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WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BREHAM, TEXAS

## Annual Banquet Tickets are being sold until January 17

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Foundation of Brenham's Annual Banquet will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 25 at Fireman's Training Center in Brenham. Dynamic keynote speaker and professional economic developer, Lorie Vincent, will be the special guest speaker.

Vincent is the founder and President of ACCELERATION by design, LLC. A popular speaker, writer and trainer, Lorie brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm to the industry. She is a strong proponent of regionalism, an advocate for rural America, a public relations maven, an event planner, and a traditional economic development practitioner who has a proven record of results. A master storyteller, her motivational keynote speeches are a combination of inspiration, wit & humor. Her expertise is in making the audience think about new perspectives.

Her knowledge runs deep, and her enthusiasm is contagious! In addition to speaking to more than 500 groups throughout her career, her long-awaited books, *Stand Up Rural America-Forging a New Path and Misadventures, Mayhem & Mishaps of a Small-Town Girl Gone Global*, were released last fall.

For more than 29 years, Lorie has developed strategies, prospect events and marketing initiatives that have resulted in the creation of thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in capital investment. Having worked with more than 20 different industries, domestic and abroad, her knowledge and perspective of economic trends and opportunities is extensive. Comfortable in both cowboy boots and a hardhat or a suit and stilettos, she has worked with the smallest of cities to the largest of states! While Lorie is a certified economic developer, she considers her more than quarter century of "in the trenches" experience her most potent tangible and resourceful asset.

Lorie has worked with 275+ cities, counties, chambers, associations, utilities, cooperatives, and state agencies. More than a facilitator or goal setter, she believes in vigorous action plans with measurable results. She has raised over six million dollars for her organizations by developing aggressive, innovative, and cutting-edge forward planning, membership and marketing objectives. This approach, paired with her strong belief in collaboration, has allowed her to build the support of thousands of stakeholders for specific outreach programs and dynamic marketing initiatives. She has a gift of making each prospect, member and audience feel special. And she loves dogs & macaroni & cheese.

Chairman Circle sponsors of the banquet include **Bank of Brenham, Baylor Scott & White Health, Blinn College District, Blue Bell Creameries, Brenham Abstract & Title Company, Brenham National Bank, BRIANNAS Fine Salad Dressings, Citizens State Bank, City of Brenham, Germania Insurance, and Van Dyke Rankin & Company.**

"We are very grateful to these sponsors," said Wende Ragonis, Chamber president, "They will enable us to host a great event for the community, plus they join in applauding the efforts of the volunteer leaders and citizens who will be recognized."

At the banquet, the Washington County Chamber will recognize six directors who have ended a three-year term of service



**Vincent**

on the board: Johanna Fatherree of RE/MAX Bluebonnet Properties, Aaron Gonzalez of Padgett Hearing, Dr. Eric Alford of Baylor Scott & White – The Brenham Clinic, Paul Aschenbeck of Brenham Independent School District, Katie Burch of PLANNORTH Architectural Co., and Dr. John Harriws of Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church. Outgoing Chair Joe Robertson of Blue Bell Creameries will also be recognized for his leadership in 2021.

The Brenham Economic Development Foundation will recognize two outgoing directors: Jarvis Van Dyke of Van Dyke Rankin & Company, for nine years of service on the board and Matt Bentke of Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative for his nine years of service on the board.

Another highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the Man and Woman of the Year Award winners and the presentation of the Small Business of the Year awards. The Blue Blazer of the Year Award will also be announced. District Attorney Julie Renken will be the MC for the evening.

Tickets for the banquet are now on sale at the Washington County Chamber, located at 314 S. Austin Street in Brenham. Individual tickets are \$50 per person and will be on sale until January 17. Reserved tables for eight people are also available. Contact the Washington County Chamber at 979-836-3695 or [info@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:info@brenhamtexas.com).



**Washington County's Favorite Networking Event**

**Sponsored by**  
**Bank of Brenham and**  
**The Pomegranate**  
**Gifts/Test Gallery & Cooking Lab**  
*to be held at Bank of Brenham*  
**501 S. Austin St.**

**Thursday, January 13 from 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



Relocation

## Newman Printing Company

Owners: Louis Newman  
Manager: Donna Dietzmann  
348 Stone Hill Dr., Suite 101, Brenham



Groundbreaking

## Hyundai of Brenham

**Service Expansion and Ioniq Electric Franchise**  
Owners: Jeff Appel, Gregg Appel and Jon Hill  
1710 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham

# Renewing Members

December 1-31

H & H Machine Service — 37 years  
Kruse Village — 31 years  
Windy Winery — 19 years  
Brazos Bed & Breakfast — 16 years  
Michael McCaul - Congressman District 10 — 16 years  
Leftovers Antiques Home Mercantile — 15 years  
Padgett Hearing Aid Center — 12 years  
Jo's Wood Gallery — 10 years

Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate Home — 8 years  
Historic Holle House — 7 years  
Kate Ramzinski - LCRA Representative — 7 years  
10X Graphics & Marketing, LLC — 6 years  
Berkeley Eye Center - Brenham — 6 years  
State Representative Ben Leman — 3 years  
Lucher's Services, LLC — 2 years  
Royalty Tax Service — 2 years  
Sunny Day Blossoms — 1 year




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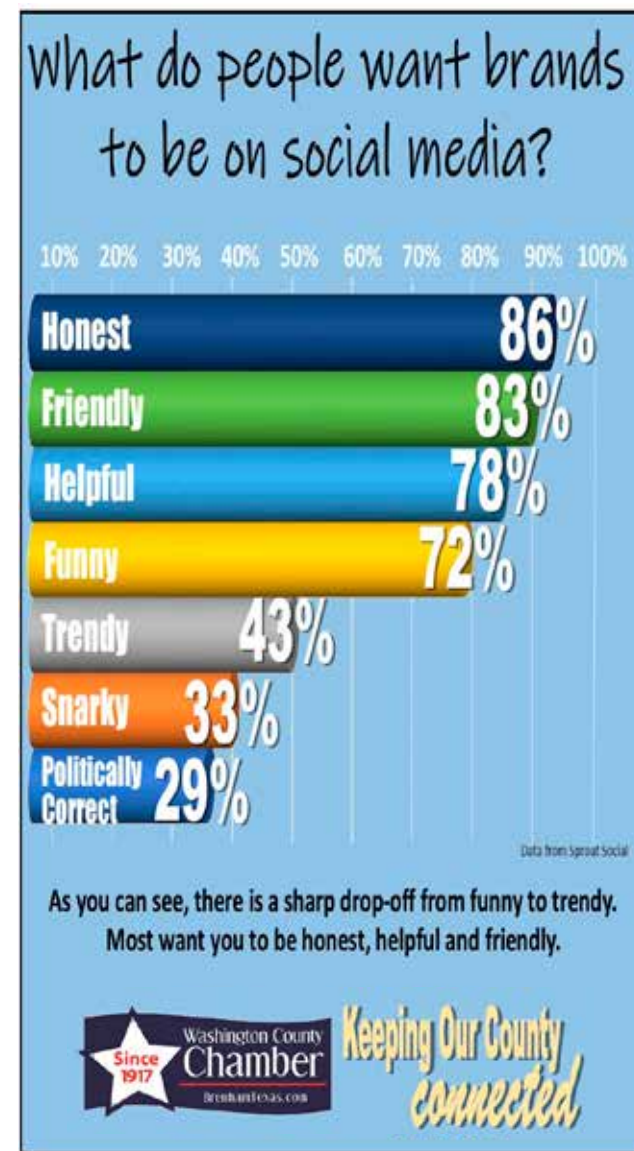
**Brenham-Washington County YPO**  
Young Professionals Organization

**Networking Happy Hour**  
Thursday, January 20  
5:00 p.m.

**Hosted at Independence Coffee**  
2805 Hwy. 290 W., 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](http://www.Facebook.com/YPOWashingtonCounty)



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# Benefits to Joining Young Professionals Organization

If you are looking for an effective way to network in your community, a young professionals' organization may be for you. Here's some reasons why:

Networking in person still matters. Even if you are securely employed, the value of face-to-face contact in networking should not be overestimated. The Washington County YPO offers community service, social events, lunch and learns and other gatherings that provide a chance to make impressions live and in color.

Volunteering for a YPO also gives you a chance to demonstrate how well you interact with others. You can use your YPO colleagues to help hone your "elevator pitch" when meeting new people. In most professions, employers are looking for people who have strong interpersonal skills, and this is a great way to show it.

Corporate connections are important to every profession-

al, whether you're interested in non-profit management, government agency work or launching a high-tech startup. Experts estimate that 60-80 percent of jobs are found through personal relationships. There is no better way to forge personal, local relationships than hanging out with young professionals from different industries. Share your goals and keep your eyes and ears open for new opportunities.

Participating in a young professionals' group can be an impressive addition to your resume. It shows an interest in volunteerism and a willingness to take on leadership roles in your community.

You can make new friends! Gone are the days when you can find your new bestie bonding over chemistry lab work. Whether you are in a new city or a simply new phase of your professional life, joining a networking group can connect you with a whole group of friends.



# Reasons Why You Should Thank Local Businesses

There's a certain glamour when someone says they own a business. The notion of bags of cash, lots of vacations and a flexible schedule. While that may be the ultimate goal for a business owner, this is far from reality. Most small business owners work crazy hours (late nights, early mornings, holidays...) and carry a tremendous responsibility for not only themselves and their families, but also their employees who depend on them for their livelihood.

Small businesses are the lifeblood of our community (and every community, for that matter). It's important to support them, thank them and celebrate them. Here are seven reasons why you should thank a local business TODAY!

- **Create Jobs:** When you hire locally, you are ensuring that our family members, friends and neighbors can make a living. When someone has the resourc-

es to live comfortably, they are able to spend money in our community. This is a beautiful circle that helps communities thrive.

- **Uniqueness and Charm:** There's nothing like walking into a local restaurant or retailer. Their products, services and personality add to the local landscape and create a destination not only for residents, but the region and tourists as well.

- **Locally Made Products and Services:** There's something so satisfying and inspiring about purchasing a locally produced product or service. If you support Made in America, you can't get more authentic than shopping at a mom and pop shop in your city or town.

- **Community Identity:** Local businesses play a huge role in a community's identity. They serve as landmarks, meeting places and a significant source of community pride.

- **Local Support:** Local businesses sponsor youth baseball teams, donate gift certificates to community nonprofits and host fundraisers. They chose your community to open their business (and invest their time and money) so they inherently care and want to make your town or city a great place to live, work and play.

- **Involvement in the Community:** Local business owners and their employees sit on boards, help plan community events and festivals and belong to the local Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and Business Association. They are invested and involved.

- **Tax Money:** Business owners pay taxes to the city or town in which they are located. This creates a bigger tax base that will benefit your community.

When you support a local business, it's a chain reaction. Perhaps you go to a

gift shop to pick up a card and a unique present. Next door is a restaurant. You stop in for lunch. While you're at both places, you snap a few pictures and put them on Instagram. In the matter of an hour or two, you've spent your hard earned money at two local businesses AND you promoted them through your Instagram post. YOU created a chain reaction. What a beautiful thing if we all did that.

So thank a small business today. During your lunch break, pick up a sandwich or salad and make a point to say hello to the restaurant owner. On the way home, pop into a retailer and tell them how important they are to the community. Post on Social Media tagging your favorite local businesses (or better yet, go to their Facebook page and leave them a review). Celebrate entrepreneurship and those who follow their dreams.

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



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



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# Member Job Openings

[chamber.brenhamtexas.com/jobs](http://chamber.brenhamtexas.com/jobs)

## Associated Credit Union of Texas

Member Access Center Representative  
– Full-time and Part-time, 20hr  
2509 Becker Dr., Brenham

## Best Western Inn of Brenham

Housekeeping Staff  
Apply in person at  
1503 Hwy. 290 E., Brenham

## Brenham Heritage Museum

Part-time Gallery Attendant  
313 E. Alamo St., Brenham

## Faith Academy of Bellville

All Positions  
Apply online at [faithacademybellville.org](http://faithacademybellville.org)  
or call 979-865-1811 for an application

## Focused Care at Brenham

Certified Nurse's Aide  
Charge Nurse – LVN  
1303 Hwy. 290 E., Brenham

## Personnel Services

Various Job Openings  
2556 Ryan St., Brenham  
[psstaffing.com](http://psstaffing.com)

## Thielemann Construction Company

Experienced Trim Cabinet Carpenter  
Apply in person at 2310 S. Market St., Brenham

# Promote Your Business as a Breakfast Sponsor

“Wake Up, Washington County!” These networking events are held quarterly at various locations. You will meet other members and learn about their businesses as well as have the opportunity to inform others about your products and services. You will also hear updates from the Chamber about what is going on in the community.

For Chamber members, there is no admission to attend. Two sponsors are sought for each event and it provides a huge amount of exposure and publicity. There is a site sponsorship and a food sponsorship, both \$200.

This event is a great way to promote your business. Your business name will be included on the invitations that all Chamber members receive, and you will be given recognition and additional time to talk about your business at the breakfast event.

Contact Jane Hinze at the Chamber for more info: [jane@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:jane@brenhamtexas.com) or 979-836-3695.

## 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.*



# December Members of the Month

## Professional Communications

4201 FM 3456, Brenham  
979-836-0986  
profcomtx.com

*How long have you been in business?*

— In Brenham since 1979; in the Radio Business since 1975.

*What services do you offer?*

— We offer communication systems that can talk across the plant yard or across Texas. Our new Digital System can talk from Dallas to Houston. Not only that, but the computer on your desk can see where they are.

*Tell us something unique about your business.*

— We work very hard for our customers to provide them the best communications that they can get.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

— My family has been in TEXAS since 1821 and I can't think of any other place I would want to live.

## The Barnhill Center at Historic Simon Theatre

111 W. Main St., Downtown Brenham  
979-337-7240  
thebarnhillcenter.com

*How long have you been in business?*

— Since 1925. After the renovation of the building, we've been reopened and active as a performing arts and event venue since 2016.

*What services do you offer?*

— Primarily live music concerts and we also serve as an event venue for anything from birthday parties

to corporate meetings to weddings!

*Tell us something unique about your business.*

— We have a ghost! We like to think it's Mr. Simon who passed away before the building was complete. Thankfully, he's a friendly ghost.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

— I love the small town community feel. Coming from the Dallas area, I really appreciate getting to know my neighbors and running into folks at the grocery store – that's something that just doesn't seem to happen in much larger communities.

## City of Brenham

200 W. Vulcan St., Downtown Brenham  
979-337-7200  
cityofbrenham.org

*How long have you been in business?*

— September 7, 1920

*What services do you offer?*

— Development Services  
• Economic Development  
• Finance  
• Fire Department  
• Library  
• Human Resources/Employment/Jobs  
• Municipal Court  
• Parks and Recreation  
• Police Department  
• Public Utilities  
• Public Works  
• Purchasing  
• Tourism and Marketing

*Tell us something unique about your business.*

— Although the official charter was adopted in 1920, the City of Brenham was officially incorporated in 1858 and the earliest available charter document is found in an act passed by the state legislature on November 3, 1866. Brenham is a Home-Rule City, having adopted the City Manager/Council form of government in 1968.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

— We love the history, but most importantly, we love the residents that we serve

## Stanpac

801 Mangrum St., Brenham  
979-251-9851  
stanpacnet.com

*How long have you been in business?*

— We have been in business since 1949; with the present owners since 1971; and in Brenham since 2010.

*What services do you offer?*

— Our Brenham facility manufactures Ice Cream Packaging for companies located throughout Texas and many others throughout the United States.

*Tell us something unique about your business.*

— We have several unique patented products that set us apart from our competitors. Our customers tell us we have the best customer service.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

— The warm, friendly welcome we received when we arrived here 11 years ago and the support we still receive from the community.

## Working for YOU.

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

### WALK-INS

*Chamber of Commerce*

Dec. 2021 — 238

### WEBSITE

*www.BrenhamTexas.com*

*Unique Visitors*

*Total Pages*

Dec. 2021 — 4,447

Dec. 2021 — 9,416

## 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*

### Kyler Crenshaw

*Capital Farm Credit*

### Darlene Denman

*First Baptist Church School*

### Joyce Dickschat

*Brenham National Bank*

### Shelby Dollar

*Bank of Brenham*

### Tammy Jaster

*City of Brenham-Blue Bell Aquatic Center*

### Candace Lubojasky

*Candace Lubojasky | Real Estate & Design*

### 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*

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Class photo with the EMS copter.



Adonna Saunders is checking on one of the "patients" in the simulator lab at Blinn.

# Leadership explores Health Care

The January session of Leadership Washington County focused on Health Care and allowed the class to learn more about the industry firsthand.

The day began at the Science, Technology, Engineering and Innovation (STEI) building on the Blinn College Campus in Brenham. Sami Rahman, Director of Simulations and Clinical Labs, met with the class and took them on a tour of the nursing area of the facil-

ity. The simulation laboratories include three high-fidelity simulation rooms where Blinn faculty can use computerized simulators to provide a real-to-life patient care experience.

The class then heard from Emilie Kmiec, Director of Nursing at Hospice Brazos Valley, a non-profit hospice provider that serves 17 counties.

Blake Barnes, Vice President of Operations at Baylor Scott & White in Brenham, and Dr. Eric Alford of Baylor Scott

& White – The Brenham Clinic, then gave an overview of the many health-care services available here.

The group then traveled to the Washington County EMS Station located on Hwy. 290. They enjoyed a lunch by Volare's and then heard from EMS Director Kevin Deramus and other members of his team.

Then other paramedics demonstrated the Lund Hospital Cardiac Arrest System (LUCAS) on a mannequin. The

class was given a tour of the station, plus the medical helicopter flew in for a viewing.

Leadership Washington County is a program of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce designed to train and motivate current and future leaders of our community.

Graduates of the program are highly sought by civic groups and valued by local employers. The next class will form in July and begin in August.



EMS Director Kevin Deramus speaks to the class.



Paramedics demonstrate the LUCAS procedure on a mannequin.



Jeremy Johnston takes a seat in the EMS copter.



# What's Happening in January

Thursdays

## **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).

Thursdays - Sundays

## **Winter Fun with Backroad Country Tours**

Offer tours to local breweries, wineries, distilleries, sports bars and more in the Brenham, Round Top, Warrenton, Fayetteville and Carmine areas. Thursdays through Sundays from 11am-6pm (backroadcountrytours.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.

Jan 13

## **Connect After 5 - Bank of Brenham & The Pomegranate Gifts/Test Gallery & Cooking Lab**

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. Bank of Brenham, 501 S. Austin St., Brenham, 5-7pm.

Fridays

## **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).

Jan 15

## **Living History Saturday**

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

Jan 15

## **Sound on Stage Saturdays**

Brazos Valley Brewery and Taproom is open Saturday from noon-10pm with live music every Saturday from 6-9pm 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).

## SAVE THE DATE

April 28

**8th Annual Administrative Professionals' Appreciation Luncheon**

April 29

**2nd Annual Chamber Classic Golf Tournament**

August

**Tailgate 2022**

Jan 15

## **Uptown Swirl in Downtown Brenham**

Wine tasting in quaint stores around Brenham's downtown district. Glasses can be purchased at participating merchants or order your glass online and pick it up the day of the event. Come rain or shine. Limited quantities available. 3-7pm (downtownbrenham.com).

Jan 18

## **BVH Senior 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).

Jan 19

## **Winedale Online Talk: The Kreische Brewery**

Author Charles Hebert will discuss the Kreische family, their brewery, and the family's impact on Fayette County. 12-1pm. To register, email tricia.blakistone@austin.utexas.edu.

Wednesdays

## **Hop Day Wednesday**

Open from 3-9pm with Dapper Bear Food Truck from 4-9pm 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).

Jan 20

## **Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours**

Held at The Rock Store, 5070 Main St., Chappell Hill. Hosted by Brenham National Bank, 5-7pm,

Jan 20

## **YPO Networking Happy Hour**

Network with the Young Professionals of Washington County, 5-7pm, at Independence Coffee. 2805 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham.

Jan 20

## **Friends of Bluebonnet Opry**

Featuring Darrell McCall, Mona McCall, Tony Booth, 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).

Jan 22

## **Back Porch Event - Be A Hero. Give Blood.**

Donor coach onsite at Texas Casual Cottages, 580 S. Hwy. 237, Carmine. Donors will receive a free T-shirt with donation. AirMedCare helicopter on site (weather permitting). Find out how to join the AirMedCare Network, plus Scruffy's Pick'n Chews food truck. 11am-3:15pm. RSVP to 979-337-8293.

Jan 25

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

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

Jan 26

## **Brenham Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser**

Drive-Thru Dinner of chicken fried chicken served with potatoes, green beans and gravy. Tickets \$12 each. Sold at Brenham Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Member, Dan's Meat Market, Robert's Service Station, and K & M Grocery or call 979-337-7300.

Jan 27

## **Ribbon Cutting Bridge Ministry of Burton Texas**

New location for Bridge Ministry of Burton, Texas, 307 N. Brazos St., Burton, 9:30am.

Jan 27

## **Brenham Game Changers Purse Bingo**

brenhamgamechangers.com

Jan 29

## **Celil and Amanda Kaya, Duo guitarists**

Festival Concert Hall, 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top, 3-4:30pm (festivalhill.org).



**Would your business  
like to host a YPO  
Networking Happy Hour?**

**Email  
WashCoYPO@gmail.com  
to find out details.**

# MAKE IT YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT LOCAL IN 2022!

Supporting local helps  
strengthen the local  
economy, builds a stronger  
community and makes this  
a great place for everyone to  
enjoy! That is what  
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## WHY SHOP LOCALLY

### THE POWER OF CHOICE

Every time you make a purchase, you're exercising power of choice. There are lots of places where you can choose to spend your money; at merchants in Washington County, in the "big cities" down the road, even through mail order catalogs or on the Internet. But have you ever stopped to think about the real impact of dollars spent locally, compared to those spent out of the area?

The choice is yours. You have the power to strengthen and enrich your community. When you shop in Washington County, your money re-circulates in our local economy. Every dollar spent locally multiplies itself several times in impact to the local economy, as that dollar moves from person to person. A dollar spent in a local restaurant, for example, becomes income for a restaurant employee. When that employee buys groceries, the dollar becomes income

for the grocer, who in turn may spend it to buy clothing or office supplies, or even a new vehicle – in each case, becoming income for other area businesses and residents. Experts say that every dollar spent locally turns over within the community an average of seven times. So every \$100 spent here at home is actually worth \$700 or more to the local economy – and that's good news for all of us!

Our local businesses, both independents and chains, raise the standard of living in our community. Especially when they take their profits and buy products and services from other local businesses, thus creating more and more tax revenues needed for the community to thrive. Those sales tax dollars go back to our city government and can be used to fund local streets, parks, schools, fire and police protection and to fund economic development efforts. Our local businesses also donate to local charities includ-

ing churches, softball leagues, arts, cultural and historical events and projects.

Especially important to the community are our independent local businesses - they are unique enterprises that contribute to the character of our community by offering more diverse selections of goods and services. In today's competitive marketplace we all need to make a special effort to frequent them. They bring charm to the local community – a charm missing in newer communities with shiny strip centers and no local flavor. Independent businesses provide meaningful service with a personal touch. It really does matter to them that you are satisfied and will come back again.

Making the decision to BUY LOCAL is a personal commitment to reinvest your purchasing dollars into your own community. A mere 5% shift in purchases back to our local community would have the same impact as bringing a new industry to the

area. We are talking about millions of dollars of local impact. It starts with our own commitment to support our Washington County businesses. And Chamber member businesses are often the very ones that are most supportive of the local community. When you shop online with out-of-state companies, it doesn't contribute a dime to our local economy.

I challenge each of you to make the decision to find and patronize business locally; shop local for services that may not have a store front, such as a CPA, website designer or landscaper. Look for the Chamber plaque and window decal where you do business. You can view a complete list of Chamber member businesses and the categories in which they are listed on our website at BrenhamTexas.com. Encourage your associates, family, and friends to buy locally. You have the power to make a difference! Buy LOCAL Washington County!