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## Chamber Says Farewell to Retiring Directors

Five outstanding volunteers will retire as Chamber board members this month. They have been closely involved with the mission and success of the Chamber since January 2018. The retiring directors (as pictured) include:

**Zelda Moore**, *EVVAYLOIS Academy of Beauty*; **Melissa Duckworth**, *Thielemann Construction Co., LP & Stegent-Thielemann Plumbing*; **Ash Patel**, *Best Western Inn*; **Wendy Frazier**, *Associated Credit Union of Texas*; and **Andy Hefferly**, *Moorman Tate, LLP*.

Also pictured is **Jay Schroeder** of *Texas Farm Bureau Insurance*. He served as Board Chair for 2020 and will remain on the board in 2021 as Immediate Past Chair.

These volunteer leaders have been valuable members of committees and projects over the past three years. They will be greatly missed from the board of directors, but we know they will always remain strong members of the Chamber and our local business community.

Please join us in thanking them for their years of service to the Chamber membership the next time you see them!

Congratulations to these five newly elected board members who will begin their three-year terms of service in January: **Dan Blalock**, *Brenham Abstract & Title Co.*; **Jim Chisolm**, *Texas Star Winery*; **Kara Matheney**, *Washington County AgriLife Extension Service*; **Shay Morrow**, *QuestSpecialty Corporation* and **Darion Smith**, *Brenham National Bank*.

## Nominations Sought for 2020 'Business of the Year'

The Washington County Chamber is now accepting nominations for "Small Business of the Year" in Washington County for 2020. There are two categories: one for businesses with 1-25 employees and one for 26-100 employees. Nominations must be submitted by Friday, Jan. 8, 2021.

If you are aware of a local business that you feel is deserving, please nominate them. Criteria for this prestigious award include:

- The business participates in multiple ways in the community and makes lasting contributions to the growth and well-being of the community.
- The business has displayed evidence of high professional and business standards.
- The business sets an example of leadership for others to follow, within its industry and its workforce.
- This business is locally owned/operated.

While you're thinking about it, please consider nominating your own business. Nobody knows your business better than you.

A form is available to pick up at the Washington County Chamber office (314 S. Austin Street, Brenham) and it is also online. For more information, call (979) 836-3695.

## 2020 Man, Woman of the Year Award Nominations Now Being Accepted

As the end of the year approaches, it is time to start thinking about who deserves the honor of being selected for the 2020 Man and Woman of the Year-Lifetime Achievement Awards.

This is a long-standing tradition of the Washington County Chamber, recognizing the achievements of two extra-special individuals each year. The 2019 recipients were Carolyn and Charlie Matejowsky.

The 2021 Banquet date has not yet been set. Prior to the banquet, the immediate Past Chairman of the Chamber Board will convene a committee comprised of past award recipients to review all nominations and vote on the candidates for the current year.

If you know someone you would like to nominate for this honor, please fill out a nomination form. It includes the judging criteria. You may contact the Chamber to have a form emailed to you. Completed nomination forms are due to the Chamber by 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 8, 2021.

Winners are only selected from nominations received. Please note that prior nominations (submissions from prior years) may be considered if resubmitted by the January 8 deadline.



# Ribbon Cuttings



150th Anniversary

## St. Mary's Catholic Church

Corner of S. Park St. & W. Germania St., Brenham



New Location

## J. Hill Properties

Owner: Jane Hill

100-A East Main Street, Brenham



New Member

## Sunny Day Blossoms

Owners: Debbie Woltmann, Destry Pohlmeier and Melissa Franke

801 S. Market St., Brenham



New Collections Building

## Brenham Heritage Museum

Content Coordinator: Mike Vance

310 E Main Street, Brenham



New Member

## Legacy

Owner: Savannah Gutierrez


206 W. First Street, Brenham




New Location

## MHMR Center of Washington County

300 Lounge Road, Brenham




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Young Professionals Organization

Would your business like to host a YPO Networking Happy Hour?

Email WashCoYPO@gmail.com to find out details.



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# Message to our members....

When the Chamber Team began this year, our vision was clear for 2020. We were eager to add value to our members and serve our community. We were ready to keep our community connected by supporting business, workforce, and quality of life. We were determined to lead and deliver results. Of course, we had not planned for a global pandemic which would drastically alter every detail we had carefully thought out. From this adversity and challenge, our vision became more intently focused on supporting our Chamber members and our community. In this season of celebration and joy, I would like to share a heartfelt



thank you to our member community. Thank you to our members for continuing to invest into the Chamber. Since 1917, the Washington County Chamber of Commerce has remained committed to supporting small businesses in our area. Support and investment into our Chamber is a tremendous asset to our community, because it allows the Washington County Chamber of Commerce team to keep our community connected.

The holiday season may look different in 2020 than in years past, but I encourage you to find a creative way to connect and celebrate the season with those that you love. Be sure to Shop Local and

enjoy the many amenities that our community has to offer. We have a rich quality of life in Washington County, and so many of our small businesses are working hard to offer safe experiences for you. So, get out and enjoy, but please be responsible. Innovation is deeply rooted in those of us that call Washington County home, so be creative, get connected, and be safe!

May your holiday season be abundantly blessed with good health, good food, and much joy!

*Wende L. Ragonis*

**President / CEO**  
Washington County Chamber of Commerce

## Renewing Members

**November 1-30**

Schovajsa's Catering — 40 years  
Bever's Kitchen — 35 years  
Alexander Oil Company — 34 years  
Del Sol Food Co., Inc.-Briannas — 32 years  
Altman Dentistry — 26 years  
RWG Construction Management — 21 years  
Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies — 20 years  
Independence Historical Society — 19 years  
The Brenham Toy Company & Teacher Supply — 19 years  
Heritage Place — 16 years  
Scenic Hill Retreat — 16 years

BT Longhorn Steak House — 13 years  
St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill — 13 years  
LaBahia Turn Verein Event Center — 12 years  
Melissa L. Gerke DDS, PA — 9 years  
Brauner, Tammy-Washington County District — 8 years  
Focused Care at Brenham — 7 years  
The Kenney Store — 7 years  
Historic Holle House — 6 years  
Holman, Kate — 6 years  
10X Graphics & Marketing, LLC — 5 years  
Picone, Joe Al — 5 years

Christy Schlottmann Farmers Agency — 4 years  
Ash and Ash Consulting — 3 years  
Legend Texas Properties - Shelly Moschak — 3 years  
Dr. Green Organic Land Management — 2 years  
Silversage Assisted Living & Memory Care — 2 years  
State Representative Ben Leman — 2 years  
AirMedCare Network — 1 year  
Clean Car Custom Detail — 1 year  
Friends of Bluebonnet Opry — 1 year  
Nextlink — 1 year  
Velocity Gymnastics — 1 year

## WASHINGTON 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 ...*



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



## WHY GENEROSITY?

Most kids don't have access to their own money, so teaching generosity might seem like a fool's errand. However, learning to be generous with what kids DO have can set the stage for a lifetime of giving. Teaching kids to be generous with their time, with their compliments, with sharing their toys and with their kindness is a skill you certainly want to grow in them as they become citizens of your community in the future.

As we continue to navigate this virus in classrooms, we can acknowledge and

encourage generosity in our schools and communities in very explicit ways. Pointing out and showing gratitude when someone gives anything - a smile, a compliment, a few moments of listening, seriously, anything! - will help us all find moments of hope and kindness this winter.

## WAYS TO LOOK FOR GENEROSITY:

- Employees share job related information willingly with each other
- People donate to local causes and charities
- Staff members volunteer their time to causes that matter to them

A Partner for P.E.A.C.E. (Public Education Ambassador for Community Engagement) is encouraged to share the monthly value and promote that value within the company so that possible employees and customers will see that you also support public education. It is in hopes that the adults who see these values at their workplace will share with the children in their lives who are also seeing this at school. These Core Essential Values are taught at both Brenham and Burton ISDs.

The investment is only \$50 and you and your employees can make a big impact on the future of our local workforce.

Thank you to these dedicated Partners for P.E.A.C.E. who continue to make this program a success in Washington County. They help reinforce the Core Essential Values students are learning in local public schools at their businesses and through their employee interactions:

- Ant Street Inn
- Blue Bell Creameries
- Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative
- Brenham National Bank
- City of Brenham
- Creatively Yours
- Germania Insurance
- Glasco & Company Landscaping
- Mandy Allen at Better Homes and Garden Real Estate Hometown
- Personnel Services
- Thielemann Construction Co., L.P. & Stegent-Thielemann Plumbing
- Unity Theatre

*We would love to have more!*

## New Chamber Members

### BREHAM MOBILITY, LLC

Owner: Chris Klahn  
1810 Stephanie Street (Mailing Address)  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 979-551-0029  
brenhammobility@yahoo.com  
*Transportation Providers & Services*

### BROWN WATER CIGAR BAR, LLC

Owner: Randy Bayer  
200 W. Alamo Street  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 979-551-9019  
randy@brownwatercigar.com  
www.brownwatercigar.com  
*General Merchandise – Retail*

### CARLI CONWAY, REALTOR

601 Medical Court  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
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soldbycarli@gmail.com  
www.cconway.buybrenham.com  
*Real Estate*

### CLARITA SWEETS & MORE

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derrick@deeworksall.com  
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*Beverages*

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### LEGACY

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### SUNNY DAY BLOSSOMS

Owners: Destry Pohlmeier,  
Melissa Franke, Debbie Woltmann  
801 South Market Street  
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info@sunnydayblossoms.com  
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*Florist*

### TOYS FOR TOTS WASHINGTON COUNTY

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# November Members of the Month

**Brenham Chrysler Jeep Dodge**  
1880 Highway 290 W., Brenham  
979-836-2391  
BrenhamCJD.com

*How long have you been in business?*

— 11 years

*What services do you offer?*

— New and used vehicle sales, service on all makes and models, parts, and body shop repairs.

*Tell us something unique about your business.*

— We are the only Chrysler dealer in the Brazos Valley and one of less than 10% of dealers nationwide to be awarded the JD Powers award for customer service back to back years.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

— The history, the pride of the community, and how we've become a part of the community.

**The Blinn College District**  
902 College Ave., Brenham  
979-830-4000  
Blinn.edu

*How long have you been in business?*

— Blinn has been serving students in Washington County since 1883.

*What services do you offer?*

— Blinn offers more than 95 degrees and awards that prepare students for academic transfer and high-demand careers.

*Tell us something unique about your business.*

— Blinn's academic transfer rate is the highest in the state, and it has partnered with Texas A&M University and The Texas A&M University System to create innovative programs such as the TEAM Program, the Texas A&M Engineering Academies at Blinn-Brenham and Blinn-Bryan, and the RELLIS Campus.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

— In 1937, the citizens of Washington County voted to establish a property tax that made Blinn the first

county-owned junior college district in Texas. Since that time, the people of Washington County have demonstrated unwavering support for higher education and the students of Blinn College.

**Brenham Iron Works**  
4455 Highway 290 West, Brenham  
979-277-0151  
BrenhamIronWorks.com

*How long have you been in business?*

— Brenham Iron Works officially began in the welding construction and metal building business in 2005. Owner, Brandon Marth, has been around the metal industry his entire life as his father worked in the construction and sheet metal industry.

*What services do you offer?*

— The business is split into (2) construction areas. First, for metal buildings and barndominiums, we run our own PBR panels and fabricate our own trim which helps us stay extremely cost competitive. Of course, we do this for the buildings we sell direct to customers, but we also provide these materials for other contractors and erectors. The other part of our business is that we fabricate custom metal gates and entryways with automatic gate operating systems (sales and service). Along with the gates, we do pipe entrances and fencing. We also stock pipe for other fencing contractor needs.

*Tell us something unique about your business.*

— Tell us something unique about your business. What makes Brenham Iron Works different and unique from other metal building suppliers is that we see a project from start to finish handling the pad site work, concrete, the building materials and the labor to erect. We are a true turnkey project contractor. We can handle as much or as little as the customer needs or requests from us. As for the gates and entrances, our staff can draw and re-create just about anything you want for your gate artwork or centerpiece. You are not limited to a set template selection. This capa-

bility truly allows us to create one-of-a-kind pieces for customers to enjoy for years to come.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

— We love the people here in Washington County. We have the down-home feel, yet Washington County is growing with so many modern conveniences. We pride ourselves in being part of that growth. We appreciate that hard work is still admired and appreciated.

**Cruise Planners- Brenham**  
979-836-4085  
www.forallyourtravel.com

*How long have you been in business?*

— Since February 2017

*What services do you offer?*

— Full Service Travel Advisors. We do the research and book air, trains, planes, cruises (both ocean and river), automobiles, destination weddings, honeymoons, national parks. Reservations for domestic and abroad. Peter and I have a great love for travel. We are able to travel to destinations in order to be able to advise our clients on services/destinations and more. We also have the opportunity to board brand new ships as well as the ones in service and do ship inspections to help you with your decision making process. We are certified with Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) and have our Accredited Cruise Counselors. We are certified with Sandals, Uniworld River Cruises, Viking River Cruises, Sandos, Scenic River Cruises and more.

*Tell us something unique about your business.*

— We have a value tracker that allows for us to be alerted when cruise rates go down. Cruise lines will not call you and advise of a rate drop, we will. We have a great working relationship with Cruise Lines and Resorts.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

— We love the small town feeling, friendly country folks and everyone builds relationships.

## Promote Your Business as a Breakfast Sponsor

"Wake Up, Washington County!" These networking events are held quarterly at various locations. You will meet other members and learn about their businesses as well as have the opportunity to inform others about your products and services. You will also hear updates from the Chamber about what is going on in the community.

For Chamber members, there is no admission to attend. Two sponsors are sought for each event and it provides a huge amount of exposure and publicity. There is a site sponsorship and a food sponsorship, both \$200.

This event is a great way to promote your business. Your business name will be included on the invitations that all Chamber members receive, and you will be given recognition and additional time to talk about your business at the breakfast event.

Contact Jane Hinze at the Chamber for more info: jane@brenhamtx-as.com or 979-836-3695.

## 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**  
Capital Farm Credit

**Darlene Denman**  
Brenham ISD

**Joyce Dickschat**  
Brenham National Bank

**Shelby Dollar**  
Bank of Brenham

**Melinda Fay**  
Cruise Planners

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Ash and Ash Consulting

**Mandy Henke**  
Kruse Village

**Tammy Jaster**  
City of Brenham-Blue Bell Aquatic Center

**Kristie Marth**  
Brenham Iron Works

**Rachel Nordt**  
Edward Jones

**Linda Pipes**  
Retired-School Teacher

**Carl Prihoda**  
Citizens State Bank

**Kathy Randermann**  
KTTX 106.1/KWHI 1280

**Debra Wenckens**  
Whatever Pops Up.

**Christy Schlottmann**  
Christy Schlottmann Farmers Agency

**Brandi Trujillo**  
Express Employment Professionals

**Stephanie Wehring**  
Boys & Girls Club of Washington County

**Matt Wellmann**  
Wellmann Insurance

**Kristie Wensel**  
Brenham State Supported Living Center

**Barbara Wilganowski**  
Spherion Staffing

# HOLIDAY HOT DEALS

## The Corner Shoppe's Half-Price Sale

Tackle that shopping list and save 50% off store-wide, plus 50¢ prices on adult clothing and 25¢ for children's clothing. Enjoy one hour of extended shopping on Saturday.



**Bridge Ministry of Burton**  
601 N. Main St., Burton  
979-337-3370  
[burtonbridgeministry.org](http://burtonbridgeministry.org)

## O2 Lift Facial

The Oxygenating O2 Lift peel delivers a visible boost to invigorate the skin and give it a gorgeous glow in time for Christmas! Normally \$150.00 now for \$99.00.



**THYME Day Spa and Salon**  
706 Seelhorst, Brenham  
979-421-6044  
[thymedayspa.com](http://thymedayspa.com)



314 S. Austin St. | Brenham, TX 77833  
979-836-3695 | [www.brenhamtexas.com](http://www.brenhamtexas.com)

## Holiday Special

*Bring a friend, make them grin, new hairstyle for the season trend*

November 2- December 22 we will be offering \$3 haircuts including shampoo, \$20 and up for cut and style. We will also be offering \$20 for a basic pedicure and spa, \$15 for shellac nails \$30 for spa and paraffin.

MONDAY FREE HAIR CUTS!!!



**EVVAYLOIS Academy School of Beauty**  
2244 S. Market, Brenham  
979-421-8262  
[evvayloisschoolofbeauty.com](http://evvayloisschoolofbeauty.com)

## 12 Days of Christmas Deals

A different product on sale every day online and at the coffee shop drive thru. Check Independence Coffee Facebook page each day for the new daily deal. Independence Coffee Shop Drive Thru Open 7 AM - 3 PM, Monday - Friday.



**Independence Coffee Co.**  
2805 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham  
979-836-3321

## Visit ATS Irrigation's Gift Shop

All of the items in the gift shop are artisan made products, including wooden garden markers made by a local artisan! Some of the other items are really cute felt birdhouses, flour sack kitchen towels and napkins, soy candles, manly hand soap, pocket wrenches and multi-tools, cute watering cans (rooster, cat, dachshund), Texas wooden spoons, and other have-to-have home décor. Some of the items would make great stocking stuffers! We are offering a 15% discount on all GIFT SHOP items now thru December 23rd.



**ATS Irrigation, Inc.**  
**2509 Hwy. 105, Brenham**  
**979-836-2197**  
[atsirrigation.com](http://atsirrigation.com)

## Fall Plant Sale is Ongoing

Now through December 31<sup>st</sup> take 20% off all in-stock plants, shrubs, & trees (including all fruit!) as well as 25% off all in-stock decorative pottery. Planting packages are available as well as delivery only, open 9am to 5pm, Monday through Saturday.

Email [info@discounttreesofbrenham.com](mailto:info@discounttreesofbrenham.com) for more information.



**Discount Trees of Brenham**  
**10050 Hwy. 36 N., Brenham**  
**979-836-7225**  
[discounttreesofbrenham.com](http://discounttreesofbrenham.com)

## FREE NIGHT

Get one FREE, when you stay three nights, get the fourth night FREE!

OFFER VALID THROUGH 3/1/2021



**Historic Holle House**  
**1002 S. Day St., Brenham**  
**832-754-2345**  
[omashillcountrycottage.com](http://omashillcountrycottage.com)

## Give the Gift of Dance

Sign up for dance classes for ages 3-18 and new students get a free leotard! Gift cards are also available and would make a great Christmas present!



**Center Stage Dance & Fitness**  
**2600 N. Park St., Brenham**  
**979-865-0441**  
[alwayscenterstage.com](http://alwayscenterstage.com)



# What's Happening in December

Thru December

## Christmas with Condon Exhibit

This collection contains Greeting Cards from 1966 – 1992 that features the artwork of Bill Condon. Brenham Bus Depot Gallery, Saturdays 10am-4pm; Monday – Friday by appointment (BrenhamHeritageMuseum.org).

Dec 11-12, 18-19, 26

## Live Music at The Kenney Store

Live music by varying artists every Friday & Saturday night. Come early for dinner. 811 S. Loop 497, Kenney (TheKenneyStore.com).

Dec 12

## Chappell Hill Garden Club Christmas Home Tour & Teddy Bear Parade

Tour the following sites: Pom Pom Mansion, Half Mile Road Ranch, Hall's Half Acres, The Sunset Belle, Providence Baptist Church; 10am – 3:30pm; entertainment by Round Top Ruggers Rug Show; Christmas Tree Contest and Annual Teddy Bear Parade on Main Street at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 pre-date and \$25 day-of, 713-562-6191, 979-337-1200 (ChappellHillGardenClub.com)

Dec 12

## 2nd Annual Brenham Trade Days Christmas Market

Washington County Fairgrounds, 11am – 4pm; free admission and parking; family and pet friendly. 1305 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham (TexasTradeDays.com).

Dec 12

## Christmas at Winedale-Folklife Event

A mid-19th century Folklife Reenactment includes folk life demonstrations including wagon rides, hay rides, mini horse carriages, spinners, weavers, wood carvers, quilters, blacksmith, encampment, outdoor cooking, butter churning, period music, square dancers, storytellers, crafts for children, and German Santa. Historic Houses will be decorated as they would have been in those times. Food available for donation, 12-4pm, Winedale Historical Complex, 3738 FM 2714, Round Top, 979-278-3530, winedale@austin.utexas.edu.

Dec 12

## Burton Christmas Market & More

Hand-crafted local items, baked goods and more outdoors at the Roy Winkler Family Pavilion, 12-4pm. Santa photos 1-3pm, music 3-4pm, Texas Cotton Gin Museum, 307 N. Main St., Burton (BurtonTexas.org/BurtonChristmasMarket).

Dec 13

## Sunday Sew Days

In December, sew a Snowflake Pillow. All materials are provided and included in the cost of the class. Students are encouraged to bring their own sewing machine; class sewing machines available upon request. Classes open to students ages 9 and up. Beginners welcome. 2:30-4:30pm. Call or text 979-551-0970 (SewFunSewing.weebly.com).

Dec 18

## CASA for Kids Playhouse Raffle: Casas for CASA

CASA for Kids of South Central Texas 1st annual Casas for CASA Playhouse Raffle on Dec 18th outside of

our CASA office. Enjoy hot cocoa, cookies and carolers from the Brenham High School Choir. Donations are appreciated. To ensure safety, COVID regulations will be observed. 6-8pm, 1500 S. Day St., Brenham (WeSpeak4Kids.org).

Dec 19

## Living History Saturday

Travel back in time to where a nation was born in 1836. On the third Saturday of each month, staff and volunteers dress in period clothing to bring to life the people and events of Old Washington for a unique opportunity for the entire family to discover various aspects of life during the Republic of Texas. 10am-3pm. Contact Adam Arnold at (936) 878-2214, ext. 228 or adam.arnold@tpwd.texas.gov (WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

## January Highlights

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## New Beginnings Resale First Saturday Sale

Jewelry, purses, and other accessories for women and men; toys and other baby and children's items; housewares, home décor, furniture, etc. 12-4pm, 1020 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham (facebook.com/NewBeginningsResale-Brenham).

Jan 8

## Ribbon Cutting - BENCOR, LLC

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting for a new location for BENCOR, LLC, 4629 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham, 10am.

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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 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 up-

coming 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.