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WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BREHAM, TEXAS

New Chairman/CEO to begin March 21

The Board of Directors for the Washington County, Texas Chamber of Commerce have announced their selection of Jamie Rankin as the organization's next Chief Executive Officer and President effective March of this year.

Mrs. Rankin is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a BS in Leadership and Development, lead teacher, immensely involved in volunteer and community leadership and on the board of several local organizations in Washington County. Her continued involvement as Board Member of the Boys & Girls Club of Washington County, co-chair for Camp For All Burton Gala, Secretary of the Brenham Maifest Board, Camp For All – Camp Friends Board, Advisory Board member for Brenham GameChangers and past President of the Washington County A&M Club have encouraged her ability to take responsibility, leadership and develop her skills and experience for success in her new role.

"It is an extraordinary honor to have been selected as the next

President and CEO of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce," said Mrs. Rankin. "I am grateful to be surrounded by a supportive board, a talented staff, and community partners with a vision for collaboration. This is an incredible time of opportunity to be a champion for business growth and development, and a catalyst for change in Washington County."

Under this CEO role, Mrs. Rankin will take over day to day Chamber activities and be the leading voice for over 750 business owners as she represents the best interest of the business community. She will begin her role on March 21, 2022.

Over the last 105 years, the Washington County Chamber of Commerce has established a long-standing tradition of excellence by promoting a collaborative and positive business climate for the community. With its members, The Chamber serves as the guardian of the local economy by coordinating the efforts of local leaders to maintain and strengthen a healthy business climate.



SAVE THE DATE!

8th Annual Administrative Professionals' Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.
Blinn College Student Center Banquet Room, Brenham

Featured speaker:

Wanda Smith, Brenham ISD Educator

featured last year on the Today Show with Jenna Bush Hager

Corporate Table Sponsor — \$250

Reserved table for 8. Includes business name on table and program.

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Business name on program. Includes two tickets and one exhibit table at the event.

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Washington County's Favorite Networking Event

Sponsored by

Brenham National Bank

with

The Boys and Girls Club of Washington County

Tuesday, March 29

5-7 p.m.

**Brenham National Bank Lobby
2211 S. Day St., Brenham**

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



New Business

Floyd's Wine Lounge

Owners: Pete and Jennifer Simpson
315 South Baylor St., Brenham



New Business

Burkes Outlet

Manager: Cedric Vinson
918 U.S. 290, Brenham



New Business

Mundy's Smoked Legs N' Tails

Owner: Robin Scott
1609 East Alamo St., Brenham



New Location

Brenham Foundry and Floral Company

Owner: Lindsay Martin-Bilbrey
101 West Alamo St., Brenham



New Business

Computer Accounting & Tax Services

Owner: Kimberly Shows
1405 South Market St., Brenham



New Branch

Bank of Brenham — Chappell Hill Branch

Branch Manager: Gary Durrenburger
9000 Hwy. 290 E., Chappell Hill.



Jamie Rankin President/CEO
Jane Hinze Member Services Manager
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Sarah Hansen Financial Coordinator



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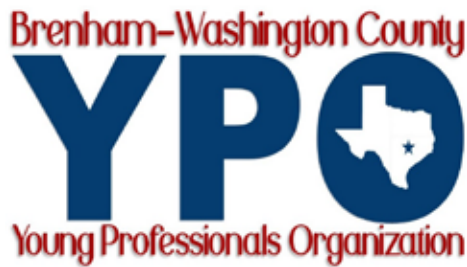
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ALLY P IMAGES

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www.allypimages.com
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Phone: 979-836-3566
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Networking Happy Hour
Thursday, March 17
5 – 7 p.m.

Hosted by Board & Brush Brenham
115 W. Alamo St., Downtown 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

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www.brenhamqualitymeatsmarket.com
Meat Markets/Processing

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113 E. Thigpen (Physical Address)
P O Box 113 (Mailing Address)
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www.buckupauctions.com
Auctions/Fundraising/Real Estate

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9400 Champion Lane (Physical Address)
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College Station, Texas 77845
Phone: 502-689-3381
www.fivefieldfarm.com
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Brenham, Texas 77834
Phone: 832-483-6135
Machine Shops

LONE-STAR ROOF SYSTEMS

Manager: Marko Tennell
18476 HWY 6 South (Physical Address)
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Thank you to our Presidential Level members ...



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Member Job Openings

chamber.brenhamtexas.com/jobs

Edward Jones Financial Advisor – Justin Jersey

On-Call Branch Team Associate

979-836-1951 or email justin.jersey@edwardjones.com
or luanne.walling@edwardjones.com

Faith Academy of Bellville

All Positions

979-865-1811 or online at www.faithacademybellville.org/page/employment

Glasco & Company Landscaping, Inc.

Billing Specialist

979-836-7036, 601 N. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham

Hermann Furniture

Full-Time Sales Associate

Full-Time Warehouse Associate

Apply in Person at 213 W. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham



Friday, April 29, 2022

Brenham Country Club

Sponsorship Opportunities

Beverage Cart Sponsor

Signage on all beverage carts

\$500

Player Cart Sponsor

Signage on all player carts

\$500

Tent Sponsor

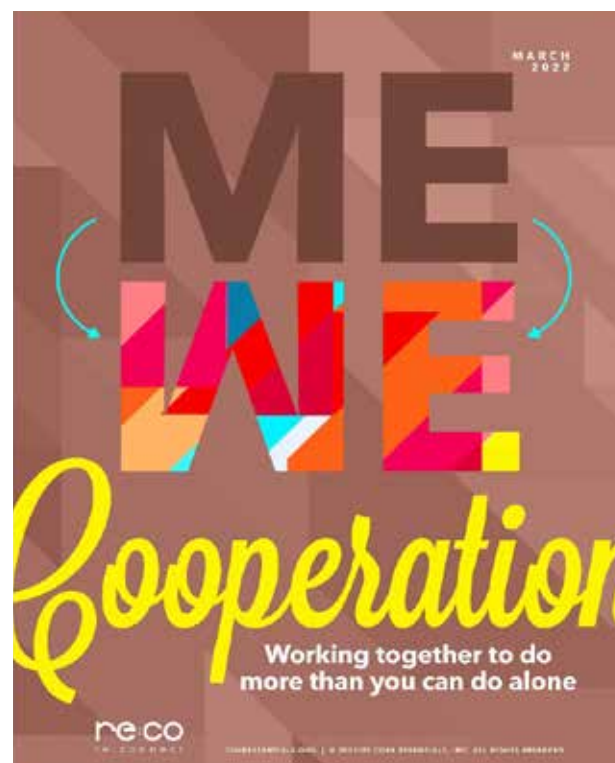
Ability to promote business at a hole and have giveaways

\$250

Hole Sponsor

One sign with sponsor name

\$100



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
- Creatively Yours
- Germania Insurance
- Independence Coffee Co.
- Mandy Allen at Better Homes & Garden Real Estate Hometown
- PlanNorth Architectural Co.
- Seidel Schroeder
- The Banner Press
- Thielemann Construction Co., L.P.
& Stegent-Thielemann Plumbing
- Unity Theatre
- Washington County Landscapes

We are now signing up our Partners for P.E.A.C.E. for the 2021-22 school year. Please contact Shae Janner for more information at shae@brenhamtexas.com or call 979-836-3695.

February Members of the Month

Brand It Graphix
2507 Becker Dr., Brenham
979-530-9650
branditgraphix.com

How long have you been in business?
— Brand It Graphix has been in business since April 2018 but in our new location at 2507 Becker Drive since April 2021.

What services do you offer?
— We are proud to be Washington County's one-source for marketing solutions. Instead of having to go to multiple places for your branding needs, Brand It Graphix offers in-house commercial printing, omni-channel marketing consulting, engraving, embroidery, corporate apparel, signage, and graphic design services.

Tell us something unique about your business.
— Our goal was to bring innovative marketing solutions to the area while maintaining a commitment to small businesses. We house one of the few Xerox Iridesse digital printers in the state, powering a more brilliant future for businesses in Washington County by delivering greater impact per printed page through digital specialty enhancements.

What do you love about Washington County?
— Without a doubt, the people. There are incredible people in Washington County. The business community supports each other and the community at large. We are blessed to be a part of this unique community.

Working for YOU.

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

WALK-INS
Chamber of Commerce
Feb. 2022 — 317

WEBSITE
www.BrenhamTexas.com

Unique Visitors	Total Pages
Feb. 2022 — 5,320	Feb. 2022 — 12,036

The Fortnightly Club of Brenham
Book House, 906 N. Park, Brenham

How long have you been in business?
— 125 years. The club was founded by Mrs. R. E. Luhn, wife of a prominent dentist, and Mrs. H. C. McIntyre and Mrs. J. M. Key as a literary club Dec. 8, 1895.

What services do you offer?
— Fortnightly Club members founded the Brenham Library in 1901 (120 years ago) and operated it for many years with member volunteers and donations from the public and, in the beginning, donated space.

Tell us something unique about your business.
— The Club began offering gently used books for sale as one means to raise money for the Library. When space at the Library became too small, the by-then annual sale was moved to the Washington County Fairgrounds. In 2014 the City provided the Club with a building in Henderson Park where the sorting and pricing of donated books could be accomplished throughout the year. A storage closet with external door allowed citizens to drop off book donations at any time. In 2020, the annual sale allowed the Club to give some \$19,000 to the Library, the result of thousands of \$1, \$2 and \$3 sales of gently used books. No sale could be held in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, leaving a collection of many thousands of books available for the Feb. 21-26, 2022 sale.

What do you love about Washington County?
— We are so grateful to the citizens of Brenham and Washington County for their financial and donated-book support of this Club's efforts on behalf of the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library. From the beginning back in 1901 to today, we couldn't have accomplished what we have without that support.

Padgett Hearing Aid Center
103 W. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham
979-830-0865
padgetthearing.com

How long have you been in business?
— It will be 43 years in 2022.
What services do you offer?
— Hearing aids, hearing tests, cerumen removal,

consultations, hearing aid cleaning and checks, hearing aid repairs, custom noise protection, batteries and accessories.

Tell us something unique about your business.
— We have the best customer service. We are all about making your experience comfortable and satisfying. We take our patients' hearing needs very seriously.

What do you love about Washington County?
— We love the people and the small town feeling that makes us feel we are all connected.

Del Sol Food Company, makers of BRIANNAS Fine Salad Dressings
3015 S. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham
979-836-5978
briannas.com

How long have you been in business?
— BRIANNAS Fine Salad Dressing, founded in 1982 as the Del Sol Food Company, Inc., grew out of a desire to create a superior product with family pride and consistent high quality. Our current manufacturing facility and global distribution warehouse are located in the Brenham Business Park.

What services do you offer?
— We currently produce 25 flavors of BRIANNAS Salad Dressings including 16 in our Home Style product line, 6 in the Organic line; and 3 in our NEW Avocado Oil line. Our products are distributed through customers and retailers all over the world.

Tell us something unique about your business.
— BRIANNAS signature salad dressings originally began in Austin, Texas, handcrafted in small batches in a little family kitchen. We're proud to have now grown to become a world-class brand with an extremely passionate following, all produced at this one plant, right here in Brenham, Texas! We employ approximately 90 people and still produce our high quality dressings in small batches.

What do you love about Washington County?
— We love the strong sense of community that brings folks together through work, play, celebrations, charity and of course support through difficult times.

— www.facebook.com/washingtoncountychamber —

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
BIG — Brannon Industrial Group

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

Genna Lechler
Brand It Graphix

Candace Lubojasky
Candace Lubojasky | Real Estate & Design

Kristie Marth
Brenham Iron Works

Rachel Nordt
Edward Jones

Linda Pipes
Retired-School Teacher

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Christy Schlottmann Farmers Agency

Matt Wellmann
Wellmann Insurance

Kristie Wensel
Brenham State Supported Living Center

Barbara Wilganowski
Spherion Staffing



Brenham ISD Superintendent Dr. Tylor Chaplin, along with Assistant Superintendent Brandi Hendrix, led the tour of Brenham High School.



Classroom tour.



Stephanie Wehring and Angelica Gamboa speak to the class at the Boys & Girls Club.

Exploring Education

The February session of Leadership Washington County focused on Education, and the class began the day with a light breakfast on the campus of Brenham Junior High School. The group heard from Brenham ISD Superintendent Dr. Tylor Chaplin (LWC Class of 2020), and then went on a tour of the building. They then traveled to

Brenham High School where Brandi Hendrix (LWC Class of 2020) greeted the class in the library. Hendrix is the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction. She and Dr. Chaplin then took them on a tour of the Career and Technical Education classrooms and labs.

The group then visited the Boys &

Girls Club of Washington County, where Executive Director Stephanie Wehring (LWC Class of 2008) and Program Director Angelica Gamboa (LWC Class of 2018) led a tour of the club facilities, detailed the volunteer opportunities available, and explained the benefits and programs available for local youth.

The session culminated on the Blinn

College campus. After lunch in the Blinn Student Center, Executive Dean Dr. John Turner (LWC Class of 2019) met the class, followed by Burton ISD Superintendent Dr. Edna Kennedy (LWC Class of 2017). The class was then taken on a tour of the Blinn campus, including the Science, Technology, Engineering and Innovation (STEI) building.

Renewing Members

February 1-28

Washington County Abstract Company — 57 years
RR Donnelley — 49 years
Wal-Mart Supercenter — 42 years
Brenham L-P Gas — 40 years
Detering Brothers Investments — 40 years
Schleider Furniture & Mattress Company — 40 years
Volunteer Services Council for Brenham St — 40 years
Antique Rose Emporium — 38 years
Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative — 38 years
Brenham Banner Press — 38 years
Brenham Heating & Air Conditioning Co. — 38 years
Brenham Saddle Shop Inc. — 38 years
TFE Company, Inc. — 38 years
Brenham Veterinary Hospital — 37 years
Grocery Supply Company — 37 years
Lone Star Southern Grill — 37 years
Moeller Electric Company — 37 years
Thielemann Construction Co., LP & Stegent — 37 years
WCTractor — 37 years
Wellmann Insurance Agency, Inc. — 37 years
Woodson Lumber Company — 37 years
Thrivent — 35 years
Hi-Line Industries II, Inc. — 34 years
Collier Construction LLC — 32 years
Market Realty, Inc. — 32 years
Toubin, Leon — 32 years
Tegeler Toyota — 31 years
Farmers Mutual Aid Assoc. of Washington C — 27 years
Unity Theatre — 27 years
Hermann Furniture Company — 26 years
Goss Communications, Inc. — 25 years

Westwood Cinema 6 — 25 years
Brenham Activist Association — 24 years
Hospice Brazos Valley — 24 years
Boys & Girls Club of Washington County — 23 years
Culligan of Brenham — 22 years
Ehlert, Paul A. — 22 years
Lampe Surveying, Inc. — 22 years
Nathan's BBQ LLC — 22 years
Pooltex American, Inc. — 22 years
Strand Associates, Inc. — 22 years
Total Storage — 22 years
Voelter, Dr. Donald — 22 years
Brenham Insurance Center — 20 years
Kountry Boys Sausage — 20 years
Brenham Catering Company — 19 years
George H.W. Bush Presidential Library & M — 18 years
Brazos Valley Food Bank, Inc. — 17 years
Hodde Real Estate Company-William "Boo" — 17 years
Horseshoe Junction Family Fun Park — 17 years
The Book Nook — 16 years
Margaret E. Blizzard Senior Activity Cent — 15 years
Sonic Drive Inn #2 — 15 years
Brenham Nursing & Rehabilitation Center — 14 years
Preservation Storage, LLC — 14 years
Burton American Legion Post #242 — 13 years
Buccaneer Food Store — 12 years
ISB Insurance Services, Inc. — 9 years
Brenham Family Dental — 8 years
Fleur de Lis — 8 years
Peeka Ranch Alpacas — 8 years
Coldwell Banker Properties Unlimited-Roge — 7 years

Compass Quarters — 7 years
Dominos Pizza — 7 years
Felder's Buy N Bye — 7 years
Lauren Concrete — 7 years
Moser Community Media LLC — 7 years
Brenham Technical Services, LLC — 6 years
The Barnhill Center at Historic Simon The — 6 years
The Errand Lady — 6 years
Baur, Steve — 5 years
Brazos Valley Council of Government/Workf — 5 years
Cottages of Winedale — 5 years
Kniec Construction LLC — 5 years
Tegg Art Studio — 5 years
Tippit Dental Group-Brenham — 5 years
12 Armadillos — 4 years
Chappell Ridge Farm — 4 years
GarzaEMC, LLC — 4 years
Moosefeathers Florist — 4 years
Prasek's Hillje Smokehouse Sealy — 4 years
Robinson Landcare — 4 years
Skincare by Shari at Euphoria — 3 years
TABU Tacos & Burgers — 3 years
Velocity Gymnastics — 3 years
Westwood Car Wash — 3 years
Capital Farm Credit — 2 years
Hermann Electric LLC — 1 year
Home Town Properties LP — 1 year
Jena Brown, RDN — 1 year
NK Digital Marketing — 1 year



Glissmann's Drug Store Museum

Exploring Local History

The March session of Leadership Washington County included a look at local history.

The day began in the The Barnhill Center at the Historic Simon Theater in Downtown Brenham, featuring the Step Into The Past film presented by Barry Brass (LWC class of 2008). The film reveals why our city was named after Dr. Richard Fox Brenham and features local actors depicting important trailblazers in the history of the city. Two more short films were viewed: German Heritage and Reese Lockett.

Mr. Brass then gave a tour of the 1925 Vaudeville Theatre. They then took a walk to Toubin Park which features a State Archeological Landmark located beneath the Brenham Streets. It is a large system of historic cisterns built

in the late 1800s to store rainwater for public firefighting.

Next, they walked over to the Glissmann's Drug Store Museum which houses a display of original items from the drug store. The class then traveled back to the Barnhill Center for lunch.

After lunch, the group traveled a few blocks away to the Brenham Fire Museum for a guided tour. The museum was designed to house Samanthe, a 1923 fire engine. There are only three left of its kind. There is also a Wall of Honor, a tribute to all the men and women who have served as members of the department since its inception in 1867.

The group traveled to Camptown Cemetery and Mt. Rose Missionary Baptist Church. The cemetery is the oldest predominately African American cemetery in Brenham. It dates from the

1860s and it is estimated that among the 400 burials here may be soldiers who were victims of yellow fever outbreaks for 1866-67.

The day ended with a tour and history of the Giddings Stone Mansion, given by Barry Brass. The mansion's construction was completed in 1870 when J.D. Giddings moved his family from the low-lying area to avoid mosquitoes after the yellow fever epidemic. He chose the location because it is the highest hill in Washington County.

One quote given by one of the participants when asked if this session was helpful to their growth as a leader was, "A good leader will learn about those who serve under them. The history session allows us to learn where we came from and see the changes that have come about. As a leader I have learned

to acknowledge people as people not by the color of their skin, their sex, their race, or religion preference. We must be able to lead and work with human race and be able to adapt to situations and allow those that follow to give directions and allow them to be successful. Whatever talents I have to share with others, we must build one another up. This session opens our eyes that everyone has had a journey through life, and each one maybe different. However, it's imperative that we continue to bridge the gap with each other no matter what our differences are."

Leadership Washington County is a program of the Washington County Chamber aimed at educating and motivating current and future leaders. This year's class will graduate in May and the next class will form in July 2022.



Barry Brass and class inside Giddings Stone Mansion.



Cargo lift inside Glissmann's.



Historical marker at Camptown Cemetery.

What's Happening in March

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 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

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).

March 11-12

Spring Open House

Celebrate the new season with stunning spring décor, themed tablescapes, mini seminars, Spring inspired goodies and in-store giveaways. Design Seminar Schedule: 10:30-11am, Florals for Spring by Wendy; 1:30 – 2pm, Dressing Your Bed for Spring by Jennifer and Callie; 2:30 – 3pm, Serving up Spring Table Tops by Jennifer. Hermann Furniture, 213 W. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham.

March 11

Ribbon Cutting - Expansion for Texas Cotton Gin Museum

Texas Cotton Gin Museum expansion, 307 N. Main St., Burton, 11am.

March 11

Lifetime Learning Luncheon: The Media & Changing Times

Dr. Werner Kelber, Professor Emeritus from Rice University, will present an overview of media and how it has interacted with history and contributed to culture; Blinn College Janice Sneed Banquet Room, 11:30am – 1pm; admission \$25 (lifetimelearningbrenham@gmail.com).

March 11

Music of Early Texas 1820 - 1870

The choir of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, in partnership with the Independence Historical Society will present a program of music of early Texas: 1820-1870. Music will include favorite hymns, cowboy songs, Civil war tunes, marching melodies from the war of Texas Independence and many other popular pieces. The concert is free and open to the public; 22310 Airline Dr., Brenham, 7-8pm. Information is available at stpetersbrenham.org or calling 979-836-7248.

March 12

Texas Ranger Day

The Burton Heritage Society hosts the 11th annual Texas Ranger Day at the Burton Railroad Depot, 507 N Railroad St., from noon-5pm. Celebrate Burton's history with an afternoon of activities including tasty food at the Annie Maud Avis Memorial Fajita and Bean cook-off, live action by the Old West Rangers, demonstrations by the Legends of the Texas Rangers, folklife demonstrations including blacksmithing and chuckwagon cooking, kids activities, mule driven buggy rides, and tours of the historic Railroad Depot, as well as the Burton Farmers Cotton Gin (10am & 2pm). Also enjoy dj music by Kountry Chick. Proceeds will restore the Mt. Zion Historic Chapel (burtonheritagesociety.org).

March 12, 19, 26

Freedom Colonies: Tracing Historic Black Settlements of Washington County

Brenham Heritage Museum opens this new exhibit in its Bus Depot Gallery, 313 E. Alamo St., Brenham, each Saturday until March 26, 10am-4pm, free admission (brenhamheritagemuseum.org).

March 12

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).

Weekends thru October

Antique Carousel Rides at Fireman's Park

Ride a piece of history. Brenham's Antique Carousel at Fireman's Park is open every weekend through October (excluding Easter weekend), Saturdays 11am-4pm, Sundays 1-4pm, N. Park St., Brenham. \$1 per ride.

March 12

James Dick, Concert pianist

James Dick, Founder and Artistic Director of Round Top Festival Institute will perform on the Festival Concert Hall stage. He is hailed by audiences and connoisseurs as an outstanding artist able to enrapture listeners through the infinite colors he summons from the keyboard; 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top, 3-4:30pm. Call 979-249-3129 (festivalhill.org).

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).

March 15

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. (brenhamvet.hospital.com).

March 15

Winedale online talk: Nassau Plantation

James Kearney of the University of Texas, presents "Nassau Plantation & the Society for the Protection of German Emigrants in Texas." E-mail tricia.blakistone@austin.utexas.edu the link for this online talk.

Wednesdays

Whiskey Wednesday at Brown Water Cigar Bar

Every Wednesday, join Brown Water Cigar Bar for weekly cigar and whiskey (Brown Water) pairings and specials. Enjoy national premium cigars from a walk-in humidor with bourbon, scotch, rum, Irish whiskey and wine flights; 11am-8pm, 200 W. Alamo, Downtown Brenham.

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).

Wednesdays

Beer Wednesday at Floyd's Wine Lounge

Half off all draft beers from 3-10pm, 315 S. Baylor St., Downtown Brenham

March 17

YPO at Board & Brush Brenham

Join in networking with the Young Professionals Organization of Washington County, 5-7pm, Board & Brush Brenham, 115 W. Alamo St.

March 17

Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Featuring Tom Morris, Howard Davenport, Terry Moore 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 \$8 at the door (friendsofbluebonnetopry.com).

March 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 (Where TexasBecameTexas.org).

March 19, 26, April 2, 9

Spring Tours of Historic Homes

The Independence Historical Society will be giving tours of the historic homes in Independence: the Cole Cabin, the Dog Trot House, and the School House; 10am-4pm; no admission, donations accepted (independencetx.com).

March 19

Raise the Roof Fundraiser

Raise the Roof Fundraiser Carmine Hall. Dance featuring the Koka Kola Cowboyz. Doors open at 6pm; dance from 7-11pm. Advance Tickets \$15. Tickets at the Door \$20. Chance to win \$100 Visa Gift Card with purchase of admission. Auction to be held during intermission.

March 21

Ribbon Cutting - BluRose Caregiving

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

March 24

Ribbon Cutting - Timeless Design Market

New Member Timeless Design Market, 110 E. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham, 4pm.

March 24-26

2022 Annual Spring Open Collection Days

County residents only must present proof of residence and ID upon arrival. Non-Hazardous Materials only. Thursday – Friday, 8am-4:30pm; Saturday 8am-3:30pm; 2009 Old Chappell Hill Rd.

March 25-April 2

LaBahia Spring Antiques Show

Dealers from across the country will provide antiques, collectibles, vintage, and re-purposed items in the historic 1902 LaBahia Hall. Country cuisine served all day. Free admission and parking. 979-289-2684 (labahiaantiques.com).