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WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BREHAM, TEXAS

OSHA certified trainer to present at Lunch and Learn

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, the Washington County Chamber of Commerce will host a Lunch & Learn on Occupational Health, Safety and Human Resources: Responding to COVID-19. The event will be held in the Community Room at Citizens State Bank in Brenham.

Key points that will be discussed at this luncheon are:

- Review of the current response to COVID, including the vaccine and protective measures
- How the response has evolved on both the state and national level, with discussion on the impacts it has on employers and employees

• Business Continuity Planning and how this can help a business survive everything from a pandemic to a fire or weather incident

- A review of current CDC guidance
- Discussion of OSHA's involvement in the past and the direction it is headed under the new administration. This will include discussion of the Executive Orders issued by President Biden and the response from OSHA.

- Employer responsibilities, liabilities and compliance issues related to COVID-19
- How to create a safe work environment for guests and employees

- Policies and procedures to manage COVID Positive employees and exposures

OSHA certified outreach trainer, Chris Kehl, will be the guest presenter. Shay Morrow, Human Resource Manager at QuestSpecialty Corporation, will also be on hand for questions.

Kehl is an experienced professional in the areas of Health and Safety, specifically OSHA compliance issues. Chris is an OSHA certified outreach trainer and has conducted numerous OSHA trainings across Texas for business and industry. He has also instructed at the Brayton Fireman Training Center in College Station and was the Safety Instructor for Blinn College's Technical Education Programs. When not providing training, Chris has provided COVID consultation and management services for critical infrastructure facilities throughout Texas in partnership with an Industrial Emergency Services business.



Chris also has more than 25 years of experience in Fire and Emergency Services, serving in positions from firefighter to Chief Officer, with an emphasis on firefighter health and safety as well as incident management. He has responded to incidents on the local, state and national levels and was one of the founders of and first Team Leader for the

Brazos Valley Incident Management Team. Chris is one of approximately 3,000 individuals recognized internationally as a Fire Protection Specialist by the National Fire Protection Association.

Currently, Chris is the Director of Safety and Emergency Response for Brenham based Bran-non Industrial Group where he led the company's response to the hurricanes that impacted the Gulf Coast from Florida to Texas in 2020.

The luncheon will begin at 11 a.m. and will end with a Q&A session just before 1 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for Chamber Members and \$20 for non-Members. You may register online at <https://bit.ly/3joBo2s> or call or stop by the Chamber, 979-836-3695, 314 S. Austin St., Brenham.

The deadline is Friday, Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. Seating is limited.



Friday, March 26, 2021
at Brenham Country Club

Shotgun Start at Noon

Sponsorship opportunities and team sign-ups are available at
BrenhamTexas.com/ChamberClassicGolf

New Chamber Members

EASY ACCESS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

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eatechbt979@gmail.com
www.easyaccesstechnologies.org
Security Systems

HERMANN ELECTRIC LLC

Owner: Justin Hermann
451 Fritz Road
Brenham, Texas 77833
Phone: 979-836-4179
justin@hermannelectric.com
Contractors-Electrical

HOME TOWN PROPERTIES LP

Owners: David & Wanda Hermann
405 Fritz Road
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LEGACY

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Real Estate

NK DIGITAL MARKETING

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New Business

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Owners: Wayne and Cindy Milsap
and James and Jennifer Llewellyn
211 Lynn Road, Kenney



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Renewing Members

January 1-31

Washington County Abstract Company — 56 years
 Brenham L-P Gas Inc. — 39 years
 Brenham Maifest Association — 39 years
 Medi-Care Equipment Specialties, Inc. — 39 years
 Volunteer Services Council for Brenham St — 39 years
 Antique Rose Emporium — 37 years
 Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative — 37 years
 Brenham Banner Press — 37 years
 Brenham Memorial Chapel — 37 years
 Brenham Saddle Shop Inc. — 37 years
 Fischer Tile & Floor Covering — 37 years
 Kohring Monument Company — 37 years
 Brenham Veterinary Hospital — 36 years
 Brenham Wholesale Grocery Co. — 36 years
 Lacina & Kenjura PC — 36 years
 Lone Star Southern Grill — 36 years
 Thielemann Construction Co., LP & Stegent — 36 years
 WCTractor — 36 years
 Wellmann Insurance Agency, Inc. — 36 years
 Hi-Line Industries II, Inc. — 33 years
 Phillips Painting Company — 32 years
 Collier Construction LLC — 31 years
 Lete Phillips Exercise Program — 31 years
 Toubin, Leon — 31 years
 Tegeler Toyota — 30 years
 Enterprise Products — 29 years
 Farmers Mutual Aid Assoc. of Washington C — 26 years
 Unity Theatre — 26 years

Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union — 25 years
 Hermann Furniture Company — 25 years
 Goss Communications, Inc. — 24 years
 Hodde Real Estate Company — 24 years
 Argent Court of Brenham — 23 years
 Brenham Tire & Auto Center, Inc. — 21 years
 Diamond Chauffeured Transportation — 21 years
 Ehlert, Paul A. — 21 years
 Lampe Surveying, Inc. — 21 years
 Total Storage — 21 years
 Martha's Bloomers — 20 years
 Hospice Boutique — 19 years
 Kountry Boys Sausage — 19 years
 Brenham Catering Company — 18 years
 Subway Sandwiches & Salads — 17 years
 Brazos Valley Food Bank, Inc. — 16 years
 Hodde Real Estate Company-William "Boo" — 16 years
 Horseshoe Junction Family Fun Park — 16 years
 The Book Nook — 15 years
 Margaret E. Blizzard Senior Activity Cent — 14 years
 Sonic Drive Inn #2 — 14 years
 Preservation Storage, LLC — 13 years
 Downtown Art Gallery, LLC — 12 years
 Lutherhill Ministries — 12 years
 Cannery Kitchen & Gift Shop — 11 years
 Cowboy Church of Brenham — 11 years
 Prairie Wind Farm — 11 years
 Clover & Marak PLLC — 10 years

Stella Designs & Solutions — 10 years
 Texas Country Title — 10 years
 Antiques Country Store — 8 years
 Peek a Ranch Alpacas — 7 years
 Berkeley Eye Center - Brenham — 6 years
 Brenham Craftsman Charmer — 6 years
 Dominos Pizza — 6 years
 PPE — 6 years
 LJ'S BBQ — 5 years
 Morgan, Dorothy — 5 years
 The Errand Lady — 5 years
 Willmark Homes — 5 years
 Pro-Tech Solutions — 4 years
 SVN | Riverstone Commercial Real Estate — 4 years
 12 Armadillos — 3 years
 Brazos Transit District — 3 years
 Chappell Ridge Farm — 3 years
 Cy-Fair Tire — 3 years
 Garza EMC, LLC — 3 years
 Moosefeathers Florist — 3 years
 Prasek's Hillje Smokehouse Sealy — 3 years
 Robinson Landcare — 3 years
 Walsh & Mangan Premier Real Estate Group- — 3 years
 Skincare by Shari — 2 years
 Westwood Car Wash — 2 years
 Anytime Fitness Brenham — 1 year
 Legacy — 1 year
 Portable Buildings of Brenham — 1 year

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 li-

brary, 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.

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?



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.

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
- Associated Credit Union of Texas
- Bank of Brenham
- 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!

WHY KINDNESS?

This month, we are focusing on kindness: showing others they are valuable by how you treat them.

Kindness may seem like an innate virtue, but it is a practiced skill. Knowing that you can show kindness in a variety of situations and how to do that is important for kids. Kindness should not only be random, it should be also

constant. It should be on purpose. You are kind when you:

- listen with your heart
- offer sympathy
- share encouraging words
- meet a need
- standing up for someone
- treating others (even those you don't agree with) with respect

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**

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.

E-messages are sent a maximum of once per quarter per member during each calendar year.

YPO announces new board members for 2021

Washington County YPO welcomes new young professionals to the area, plugs young professionals into the local community, offers the platform to facilitate new friendships, and foster environments where business relationships can be cultivated and grown.

Washington County YPO holds monthly networking events, quarterly luncheons and donates time and resources to local non-profits. Must be 21 to attend networking events.



2021 Board

President: Katie Marburger, *Brenham National Bank*

Vice President: Leigh Linden, *Office of State Representative Ben Leman*

Happy Hour Event Planner: Rachel Lacina-Taylor, *Dynamic Drains Plumbing & Drain Experts*

Business Mobs & Philanthropical Event Planner: Kelsey Toy, *City of Brenham Blue Bell Aquatic Center*

Lunch & Learn Planner: Shae Janner, *Washington County Chamber of Commerce*

Marketing Team: Andrea Peters/Leigh Linden

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washcoypo@gmail.com



The reps from Del Sol Food Co. brought souvenirs for the class.



Susan Cates shares information on Economic Development in Washington County.



Blue Bell President Ricky Dickson stopped by the ice cream parlor and gladly answered questions from the class.

Economic Development and Tourism in Washington County

The February session of Leadership Washington County focused on Economic Development.

The day began at the Historic Simon Theatre in Downtown Brenham where the group heard from their very own classmate, Scott Eckert, President and CEO at Del Sol, who spoke about how the company began in a small garage and has now become a world-class brand. The company moved to Washington County in 1984 and moved to the Brenham Business Center in 2006.

The class was treated to their choice of various bottles of salad dressings.

Next up was Susan Cates, Director of Economic Development for the City of Brenham/Washington County. The ED department provides a number of different types of assistance to businesses and companies in the county. They assist with site-selection trips, evaluation of applications for incentives, provide economic and demographic data on key business factors and much more at no cost.

The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Economic Manager, Karen Dickson, was next to present to the class. LCRA helps businesses in all of Central Texas, one of the fastest growing regions in the United States.

To round out the morning, Jennifer Eckermann, City of Brenham's Director of Tourism & Marketing, shared information on how tourism is important for the county's economic development growth. VisitBrenham-Texas.com keeps locals and visitors abreast of events and happenings in

Washington County.

After lunch at the Cannery Kitchen, the class traveled to Blue Bell Creameries. Joe Robertson (LWC Class of 2015) Executive Director of Advertising and Marketing, and his team welcomed the class to the ice cream parlor. Blue Bell Creameries President/CEO Ricky Dickson popped in to answer a few questions. Blue Bell is the largest employer in Washington County.

The next session of LWC is on State Government.

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
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Boys & Girls Club of Washington County

Matt Wellmann
Wellmann Insurance

Kristie Wensel
Brenham State Supported Living Center

Barbara Wilganowski
Spherion Staffing

January Members of the Month

Board and Brush Brenham

115 W. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham
979-353-0004
www.BoardandBrush.com/Brenham

How long have you been in business?

— 1.5 years

What services do you offer?

— Instructor led DIY classes & pre-made projects with curbside pickup. We can make anything your heart desires! Our public & private parties are perfect for birthdays, bachelorettes, date night and girls' night out. All of our projects are made from solid wood products & you get to choose from over 400 options when you register. You also get to choose stain & paint colors during your workshop, the possibilities are endless! We have wood signs, boxes, planters, trays, cornhole, back yard games, porch signs and more! We also offer custom designs.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— Woman owned & celebrated our 1 year anniversary while temporarily closed due to COVID-19. We are BYOB & a ton of fun! We have had to adapt during these trying times and have launched an online "shop local" portal for folks that want to purchase pre-made items online. You pick out what you want & we make it for you, easy peasy! We have also launched our @HomeKits for our mini projects. @HomeKits are perfect for seasonal décor and art projects for kids and adults! @HomeKits are

also available to purchase through our "shop local" online ordering portal.

What do you love about Washington County?

— There are so many things we love about Washington County, this community is wonderful. Times like these really shows you how strong we are. Everyone has pulled together and supported each other and it warms our hearts daily. We want to tell everyone thank you for the support you have shown us and thank you for shopping at local small businesses. Without your support we would not be here.

American Overhead Door Co., Inc.

7405 Hwy. 36 N., Brenham
979-836-4442
AmericanOverhead.com

How long have you been in business?

— In the same location since 1975.

What services do you offer?

— "Friendly & Prompt" garage door & garage door operator, both residential and commercial sales, service and install.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— We have a full team of professionals to help with all garage door needs. We do our best to always make the customer happy.

What do you love about Washington County?

— The beauty of the area, as well as the customers who make it great.

Personnel Services

2554 Ryan St., Brenham
979-251-7554
PSStaffing.com

How long have you been in business?

— Since 1992

What services do you offer?

— We are an employer/employee service company and, as our company has grown, we have developed a full spectrum of HR related services including temporary/alternate staffing, direct hire, HR consulting and more.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— Personnel Services is company defined by our clients; we do not have a cookie cutter process. PS builds long term partnerships so that we understand our client's challenges and needs and help them meet those challenges. We work to become an extension of our clients HR department.

What do you love about Washington County?

— Its beauty and heritage! Donna, Personnel Services, Client Account Executive says, "Since I grew up in Washington County and am a direct descendant of one of Stephen F. Austin's Old Three Hundred colonists, I would have to say the rich Texas history that Washington County has to offer and not mention that it is the Birthplace of Texas. I love that Washington County is a warm inviting community and a beautiful

town that we take pride in. Washington County has many diverse employers which help to keep our wonderful town thriving as can be seen from our Main Street downtown area to our busy industrial park."

Timeless Herbs & Oils

7405 Hwy 36 N., Brenham
979-830-0833
timelessherbsandoils.com

How long have you been in business?

— 2 years and we are located inside of American Overhead Door Co.; the same location that Yankee Peddler Antiques & Herb Farm that my Grandparents and Parents ran back in the mid 70's.

What services do you offer?

— We offer solutions to help with everyday living. We have vitamins & herbal supplements, tonics & tinctures, CDB & Essential Oils and many other items.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— We love to see the daily quality of life improved by using our supplements. Not only do we sell items to help we also use these items and have many testimonials about our supplements.

What do you love about Washington County?

— The quiet town, the beauty of the area and all the opportunities available in the area.

Member Job Openings

Schleider Furniture & Mattress Company

Warehouse and Delivery Associate

— Full or Part-time

Must be able to lift large boxes and safely move large and bulky items. Valid Texas driver's license and criminal background check required.

Apply in person only at Schleider Furniture Company, 307 South Austin Street, Brenham, Texas 77833. COVID-19 precautions are in place to protect you, our associates, and our customers. Please wear a mask when entering the store.

Capital Farm Credit

Loan Administrator II

• One or more years of experience in loan administration, office operations, or customer service with exposure to financial services, mortgage, or title insurance industry preferred; or experience deemed equivalent at the discretion of Capital Farm Credit.

• Experience in administrative support functions.

• Good standing in current and/or previous employment (required).

• Strong work ethic that supports a willingness to handle multiple tasks with efficiency and accuracy.

Go to website to see full job description and apply. <https://capitalfarmcredit.balancetrak.com/202101002>

Brenham Presbyterian Church

Part-time Church Administrator

Brenham Presbyterian Church is seeking a Part-Time Administrator. 25 hours weekly (schedule is flexible). Excellent verbal and communication skills are needed. Must demonstrate a high degree of confidentiality

Computer Skills: Word, Power Point, and Publisher

Please, send resume to: Attention: Personnel Committee, P.O. Box 832, Brenham, TX. 77834

Burton Independent School District

Custodian Worker

• Follow routine cleaning and maintenance procedures to maintain a high standard of safety, cleanliness, and efficiency of building operations and grounds.

• Ability to read and understand instructions for cleaning, maintenance, and safety procedures

• Ability to operate cleaning equipment and lift heavy equipment up to 60 pounds

• Ability to properly handle cleaning supplies

• Keep school buildings and grounds, including sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, and play areas, neat and clean.

Applications may be found online at www.burtonisd.net and may be submitted via email or fax to Tracie Kramer at tkramer@burtonisd.net fax 979-289-3076

John Brieden State Farm Insurance

Sales/Marketing

Local Insurance Agent is looking for a Sales/Marketing Agent to join their winning team. Sales experience is a requirement. If you are a motivated self starter who thrives in a fast-paced environment, then this is your opportunity for a rewarding career with excellent income and growth potential. 2006 S. Day St., Brenham. 979-836-4379

What's Happening in February

Thru February

National Pet Dental Month

Brenham Veterinary Hospital is offering 15% off all dog and cat dental cleanings throughout the month of February. Call for a free consultation, 979-836-2472 (BrenhamVetHospital.com)

Feb weekends

Live Music at Home Sweet Farm Biergarten

Live Music at Home Sweet Farm Biergarten, 307 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham. Check their Facebook page for more information (facebook.com/homesweetfarmmarket).

Feb 12

Ribbon Cutting - Brown Water Cigar Bar, LLC

Join in celebrating this new member at 200 W. Alamo St., Brenham, 4 p.m.

Feb 13, 14

Hearth Cooking Demonstration at Berrington Plantation

Sign up to join a hearth cooking school on either Saturday or Sunday, for a class on how to cook a period seasonal meal. No experience needed, but class fills up quickly! Class will run from 9am-2pm, \$45 per person. Contact Laura Fisher at 936-878-2214 x248 (WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

Feb 13

Trade Days at Washington County Expo

Shop local at Brenham Trade Days Valentine's Market at the Washington County Expo, 11am-4pm

Feb 13-27

Open Day Garden Tour

The garden features more than 3,000 plants that are well-suited to the climate of central Texas and the Texas gulf coast, including agaves, magnolias, oaks, and many other species collected on expeditions in Mexico, Asia, and the United States. Docent-led tours of the Garden are typically around an hour. We currently do not allow

guests to independently tour the garden. John Fairey Garden Conservation Foundation, 20559 FM 359 Rd., Hempstead (JFGardent.org).

Feb 16

Winedale Historical Complex Online Talk: German Texan Research

Kevin Klaus, lead researcher at the Texas General Land Office, will give an overview of the history of the Adelsverein which provides background for German-Texan research from the 1840s. He will discuss the techniques for tracing German-Texan ancestors using GLO land grant files, as well as methods for researching German records overseas. A case study of the early German immigrant Adolf Fuchs will illustrate the methods used for discovering Fuch's ancestors in Germany. The talk will also cover new material found last year after visiting archives in Wiesbaden, Mönchengladbach, and Dusseldorf Germany. 12-1pm, online. Tricia.Blakistone@austin.utexas.edu.

Feb 17

Wine Down Wednesday at Home Sweet Farm Biergarten

Come Wine Down at Home Sweet Farm Biergarten with half off bottles and \$2 off featured wines. 3-10pm, 307 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham.

Feb 20

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. The program features family activities including writing with a quill pen, signing a copy of the Texas Declaration of Independence, visiting with militia soldiers or playing early Texas games. Tours of Independence Hall will not be offered these days. Contact Adam Arnold at (936) 878-2214, ext. 228 or adam.arnold@tpwd.texas.gov (WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

Feb 22

Barn Cat / Stray Cat Discount Spay & Neuter Day

Brenham Veterinary Hospital, last Monday of each month by appointment, 979-836-2472 (BrenhamVetHospital.com).

Feb 24

Lunch and Learn - Occupational Health, Safety and Human Resources: Responding to COVID-19

Review the current response to COVID, including the vaccine and protective measures, discussion on Business Continuity Planning, review of current CDC guidelines, OSHA's involvement, employer responsibilities and more. \$15 for Chamber members, \$20 for non-members. Call the Chamber to register or for more information, 979-836-3695 or email shae@brenhamtexas.com

March Highlights

March 2

Ribbon Cutting - Bake Shop at All Things Acres

Join us to celebrate this new member at 2758 FM 389, Brenham at 11am.

March 4

New Beginnings 2021 Celebration of Life Banquet

13th annual fundraiser banquet, Deep in the Heart Farms, 8351 Highway 105, Brenham, 6:30-8:30pm, seating is limited. Email info@newbeginningsbrenham.org. RSVP by February 26, \$15, 979-836-0397.

March 5

First Fridays Farmer & Artisan Market

First Friday of each month. 3-7pm, featuring fresh foods, homemade products and more all right on the Courthouse square in the heart of Downtown Brenham.

March 26

Inaugural Chamber Classic Golf Tournament

To be held at the Brenham Country Club. Shotgun start at noon. Find out more at BrenhamTexas.com/ChamberClassicGolf.

WHY GO TO Connect After 5?

The Chamber's "Connect After 5" networking events have always been outstanding events each month. Chances are if you want to see someone from the local business community, you will find them at "Connect After 5."

Many know the social benefits of attending. Many more are discovering the business benefits of attending. If you are not yet taking advantage of these networking opportunities, you should. Here are some tips for making the most of the opportunity:

- Wear a name tag. If you don't have one from your place of business, the Chamber will have some blanks at the event for you to fill in and wear. Name tags help people to remember your name and the business you represent.

- Bring your business cards. Give one to everyone you meet. This gives people your direct contact informa-

tion, so they can do business with you after the event.

- Talk to people. Don't be shy. Initiate conversations with people you don't recognize. Let that be your conversation starter, "Hello, I don't believe we've met." Most people who attend are Chamber members, so you already have something in common. And most will be very willing to tell you about their business, so start by asking them what they do.

- Get to know the host. Meet the business owner(s). Be sure to find the host and say hello. Take the tour of the property, if offered. Thank them for hosting the event.

- Have fun. There is always great food and drinks. Everyone has a good time at the Chamber's after hours events. Make it a point to attend. It may be your most important business meeting of the month.





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. 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 (979) 836-3695.



*Roses Are Red,
Violets Are Blue,
The Chamber Loves Local,
We Know You Do, Too!*

