dawn of Washington County in the Historic Simon Theatre.

The first full session will be on Leadership

Communication and Team Building at a one day retreat at Camp For All on September 23. The participants will graduate from the program in May 2021.

The professionals listed below will be challenged, inspired and educated about the many facets of effective leadership and the structure of this community.

During this program, participants will experience in-depth sessions, meet top leaders in the community and form relationships that will aid them in their professional careers for years to come.

They will also be treated to amazing, behind-the-scenes tours of some of Washington County’s most unique businesses.

Participants in this year’s Leadership Washington County program include:

Cody Boeker

Seidel Schroeder

Brandi Hendrix

Brenham ISD

April Oliver

Germania Insurance

Heather Braeuer

Seidel Schroeder

Hannah Hernandez

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Stacy Saunders

Germania Insurance

Tylor Chaplin

Brenham ISD

Amanda Horak

*Washington County
District Attorney’s Office*

Lauren Schobel

Germania Insurance

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Harrison Williams

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Fairgrounds*

Chip Harris

Adult & Teen Challenge of Texas

Joe Moore

City of Brenham

Leadership Washington County is hosted and coordinated each year by the Washington County Chamber with assistance from alumni of the program. It is one of the most meaningful ways to give back after having received all the valuable training and experiences in the LWC program.

Watch this newsletter for photos and articles about the new class over the next several months as they learn and grow together as professionals and leaders.



Leadership participants learn what makes this community work! They form new relationships and forge lasting bonds while touring community sites and hearing from local leaders.

TAILGATE 20

Community Spirit Rally

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 - Brenham Collision Center
- Brenham Independent School District
 - Brenham Veterinary Hospital
 - Dynamic Drains Plumbing & Drain Experts (RMPL #40546)
 - Hermann Furniture Company
- Mike Hopkins Distributing Company, Inc.
 - Personnel Services
 - Texas Farm Credit
- Thielemann Construction Co., LP & Stegent-Thielemann Plumbing
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Landscaping**

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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.



BEST WINDOW
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Goin' Gold for CHILDHOOD cancer!



Adam's Angels Ministry promotes Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. One of the missions of Adam's Angels Ministry is to promote Awareness in Washington County and the surrounding counties that we serve.

Adam's Angels Ministry has purchased copies of "Better Angels," a book written by Sadie Keller, a childhood cancer survivor/advocate, and Congressman Michael McCaul. They will be donating the books to public libraries and both public and private schools in the local area. Sadie was diagnosed in 2015 with ALL leukemia at the age of 7. Sadie and McCaul met while she, being in remission, was lobbying in congress for childhood cancer awareness, research, and funding at the Childhood Cancer Summit in Washington, D.C. Adam's Angels Founders, Tim and Donna Culliver, were in attendance at the Summit working alongside Congress McCaul and other legislators as they

have for the last 10 years.

In addition to being impacted by the Cullivers story and sudden death of Adam Culliver in 2003, McCaul himself was also impacted by childhood cancer, when in grade school he lost his best friend to cancer. This has had a lifetime impact on McCaul. The congressman coauthored Co-authored a bill, the Star Act, which addresses four major concerns facing the pediatric cancer community: Survivorship, Treatment, Access, and Research, as well as elevate and prioritize the fight against childhood cancer at the National Institute of Health.

The STAR act passed the House by a unanimous vote in May 2018. The members released the following joint statement:

"Today was a long-anticipated day for the pediatric cancer community, and one to be celebrated. This bill is the most comprehensive childhood cancer bill to ever pass Congress and will finally head

to the president's desk to be signed into law. Childhood cancer remains one of the deadliest killers of our kids and we as a Congress, and a nation, must say "Enough is enough." As co-chairs of the Children Cancer Caucus, we would like to thank all those who made this possible, including the Alliance for Childhood Cancer and the entire childhood cancer advocacy community."

On June 5, 2018, both Sadie Keller and McCaul were among those present as President Trump signed the Childhood Cancer STAR Act of 2017 into law.

Sadie Keller and McCaul went on to write "Better Angels". Best-selling author, Davis Estes writes "Better Angels is filled with truth and inspiration beyond measure. Sadie Keller's journey is a must-read for anyone with a pulse," and award-winning author, Wendy Mills writes, "Nobody wants to think about childhood cancer, but we can't look away. Our children deserve bet-

ter. A beautiful, uplifting story about the bravery of one little girl and the angels she met along the way. This fierce, heartbreaking book had me cheering, crying, and ultimately shouting "you got this girl!" The strength of Sadie Keller, and the children like her, shone through on every page and will stay with you long after you close the book."

Adam's Angels Ministry provides care and comfort through physical, emotional, financial, and spiritual support. They serve Washington, Burleson, Austin, Lee, Waller, Grimes, Fayette and Brazos counties, as well as offer assistance to children receiving getting treatment at Texas Children's Hospital, Downtown Houston, The Woodlands and Katy, MD Anderson's Children's Cancer Hospital in Houston, and Dell Children's Hospital in Austin.

For more information visit the Adam's Angels Ministry website is <http://www.adamsangelsministry.org>.