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WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## 2022 Annual Banquet Highlights



**Joy Fuchs and Terry Luedtke were surprised and honored to be selected as Man and Woman of the Year for 2021.**

Photo courtesy of Joshua Blaschke, KTEX/KWHI.

Members from the community gathered for the Annual Banquet held by the Washington County Chamber and Brenham Economic Development Foundation on Jan. 25. The featured keynote speaker was Lorie Vincent, a professional economic developer, popular speaker, writer and trainer. Julie Renken served as the emcee.

Thanks to all members and guests who attended, and to the following headline sponsors and Chairman Circle members for ensuring the success of the event:

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## City and County leaders to discuss economic conditions at State of the Community forum

The Washington County Chamber is pleased to host a State of the Community forum on Wednesday, March 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Blinn College Student Center banquet room in Brenham.

At this event, attendees will hear from community leaders from the City of Brenham, Washington County, and Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative.

At this lunch-time forum, speakers will deliver updates on projects and drivers of the local economy. Topics of discussion include community updates, employment numbers and key issues impacting our region.

Attend this event to hear directly from local leaders and learn about what lies ahead for the Brenham/Washington County community.

The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. and end by 1 p.m. Reservations are \$25 per person for Chamber Members (\$35 for non-members), and a buffet lunch is included. Reserved tables of 8 are available for \$250.

To reserve a seat at this forum, contact the Washington County Chamber at 979-836-3695 by March 2, or send an email to shae@brenhamtexas.com.



**Washington County's Favorite Networking Event**

**Sponsored by**

**Silversage Assisted Living & Memory Care**

**1121 Prairie Lea St., Brenham**

**Thursday, February 24**

**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.

# Renewing Members

January 1-31

Seidel Schroeder — 44 years  
 Schovajsa's Catering — 42 years  
 Brenham Maifest Association — 40 years  
 Medi-Care Equipment Specialties, Inc. — 40 years  
 Brenham Memorial Chapel — 38 years  
 Faske's Jewelry — 38 years  
 Fischer Tile & Floor Covering — 38 years  
 Kohring Monument Company — 38 years  
 Lacina & Kenjura PC — 37 years  
 Phillips Painting Company — 33 years  
 Lete Phillips Exercise Program — 32 years  
 Enterprise Products — 30 years  
 Hodde Real Estate Company — 25 years  
 Barnhill House Toys & Books — 22 years  
 Martha's Bloomers — 21 years  
 Brenham Toy Company & Teacher Supply — 21 years  
 Subway Sandwiches & Salads — 18 years  
 J & A Roofing — 16 years  
 Dot Borchardt — 14 years  
 Don's Appliance Service — 13 years  
 Downtown Art Gallery, LLC — 13 years  
 Cowboy Church of Brenham — 12 years

Prairie Wind Farm — 12 years  
 Saddlehorn Winery — 12 years  
 Sigma Chi Chi Professional Women's Club — 12 years  
 Texas Country Title — 11 years  
 Hodde Real Estate Company - Jim Ripple — 9 years  
 Stone Hollow Apartments — 9 years  
 Brenham Craftsman Charmer — 7 years  
 LJ'S BBQ — 6 years  
 Brazos Transit District — 4 years  
 Behrens Land Group, Inc. — 3 years  
 The Yard — 3 years  
 Kelm Angus Farm — 2 years  
 Betty W Channing PC — 1 year  
 Easy Access Technologies, Inc. — 1 year



**Wednesday, February 23**  
 8:30 a.m.  
 Chamber Conference Room  
 314 S. Austin St.

You are invited to attend this informative session where you will learn how to take advantage of all the benefits of your membership. You will also be able to meet and network with other members.

Come promote your business while learning about how the Chamber works!

This is a FREE session, but there is limited seating. Please RSVP by contacting Jane Hinze at the Chamber office at (979) 836-3695 or [jane@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:jane@brenhamtexas.com).


*We look forward to seeing you!*



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# Ribbon Cutting



*New Location*

## Bridge Ministry of Burton


307 North Brazos St., Burton



*New Location*

## Dreamliner Diner

Owner: Mindy Canion  
 3001 Aviation Way, Brenham



**Networking Happy Hour**  
 Thursday, February 10  
 5:00 p.m.

**Hosted by Brand It Graphix**  
 2507 Becker Dr., 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](mailto:washcoypo@gmail.com), or visit online: [www.Facebook.com/YPOwashingtoncounty](https://www.Facebook.com/YPOwashingtoncounty)

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[www.infintechllc.com](http://www.infintechllc.com)



# New Members

## BLUROSE CAREGIVING

Owner: Rosemary Rodriguez  
2628 HWY 36S PMB 201  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 979-551-1969  
www.blurosecaregiving.com  
In Home Health Care

## BURKES OUTLET

Manager: Cedric Vinson  
918 HWY 290  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 346-263-2462  
www.burkesoutlet.com  
Clothing & Accessories

## COMPUTER ACCOUNTING & TAX SERVICE

Owner: Kimberly Shows  
1405 South Market Street  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 979-836-4047  
Tax Service

## DIXIE MOTEL

Owner: Sarah Stopchinski  
205 South Drumm Street (Physical Address)  
946 Happy Hollow Road (Mailing Address)  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 979-400-8874  
www.dixiemotelbrenham.com  
Hotels/Motels

## FLOWN THE COOP

Owner: Tiffany Eckhardt  
701 N. Main Street (Physical Address)  
P O Box 174 (Mailing Address)  
Burton, Texas 77835  
Phone: 937-215-4732  
www.2flownthecoop.com  
Counseling/Health Services

## LIFESTYLE RANCH AND HOME GROUP | COMPASS

Owner: Tonya Currie  
348 Stone Hill Drive #110  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 979-551-6754  
www.lifetyleranchhome.com  
Real Estate

## PECAN TREE APARTMENTS

Owner: David Wellmann  
704 Pecan Street (Physical Address)  
2406 E. Rosedale (Mailing Address)  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 979-421-0620  
Apartments

# Stay, Play, Buy Local

Many people do not realize the importance of shopping in your own community. Sales tax dollars kept here support your local police department, fire department, parks and recreation facilities, road projects, businesses and workforce.

Chamber member businesses support the community year-round, and they appreciate the support of local residents as customers and clients. View a list of all Chamber member businesses online at [www.BrenhamTexas.com](http://www.BrenhamTexas.com). A lot of our Chamber Members will include HOT DEALS on our website to promote their sales and special offers.

The Chamber provides education, advocacy, marketing assistance, referrals and more to members, along with great networking and leadership development opportunities. For more information, stop by the Chamber office or call (979) 836-3695.

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

**Tuesday, February 22**

**Starts at 7:45 a.m.**

Hosted by:

**Kruse Village**

**1700 E. Stone 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  
**accentCare.**

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# Member Job Openings

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

## Appel Ford

Parts Warehouse Associate/Driver  
1820 Highway 290 W., Brenham

## Bridge Ministry of Burton, TX

Executive Director

Send resumes and cover letter to [madeline@industryinet.com](mailto:madeline@industryinet.com)

## Burkes Outlet

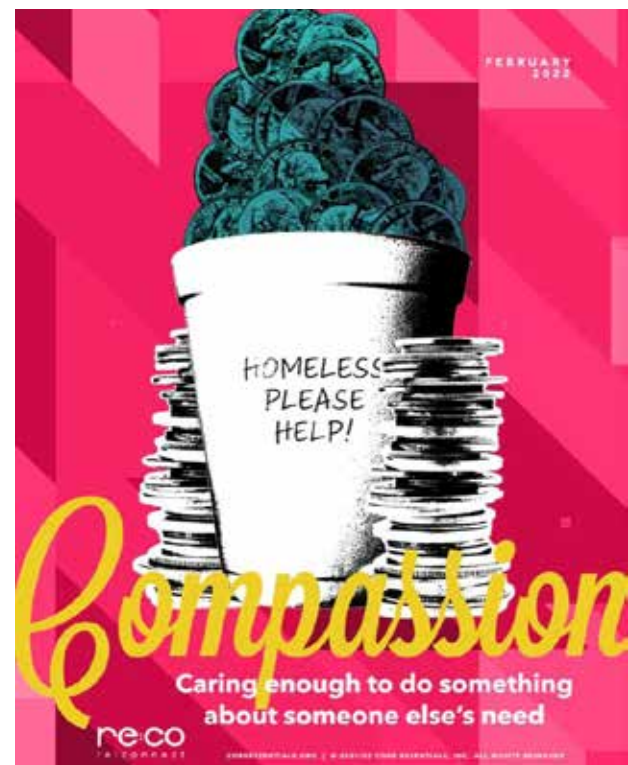
Store Associate  
918 Highway 290, Brenham  
346-263-2462, [burkesoutlet.com](http://burkesoutlet.com)

## Hyundai of Brenham

Part-time Receptionist  
1710 Highway 290 W., Brenham

## Woodforest National Bank

Full-time Retail Banker Position  
203 US Loop 290 W., Brenham (inside Walmart)



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 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
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- Independence Coffee Co.
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- 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.*



Stay Local | Play Local | Shop Local



# January Members of the Month

## Washington on the Brazos Historical Foundation

23400 Park Road 12, Washington, TX

936-878-2214

[wheretexasbecametexas.org](http://wheretexasbecametexas.org)

### How long have you been in business?

— Since 1955. Previously known as the Washington on the Brazos State Park Association.

### What services do you offer?

— WOBHF is the “friends” group that supports Washington on the Brazos State Historical Site through memberships, fundraisers and special events. A \$50 Family membership provides free admission into the site and all its venues; The Visitor’s Center, Independence Hall, Star of the Republic Museum and Barrington Plantation. Monies raised support the site mission, which is to tell the story of the place Where Texas Became Texas. The Beef on the Brazos Cattle Raffle and the Sundown Social gala are additional ways we generate support.

### Tell us something unique about your business.

— WOBHF is one of the oldest “friends” groups in the state. Our purpose is to tell the story of the 59 delegates who gathered in Washington, Texas in 1836 to declare independence from Mexico and create the sovereign nation of Texas. The annual Texas Independence Day Celebration explores that story more with a weekend long festival featuring historical interpreters and re-enactors, period musicians and craftsmen, and cultural performers showcasing the diversity of the state.

### What do you love about Washington County?

— Washington County is the home of the place Where Texas Became Texas. The state was born in Washington and took its first steps here. The scenery is beautiful and the people are friendly. The community is thriving, but still maintains that small town flavor.

## CASA for Kids of South Central Texas

1500 S. Day St., Brenham

979-277-0088

[wespeak4kids.org](http://wespeak4kids.org)

### How long have you been in business?

— CASA for Kids of South Central Texas (CASA) was established in 2006 to serve Austin, Waller, and Washington Counties. We were assigned to our first case by a local judge in 2007 and began serving Colorado County in 2011.

### What services do you offer?

— CASA provides advocacy services to abused and neglected children who enter the foster care system because their home is no longer safe. By speaking up for their best interest in court, at school and in our community, we ensure each child’s needs remain a priority in the overburdened child welfare system. We work in tandem with judges, attorneys, case workers, parents, foster parents, teachers, physicians, and therapists so every child’s voice is heard. By researching each child’s situation, CASA can make objective recommendations to the judge to help children reclaim their childhoods from abuse and neglect.

### Tell us something unique about your business.

— CASA is the only program where everyday citizens are appointed by a judge to speak up for a child’s safety and wellbeing. Our volunteers come from all walks of life, including all cultures, professions, ethnic and educational backgrounds. CASA volunteers offer hope and stability at a time when a child’s life hangs in the balance.

### What do you love about Washington County?

— We love the hometown feel of Washington County and the big heart for service to others. There is a passion in our community to help others and many opportunities to get involved and make a difference.

## Downtown Art Gallery / Brenham Fine Arts League

113 West Alamo St., Downtown Brenham

979-836-1622

[brenhamfal.com](http://brenhamfal.com)

### How long have you been in business?

— The Brenham Fine Arts League began in 1956 as a non-profit teaching and philanthropic organization, and in 2014 the Downtown Art Gallery began as a member managed LLC

### What services do you offer?

— BFAL offers art classes four days each week, and community service work such as painting the childrens’ waiting rooms at BS&W Brenham Clinic. Downtown Art Gallery is open seven days each week to sell the work of 48 members of the LLC, with six varieties of paintings, ceramics, fused glass work, found art pieces, stained glass, jewelry, and more.

### Tell us something unique about your business.

— Each Downtown Art Gallery member is required to work the desk, act as an educator, an ambassador for Brenham and Washington County. Our 48 mem-

ber/exhibitors are from local communities as well as the surrounding 100 miles. There are no employees, and all tasks are volunteer accomplished.

### What do you love about Washington County?

— The diversity is an attraction in life as well as art. Weekends are full of “day trippers” coming to enjoy the diversity of our area, a slower pace, good food and entertainment, and a wonderful blend of history and new beginnings.

## Brenham Pregnancy Center

1016 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham

979-836-0397

[brenhampregnancycenter.org](http://brenhampregnancycenter.org)

### How long have you been in business?

— Our center opened October 1, 2002.

### What services do you offer?

— We provide professional and compassionate care for pregnancy related services.

Our free and confidential services include: pregnancy test, limited ultrasounds, life affirming options counseling, parenting education, pregnancy loss support, abortion recovery program, material assistance, and referral services.

### Tell us something unique about your business.

— We serve Washington and six surrounding counties, including Austin County, Burleson County, Fayette County, Grimes County, Lee County, and Waller County.

### What do you love about Washington County?

— We love how supportive the community is of our mission to save lives, both physically and spiritually.

## Working for YOU.

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

### WALK-INS

*Chamber of Commerce*

Jan. 2022 — 342

### WEBSITE

[www.BrenhamTexas.com](http://www.BrenhamTexas.com)

*Unique Visitors*

Jan. 2022 — 5,360

*Total Pages*

Jan. 2022 — 11,943

## 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.

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**Michelle Kwiatkowski accepts the Small Business award on behalf of Seidel Schroeder from 2022 Board Chairman Dr. John Turner and Chamber President Wende Ragonis-Anderson.**

Photo courtesy of Joshua Blaschke, KTEX/KWHI



**Leland Hartstack accepts the Small Business award on behalf of The Yard from 2022 Board Chairman Dr. John Turner and Chamber President Wende Ragonis-Anderson.**

Photo courtesy of The Brenham Banner Press

## Banquet

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EDF Chairman Blake Brannon recognized retiring EDF directors Matt Bentke of Bluebonnet Electric for 9 years of service on the board and Jarvis Van Dyke of Van Dyke Rankin for his 9 years of service on the board. He also thanked several partner organizations including the City of Brenham, Brenham Community Development Corporation and Washington County.

The Chamber's outgoing Board Chairman Joe Robertson thanked retiring directors: Dr. Eric Alford of Baylor Scott & White – The Brenham Clinic, Paul Aschenbeck of Brenham ISD, Katie Burch of PLANNORTH Architectural Co., Johanna Fatheree of RE/MAX Bluebonnet Properties, Aaron Gonzalez of Padgett Hearing Aid Center, and Dr. John Harris of Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church. Chamber President/CEO Wende Ragonis thanked Joe for his year as Board Chair.

2022 Chamber Board Chairman Dr. John Turner then came to the podium to announce the Business of the Year Awards. The 2021 Business of the Year for 1-25 employees went to The Yard and the Business of the Year for 26-100 employees went to Seidel Schroeder.

Chamber Member Services Manager Jane Hinze spoke on behalf of the Blue Blazers and thanked the members for all their hard work helping to recruit and retain members. She announced the Blue Blazer of the Year award. It was won by Tammy Jaster for her enthusiasm and hard work for the club.

Joy Fuchs won the 2021 Woman of the Year-Lifetime Achievement Award. She was introduced by Wende Ragonis on behalf of the 2020 winner Jennifer Eckermann. Terry Luedtke won the 2021 Man of the Year Award, introduced by the prior year's winner Kevin Deramus. They expressed sincere appreciation for being selected and talked about what a great community this is to live in and be of service to others.

That concluded an evening of celebration for this community's business leaders and hard-working volunteers.



**Keynote Speaker Lorie Vincent of ACCELERATION by design, LLC.**

Photo courtesy of The Brenham Banner Press



**Blue Blazer of the Year award winner Tammy Jaster with Chamber Member Services manager Jane Hinze.**

Photo courtesy of The Brenham Banner Press



**2021 Board Chair Joe Robertson (L) and outgoing directors Katie Burch, Dr. John Harris, Chamber President Wende Ragonis-Anderson, and outgoing director Paul Aschenbeck.**

Photo courtesy of The Brenham Banner Press



# What's Happening in February

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).

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.

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 (backroadcountrysitours.com).

Feb 10-27

## Unity Theatre Presents "Now and Then"

A romantic comedy. Thursdays, 7:30pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 8pm; Sundays, 4pm; 979-830-8358, 300 Church St., Downtown Brenham (UnityBrenham.org).

Feb 10

## Music for a Winter's Day:

### Works for Pipe Organ and Flute Concert

St. Peter's Episcopal Church presents a concert featuring Dr. Joanne Clark playing our 1928 pipe organ and piano and Dr. Wendy Bergin playing flute. This free concert will be followed by a light reception. 6-7pm, 2310 Airline Dr., Brenham (StPetersBrenham.org).

Feb 11

## Basic QuickBooks Desktop Accounting Course

Facilitated by a Certified QuickBooks Pro-Advisor. Course topics: setting up your records, invoices, deposits and checks, accounts payable and receivable, bank and credit card account reconciliation, running reports, 9am-5pm, \$100, Blinn College SBDS, A.W. Hodde Tech Center, 2910 S. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, 979-830-4333 (SBDC.uh.edu).

Feb 11

## Ribbon Cutting - Floyd's Wine Lounge

New Member, Floyd's Wine Lounge, 315 S. Baylor St., 11am.

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).

## 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).

Feb 12

## Valentine's Concert at Festival Hill

One-hour benefit Valentine's Concert featuring musician, singer and songwriter Will Lynde at the piano Joining Will are J. Gary Smith and Justin Fox. Special guest, James Dick, concert pianist and Institute Founder and Artistic Director, will make an appearance, 2pm, Festival Concert Hall, 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top, 979-249-3129 (FestivalHill.org).

# SAVE THE DATE

April 28

## 8th Annual Administrative Professionals' Appreciation Luncheon

April 29

## 2nd Annual Chamber Classic Golf Tournament

August

## Tailgate 2022

Feb 12

## Faith Academy of Bellville

### Night of Knights Denim & Diamonds

24th annual Night of Knights Denim & Diamonds semi-formal attire fundraiser. Meal and Silent auction 5:30-7pm, live auction 7-9:30pm, Faith Academy, 12177 Hwy. 36, Bellville (faithacademybellville.org/page/fundraising).

Feb 13

## 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).

Feb 14

## Ribbon Cutting - Mundy's Smoked Legs n' Tails

New Member, Mundy's Smoked Legs n' Tails, 1609 E. Alamo St., Brenham, 10:30am.

Feb 15

## 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).

Feb 15

## Ribbon Cutting -

### Brenham Foundry & Floral Company

New Member, Brenham Foundry & Floral Company, 101 W. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham, 9:30am.

Wednesdays

## 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).

Feb 17

## Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

Hosted by Chappell Hill Sausage and held at the Rock Store, 5070 Main St., Chappell Hill, 5-7pm.

Feb 17

## Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Featuring Matt Mercado, Cody Rhodes, Donna B 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).

Feb 18-19

## Hearth and Home Quilt Show

Brenham Friendship Quilt Guild will host its biennium quilt show. Featuring traditional and contemporary quilts, a boutique for unique gifts, vendors and more. Fireman's Training Center, 1101 US 290, Brenham, Friday, 10am-5pm; Saturday, 10am-4pm (friendshipquiltguild.weebly.com).

Feb 18

## Ribbon Cutting - BluRose Caregiving

New Member BluRose Caregiving, Washington County Chamber of Commerce, 314 S. Austin St., Brenham, 11am.

Feb 19

## 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).

Feb 21

## Fortnightly Club Annual Book Sale

Annual Used Book Sale at the Washington County Fairgrounds sponsored by The Fortnightly Club benefiting the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library. Admission: Monday 9 am-1pm = \$10; After 1 pm Monday - Sat = \$1. Free Parking, No entry fee for children. Washington County Expo, 1305 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, 9am-6pm.

Feb 22

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

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

Feb 22

## Wake Up, Washington County! Networking Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast and a chance to network with other local businesses and organizations. Host Sponsor is Kruse Village, 1700 E. Stone St., Brenham and breakfast sponsor is accentCare. 7:45am.

Feb 24

## Ribbon Cutting -

### Bank of Brenham Chappell Hill Branch

Bank of Brenham Chappell Hill Branch, 9000 Hwy. 290 E., Chappell Hill, 10am.

Feb 24

## Connect After 5 -

### Silversage Assisted Living & Memory Care

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. Silversage Assisted Living & Memory Care, 1121 Prairie Lea St., Brenham, 5-7pm.



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Feb 24

## Brenham ISD Education

### Foundation Arts & Appetizers

Brenham ISD students enter their artwork into a Live and Silent Auction to raise money on behalf of The Foundation. A portion of the proceeds goes directly to the artist, and the remainder goes directly back to the district in the form of mini-grants. Ant Street Inn., 107 W. Commerce St., Downtown Brenham, 5:30-7pm.

Feb 26-27

## Texas Independence Day Celebration

This annual two-day celebration features live music, food, traditional crafts, living history presentations, firing demonstrations, historical encampments and commemorative programs. Washington on the Brazos, 23400 Park Rd., Washington, 10am-6pm Saturday, 10am-3pm Sunday (wheretexasbecametexas.org).

## March Highlights

March 3

### Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce

#### Business After Hours

Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be hosted by Chappell Hill Bank at the Rock Store, 5070 Main St., Chappell Hill, 5-7pm.

March 9

### State of the Community 2022

Featuring presentation from local government agencies and utilities with updates on construction projects and future capital developments. \$25 for Chamber Members, \$35 for non-members, \$250 for reserved table for 8. Blinn Student Center Banquet Room, 1007 Walter Schwartz Way, Brenham, 11:30am-1pm.

March 10

### Ribbon Cutting -

#### Wine Bar Brenham & Mercantile

Wine Bar Brenham & Mercantile, 301 S. Baylor St., 4pm.



Chamber staff photo

## Bluebonnet Garden Club's fabulous table decor

The Bluebonnet Garden Club always does a fabulous job decorating the tables each year for the Annual Banquet held by the Washington County Chamber and Brenham Economic Development Foundation.

## Getting 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, typically 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.



## Annual Magazine Published

The 2022 Washington County Chamber of Commerce Annual Magazine and Membership Directory has been published! Members will receive one copy by mail this month. If you would like additional copies, give us a call, send us an email, or stop by the Chamber.

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