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## TAILGATE RETURNS!

*Community Pep Rally Fundraiser to be held Aug. 26*

The countdown is on! TAILGATE 2021 will be held on Thursday, August 26. The Chamber will once again host this exciting community event at Silver Wings Ballroom to kick off the new school year.

Every team imaginable will be represented, and the spirit will be contagious.

Get ready to enjoy all the food you can eat, beer, wine, soft drinks, a fabulous auction, mingling, net-

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### *Join the fun, excitement of TAILGATE*

Members have been sent complete details about how to get involved, and it's also posted on [www.BrenhamTexas.com](http://www.BrenhamTexas.com). To receive the info directly into your in-box, send a message to [info@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:info@brenhamtexas.com).

Reserved seating tables are being sold now on a first-come, first-sold basis. Table sponsors enjoy many extra benefits and perks! Don't miss the chance. Get

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**HENSLEY**



**CHAPLIN**



**KENNEDY**

## Leaders in Education forum to be held Aug. 4

Wednesday, Aug. 4, join us for a luncheon forum featuring Blinn College District Chancellor Mary Hensley, Brenham ISD Superintendent Tylor Chaplin and Burton ISD Superintendent Edna Kennedy.

This forum will be held from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the banquet room of the Blinn College Student Center.

Hensley was named the 15th president in Blinn College history in May 2015, and Chancellor of the Blinn College District in 2017.

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**Washington County's Favorite Networking Event**

**Sponsored by**  
**Appel Ford**  
**1820 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham**  
**Thursday, July 15**  
**5-7 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!*

Beverages sponsored by Mike Hopkins Distributing.





## Join

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publicity and be noticed with a prime spot at the event.

Every member is also invited to contribute an item for the auction. By having an item in the auction, you can help the event be a success and promote your business/organization at the same time. The auction is always a major highlight of the event.

A round of applause goes to all of the generous sponsors who have already committed to making this event a success. Confirmed so far (as of July 6) are these sponsors:

### Super Bowl Level

Blinn College District  
Blue Bell Creameries  
Brenham National Bank  
City of Brenham

### Touchdown Level

Dr. John Turner  
Jet Set Chocolates



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## Ribbon Cutting



*New Member*

### Bluebonnet Abstract and Title

Owner: Shane Nelson  
301 E. Main St, Brenham

## Forum

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Chaplin joined Brenham ISD as superintendent in September of 2020. Before coming to Brenham ISD, Chaplin served as the superintendent of Burkburnett ISD.

Kennedy took her position as Superintendent in Burton ISD in February 2015.

All three are graduates of the Chamber's Leadership Washington County program.

Tickets are \$25 per person or \$250 for a reserved Corporate Table (seats 8). A catered buffet lunch is included. Reservations can be made by calling the Chamber at (979) 836-3695.

The deadline to reserve a seat is Wednesday, July 28.

### "Wake Up, Washington County!" Networking Breakfast

**Tuesday, August 3**  
Starts at 7:45 a.m.

Hosted by:  
**First Baptist Church School**  
302 Pahl St., Brenham

Enjoy breakfast and a chance to network with other local businesses and organizations. It's a great way to inform them about your products and services and learn what's new in the community.

Everyone gets a chance to give a 30-second commercial about their business/organization. Be sure to bring plenty of business cards and brochures for sharing.

## Working for YOU.

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

**WALK-INS**  
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June 2021 — 5,020 June 2021 — 11,707



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Chamber members can now get major savings on credit card payment processing. Learn about our new member benefit program.



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# Renewing Members

June 1-30

John Brieden State Farm Insurance — 40 years  
H-E-B Brenham Market — 36 years  
JH Faske Jewelers — 31 years  
Volare Italian Restaurant — 23 years  
MitchellClark & Company — 22 years  
Texas Ranch Life — 22 years  
Deans Imaging-Real Estate Photography-Aer — 20 years  
Brenham Oaks — 19 years  
Comfort Suites-Brenham — 19 years

Kountry Boys Sausage — 19 years  
Country Properties Group-Compass-Cathy Co — 18 years  
Brenham Children's Chorus — 17 years  
George Bush Presidential Library & Museum — 17 years  
BT Longhorn Steak House — 14 years  
Brenham Home Rental — 12 years  
Express Home Furnishings — 12 years  
Walther, Tim — 11 years  
Kool Shades Window Tint — 10 years

St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Sandy Hill — 9 years  
BENCOR, LLC — 7 years  
Crosswinds Estates Subdivision — 5 years  
Cruise Planners — 4 years  
Coaching with Hart — 3 years  
Las Americas Latin Cuisine — 3 years  
Behrens Land Group, Inc. — 2 years  
Hill Top Sales — 2 years  
Royalty Tax Service — 2

## — TAILGATE —

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working, music and dancing! Everyone is encouraged to attend!

You can enjoy all of this for the ticket price of \$50 per person. You know the food will be good...it will be a delicious buffet of fun tailgate foods.

There will be plenty of spirited rivalries going on at TAILGATE 2021 between fans of the Aggies, Longhorns, Baylor Bears, Blinn Bucs, TCU Horned Frogs, UH Cougars, Texas Tech Raiders, Houston Texans, Burton Panthers, Brenham Cubs and MORE. Don't see your team mentioned here? Then turn out in your colors and represent them!

"This is the largest tailgate party in Washington County and a great opportunity for the community to kick-off a new season," said Chamber Board Chairman Joe Roberston from Blue Bell Creameries. "It's unique, casual and fun. Be loud and proud and show off your team spirit!"

Proceeds from this event go toward programs and services of the Washington County Chamber to promote our local economy and business members.

For more information, stop by or call the Chamber at (979) 836-3695 or send an email to [info@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:info@brenhamtexas.com).



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



*Thank you to our Presidential Level members ...*





# Member Job Openings

## Appel Ford

Service Technician

1820 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham, 979-836-3659,  
kschwarze@appelford.com

## Personnel Services

Various positions available  
psstaffing.com

## Quick Lane

Service Technician

1820 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham, 979-836-3659,  
kschwarze@appelford.com

## Redeemer Church

Childcare Assistant (part time)

Office / Facility Assistant (part time)

2111 S. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, 979-451-5654, info@  
redeemberbrenham.org

## Sonic Drive Inn #2

All Positions

Apply at Snagajob.com or text DLROGERS @  
242424

# Partners for P.E.A.C.E.



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 are now signing up our Partners for P.E.A.C.E. for the 2021-22 school year.*

*Please contact Shae Janner for more information at shae@brenhamtexas.com or call 979-836-3695.*



## 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](http://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 836-3695.

## 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.



# Leadership Graduation Banquet Held

To conclude the year and celebrate the class' achievement, an elegant Graduation Banquet was held at the Ant Street Inn on June 10, hosted by owners Keith and Suzy Hankins (LWC Class of 2013). The keynote speaker was PJ Ellison (LWC Class of 1995).

*Congratulations to the*

## Leadership Class of 2021

**Blake Barnes, Baylor Scott & White Medical Center; Cody Boeker, Seidel Schroeder; Heather Braeuer, Seidel Schroeder; Tylor Chaplin, Brenham ISD; Deb Cordes, The Errand Lady; Gary Durrenberger, Bank of Brenham; Scott Eckert, Del Sol Food Co.; Amy Ehlert, Brenham National Bank; Mike Gartner, Brenham State Supported Living Center; Dennis "Chip" Harris, Adult & Teen Challenge of Texas; Brandi Hendrix, Brenham ISD; Amanda Horak, Washington County District Attorney's Office; Crystal Januhowski, Crystal Clear Marketing; Seth Klehm, City of Brenham; Lauren Maass, Germania Insurance; Kara Matheney, Washington County AgriLife Extension Service; Chris McCain, City of Brenham; Daniel McCracken, City of Brenham; Hannah Mertz, City of Brenham; Joe Moore, City of Brenham; April Oliver, Germania Insurance; Jhonatan Rios, Del Sol Food Co.; Stacy Saunders, Germania Insurance; Charles Seely, Citizens State Bank; Kristin Sexton, Del Sol Food Co.; Christy Shelton, Brenham State Supported Living Center; Ervin Tejeda, Del Sol Food Co.; Matt Wamble, Burton ISD; Harrison Williams, Washington County Fairgrounds.**

The next class is now forming and applications are being taken.

Any business interested in sponsoring an employee, or any individual who would like more information, contact the Chamber at (979) 836-3695 or by emailing [jane@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:jane@brenhamtexas.com).

Details about the program are available online at [www.BrenhamTexas.com](http://www.BrenhamTexas.com).



## 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.

### Justin Colley

*Brenham Chrysler Jeep Dodge*

### Kyler Crenshaw

*Capital Farm Credit*

### Darlene Denman

*First Baptist Church School*

### Joyce Dickschat

*Brenham National Bank*

### Shelby Dollar

*Bank of Brenham*

### Dr. Tina Henderson

*Ash and Ash Consulting*

### 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*

### Christy Schlottmann

*Christy Schlottmann Farmers Agency*

### Matt Wellmann

*Wellmann Insurance*

### Kristie Wensel

*Brenham State Supported Living Center*

### Barbara Wilganowski

*Spherion Staffing*



# June Members of the Month

## Texas Farm Credit

1301 Hwy. 290 E., Brenham  
979-836-2572  
texasfcs.com

*How long have you been in business?*

— We have been in business since 1916 and have had a branch office here in Washington County since 1933. In total, we have 23 branches throughout the state of Texas.

*What services do you offer?*

— We offer financing for rural real estate, land, and agricultural operations. We also offer home mortgages for homes in town or on acreage as well as one-time close construction loans. We also offer crop and pasture insurance, as well as equipment leasing.

*Tell us something unique about your business.*

— We are a member owned cooperative, which means when we do good our members benefit from our successes. We distribute our excess earnings back to our member owners through our patronage program.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

— We love living and serving this amazing community. One thing we really enjoy is helping our customers make their dreams come true of owning land or a home in Washington County and becoming a member of our community.

## BENCOR, LLC

4629 Hwy 290 W, Brenham  
979-830-5252  
bencor-llc.com

*How long have you been in business?*

— Over 25 years.

*What services do you offer?*

— Contract manufacturing of electronic products.

*Tell us something unique about your business.*

— We are the only contract manufacturer in Washington County that is also a HUB business.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

— We love that we still have a small hometown feel about Brenham. We love that it is still a very safe place for people to raise their families, while also being just minutes away from larger cities.

## Edward Jones – Brice Milliorn, CFP®, Financial Advisor

1110 S. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham  
979-836-1730

edwardjones.com/us-en/financial-advisor/brice-milliorn

*How long have you been in business?*

— 18 years in the business, straight out of college at Texas A&M, my only post-college job.

*What services do you offer?*

— Our branch team takes pride in our ability to build and maintain personal local relationships with our clients, which allows for us to help create a custom investment solution tailored for each individual. Our mission in life, is to help our clients continue, maintain, & improve their hard earned standard of living for the rest of their life & pass that legacy on to

their family. We use an established process to gain a detailed understanding of your values & goals. We work as a financial quarterback, partnering & working in tandem with other professionals including CPAs, estate planning attorneys, & life insurance specialists. Our team can help determine the most appropriate financial strategy for you, your family, & your business.

*Tell us something unique about your business.*

— We recently moved our branch office to our new location directly across the street from Blue Bell.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

— I grew up in a small town and love Brenham because it still has the small town feel, the people and the community are like none other.

## Brazos Belle Restaurant

600 Main Street, Burton  
979-289-2677  
brazosbellerestaurant.com

*How long have you been in business?*

— 30 years. Since April 1991.

*What services do you offer?*

— French chef serving delicious meals for hungry people – serving a full menu along with beer and wine.

*Tell us something unique about your business.*

— We are open only on the weekends. Plus, our building is an original antique, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was built in 1875 as the Burton Farmers Co-op.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

— Located halfway between Houston and Austin, we can enjoy an easy, quite and friendly lifestyle with some of the “big city perks.”



Thank you to Brunmillers Soap for hosting the June YPO Networking Event.



Networking Happy Hour  
Thursday, July 22  
5:30 p.m.

Hosted at BT Longhorn Steak House  
205 S. Baylor St., Downtown Brenham

Expand your business network and make new friends!

For more information about the Washington County YPO, send your contact information to washcoypo@gmail.com. or visit online: www.Facebook.com/YPOwashingtoncounty



## Lunch and Learn held June 8

Lunch and Learn on Demystifying Digital Marketing was held June 8. Neil Krebs of NK Digital Marketing presents to a full room of fellow Chamber members.

# What's Happening in July

Through July 17

## Round Top Music Festival 2021

Celebrating 50 Years of Gifted Young Artists from around the world. Round Top Festival Institute, 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top (FestivalHill.org).

Thursdays in July

## 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).

July 8

## Ribbon Cutting - Brenham Pregnancy Center

Join in celebrating this Chamber Member at 1016 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham at 4:30pm.

Every Tuesday & Thursday

## CG Group Fitness Classes

CG is a group fitness program both in-person and on-line across the nation. Unlimited access to ALL workouts nationwide with your membership, giving the flexibility you need to stay consistent. Small group training for all fitness levels. 5:30-6:30pm, Cub Stadium main entrance. Membership fees vary from \$59-\$89/mo. 979-551-3042, email michelle.rigsbycpt@gmail.com.

Every Monday & Thursday

## Yoga Class

Body weight exercises and stretching in this yoga format. Drop in \$10, monthly membership \$59. Every Monday and Thursday, 7:05-7:55pm, 208 W. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham. 979-551-3042, email michelle.rigsbycpt@gmail.com.

Fridays in July

## 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).

Every Friday

## Live Music at Nathan's BBQ

Live Music on Friday nights, 6-9pm, 1307 Prairie Lea St., Brenham (nathansbbq.com).

Through July 31

## Life After Reconstruction: Freedom on the Horizon

Exhibit entitled, "Life After Reconstruction: Freedom on the Horizon" features African American stories from Washington County including experiences in agriculture, education, finding work, military presence, politics, and religion in the post-Civil War era. Bus Depot Gallery on Saturdays, from 10 am to 4 pm, or by appointment. Call for more information or to book an appointment for your class, church, organization, or group. 979-830-8445, info@brenhamheritagemuseum.org (brenhamheritagemuseum.org).

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.

Saturdays in July

## 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).

July 10, 17, 24, 31

## Hot Nights, Cool Tunes

Saturday's in July are made for Hot Nights, Cool Tunes. Bring your lawn chair to the Courthouse square and enjoy some great live music with the community. Also, enjoy the Classic Car Cruise-In as well as food and beverage vendors. This event is free to the public and begins at 7pm. July 10, The Fab5; July 17, The Rocket Brothers Band; July 24, Brown Sugar Band; and July 31, The Journey Tribute Band Express.

Sundays in July

## 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).

July 13-15

## Sewing Class: Celebrate & Sew

This class will equip participants with a variety of sewing skills and everything needed for a festive celebration. We will make a felt party banner along with a fanciful fabric centerpiece and a set of placemats. 1-3pm. Call or text 979-551-0970 to reserve (sewfunsewing.weebly.com).

July 13

## CASA for Kids Advocate Training

If you have a desire to help children in the foster care system in your community, please reach out to learn more. You can then join our training to become an advocate and help support a child in the foster care system. 979-277-0088 (wespeak4kids.org).

July 14

## Groundbreaking

### Bank of Brenham-Chappell Hill Branch

Join us in celebrating with this Chamber Member, 9000 Hwy. 290 East, Chappell Hill, 9am.

Wednesdays in July

## 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).

July 15

## Connect After 5 - Appel Ford

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, Appel Ford, 1820 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham.

July 15

## Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Featuring Rob Moorman, Victor Rodriguez, Liz Talley, 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).

July 17

## 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).

July 17

## Farmers Market @ Washington on the Brazos SHS

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).

July 17

## Winedale Historical Complex Online Talk: Texas Czechs

Thadious Polasek, Blinn College instructor and the Schulerberg librarian, will present Texas Czech Communities: Echos of the Homeland. He will discuss the arrival and impact on Texas by the Czech. The following Texas Czech communities will be covered: Cistern, Dubina, Hostyn, Praha, Moravia, Velehrad, and St. Mary's. E-mail tricia.blakistone@austin.utexas.edu for a link to this zoom talk.

July 19

## Ribbon Cutting - Appliance Repair by Paul, LTD

Please join in celebrating with this Chamber Member at the Washington County Chamber, 314 S. Austin St., Brenham, 10am.

July 21

## Sewing Class: Dolly Dress Up

In this class students will learned the basics of garment making, in miniature form. Students will make a dress that fits most 18" dolls (or teddy bears!). 1-4pm. Call or text 979-551-0970 to reserve (sewfunsewing.weebly.com).

July 21

## Ribbon Cutting - Capital Farm Credit

Join in celebrating this Chamber Member, 2309 S. Day St., Brenham, 3pm.

July 22

## YPO Networking Happy Hour

Attend to meet other Young Professionals in Washington County, 5:30pm, BT Longhorn, 205 S. Baylor, Downtown Brenham.

July 24-25, 31-Aug. 1, 7-8, 14-15

## Crush for Fun at Pleasant Hill Winery

Come on out and stomp grapes and get a souvenir t-shirt. Reservations only. Email texaswines@yahoo.com.

July 26

## Barn Cat / Stray Cat Discount Spay & Neuter Day

Brenham Veterinary Hospital, last Monday of each month. By appointment 979-836-2472 (brenhamvet.hospital.com).

July 27

## Ribbon Cutting - SG Handyman Services

Join in celebrating with this Chamber Member at the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, 314 S. Austin St., Brenham, 10am.



# Scenes from June Connect After 5

*Hosted by Bluebonnet Abstract & Title*



Blue Blazers Barbara Wilganowski (Spherion) and Linda Pipes help guests sign in.

## Calendar

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### August Highlights

Aug 3

#### **Wake Up, Washington County! Networking Breakfast**

Come enjoy breakfast and a chance to network with other local businesses and organizations. This is a great way to inform others about your products and services and learn about what's new in the community. Everyone gets a chance to give a 30 second "commercial" about their business/organization to the entire crowd! Be sure to bring plenty of business cards to share. Host Sponsor is First Baptist Church School, 302 Pahl St., Brenham.

Aug 6

#### **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.

Aug 7

#### **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](http://burtontexas.org/farmersmarket)).

Aug 12

#### **Connect After 5 - Brenham National Bank & Brenham ISD Education Foundation**

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, Brenham National Bank, 2211 S. Day St., Brenham.

Aug 26

#### **Tailgate Returns!**

Silver Wings Ballroom, 6pm. Call the Chamber at 979-836-3695 for check out [brenhamtexas.com/tailgate-2021](http://brenhamtexas.com/tailgate-2021) for more information.



Carl Prihoda (Citizens State Bank), Matt Wellmann (Wellmann Insurance) and Jarvis Van Dyke (Van Dyke Rankin & Company).



Kyler Crenshaw and Loryn Meyer (Capital Farm Credit) network with Chris Cangelosi (Citizens State Bank).



Joe Al Picone and Robert Lehmann enjoyed catching up.



A delicious spread of food for all to enjoy.

## 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.

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