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Carolyn Matejowsky addresses the crowd in the Ant Street Inn Ballroom

Matejowsky delivers upbeat message

On Monday, April 19, the Washington County Chamber held their 7th Annual Administrative Professionals Appreciation Luncheon at the Ant Street Inn Ballroom in Brenham.

Attendees from many businesses across Washington County were treated to a delicious meal catered by Lone Star

Southern Grill. Members of the Brenham High School PALs program were the servers.

Carolyn Matejowsky was the keynote speaker for the luncheon. She applauded the attendees for successfully balancing their work and personal lives and for showing up even when the going gets tough. She

assured them that their hard work does not go unnoticed and they are all very appreciated.

Thank you to the following sponsors for the success of this event and for providing door prizes: **KTEX/KWHI, Personnel Services, Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union and Independence Coffee Co.**

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@brenhamtexas.com or 979-836-3695.



Washington County's Favorite Networking Event

Sponsored by
Bake Shop at All Things Acres
2758 FM 389, Brenham

Thursday, May 13
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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!

Ribbon Cuttings



Celebration and Expansion

City of Brenham Splash Pad at Henderson Park

902 North Park Street, Brenham



New Member

Curate Art & Décor

Owner: Holly Mathis and Kim Bergez
712 North Park Street, Brenham



New Member

Cheezspred Bed and Breakfast

Owner: Sharon and Elmer Sherrouse
9955 FM 389, Brenham



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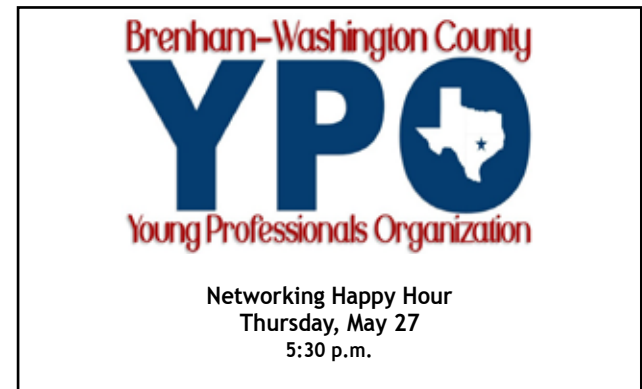
Phone: 855-698-5465
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Announcement of the 2021 Read Book

Lifetime Learning

Book: "The Book of Lost Friends"



Networking Happy Hour
Thursday, May 27
5:30 p.m.

Hosted at Christy Schlottmann Farmers Insurance Agency
201 N. Park St., Downtown Brenham

Expand your business network and make new friends!

For more information about the Washington County YPO,
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Member Job Openings

Associated Credit Union of Texas (2)

30-Hr Part-time Member Access Center Representative
Responsibilities will include maintenance of existing accounts; cross-selling and processing all services and products available through ACUTX; account transfers, histories and inquiries.

20-Hr Part-time Member Service Representative

Responsible for providing account information, teller-ing, and professionally handling members daily credit union needs. Additionally, the MSR is responsible for identifying members financial needs and offering or referring appropriate products and services.

Bountiful Blessings Day Program

Support Staff
To apply visit bountifulblessingsdayprogram.com.

Blue Bell Aquatic Center

Lifeguards Wanted
Apply online at cityofbrenham.org/employment.

Brenham Country Club

Immediate Openings for Bartenders, Pool House Attendants, Pro Shop Desk Clerks
Applications may be printed from website: brenhamcc.com or picked up in person at 4107 Hwy. 105, Brenham.

Brenham State Supported Living Center

Food Services Worker I
Cook II
Direct Support Professional I
Apply online at <https://hrportal.hhsc.state.tx.us>

Camp For All

Kitchen Staff – Part Time
Weekend availability required.
Visit campforall.org and click on “Join the Team” for more information.

Mike Hopkins Distributing

Administrative Assistant
This Administrative Assistant position, reporting directly to our Office manager, will encompass many roles including but not limited to: front receptionist, corporate community rep, corporate social responsibility rep. Job applications can be found online at mhdud.com/contactus.html

Personnel Services

Various positions available
psstaffing.com



Demystifying Digital Marketing

As a small business owner, you are always on the lookout for ways to grow your business. You've probably heard about this Digital Marketing thing but what exactly is it? Where do you start? And how do you find time to manage it?

Tuesday, June 8

Noon—1 p.m.

Washington County Chamber of Commerce

\$15 for Chamber Members

\$20 for non-members
(includes a light lunch)

Register Online
or call the Chamber at 979-836-3695
or email info@brenhamtexas.com

New Chamber Members

CHEEZSPRED BED AND BREAKFAST

Owner: Sharon Sherrouse
9955 FM 389
Brenham, Texas 77833
Phone: 713-822-1854
www.cheezspred.com
Bed and Breakfast

COLDWELL BANKER PROPERTIES UNLIMITED-LINDSAY SIKORA, REALTOR

Contact: Lindsay Sikora
601 Medical Court
(Physical Address)
Brenham, Texas 77833
Phone: 713-542-5493
www.lsikora.buybrenham.com/
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712 N. Park Street
(Physical Address)
Brenham, Texas 77833
Phone: 979-551-9017
www.curateartanddecor.com
Retail-Art & Home Décor

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Contact: Lisa Smith
P O Box 2453
Brenham, Texas 77834
Phone: 512-913-0053
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WOODMEN LIFE-CARY DOLLAR

Contact: Cary Dollar
1405 Allyne Lane
Brenham, Texas 77833
Phone: 979-551-0692
Insurance

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 COMMITMENT?

Well, this one should be obvious! Kids who can persevere and commit to a task are much more likely to graduate from school, hold quality jobs, and stay out of trouble. Spending some time working on setting goals, making plans, and seeing those through are skills that kids can start now and build on for years to come.

Also, this would be a great time to acknowledge all of the commitment shown this year, particularly in schools

by teachers and students alike. Look for ways to honor the commitment that people around you have made in the last year, and how we have overcome a lot to make those commitments happen.

WAYS TO LOOK FOR THIS VALUE/SKILL:

- Employees who stick with tasks even when they are difficult
- People who make plans then follow them through
- Team members who do what they say they will do

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, typical-

ly 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.

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

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Inside the Cotton Gin Museum



Inside the Cotton Gin



Angie (Kieke) Fritsch and Ricky Kieke welcome the class to the egg farm.



Seeing how eggs get from hen house to carton.

Leadership Explores Local Agriculture

Washington County and it was all about agriculture and agri-business.

The day started with a tour of Kieke Egg Farm located near Burton among the beautiful rolling hills of Washington County. Owners Ricky Kieke, Angie Fritsch and Abby Majewski took the group on a tour of the facilities and answered many questions about their impressive family-owned egg farm.

Next they traveled to Peek a Ranch Alpaca farm in Burton where owner La Nell McMahon greeted the class and explained the operation. She answered many questions and then allowed the class to pet and feed alpacas. They then toured the gift shop which showcases many of the items made from alpaca fleece.

The group then traveled to the Texas Cotton Gin & Museum, also in Burton. The class had the opportunity to peruse museum artifacts and watch a movie about the 1914 gin and the ginning process

with Museum Director Steph Jarvis. Then museum assistant Tynan Shadle gave the class an up-close tour of the gin. Once a year, the 1925 Bessemer Type IV engine gets fired up to gin and bale cotton during the annual Cotton Gin Festival held in April.

After lunch in The May session of Leadership Washington County was held on a perfect Spring day in Burton, they got on the bus back to Brenham to visit Pleasant Hill Winery. Shae Janner (LWC Class of 2015) met the class for the leadership book review, and then a tour of the vineyard. She explained that they grow seven different grapes there, but also support Texas grape growers by purchasing grapes from other vineyards across the state. She is also a staff member of Pleasant Hill and has her TABC seller/server license, so she was able to offer tastings to those in the class who wished to participate.

When surveyed about the highlight of the ses-

sion, one participant responded, "I really enjoyed everything honestly. Seeing so many different aspects of the ag industry in our county and learning about the historical significance of the cotton gin in Burton was an overall great experience."

The class will have one more session in June before they have their graduation ceremony on June 10.

Big thanks go to all of the individuals and businesses who have spoken to, inspired, and motivated the Leadership class members over the past several months. The program is a great success because of all the community support that is received.

Plans are underway for the next LWC class to form this summer, and all alumni in the community are invited to get involved and help plan and coordinate sessions.

Please contact Jane Hinze if you are interested in being a session facilitator for the 2021-22 program.



Feeding the alpacas at Peek a Ranch



Seth Klehm found a new friend.



Shae Janner leads the leadership book review at Pleasant Hill Winery.



A tour to the vineyard on a beautiful day.

April Members of the Month

BBA Architects, L.P.

1702 S. Market St., Brenham
979-836-0523
bba-architects.com

How long have you been in business?

— BBA has been in its current location on Market Street since the mid-1970s and in continuous business since the 1930s.

What services do you offer?

— We are listed under the heading “Architects” on the chamber of commerce’s website. While that job title is commonly defined as a “licensed professional trained in planning and designing buildings,” we often simply say we “design places where you live, work, and worship.” We enjoy designing projects that have lasting meaning.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— Before the first line is drawn, we closely listen to our client to understand not only how he/she plans to use the space but to also determine what they value the most. In a commercial building, is it important to have private spaces for confidentiality purposes or wide open spaces to promote a family community? In a home, do the homeowners entertain large groups often or will the residence be the couples’ retirement home with attention given to amenities for senior living? We gauge our success on a project in having our client-architect relationship evolve into a friendship.

What do you love about Washington County?

— We enjoy the small-town feeling of community. If we didn’t live in Washington County, we’d miss the chance to know our neighbor and celebrate their accomplishments or provide comfort in their losses. The love and support shown by our community in times of hardship, whether to organize a fundraiser for an ill family member or to provide food for our children when the schools were closed due to the pandemic, is heartwarming and inspiring. Washington County is home.

Bountiful Blessings Day Program LLC

1004 Blue Bell Rd., Brenham
979-203-0781
bountifulblessingsdayprogram.com

How long have you been in business?

— We have been in business since September 2018.

What services do you offer?

— We offer life skill training, volunteer opportunities, and supported employment for adults with learning disabilities.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— Our mission is to help every client reach their fullest potential and become valued members of the community they live in through community involvement, socialization, and work skills. Currently we have 10 clients attending our campus daily from 9am to 2pm. Monday through Friday. We will reach full capacity at 20 clients. We have a staff to client ratio of 1 to 5 which allows us to be able to attend to everyone’s specific needs and desires as they learn new skills. This small number of clients also allows us to keep everyone engaged in the community. We offer one on one supported employment for clients who want to work, and that support staff is with that client as long he/she needs that support. This could be a few months or years depending on the client. Our partner businesses let us know the job or volunteer task they need us to accomplish and we pair clients and support staff to get that done. We provide all support for our clients.

What do you love about Washington County?

— We are blessed to have so many small businesses and nonprofits in and around the Brenham area that we can partner with to open doors for our clients to gain work and volunteer skills. We are always looking for new partners to join us and experience the blessings of getting to know and work with our clients and staff.

Winedale Historical Complex

3738 FM 2714, Round Top
979-278-3530
cah.utexas.edu/museums/winedale.php

How long have you been in business?

— Winedale was established by Miss Ima Hogg, daughter of Governor James Hogg, in 1965.

What services do you offer?

— We offer tours of the house for ten or more people, and programs such as Lunch and Learns, 2nd Saturdays free house tours, exhibits and special events like Christmas at Winedale and Music on the Front Porch. Lake Winedale is also open for free for fishing, kayaking, paddle boarding and canoeing.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— Winedale consists of 225 acres, 5 historic houses, one school that dates to 1868, 2 barns (one of which houses the Shakespeare at Winedale program), a historic kitchen and smokehouse, and a nature trail. The site tells the story of the German settlers to Texas in the mid to late 19th century. People are always welcome to pick up our walking tour guide and explore the property.

CRC – Champion Ranchers Construction

52130 Hwy. 290 E., Hempstead
979-921-9002
champranchconstruct.com

How long have you been in business?

— 6 years

What services do you offer?

— We are a full construction service company that builds custom equine barns, covered/indoor arenas, airplane hangars, and sell and install high game and all ranch fencing.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— We sell and install a full line of trailers, truck beds, and truck accessories along with a full line of farm, ranch, and rodeo equipment. Gates, panels, stalls, horse walkers, fly spray systems, concrete troughs, and the Rawhide Portable Corral System.

What do you love about Washington County?

— The land and the people. Some of the most beautiful land you can find in the country, plus the small-town vibe the local people maintain.

Brenham Dermatology

1910 Niebuhr St., Brenham
979-353-4267
brenhamdermatology.com

How long have you been in business?

— Brenham Dermatology has been in practice over 10 years now. Back in 2015 Brenham Dermatology was sold to a larger practice out of Houston and we are now affiliated with DermSurgery Associates.

What services do you offer?

— We offer any type of medical dermatology needs: Skin Checks, Acne, Rash, Skin Cancer removal, etc. We also offer Botox, skin tag removal or cosmetic spot removal and we have a Mohs Surgeon that comes from Houston so our patients no longer have to travel for their skin cancer removal, everything is done in the office now.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— Dr. Woodruff is a Board Certified Dermatologist that has been practicing Dermatology for 20 years. We also have a board-certified dermatologist who specializes in Mohs Micrographic Surgery for treatment of skin cancers.

What do you love about Washington County?

— The community and the people we encounter daily are just wonderful. We would not have such a successful practice without the community of Washington county and the surrounding areas!

Renewing Members

April 1-30

Botts Title Company — 49 years
Silver Wings Ballroom — 44 years
Newman Printing Company, Inc. — 40 years
R & S Leasing — 39 years
Brookshire Bros. Grocery — 37 years
LaRoche Chev-Cadillac-GMC-Buick — 36 years
Brenham Monument Company — 34 years
Must Be Heaven — 34 years
Coldwell Banker Properties Unlimited — 33 years
Ant Street Inn — 29 years
Twiggs, Keith — 29 years
Citadel Christian School — 26 years
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Formu — 25 years

Hodde & Hodde Land Surveying, Inc. — 23 years
First Baptist Church — 22 years
Faith Mission/Higgins Branch — 19 years
LeRoy Schroeder Contractor, Inc. — 18 years
Neal Financial Group — 15 years
PapeScapes — 15 years
Solutions In Sound — 13 years
Ballard & Fleetwood — 12 years
Giddings Stone Mansion — 12 years
Philips Veterinary Hospital — 11 years
Republican Club of Washington County — 11 years
Performance Health and Wellness, PLLC — 10 years
Quality Glass — 10 years

Smitty’s Cafe and Bakery Inc. — 10 years
Blahuta Advertising — 7 years
Luedtke, Terry & Robin — 7 years
American Overhead Door Co., Inc./Gatekeep — 6 years
Red Fern Woodwork & Renovations — 6 years
Jet Set Chocolates — 5 years
Motel 6 — 4 years
Tegg Art Studio — 4 years
Kat-Bird Cyclery — 2 years
Keller Williams Brenham — 2 years
Timeless Herbs & Oils — 2 years
Washington County Republican Women — 1 year

What's Happening in May

Wednesdays in May

Hop Day Wednesday

Open 3pm to 9pm with Dapper Bear Food Truck from 4pm to 9pm serving their famous crabcakes and other seafood goodies. Family and pet friendly with plenty of outside seating and playground. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham (brazosvalleybrewery.com).

Thursdays in May

Thirsty Thursdays Tacos & Trivia

The taproom is open from 3-9pm on Thursdays with trivia from 6pm to close. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham (brazosvalleybrewery.com).

Fridays in May

Friday Vibes

Live music, beer, and bites at Brazos Valley Brewery. Taproom is open from noon to 10pm every Friday. Family and dog friendly. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham (brazosvalleybrewery.com).

Saturdays in May

Sound on Stage Saturdays

Brazos Valley Brewery and Taproom is open Saturday from 12pm-10pm with live music every Saturday from 6pm-9pm and all day on a beer release day. Playground for the kiddos and lots of outside seating for the doggos. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham (brazosvalleybrewery.com).

Weekends through October

Antique Carousel Rides at Fireman's Park

Ride a piece of history. Brenham's Antique Carousel at Fireman's Park is open weekends through October, Saturdays 11am-4pm, Sundays 1-4pm. Rides are only \$1 per rider.

May 13

Connect After 5 - Bake Shop at All Things Acres

Connect After 5 with your fellow Chamber Members. This event invites you to come enjoy some great networking, delicious food and refreshments. Bring plenty of business cards to share with other members. Free for Chamber members and employees. 5-7pm, Bake Shop at All Things Acres, 2758 FM 389, Brenham.

May 14 - May 15

Miss Nelson is Missing

The Brenham Children's Chorus Broadway Kids present "Miss Nelson is Missing" online through Broadway on Demand. The production can be viewed on a desktop, laptop, iPhone, iPad, Apple TV and Roku, \$10 per viewing (group or individual) (www.brenhamchildrenschorus.com).

May 14

Ribbon Cutting - Jarvis Tire and Wheel, LLC

Join us for a Ribbon cutting for a New Member, Jarvis Tire and Wheel, 605 S. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, 10:30am.

May 15

Grand Opening, Car show

Jarvis Tire Pros grand opening, car show, tire raffle, and a huge tire sale. Fun for the whole family. 9am-noon, 605 S. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham (jarvistireandwheel.com).

May 15

Farmers Market at Washington on the Brazos

Local vendors, live music and food vendor on-site. Markets are every 3rd Saturday March-November (excluding August), 10am-2pm, 23400 Park Rd. 12, Washington. Contact Celeste Solomon Doty 936-878-2214 ext. 230 (wheretexasbecametexas.org).

May 15

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).

May 15, 22, 29

Maifest Remembered 2021

The Brenham Heritage Museum's Bus Depot Gallery on Clinton at Alamo Street is hosting a joyful look back at some milestone years of the city's great festival. Come celebrate a century of colorful memories of floats, costumes, and royalty. The Bus Depot Gallery is open on Saturdays from 10 to 4 or other times by appointment. Just contact the Brenham Heritage Museum for more details. (brenhamheritagemuseum.org).

Sundays in May

Sunday Funday at Brazos Valley Brewery

Open 12pm-7pm serving Big "A" Pretzels and Nachos and rotating Food Trucks. Playground for the kiddos and lots of outside seating for the doggos. Live Music for amazing Texas Artists from 3-6pm. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham (brazosvalleybrewery.com).

May 18

Ribbon Cutting - Glasco Stone & Landscape Supply

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting for Glasco Stone & Landscape Supply, 4584 Hwy. 36 S., Brenham, 11:30am.

May 18

Winedale Online Talk

"From Rodeos to Reckless and Everything In Between: Exploring the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame" presented by Bethany Dodson, Research and Education Manager at the Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame. She will discuss some notable Texas cowgirls as well as the history of the hall of fame and museum. E-mail tricia.blakistone@austin.utexas.edu for a zoom link to this talk. Begins at noon.

May 20

Ribbon Cutting - The Prairie Recovery Center

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting for The Prairie Recovery Center, 5808 Wagner Rd., Round Top, 4pm.

May 20

Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Featuring Gary Brock-bass, Craig Schmidt-steel, Doug Boggs-drums, Harris Kubos, Sr.-fiddle, Wayne Turner-lead guitar, John Dujka, keyboard, and The Bluebonnet Opry House Band. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Show Starts at 7:30 p.m. Grill is open for great tasting food. Silver Wings Ballroom, 4100 Hwy. 105, Brenham. Tickets \$7 at the door (friendsofbluebonnetopry.com).

May 21

Robert Zientek & Friends -

Friday Night Music at Nathan's BBQ

Acoustic guitar jam, bring your instrument and join in the fun with these local musicians, while enjoying some great Nathan's BBQ - Old School the Texas Way. 6-9pm, 1307 Prairie Lea St.

May 23

The Brenham Children's Chorus

Spring Concert "High Hopes"

Enjoy an afternoon of music, food, and fun and hear the talented young singers of the Brenham Children's Chorus. Hohlt Park Amphitheatre, 2pm. Snack boxes from Royer's Bake Shop are being pre-sold and available on the Chorus website at www.brenhamchildrenschorus.com. There is no admission fee for this concert and donations are welcome.

May 26

Ribbon Cutting - Cedar Frame Real Estate

Join us for a Ribbon cutting for Cedar Frame Real Estate, 117 W. Commerce St., Downtown Brenham, 3:30pm.

May 27

YPO Networking Happy Hour

Attend to meet other Young Professionals in Washington County, 5:30pm, Christy Schlottmann Farmers Insurance Agency, 201 N. Park, Downtown Brenham.

May 29

Back Porch Event at Texas Casual Cottages

Crawfish Boil at the Round Top Model Park. Live Music-Cold Drinks-Games. 11am-3pm, RSVP 979-337-8293 or Delilah.Miceli@PartnersInBuilding.com

June Highlights

June 4

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.

June 5

Burton Farmers & Artisans Market

All local Home Grown and Hand Crafted items. Sponsored by Burton Chamber of Commerce. Texas Cotton Gin Museum Roy Winkler Family Pavilion, 307 N. Main St., Burton, 9am-1pm. Booth space \$10 (burtontexas.org/farmersmarket).

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State Representative Ben Leman



State Senator Lois Kolkhorst

Leadership at State, Local Level



County Commissioner Kirk Hanath

On April 7, the Leadership class gathered in the Bullock Ballroom at the Historic Simon Theatre to hear from our local city, county and state leadership representatives.

City Councilman Clint Kolby (LWC class of 2011) began the day going over the council duties and obligations and what led him to run for that position.

Kirk Hanath spoke next about his duties as Washington County Commissioner of Precinct 3. He gave an overview of all County departments and the role of County government throughout the state. He also talked about how he began his service in local politics. When the class was surveyed about the highlight of the day, one responded "I considered commissioner Hanath's speech very informational and impactful. I really appreciated the different stance on leadership that he took."

The class then went over their leadership book review and had a class project discussion.

The afternoon session was held virtually. First, State Representative Ben Leman told the class about his journey from a business owner to a local official, and now at the state level.

Lobbyist Joel Romo of Texana Public Affairs gave insight to his profession and the role it plays in assistance to legislators in Austin and around the state.

State Sen. Lois W. Kolkhorst greeted the class and gave an update on committee assignments and the top priorities in the latest Legislative Session.

All took the time to answer questions from the class.

Leadership Washington County is a program of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce designed to train and motivate current and future leaders for our community. The next class will form in July and applications are being accepted now!

For more details and/or an application, please call the Chamber at (979) 836-3695 or find the information online at www.BrenhamTexas.com.



City Councilman Clint Kolby



Lobbyist Joel Romo

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