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Who's ready for football season to begin?! Get your team colors ready and be ready for some fun at the 14th annual Tailgate Party on Thursday, Aug. 26. Tickets are on sale now for \$50 per person.

The Chamber will again host this exciting, tailgate-style event at Silver Wings Ballroom in Brenham. Everyone in the community is invited. Get some friends together and plan to be there!

Football fever and spirited rivalries will be happening that night...between fans of Texas Longhorns, Texas A&M, Blinn Bucs, TCU Horned Frogs, UH Cougars, Texas Tech Raiders, Houston Texans, Dallas Cowboys, Burton Panthers, Brenham Cubs and more.

The entire community is invited to attend!

Stop by the Chamber and pick up tickets by Aug. 20. Tickets will not be sold at the

door. For the price of \$50 per person, you can enjoy a delicious buffet, foamy cold beverages and wine, music, auctions, entertainment and lots of mingling with colleagues and friends.

The auction is always a major highlight of the evening. Chamber members donate fantastic items! See below for some highlights.

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SEEKING A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN...

As a Chamber member, you are invited to join in the process to nominate future board members. The Chamber needs new board members each year to fill a three-year term.

Suitable candidates will fit this description:

- An active member of the local business community
- Participates in Chamber events and programs
- A decision maker in his or her field
- Interested in serving as a volunteer
- A person with vision & leadership skills
- Interest in participating in the Chamber's annual Program of Work
- Able to attend monthly board meetings



Please give this some consideration and help us find the right people to steer the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. Submit nominations in writing from now until Sept. 1. You can send them by mail, fax or email. Thank you!



Washington County's Favorite Networking Event

Sponsored by
**Brenham National Bank
& Brenham Education Foundation**
2211 S. Day St., Brenham

Thursday, August 12

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.

Ribbon Cuttings



Rebranding

Brenham Pregnancy Center

Executive Director: Melissa Lasater
1016 E. Blue Bell Rd, Brenham



New Member

Oxi Fresh Carpet Cleaning

Owner: Bruce Troutman
979-347-1133



Groundbreaking

Bank of Brenham-Chappell Hill

Branch President: Gary Durrenberger
9000 Hwy 290 East, Chappell Hill

TAILGATE

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Crawfish Boil for 20

Donated by Kruse Village

Holiday Magic at Main Street House

Donated by Main Street House

...and much much more!

This is the most unique fundraising event of the year for the Chamber.

All proceeds are put back into the community in the form of programs and services to enhance the business industry and economic climate. Join the crowd on Aug. 26.

Enjoy this great opportunity to support your community, promote your business, and have fun at the same time!

A huge round of applause goes to all of the generous sponsors who are making this night possible. Please join us in thanking them, and then come to the TAILGATE 2021 to enjoy the party with them!

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July 1-31

Haskins, Dr. Jimmy R. — 48 years
 Dahmann & Associates, LLC — 44 years
 Korth & Linke Welding, LLC — 44 years
 Brenham Fine Arts League — 43 years
 Appelt, Gary L., M.D. PA — 40 years
 Heritage Society of Washington County — 40 years
 Miracle Farm — 39 years
 Brenham Chrysler Jeep Dodge — 37 years
 Washington County Fair Association — 37 years
 ATS Irrigation, Inc. — 36 years
 Washington County Farm Bureau — 36 years
 Nueces Canyon Ranch — 34 years
 Brenham Country Club — 32 years
 Lube Rite, Inc. — 32 years
 Live Oak Resort — 31 years
 Two Creek Feed & Farm — 30 years
 MHMR Center of Washington County — 28 years
 Washington on the Brazos Historical Found — 28 years
 Brenham Collision Center — 27 years
 Moorman Tate, LLP — 27 years
 LaBahia Antiques LLC — 24 years
 Westwood Cinema 6 — 24 years
 Argent Court of Brenham — 23 years
 Countryside Lighting Co. — 22 years
 Robert's Service Station & Grocery L.L.C. — 22 years
 K & M Grocery — 21 years
 Kolkhorst, Lois W.-State Senator — 21 years
 Boeker, Joyce — 19 years
 Plants N Things — 19 years
 Windy Winery — 19 years
 2TR Investments — 18 years
 Brazos Valley Foot Care — 18 years
 First Finance — 18 years
 Kenjura Tile, Inc. — 18 years
 Plumb Level LLC — 18 years
 The Pomegranate/Test Gallery — 18 years
 Eberly Ranch — 17 years
 Bluebonnet Pottery & Gift Gallery — 16 years
 Brenham Grill — 16 years
 Town & Country Realty & Mortgage — 16 years
 Knights Inn — 14 years

WCT OUTDOORS — 14 years
 Woodforest National Bank — 14 years
 Grace Community Fellowship — 12 years
 Hampton Inn & Suites — 12 years
 K & W Dozer Service — 11 years
 Kramer, Peggy-County Treasurer — 11 years
 Ladco Construction Company Inc. — 11 years
 Pipes, Linda & Paul — 11 years
 Saddlehorn Winery — 11 years
 Washington County Wildlife Society — 11 years
 Prenzler, Mr. and Mrs. Glen — 10 years
 South Texas Tack LLC — 10 years
 QuestSpecialty Corporation — 9 years
 Factory Connection — 8 years
 Harmel Electric — 8 years
 M Bar Land & Cattle, LP — 8 years
 Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church — 8 years
 Round Top Real Estate — 8 years
 Texas State Optical — 8 years
 The Kenney Store — 8 years
 Woman's Cave — 8 years
 Ryan W. Friebe, M.D., PA — 7 years
 Heart and Hand Bodywork — 6 years
 Brenham Presbyterian Church — 5 years
 Christy Schlottmann Farmers Agency — 5 years
 Fringe Salon — 5 years
 Modern Air Solutions — 5 years
 Bridge Ministry of Burton, Texas — 3 years
 Camelia Farm — 3 years
 Center Church Brenham — 3 years
 Integ/Insite Magazine — 3 years
 Jenn's Den — 3 years
 Round Top Home Builders — 3 years
 St John's United Church of Christ — 3 years
 Texas Casual Cottages by Partners In Buil — 3 years
 Kulow Chiropractic & Wellness Center, PLL — 2 years
 Maven Landscapes — 2 years
 WCTractor-Kubota — 2 years
 Bake Shop at All Things Acres — 1 year
 Brenham Quality Meats — 1 year
 TERRALAB | Landscape Architects — 1 year

New Members

APPLIANCE REPAIR BY PAUL, LTD.

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 Brenham, Texas 77833
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www.okjustcallpaul.com
Appliances-Parts/Sales/Service

D. R. HORTON

Contact: Patrick Cory
 1116 Fannin Street
 (Physical Address)
 Brenham, Texas 77833
 3515 SW H K Dodgen Loop
 (Mailing Address)
 Temple, Texas 76502
 Phone: 254-778-8500
www.drhorton.com
Contractors-Construction

SG HANDYMAN SERVICES

Owner: Skylar Gouldson
 Brenham, Texas 77833
 Phone: 979-422-5781
www.brenhamhandymanservices.com
Handyman Services

THE COTTAGES ON MILL CREEK

Owner: Sue Foster
 5696 Wagner Road
 Round Top, Texas 78954
 Phone: 832-334-2163
www.thecottagesonmillcreek.com
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WALBERG PATTERSON LAW PLLC

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Warehouse Associate
Quality Inspector/Rework Tech
Test/Programming Tech
4629 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham; bencor-llc.com

Best Western Inn of Braham

Front Desk & Housekeeping Staff
1503 Hwy. 290 W, Brenham

Boys and Girls Club of Washington County

Youth Development Professional
Site Lead

Send your resumes to
agamboa@bgc-brenham.org
or visit www.bgc-brenham.org

Brenham State Supported Living Center

Various positions available
4001 Hwy. 36 S., Brenham

Camp For All

Food Services Manager
Kitchen Staff – Part-time
Program Instructor - Residential
campforall.org/join-the-team

Citadel Christian School

1st/2nd Grade Teacher
Part-time Elementary Music Teacher
citadelchristian.org/about-us/employment-opportunities

Hermann Furniture Company

Part-time Sales Associates
Full-time Warehouse Staff
213 W. Alamo St., Brenham

Personnel Services

Various positions available
psstaffing.com

Pleasant Hill Winery

Tasting Room Help
texaswines@yahoo.com or leave a message at 979-830-8463

QuestSpecialty Corp.

Production Employees
questspecialtyhr.com; 2001 E. Tom Green St., Brenham

Sonic Drive Inn #2

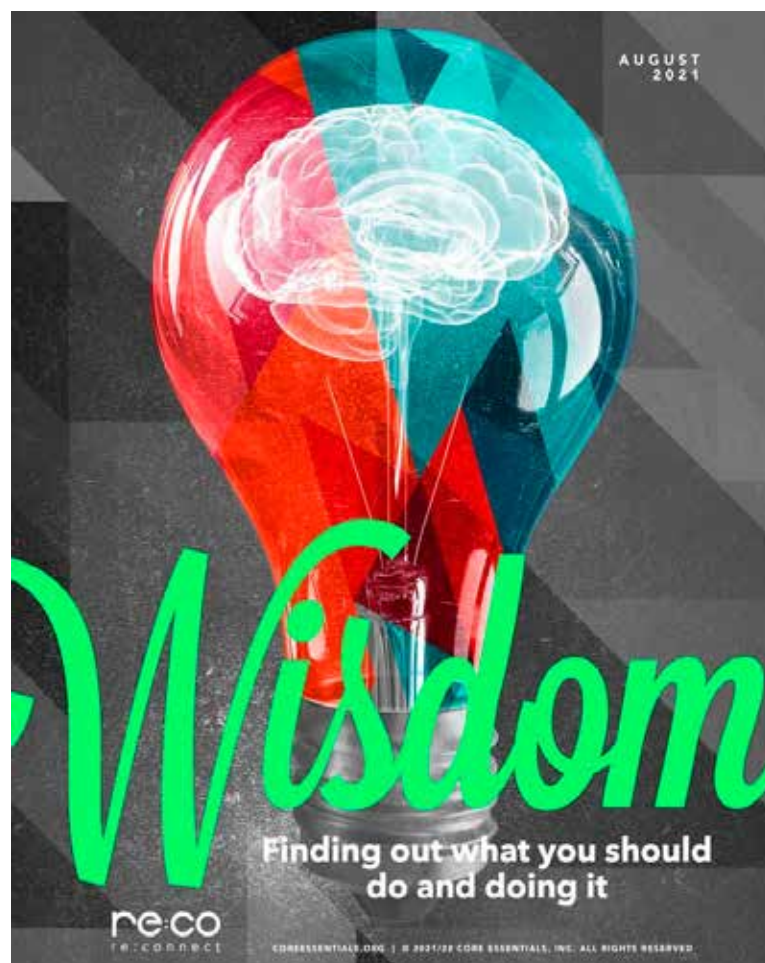
All Positions
Apply at Snagajob.com or text DLROGERS @ 242424

Subway Sandwiches & Salads

All Positions, full-time and part-time
Apply in person at any Brenham location

Volate Italian Restaurant

Kitchen and Wait Staff
Apply in person at 102 Ross St., Brenham



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 Partners for P.E.A.C.E. who have signed up so far to 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:

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



- Ant Street Inn
- Blue Bell Creameries
- Boys & Girls Club of Washington Co.
- Brand It Graphix
- Brenham Iron Works, LLC
- Brenham State Supported Living Center
- BRIANNAS Fine Salad Dressing
- Independence Coffee Co.
- The Banner-Press
- 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.



Leaders in Education

Dr. Edna Kennedy, Superintendent of Burton ISD; Dr. Tylor Chaplin, Superintendent of Brenham ISD; and Dr. Mary Hensley, Chancellor of Blinn College District; spoke to a crowd of community members at the Blinn College Janis Sneed Banquet Room on August 4.

Scenes from July Connect After 5

Hosted by Appel Ford



First vice chairman John Turner and Jonathan Shuey of Compass Quarters.



District Attorney Julie Renken, center, with Kathleen Swarze and Daphne Kohring, both from Appel Ford.



Clint Kolby, attorney from the office of Bill Betts, and Michael Groves from Mike Hopkins Distributing.

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

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July Members of the Month

Red Fern Woodwork & Renovation
1801 S. Blue Bell Rd., Suite A, Brenham
979-551-2544
redfernwoodwork.com

Jarvis Tire and Wheel, LLC
605 South Blue Bell Road, Brenham
979-836-4811
jarvistireandwheel.com

Blue Bell Creameries
1101 South Blue Bell Road, Brenham
979-836-7977
bluebell.com

How long have you been in business?
— Since 2014
What services do you offer?
— We do home renovations and custom cabinetry.
Tell us something unique about your business.
— We are a female run construction company.
What do you love about Washington County?
— I love the sense of community we have here. People are friendly and eager to support each other.

Longwood Elastomers Inc.
1901 Longwood Dr., Brenham
979-830-1111
longwoodindustries.com

How long have you been in business?
— We have been in business for 40 years under different names. Our first name was Murray Rubber, then Gates Rubber, now Longwood which is now under Wabtec Elastomers.
What services do you offer?
— We are a custom rubber molding company. Food processing, Oil field, Extrusion, or any product that can be molded from any polymer.
Tell us something unique about your business.
— What's unique about us is that we can custom mold anything. You can have a mold, or we get a mold to your specifications.
What do you love about Washington County?
— The county has a diverse culture, and a great sense of community. Being a member is a great honor.

How long have you been in business?
— Four months here in Brenham, but have been in business for 10 years.
What services do you offer?
— Tires, wheels, oil changes and automotive repairs.
Tell us something unique about your business.
— Our business was started out of a single trailer and now we have three shop locations.
What do you love about Washington County?
— We love the community here in Washington County and being just down the road from Blue Bell is a plus too.

Texas ENT & Allergy
539 Medical Parkway, Brenham
979-353-5509
texasentandallergy.com

How long have you been in business?
— 16 years in Brenham.
What services do you offer?
— Physician practice with full-service ear, nose and throat, allergy and audiology services.
Tell us something unique about your business.
— Texas ENT & Allergy is an independent practice. Our provider, Genna Lechler, was born and raised in Brenham. She loves her community and offers wonderful care to her patients.
What do you love about Washington County?
— The people in Washington County are friendly and welcoming.

How long have you been in business?
— 114 years
What services do you offer?
— We are a wholesale manufacturer of ice cream and frozen desserts
Here at Blue Bell Creameries, we have a fun self-guided experience through our Visitors Center, Parlor, Statue Garden and Observation Deck – A great place for families to spend time together.
Tell us something unique about your business.
— Blue Bell Creameries started in 1907 making butter from excess cream from local dairy farmers. It wasn't until 1911 that we cranked out our first two gallons of ice cream. In 1958, we decided to stop the production of butter to focus our full attention on making the best ice cream in the country.
We operate a Direct Store Delivery (DSD) distribution system allowing us to deliver our products to store shelves in the best possible condition.
Our products are now available in 22 states.
What do you love about Washington County?
— This is our home and our roots, we would not want to have our head quarters in any other location. This community has always supported Blue Bell and our operations and Blue Bell supports Washington County. We love being a part of this local community.

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@brenham-texas.com or 979-836-3695.



What's Happening in August

Thursdays in August

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).

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.

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 Lobby, 2211 S. Day St., Brenham

Through Sept. 2

End of Summer Special

Book a 2 night stay anytime from now and September 2nd for a stay beginning before September 3rd and receive 25% off the second night's stay at our Birdhouse, Tin Barn, or Bliss or Comfort Cottage. All stays include full use of the property and grounds, as well as a full home-cooked breakfast each morning (thecottagesonmillcreek.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).

Aug 14

3rd Annual Cotton Gin Classic Car Show

1999 and older cars and trucks will be judged. Event t-shirt for sale, door prizes, and 50/50. Awards at 2pm, 307 N. Main St., Burton. Contact Tommy Wimberly, 281-744-2117.

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 August

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).

Aug. 14-15

Crush for Fun at Pleasant Hill Winery

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

Aug 14

Brenham Firemen's Fiesta

The Brenham Fire Department will host their Firemen's Fiesta August 14 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance from any firefighter, the fire station, K&M, Robert's Service Station, and Dan's Meat

Sundays in August

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).

Aug 16

Ribbon Cutting Business Expansion - The Pomegranate

Join in celebrating this business expansion, 203 W. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham, 11am.

Aug 17

Ribbon Cutting - Appliance Repair by Paul, LTD

Join in celebrating with this new member. Ribbon Cutting will be held in the Chamber board room, 314 S. Austin St., Brenham, 10am.

Aug 18

Community Wide Shred-It Event

Securely destroy your unwanted personal documents in a shred-it mobile shredding truck. Complimentary Service sponsored by Edward Jones - Brice Milliorn, 1110 S. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, 10am-1pm (edwardjones.com/brice-milliorn).

Wednesdays in August

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).

Aug 19

Chappell Hill Business After Hours - Bank of Brenham

Held at The Rock Store in Chappell Hill. Come meet and greet and share your business cards with other members. Bank of Brenham will be hosting it at the Rock Store, 5070 Main St., Chappell Hill, 5-7pm.

Aug 19

Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Featuring Sean Orr, Valerie Lee, Howard Davenport, 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).

Aug 21

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).

Aug 26

Tailgate 2021 & Community Pep Rally

The biggest kick-off party of the year. Tickets are \$50 and includes food and beverages. Table sponsors also available. Silver Wings Ballroom, 6pm. Call the Chamber at 979-836-3695 for check out brenhamtexas.com/tailgate-2021/ for more information.

Aug 27

Grand Opening - Blinn College District Science, Technology, Engineering and Innovation Building

Join in celebrating the opening of this great new facility on the Brenham campus, 900 Prairie Lea St., 10am (blinn.edu).

Aug 28

Hog Splash Mud Volleyball Tournament

All proceeds benefit Hospice Brazos Valley. Mud Volleyball Tournament Celebrating 10 years of muddy memories. Food, Fun, Beer, & Mud Volleyball. Team Registration open now at www.hospicebrazosvalley.org/hogsplash.

Aug 28

Chamber Music Trio

Viktor Valkov, piano; Chavdar Parashkevov, violin; Louis-Marie Fardet, cello, performing works by Beethoven. Round Top Festival Institute, 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top, 3-5pm, 979-249-3128, (festivalhill.org).

Aug 30

Barn Cat / Stray Cat

Discount Spay & Neuter Day

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

Aug 30

Ribbon Cutting - Clarita Sweets & More

Join in celebrating this new member, 1306 N. Park St., Brenham, 1pm.

Aug 31

Texas Constitutional Carry Guide vs License to Carry

Learn about the Texas Constitutional Law in relation to License to Carry. Held at Silver Wings Ballroom, 6pm, \$30.

Aug 31

Ribbon Cutting - D. R. Horton

Join in celebrating this new member, 1116 Fannin St., Brenham, 11am.

September Highlights

Sept 2

Ribbon Cutting - Brazos Valley Brewing Company

Join in celebrating the new location of this Chamber Member, 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham, 2:30pm

Sept 3

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.

Sept 4

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).



Community Foundation announces 2021 Brazos Valley Gives, launches nonprofit registration

Community Day of Giving Makes 'Giving Where You Live' Easy!

BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION — The Community Foundation of the Brazos Valley's third annual Brazos Valley Gives is officially set for Tuesday, Oct. 19. Nonprofits are excited to be a part of this community-wide day of giving, especially after a time of great need and readiness to bring together our community of citizens.

Brazos Valley Gives is 18 hours of online giving that brings the region together on one day and as one community to raise critical funding and awareness for nonprofit organizations throughout the Brazos Valley. Powered by the Community Foundation, Brazos Valley Gives provides citizens and businesses an easy platform to support the mission and "good works" of local nonprofit organizations that serve the Brazos Valley. Nonprofits from throughout the 7-county Brazos Valley re-

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gion are invited to participate. Brazos Valley Gives empowers individual donors and business leaders to come together to support causes close to their hearts.

This day of giving where you live is powered by the Community Foundation, and all donations pass-thru directly to the donor's charity(ies) of choice. The goal for Brazos Valley Gives is \$750,000.

During last year's Brazos Valley Gives, 136 nonprofits participated with 100% of the nonprofits receiving a financial benefit from the \$801,462 that was raised. Also, each participating nonprofit was eligible for \$30,000 in prizes and \$68,500 of surprise grants from an anonymous donor that were awarded during a post-celebration event. Of the 3,688 donations, many individ-

uals made donations to multiple organizations. The average donation in 2020 was \$172.01, and 1,550 individuals were first-time donors to a nonprofit. More than 300 individuals pledged over 12,300 hours of volunteer support to their favorite charities.

Nonprofit organizations are invited to register to participate in Brazos Valley Gives. Registration opens Monday,

August 2. The deadline for nonprofit registration is Friday, September 10. Nonprofits pay a \$150 registration fee; nonprofits that have a charitable endowment fund at the Community Foundation are eligible for a discounted fee of \$50. This registration fee is used for administrative-related giving day expenses to include the marketing/promotion of the event regionally. All 501c3 Brazos Valley nonprofit organizations are invited to register at brazosvalleygives.org or send an email to brazosvalleygives@gmail.com. If you or your business are interested in sponsoring, providing matching funds to your favorite charity or helping with Brazos Valley Gives, please call Patricia Gerling at (979) 589-4305.

Let's all join in as we strengthen nonprofits, empower donors and build community throughout our beloved Brazos Valley.