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WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BRENHAM, TEXAS

## Kolkhorst, Leman to highlight Legislative Wrap-Up Forum

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, State Sen. Lois W. Kolkhorst and State Rep. Ben Leman will be the featured guests of the next Washington County Forum hosted by the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. This lunchtime event will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the banquet room of the Blinn College Student Center.

Senator Kolkhorst and Representative Leman will give a recap of the 87th Texas Legislative Session and discuss some of the most critical issues facing our state and what it all means for our region.

Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst is a fifth generation Texan, with ancestral roots dating back to the Texas War of Independence. Married to her high school sweetheart Jim, she is a dedicated mother and small business owner. Born and raised in Senate District 18, she attended public schools before graduating from Texas Christian University, where she was a four-year letter winner on the Lady Frog golf team.

Growing up in Brenham, Kolkhorst was taught strong family values and the importance of hard work at an early age. Her father served in the Navy during World War II and afterwards, became a dentist and raised cattle. One of her favorite childhood memories is of her time working cattle and hunting on the family farm, which is still owned by her family today.

Her professional career began in athletic administration at TCU, prior to her and her husband relocating to their hometown of Brenham to start a number of small businesses. Senator Kolkhorst also served as the President and CEO of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce and the Brenham Economic Development Foundation before being elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 2001.

In 2014, after seven successful terms in the Texas House, she was elected to the Texas Senate in a special election, becoming only the 17th female to serve in the Texas Senate since 1845. Encompassing nearly one million constituents, Senate District 18 spans all or parts of 21 counties and covers one-third of the Texas coastline.

As Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, Senator Kolkhorst sets public health policies, and oversees physicians and licensed health professionals. Senator Kolkhorst lead the State of Texas through the COVID-19 pan-



**Kolkhorst**



**Leman**

dem and created new initiatives that improve women's health and maternal mortality rates. She has worked with hospitals to see that they provide better care for high-risk pregnant women and newborns,

and created an innovative funding method for newborn screenings in Texas. She has also worked closely with advocates to protect abused children and reform our foster care system.

Additionally, Senator Kolkhorst serves on nine other committees in the Texas Senate, including the Senate Committee on Finance, the Senate Committee on Business & Commerce, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development, the Senate Committee on Transportation, the Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs, the Health & Human Services Transition Leg-

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**Washington County's Favorite Networking Event**

**Sponsored by**

**Independence Coffee, Ruby Salon  
and The Flamingo Ranch**

**to be held at 2853 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham**

**Wednesday, November 17**

**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.

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# Ribbon Cuttings



New Member & New Location

## Skincare by Shari at Euphoria Hair by Camryn Avery

2325 S. Market St., Brenham



New Member

## YellowTruck, LLC

Owner: Tiffany McMordie-Morisak  
101 E. Main St., Brenham



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## Nathan's BBQ

Owners: Bal Mandey and Dev Bhusal  
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Farmers Market

### V. I. P. NAILS SPA

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1907 South Day  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 979-399-8888  
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New Location

## The Flamingo Ranch

Owner: Erica Farmer  
2809 Hwy 290 West, Brenham



Networking Happy Hour  
Thursday, Dec. 9  
5-7 p.m.



Hosted at Must Be Heaven  
107 W. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham

Expand your business network and make new friends!

For more information about the Washington County YPO,  
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# Ribbon Cuttings



*New Location*

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*New Member*

**Heaton Electric**

Owners: Amanda & Van Heaton  
9250 FM 390 West, Burton



*New Member*

**The Burton Pumpkin Patch**

Owners: Amanda & Van Heaton  
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# Renewing Members

**October 1-30**

Memorial Oaks Chapel — 47 years  
Sun Pools — 37 years  
Washington Animal Clinic, PLLC — 37 years  
Appel Ford, Inc. — 35 years  
Far View Bed & Breakfast — 28 years  
Betts, Bill — 23 years  
Evans Cabinet and Door — 23 years  
Oak Creek Apartments — 23 years  
Upchurch Architects, Inc. — 23 years  
Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant — 22 years  
Norman's Pharmacy — 21 years  
Brenham Pregnancy Center — 19 years  
Brenham Cemetery Association — 18 years  
Haulright — 18 years  
KLTR 94.1 Lite FM & KTWL 105.3 Texas Mix — 18 years  
Barking Ranch Pet Resort — 17 years  
KWIK KOPY Business Center — 17 years  
Edward Jones-Andrea Holle, Financial — 16 years

Computer Helpers — 15 years  
Adam's Angels Ministry — 13 years  
Our Integrity Works, LLC — 13 years  
Reeter, Jeff D. — 13 years  
Golden Years Homecare Specialists — 12 years  
St. Mary's Catholic Church — 12 years  
Washington County Habitat for Humanity — 12 years  
Los Cabos Mexican Grill & Steakhouse — 10 years  
Wittner Plumbing, LLC — 9 years  
Brenham Orthodontics — 8 years  
Fellowship Baptist Church — 8 years  
Focusing Families — 8 years  
Rockin' Star Ranch — 8 years  
Noble Living Studios — 7 years  
Texas Star Winery — 7 years  
Burton Independent School District — 6 years  
Lakeway Air Conditioning, Inc. — 6 years  
Metro Container LLC — 6 years

Picone, Joe Al — 6 years  
Main Street House — 5 years  
Willmark Homes — 5 years  
First Baptist Church School & Early Educa — 4 years  
Boeker Ag Service — 3 years  
Diamond S Trucking — 3 years  
Dream Body LLC — 3 years  
Texas Gardener — 3 years  
Canion Kountry Bakery & Restaurant Inc. — 2 years  
Brenham Repair Center, LLC — 1 year  
Burton Educational Foundation — 1 year  
Candace Lubojasky | Real Estate & Design — 1 year  
Cedar Frame Real Estate — 1 year  
Edward Jones-Rachel Eckert Nordt-Financial — 1 year  
m Strategic Partners, Inc. — 1 year  
Sexual Assault Resource Center — 1 year  
Southern District Properties Group | Comp — 1 year  
Toys for Tots Washington County — 1 year

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



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



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The Chamber is a Toys for Tots donation drop-off location for new, unopened gifts for newborn – teenage boys and girls. The deadline to donate is December 13.

## Would you like to be a P.E.A.C.E. Partner?

This month's word is innovation: looking at yourself and the world in a new & different way. Since it is summer, we have a few less resources for you. You'll find plenty of items to emphasize the word!

We most definitely feel like innovation is a part of building a better world and community. For the last 15 months during the pandemic, you have all innovated in ways you never imagined before. This month, we celebrate the innovations we have all made and look ahead to new ideas and perspectives.

In June, consider how you can be innovative:

\*At home: how could a fresh coat of paint, a new piece of art on the wall, or rearranging your furniture in one room give you a new perspective?

\*At work: what is one challenge you are facing that could be solved if you took time to look at it in a different way?

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



\*In our community: how can you take two things that already exist and combine them to get a different result? Maybe you can partner with an organization, business, event, or school; maybe you could encourage people to see a need in our area and find a new way to try to meet that need.

## COUNTY "ADOPT-A-SIGN" PARTNERS

To ensure the long-term care of the Welcome Sign monuments at the five entry points to Washington County, four landscaping companies from our community have volunteered to oversee their maintenance.

PLM Texas	Glasco & Co. Landscaping	Washington County Landscapes	Wise Landscaping
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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](mailto:shae@brenhamtexas.com) or call 979-836-3695.*

# Forum

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islative Oversight Committee, the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas Advisory Committee, the Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund Advisory Committee and the Select Committee on Texas Ports.

Known by her colleagues for being a hard worker, Kolkhorst has passed legislation that impacts every code of Texas law, ranging from increased government transparency to fighting human trafficking. A longtime voice for private property rights, Senator Kolkhorst has worked with land owner groups to stop eminent domain abuse. To protect and increase funding for our state parks and historic sites, she authored Proposition 5 in 2019, which passed statewide with overwhelming support. She has also led efforts to enhance Texas roads, ports and trade corridors delivering millions of dollars in funding for the state highways across her district.

As a supporter of the education community, her efforts over the years have earned her both the "Legislator of the Year" by the Texas Association of College Teachers and the "Friend of Education" award from Sam Houston State University College of Education. Recently she championed school finance reforms that resulted in over \$11 billion in new student funding, teacher pay raises, and local property tax rate reductions. She also backs efforts to support the Teacher Retirement System.

A recipient of the Legislator of the Year Award from the Sheriffs Association of Texas, Senator Kolkhorst is a vocal supporter for peace officers and first responders. Along with helping to secure over \$6 billion for border security, Senator Kolkhorst has worked with local law enforcement to shut down criminal smuggling networks and develop sensible solutions to the mental health crisis that crowds our jails.

She has received accolades for her work from the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers, Texas Farm

Bureau, Texas Wildlife Association, the NRA, CASA, the Texas Medical Association, the Texas Hospital Association, the Texas Nurses Association, and the Texas DPS Officer Association, among many others.

Senator Kolkhorst and her husband are blessed with two children, Lois Kate and Jake. A frequent volunteer at her church, Senator Kolkhorst also enjoys hobbies such as hunting, fishing and gardening.

Representative Ben Leman was raised in Magnolia. He graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a BBA in Finance. Rep. Leman and his wife, Christie, have been married since 2004 and are blessed with four beautiful children.

Representative Leman began his successful business career when he co-founded an oil and gas equipment manufacturing company in 1997. As CEO of Merrimac Manufacturing, Inc., he successfully navigated major growth rates on a very tight budget, expanding the complex business 'from just two of us in my mother's garage' to over 100 employees, 25 stocking locations around the world and a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility located in House District 13. Representative Leman sold the company in 2012 to a publicly-traded company, where he continued to work for one more year.

After selling his business, Rep. Leman felt called to public service, so he announced his candidacy for Grimes County Judge and was elected in 2014. As County Judge, he combined his business acumen with his conservative principles to prepare Grimes County for the significant growth headed its direction.

So, when a special election was called to fill the unexpired term for State Representative for House District 13, Ben decided to announce his candidacy for the position. He was elected and sworn in into office on May 31, 2018. He is now representing the citizens of HD 13 for the 3rd term. He currently serves as the

Vice-Chair of the Land and Resource Management Committee and is on the Calendars Committee, Energy Resources Committee, and the Republican Caucus Policy Review Committee.

The Lemans reside within Grimes County, where they enjoy raising their family in a rural setting. Their kids are actively involved in 4-H Club, running the family cattle operation, and showing animals at the local county fair. The Lemans are active members of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Anderson where Ben serves on the Finance Committee.

The forum will be moderated by Joel Romo of Texas Public Affairs. Joel Romo has worked for members of the Texas Legislature having served as Chief of Staff and advising lawmakers on their legislative agendas, the state budget, and key policy issues impacting their districts and the state of Texas. Romo's lobby experience includes past positions as a Governmental Relations Director for the Association of Texas Professional Educators and as Assistant Director of Governmental Relations and Communications for the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

A graduate of St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, Joel has been president of the Austin St. Edward's Alumni Chapter, a past member of the University's Alumni Board, past Board member of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, and the current president of the Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce.

Audience members will have the opportunity to submit questions directly to the Senator and Representative at the Forum.

Tickets are \$25 for Chamber Members, \$35 for non-members, 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 or online at [brenhamtexas.com/legislative-wrap-up](http://brenhamtexas.com/legislative-wrap-up). The deadline to reserve a seat is Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 5 p.m.

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### WEBSITE

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Unique Visitors

Total Pages

Oct. 2021 — 5,186

Oct. 2021 — 11,913

## 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.

### Justin Colley

Brenham Chrysler Jeep Dodge

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BPD Sgt. Seth Klehm (LWC Class of 2021), answers questions about the narcotics division of the BPD.



BPD Sgt. Todd Ashorn presents a video on Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events.

# Leadership and Law Enforcement

The November session of the Leadership Washington County program introduced the group to local public safety officials. The session was held at the City of Brenham Police Department.

Brenham Chief of Police Ron Parker welcomed the class and gave information on current happenings within the Brenham Police Department. The class also

heard from District Attorney Julie Renken (LWC Class of 2001) and Washington County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant of Investigations Mark Whidden.

The class then heard from Allison Harper and staff from the Animal Services and the Brenham Pet Adoption Center, which is located next to the police station.

The morning session concluded with a discussion on the class project.

After lunch, the class then participated in breakout sessions, including a 'Shoot, Don't Shoot' scenario, information from the narcotics squad and a presentation on Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE).

When asked about the session, one participant commented, "Going through the 'Shoot/Don't Shoot' scenario makes you realize that LEOs go through situations with little to unknown information and surroundings at times. Leaders will also go through these types of situations. How well you train and prepare yourself

mentally and physically puts you at a better chance to have positive end results."

The program runs from August to May each year. The next class will form in July 2022. Those interested are encouraged to call the Chamber office at (979) 836-3695. Details are posted on [www.Brenham-Texas.com](http://www.Brenham-Texas.com).



Brenham Chief of Police Ron Parker welcomes the class.



BPD Det. Jared Campbell gives instructions on the "Shoot, Don't Shoot" drill.



# What's Happening in November

Thursdays in November

## 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 online 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 November

## 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).

Nov 13-14, 19-21

## The Burton Pumpkin Patch

1st Annual The Burton Pumpkin Patch. Make time for memories you'll never forget. Featuring hay rides, petting zoo, face painting, pony rides, giant hay cow slide, roping corral, fire ring, games, music, crafts, old fashioned fun, homemade treats, photo ops galore & more. Closed only if it is raining, Fridays 4-7pm, Saturdays 10am-7pm, Sundays 2-6pm; 9250 FM 390 W., Burton. \$5.00 Admission (2 & under free).

Nov 13

## BVB Fall Festival

Local Artisan Vendors 12-6pm, Dapper Bear Food Truck 12-8pm, Brewery Bites, 18 Brazos Valley Brewery Beers on tap, beer to go, wine/seltzers/cider, live music all day, playground, and dog friendly! No outside food or drinks please (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).

Nov 13

## Texas Casual Cottages By Partners in Building Back Porch event

Christmas Family Photos. Let Texas Casual Cottages help you get in the Christmas Spirit. Book a 20-minute session for your family. Then come inside for some Christmas goodies. 11am-3pm, 580 S. State Hwy. 237, Carmine (RSVP to book your session 979-337-8293).

Nov 13

## 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).

Nov 13

## The Jersey Barnyard Movie Night

Feature movie "Barnyard." Gate opens at 4pm, movie 6pm. Fee includes popcorn. Bring a chair or blanket, BYOB. S'mores and fire pit available. 3117 State Hwy. 159, La Grange. \$12.

Nov 13

## Big Star Texas Night 2020

Burton Area Chamber of Commerce "Big Star Texas Night" at the historic La Bahia Turn Verein and Dance Hall, 550 Hwy 237 Burton, 6-11pm. Larry Joe Taylor, Sean Orr & Texas Gold. (burtontexas.org/bigstartexasnight).

Sundays

## 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).

Nov 16

## 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).

Nov 17

## Connect After 5 - Independence Coffee Co., Ruby Salon, The Flamingo Ranch

Connect After 5 with your fellow Chamber Members. This event invites you to come enjoy some networking, delicious food and refreshments. 2805 Hwy 290 W., Brenham, 5-7pm.

Nov 18

## Ladies Night Out

4:45-5:45 registration and punch-card pickup; 5-8pm shop, visit new businesses, see what's new in your downtown; get at least 12 signatures out of the 20+ businesses participating for a chance to win; 8:20pm grab a glass of wine at Pioneer or Home Sweet Farm for the after party, turn in your punch cards, drawing will be held. Must be present to win. Prize for the best themed ladies group.

Nov 18

## Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Friends of the Bluebonnet Opry will have Bill Mock, Lynn Landry, Haylie Bagwell, 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).

Nov 19

## Holiday in the Garden

Presented by Martha's Bloomers. Live music, sweets & treats, complimentary beverages, hor d'oeuvres by Chef Chris, holiday décor, gift shopping, door prizes and more. RSVP to registration@marthasbloomers.com; 5-9pm, 8101 Hwy. 6 North Bypass, Navasota.

Nov 20

## St. Mary's PCCW Pre-Holiday Bazaar

Handcrafts, homemade canned items, and baked goods. Raffle tickets will be sold for a quilt, gift cards, and other items. Come and shop for holiday goodies. St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Activity Center (PACP, Corner of Germania and Park Streets. 9am-noon.

Nov 20

## Sugar Plum Market at Washington County Expo Center

Holiday shopping, great food, holiday music and more. Free admission and parking. Food, drinks and music while you shop. Washington County Fair Expo, 1305 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, 9am-4pm.

Nov 20

## Living History Saturday

Travel back in time to where a nation was born in 1836. On the third Saturday of each month, staff and volunteers dress in period clothing to bring to life the people and events of Old Washington for a unique opportunity for the entire family to discover various aspects of life during the Republic of Texas. The program features family activities including writing with a quill pen, signing a copy of the Texas Declaration of Independence, visiting with militia soldiers or playing early Texas games. Tours of Independence Hall will not be offered these days. Contact Adam Arnold at (936) 878-2214, ext. 228 or adam.arnold@tpwd.texas.gov (WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

Nov 20

## Houston Chamber Ringers

Timeless, features classical music, from Handel and Mozart to Saint-Saëns, Strauss and Shostakovich. It also explores timeless artists from other decades including Dave Brubeck, Led Zeppelin, Kansas and Morricone. 3-4:30pm, Festival Concert Hall, 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top. (festival-hill.org). Adults \$30, Students \$10.

Nov 23

## Ribbon Cutting - City of Brenham Jerry Wilson Park New Amenities

900 E. Alamo St., Brenham. 3pm.

Nov 26-27

## Ledbetter Volunteer Fire Department Christmas Lane of Lights

2021 Christmas Lane of Lights. Fridays and Saturdays until Dec. 18; 6-9pm.

Nov 30

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

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

Nov 30

## Ribbon Cutting - Brenham Boutique

114 E. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham, 10:30am.

# December Highlights

Dec 1

## 2021 KBTX Food for Families

26th Annual Food for Families Food Drive. Donations of non-perishable food items. Washington County Expo, 1305 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, 6am-7pm.

Dec 2

## Connect After 5 - Kruse Village

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. 1700 E. Stone St., Brenham, 5-7pm.

Dec 3

## QuickBooks Workshop

Facilitated by a Certified QuickBooks Pro-Advisor, classes will get you started on the path of strong financial management. Blinn College SBDC, A.W. Hodde, Jr., Tech Ed Center, 2910 S. Blue Bell Rd., \$100. Email Layla.barrett@blinn.edu to register.

Dec 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.



## YPO Lunch & Learn

The YPO attended a Lunch & Learn to hear about the Brenham Heritage Museum renovations. They were also given a tour of the construction area.



### Holiday Special

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## Wake Up at B&G Club

Wake Up, Washington County quarterly networking breakfast was held on Nov. 2 at the Boys and Girls Club.



## Brazos Valley Gives

Brazos Valley Gives held a successful fundraising event at the Chamber on Oct. 19.

## Did You Know?

That the Chamber provides hundreds of "Relocation Info" packages every year to individuals and businesses who are considering moving to this community. Members are eligible to include promotional materials and reach this targeted audience for \$100 at the Basic Level and \$85 for the other membership levels. Contact the Chamber office to be included.

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