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WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Chamber to serve as donation hub for Brazos Valley Gives

Early Giving Now Underway

More than 20 Washington County nonprofit organizations are participating in the 3rd Annual Brazos Valley Gives. Residents are encouraged to put "Community FIRST by giving where you live."

Brazos Valley Gives will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 19. Given the needs within the nonprofit community, early giving began on Sept. 19. Participating organizations include nonprofits from Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington counties.

Participating Washington County Chamber Member nonprofits are:

Blinn College Foundation
Boys & Girls Club of Washington County
Brenham Children's Chorus
Brenham GameChangers
Brenham ISD Education Foundation
Brenham Pet Adoption Center
Burton Educational Foundation
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Texas Cotton Gin Museum
Toys for Tots
Unity Theatre
Volunteer Services Council for Brenham
State Supported Living Center
Washington County Healthy Living Association
Washington on the Brazos Historical Foundation
And other participating Washington County nonprofits are:
Brenham Main Street Historical Preservation
Brenham NEXT
Here I Am Orphan Ministries
HOPE Gathering, Inc.
Hope Mommies

A complete list can be found online at BrazosValleyGives.org. If you do not feel comfortable donating online, the Washington County Chamber will serve as a hub to collect money on each nonprofit's behalf. Stay tuned to our social media for fun DAY OF GIVING events, Tuesday, Oct. 19.

BRAZOS VALLEY
GIVES

OCTOBER 19 • 2021

A Day of Giving Powered by
Community Foundation of the Brazos Valley



Drive-Thru Networking Event

*Raising awareness for breast cancer and
introducing new 3D mammography to Brenham*

Celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness month with us this October, as we Paint the Town Pink. Attendees can plan to remain in their cars this year, as we will have a COVID-conscious event. All BSW representatives will be masked, and individuals participating will be asked to remain in their cars for the drive thru experience. There will be multiple booths and stations set up for attendees to participate in, as well as some special, individually wrapped treats.

Sponsored by:

Baylor Scott & White - The Brenham Clinic

Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 5-7 p.m.

Please enter the drive-thru at the
N. Park clinic parking lot off of Market St.

Ribbon Cuttings



New Water Well

Central Washington County Water Supply Corporation

President: Ken Miller



New Member

Southern District Properties

Owner: Cari Goeke

1110 South Blue Bell Rd., Brenham



New Location

Petals & Picnics/Zena DeZigns

Owner: Zena Lyth

3355 U.S. 290 West, Brenham



New Location

Edward Jones

Owner: Brice Milliorn

1110 S. Blue Bell Road, Brenham



New Location

Jensen-Miller Medical EMS Aviation Hangar

15507 Hwy 105, Washington



New Bridge

Hwy 105 Brazos River Bridge

County Judge: John Durrenburger

Renewing Members

September 1-30

Brenham Independent School District — 26 years
St. Peter's Episcopal Church — 18 years
Washington County Republican Party — 18 years
1st Step Dog Training & Grooming — 8 years

Brazos Valley Brewing Company — 7 years
Blackwood Educational Land Institute — 3 years
BVR Material — 2 years
RE/MAX Bluebonnet Properties — 1 year



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Networking Happy Hour
Thursday, October 21
5:30 p.m.

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

Expand your business network and make new friends!

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send your contact information to washcoypo@gmail.com.
or visit online: www.Facebook.com/YPOwashingtoncounty



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Ribbon Cuttings



Business Expansion

Kenjura Tile/KTI Training Center

Owner: Richard Kenjura
102 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham



New Location

D.R. Horton Brazos Valley

Sales Consultants: Maddie Applegate and Natalie Reed
1116 Fannin St, Brenham



New Location

The Prairie Recovery Center

Executive Director: Leslie Downing
5808 Wagner Rd, Round Top

New Members

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4121 Highway 6 South, Ste. 270
College Station, Texas 77845
Phone: 979-219-2535
www.primerica.com/brandyscholze
Financial Services

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www.ruralpretty.com
Spa & Facial Treatments

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Phone: 979-421-8500
www.tradewindsphysicaltherapytexas.com
Rehabilitation Services



2021 Campaign Kick-off

Brazos Valley Gives

314 S. Austin St, Brenham

LOOK FOR UPDATES ONLINE @ BRENHAMTEXAS.COM

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



Thank you to our Presidential Level members ...



Cub Concierge visit Partners for P.E.A.C.E.

Students help deliver resources and share the
Value of the Month with local participating businesses.



Bank of Brenham



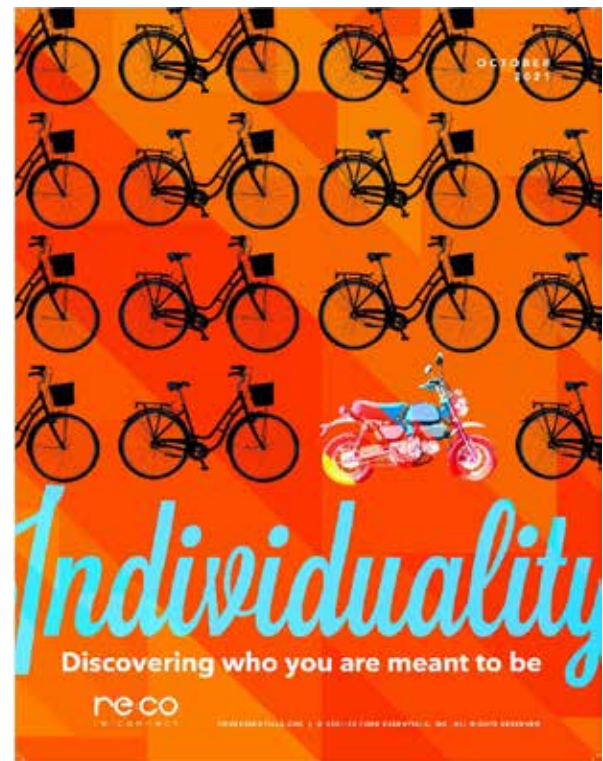
Blue Bell Creameries



**Thielemann Construction Co., L.P.
& Stegent-Thielemann Plumbing**



The Banner-Press



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:

- Ant Street Inn
- Bank of Brenham
- Blue Bell Creameries
- Boys & Girls Club of Washington County
- Brand It Graphix
- Brenham Iron Works, LLC
- Brenham National Bank
- Brenham State Supported Living Center
- BRIANNAS Fine Salad Dressings
- Burton Chamber of Commerce
- Citizens State Bank
- City of Brenham
- Creatively Yours
- Germania Insurance
- Independence Coffee Co.
- Mandy Allen at Better Homes & Garden Real Estate Hometown
- PlanNorth Architectural Co.
- Seidel Schroeder
- The Banner-Press
- Thielemann Construction Co., L.P. & Stegent-Thielemann Plumbing
- Unity Theatre
- Washington County Landscapes

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.

Members can post free 'Hot Deals' to boost fall season sales

The Washington County Chamber promotes a "Buy Local" campaign year-round and the holiday season is the perfect time to reinforce awareness. To boost interest prior to the Black Friday sales peak, the Chamber is assisting members to step up promotions in October and November. Statistics indicate that most holiday shopping decisions are made by Thanksgiving weekend.

The Chamber will be encouraging area shoppers to search the "Hot Deals" section of BrenhamTexas.com for ideas and inspiration. Members can now list retail "Hot Deals" online and they will be promoted on social media and in e-blasts. The Hot Deals will also be published as coupons in upcoming ChamberWorks newsletters in November and December. This opportunity is no additional cost to Chamber members.

While we know shoppers won't swear off shopping online or at a chain store, the Chamber promotes looking for ways to

our patronage. If we value local business support for our children's teams, schools, bands or our favorite charities, we must

this article: please do yourself and your community a favor this year by shifting a bit more spending to local merchants, service providers, artisans and others. Along with helping your neighbors and community, you may just find that "going local" turns holiday shopping into a far more relaxing and enjoyable experience. One that rewards both you and your community.

To Chamber members: please take the time to post your Hot Deals before the end of October. If you need any personal assistance with the process, the Chamber staff are ready to help! Call the Washington County Chamber at 979-836-3695 or send an email to Shae Janner at shae@brenhamtexas.com.

recognize they can't do it without us!

The long-term relationships fostered by local businesses also cement commitment to schools, churches and civic clubs that aid not just our economic prosperity, but our community cohesion and trust.

To all who are reading



integrate the value of supporting neighbors' and friends' businesses in purchasing decisions. If local residents shift even one or two purchases to independent, community-based businesses this season, it will create a dramatic, positive impact on our local economy.

Non-profit organizations in Washington County depend largely on the contributions of local independent businesses who, in turn, depend on



**CELEBRATE
TEXAS CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE WEEK
OCTOBER 18-22**

More than 600 local chamber of commerce in Texas distinguish themselves as the Voice of Business in the state of Texas.

The work accomplished by those local chambers has benefited our state through their economic development and community development programs. The local chambers of commerce unceasingly promote their community for quality growth and development.

The business community, represented through local chambers of commerce, has been a driving force in fostering enhanced educational opportunities, infrastructure improvements, leadership development, the creation of jobs, and a positive vision of the future.

The chamber of commerce community in Texas has sought to achieve successful results for our state in a cooperative spirit with other organizations.

**Stop by the Chamber
Oct. 18-22 for a treat!**

**Washington County
Chamber of Commerce**

314 S. Austin Street, Brenham
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Chamber of Commerce

September 2021 — 428

WEBSITE

www.BrenhamTexas.com

Unique Visitors

Total Pages

Sept. 2021 — 5,212

Sept. 2021 — 11,002

"Wake Up, Washington County!" Networking Breakfast

Tuesday, November 2

Starts at 7:45 a.m.

Hosted by:

**Boys & Girls Club of Washington County
1710 E. Tom Green 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.

Breakfast sponsored by
Texas Casual Cottages by Partners In Building

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

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Final LWC group photo with Kurt Podeszwa. Thank you!

Communication and Team Building

September marked the first session for the Leadership Washington County class of 2022. Understanding and implementing different leadership and communication styles was the focus of the session. Kurt Podeszwa from Camp For All led the day-long workshop at their amazing facility near Burton.

The session was full of activities to focus on team-building skills and communication. The class was led through several exercises which helped each

participant recognize their strengths and weaknesses in order to focus on growth. Throughout the day class members were reminded that leadership is proactive and effective leaders sometimes emerge due to their placement within an organization, not necessarily due to their position.

Camp Director Kurt Podeszwa shared the mission and history behind Camp For All, which hosts over more than 7,000 campers annually, and also described

the many volunteer opportunities that exist there. The day concluded with a walking tour of the camp grounds. A world unto itself, Camp For All was designed with a “can do” attitude. At Camp For All, children and adults with special needs and challenging illnesses have the opportunity to experience horseback riding, canoeing, fishing, archery, water activities, team sports, arts and crafts, nature programs, and much more at their own level.

The Chamber and current and past LWC participants would like to thank Kurt for leading this session over the years and allowing the classes to experience Camp For All. One participant commented “Camp For All was a very gracious host and I enjoyed every moment of it! I learned more than I ever expected with a seemingly easy topic/session. Kurt will be greatly missed, but I know he has great leaders behind him ready to fill his role.”



Kurt Podeszwa lead a variety of communication exercises throughout the morning.



The class learned several different “handshakes” with different participants.



Matt Wellmann trusts that Katie Kieke will stop him from falling, and she did!

What's Happening in October

Thursdays in October

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.

Fridays in October

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

Exhibit - The Day at the Fair

This exhibit celebrates the oldest county fair in Texas. The Bus Depot Gallery is open every Saturday from 10 to 4 and other days by appointment. Many small groups, both local and from out of town, regularly make appointments to visit during the week (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.

Oct 16

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).

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).

Fundraiser for Latium-Wesley-Greenvine Volunteer Fire Department

Join us for the 40th Annual Latium, Wesley, Greenvine Volunteer Fire Departments Fundraiser at the Fire Station, FM 389 In Latium. Grilled Hamburgers. Serving begins at 5pm, Auction at 7pm and Raffle

Shakespeare at Winedale - London Actors Play

Actors From The London Stage (AFTLS) fall 2015 residency will perform at the Winedale Historical Center at 7pm. Tickets are \$20 and \$10 for UT Faculty/UT Staff/Students. For Winedale performances, tickets are available through the Shakespeare at Winedale website or by calling 512-471-4726. (shakespeare-winedale.org).

Oct 17

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).

Oct 18

Ribbon Cutting - Euphoria - Skincare by Shari

New Location for Euphoria - Skincare by Shari, 2325 S. Market St., Brenham, 2pm

Oct 19

Brazos Valley Gives

Consider giving to your favorite non-profit organization. Donations can be made online at brazosvalleygives.org or bring you donation to the Chamber between 7am-7pm, 314 S. Austin St., Brenham. There will be a form to fill out to indicate which participating non-profit you wish to donate towards.

Oct 19

BVH Senor Discount Day

Brenham Veterinary Hospital offers a senior discount day on the third Tuesday of each month. Pet owners over age 50 save 15% on wellness exams, wellness vaccines, spays and neuters. By appointment only, please call 979-836-2472 to schedule. Small animals only, does not apply to large animals - cattle, horses, llamas, donkeys etc. (brenhamvethospital.com).

Oct. 21

Poinsettia Sale

Benefiting First Baptist Church School, \$10 per poinsettia. Email fundraising@fbcsbrenham.org.

Oct 21

Ribbon Cutting - Yellow Truck LLC

New Member, YellowTruck, LLC, 106 E. Main St., Downtown Brenham, 10am.

Oct 21

St. Paul's Christian Day School Fall Festival Fundraiser

Drive thru pick up or dine in meal tickets and can be purchased from any CDS family or at the school and church offices. The event also includes games, a petting zoo, silent and live auction, a bake sale, prize drawings book walk, and CDS children choirs. Washington County Fairgrounds, 6-9pm.

Oct 21

YPO Networking Happy Hour

Appel Ford, 1820 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham, 5:30-7:30pm.

Oct 21

Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Fall Polka Show, 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).

Oct 22-30

LaBahia Antiques Show

Dealers from across the country will provide, antiques, collectibles, vintage, and re-purposed items in the historic 1879 LaBahia Hall. Country Cooking all day. Free Parking and Admission. Tx Hwy 237/290W (labahiaantiques.com).

Oct 26

Barn Cat / Stray Cat Discount Spay & Neuter Day

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

Oct 26

Community Read Reception and Book Signing

Lifetime Learning Author and Read of the 2021 Read Book, The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate. 5:30-7pm, Unity Theatre, 300 Church St., open to the public, no fee.

Oct 28

Connect After 5 - Drive-thru Networking Event

Celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness month with us this October, as we Paint the Town Pink. Attendees can plan to remain in their cars this year, as we will have a COVID-conscious event. 5-7pm. Enter on the N. Park clinic parking lot off of Market St.

Oct 29

Faith Academy Golf Tournament

22nd Faith Academy Golf Tournament at Brenham Country Club. Registration Forms can be picked up at the School office or online www.faithacademybellville.org.

Oct 30

Burton Trick or Treat Trail

Come on out to the Burton Trick or Treat Trail. Kids and families can trick or treat around town and enjoy games, scavenger hunts, and costume contest. Contact Steph Jarvis at 979-289-3378 for more info or to participate as a candy sponsor or volunteer. 5:30-7:30pm, Burton Heritage Society, 507 N. Railroad St., Burton. Free.

Oct 30

Casa for Kids South Central Texas Halloween Masquerade Ball

Held at 2K Reserve in Hempstead from 6-10pm. Tickets are on sale now at wespeak4kids.org.

Oct 31

Oktobertfest Hosted by American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary

Dine In or Drive Thru meal from 11am-1pm. Meal tickets are \$15 - BBQ pork loin steak, German potatoes, mixed vegetables, sauerkraut, catered by Gary Goebel Catering. Advance Tickets only. Dancing, games, contests, door prizes, and music from 1-5 p.m. Alli & The Polka Dots. 2:30 Prize Contest - Masskrugstemmen (Stain Holding Competition). American Legion Hall, 903 N. Park St., Brenham, contact 979-525-9526.

November Highlights

First week of every month

BVH Dental Discount Week

For pet owners over age 50 - first full week of each month. Cat and dog owners over age of 50 save 15% on dental cleanings. Brenham Veterinary Hospital, 2455 Highway 290 W., call 979-836-2472 (brenhamvethospital.com).

Nov 1

BBQ Chicken and Sausage Dinner

Brenham Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association BBQ Chicken and Sausage Dinner with green beans, potatoes, sauce and bread provided by Schovajsa Catering. Brenham Fireman's Training Center, 1101 Hwy. 290 W. 4:30 -6:30pm, \$12. Call Annette at 979-277-8444 or any CPAAA Member.

Nov 2

Wake Up, Washington County! Networking Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast and a chance to network with other local businesses and organizations. Host Sponsor is Boys & Girls Club of Washington County, 1710 E. Tom Green, Brenham and sponsored by Texas Casual Cottages by Partners In Building. 7:45am.



The class at Blue Bell Creameries.

Economic Development and Tourism in Washington County

The October session of Leadership Washington County focused on Economic Development and Tourism.

The day began at the Historic Simon Theatre in Downtown Brenham where the group first heard from Jennifer Eckermann, City of Brenham's Director of Tourism & Marketing, as she shared information on how tourism is important for the county's economic development growth. VisitBrenhamTexas.com keeps locals and visitors abreast of events and happenings in Washington County.

Next up was Scott Eckert (LWC Class of 2021), 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.

They then heard from 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 class then traveled to the Antique Rose Emporium where Mike Shoup, owner, gave a history of their

operation, which began over 35 years ago, and lead a tour through the grounds.

After lunch at the Cannery Kitchen, the class traveled to QuestSpecialty Corporation, a manufacturer of specialty chemicals including aerosols, liquids, powders and wipes for use in sanitary supply, property management, industrial specialties, food serves and fleet/transportation applications. They are headquartered in Brenham in a 152,000 square foot facility.

The day ended with dessert...a trip to Blue Bell Creameries. They were able to view production from the observation deck and then to the ice cream parlor for a treat.



An employee of QuestSpecialty Corporation gives a tour of their warehouse.



Mike Shoup, of Antique Rose Emporium, gave a tour of the grounds which included their shipping warehouse as shown here.