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WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BRENNHAM, TEXAS

## Tailgate & Community Pep Rally Wrap-up

The Chamber's 15th annual Tailgate fundraiser was hosted on Aug. 25, at Silver Wings Ballroom. A huge crowd enjoyed a variety of tailgate food, plus cold drinks, Blue Bell ice cream and lots of mingling with colleagues and friends.

Highlights of the event were the silent and "Big Board" auction packages, a 50/50 drawing, plus a fun game of Heads or Tails.

Energetic members of the Blinn Treasures dance team performed a routine and helped sell 50/50 tickets throughout the evening. Brenham High and Burton High Cheerleaders and members of the Burton Panther drum line also performed. The Blinn Treasures also served as judges for the annual Spirit Competition, won this year by Brenham Collision Center.

The Chamber would like to thank the following sponsors whose contributions ensured the success of this 15th annual Tailgate Party:

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We also want to thank our Field Goal table sponsors: Baylor Scott & White-Brenham, Blue Blazers, Bluebonnet Electric, Brenham Abstract & Title Company, Brenham ISD, Brenham Veterinary Hospital, Burton Chamber of Commerce, Burton ISD, Camp For All, Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce, Citizens State Bank, Cool Co., Dynamic Drains Plumbing & Drain Experts, Edward Jones-Brenham, Germania Insurance, KTEX/KWHI, KWIK KOPY Business Center, Mariachis Mexican Restaurant, Moorman Tate LLP, Padgett Hearing Aid Center, PLANNORTH Architectural Co., Seidel Schroeder, Texas Farm Bureau Insurance, Texas Star Winery, The Brenham Banner-Press, The Honorable John & Cherryl Durrenberger/Joel & Denise Romo, The Yard, Trees of Central Texas, Washington County Landscapes/Texana Outdoor Services LLC

This Tailgate party would not have been such a great success without the donations of so many valuable items from local businesses and Chamber Board members. The Chamber sends a big "thank you" to all of the donors listed below, and to those who bid on these great items.

### BIG BOARD PACKAGES:

**Birthday Party at the Station**  
Includes pizza and ice cream for 6 kids.

Donated by Brenham Fire Department, Brenham Collision Center and Blue Bell Creameries

**Brew, Crew and BBQ**  
Party for 12 guests, for 2 hours at Brazos Valley Brewing Company with delicious food from LJ's BBQ. Includes a BVB pint glass plus two drink tokens.  
Donated by Brazos Valley Brewing Company and LJ's BBQ

**Flush Away Your Worries**  
Toilet filled with booze, plus toilet installation.  
Donated by Dynamic Drains Plumbing & Drain Experts

**GO CUBS!**  
Yeti Cooler, Cub Gear, 2 Season Passes  
Donated by BIG Brannon Industrial Group, Brand It Graphix, Texas Farm Credit, Brenham ISD.

**Guided Fishing**  
Guided fishing trip for 4 in Matagorda with Captain Landon Benson.  
Donated by Appel Ford and Citizens State Bank

**Holiday Magic at Main Street House**  
Holiday party and noon meal for up to 12 people.  
Donated by Main Street House, Keith & Suzy Hankins

**Page for a Day**  
Page for a Day for two people. Includes travel expenses and a Texas Flag.  
Donated by Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst and Renee Mueller

**"Shoot, Don't Shoot"**  
Experience a simulated course inside the Brenham Police Department., w/catered meal.  
This package is for 6 people.  
Donated by City of Brenham Police Department

**Splashtacular Pool Party**  
Includes party room at aquatic center, pizzas, Blue Bell Ice Cream and sundae toppings for 20 guests.  
Donated by Blue Bell Aquatic Center, Blue Bell Creameries and PLANNORTH Architectural Co.

**Steak Dinner for 20 at Miracle Farm**  
Donated by the Washington County Chamber Board of Directors and Miracle Farm

**Wine, Dine & Relax Surprise Package**  
Wine bar, various gift cards and certificates and more. SURPRISE!  
Donated by Ace Hardware, Cedar Frame Real Estate, Brookshire Bros., Chappell Hill Bakery, Sealand Seafood, Sunny Day Blossoms, Unity Theatre, Yellow Truck LLC, Timeless Designs Market, Westwood Cinema 6



## Brenham Collision Spirit Award Winner



# Trees of Central Texas Second Place



# Visit Brenham Third Place

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Special thanks to Michael Ogg of Brenham ISD, the Blinn College Treasures, Brenham High School Cheerleaders and Booster Club and Burton High School Cheerleaders, Drum Line and Tunnel Crew, plus Chamber Board Chairman Dr. John Turner, Blue Blazer President Carl Prihoda, Randy Wells of Faith Mission, and Tyler Rankin.

Proceeds from the Tailgate Party go toward Chamber programs and activities and help keep membership dues among the lowest level in the state. The Chamber could not have hosted such a successful event without the support of the Chamber Board, the Blue Blazers, and all the sponsors listed in this article. Please join us in thanking them for their community spirit by patronizing their businesses.

## GROUP BUYING POWER

Chamber members can now get major savings on credit card payment processing.  
Learn about our new member benefit program.



Contact Will Watson at (979) 345-2988 • will.watson@infintechllc.com

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## New Chamber Members

### **BUFF CITY SOAP-BREHAM**

Owner: Julia Evans  
960 US HWY 290E, Suite 500  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 901-338-9263  
[www.instagram.com/buffcitysoap.bcs](http://www.instagram.com/buffcitysoap.bcs)  
Retail  
Skin Care Products

### **GRAPEVINE ON MAIN**

Owner: Cherie Moore  
5120 Main Street (Physical Address)  
P O Box 88 (Mailing Address)  
Chappell Hill, Texas 77426  
Phone: 979-777-3112  
[www.grapevineonmain.com](http://www.grapevineonmain.com)  
Bar/Wine Bar

### **MERCY CREEK HOMES**

Owners: Cody & Amanda Schluens

301 E. Main Street, Suite 201

Brenham, Texas 77833

Phone: 979-353-0009

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

Contractors-Remodeling & Additions  
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### **PHIL MORE SECURE**

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P O Box 9 (Mailing Address)  
Burton, Texas 77835  
Phone: 979-978-7445  
[www.philmoresecure.com](http://www.philmoresecure.com)  
Locksmith

### **THE BLUE HYDRANGEA**

Owner: Susan Fritz  
1406 S. Market  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 979-551-0308

[www.facebook.com/BlueHydrangeaBrenhamAntiques](http://www.facebook.com/BlueHydrangeaBrenhamAntiques)

### **THE LODGE AT SOMERVILLE**

Owner: Sarah Morgan  
12775 LBJ Drive  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 979-921-0132  
[www.facebook.com/TheLodgeatSomerville](http://www.facebook.com/TheLodgeatSomerville)  
Luxury Vacation Rental

### **UPTOWN ROOTZ SALON**

Owner: Ashley Steenken  
123 W. Alamo Street  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
Phone: 979-530-8851  
[www.facebook.com/uptownrootz](http://www.facebook.com/uptownrootz)  
Beauty Salon/Products

# 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.

Shop with pride in Washington County. Support the "Home Team."

It benefits every business and every resident.

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.



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



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



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*New Member*

### **Five Field Farm**

Manager: John and Tara Field  
512-332-2000



*New Member*

### **Uptown Rootz Salon**

123 W. Alamo St., Brenham  
979-530-8851

## *August Members of the Month*

### **Four County Real Estate Group**

**Bleiberville, TX**

**903-530-5121**

**stephaniehutcherson.exprealty.com**

How long have you been in business?

—2+ years.

What services do you offer?

—We help guide our clients through some of the biggest transactions in their lives all while making the buying or selling process as stress-free and smooth as possible.

Tell us something unique about your business.

—With decades of experience in the Farm & Ranch industry, we not only assist with the buying or selling of farm & ranch properties, we live the lifestyle as well.

What do you love about Washington County?

—We love the small-town feel that this area preserves so well. Our growing community has an abundance of historic charm that we see in different houses and on different properties every day.

### **Floyd's Wine Lounge**

**315 S. Baylor St., Brenham**

**979-535-5103**

**facebook.com/floydswinelounge/**

How long have you been in business?

—11 months.

What services do you offer?

—We are a tastefully crafted bar & lounge that provides wine from around the world, a variety of beers, and savory bites. We offer live music every weekend,

featuring Texas artists. Special events and parties are another service we offer.

Tell us something unique about your business.

—We're very proud of our design style and large outdoor patio.

What do you love about Washington County?

—We love that the people of Washington County meet old friends & make new ones at our establishment. Feel the love!

### **Strand Associates, Inc.**

**1906 Niebuhr St., Brenham**

**979-836-7937**

**strand.com**

How long have you been in business?

—Strand was established in 1946 and continues to provide outstanding civil and environmental services to our clients. In 2015, O'Malley Engineers in Brenham, Texas was a notable addition to our offices, adding unique expertise to deliver optimal service to our clients.

What services do you offer?

—Being a full-service engineering firm, Strand specializes in civil and municipal engineering; stormwater management; water supply engineering; wastewater treatment and conveyance engineering; transportation engineering; electrical and HVAC engineering; building/facility engineering, architecture, and sustainable design; aviation; natural gas distribution; wetland delineation, mitigation, and restoration; ecosystem study and restoration; GIS and mapping; land development; and construction observation.

Tell us something unique about your business.

—Strand has 12 total office locations with national expertise! This enables the Brenham office to offer a

wide range of skill sets not only within our local office, but, rather, we have a whole team of engineers in our 11 other offices that can help provide the best service possible to our clients. We take pride in the skills and services we are able to provide to our home...our Washington County community.

What do you love about Washington County?

—Washington County is home. It is the definition of what a welcoming, thriving community should look like. The big dreams and wonderful people make Washington County absolutely unparalleled. We could not be more excited to watch Brenham and Washington County grow and it is truly a pleasure to be a part of such a charming community.

### **Must Be Heaven**

**107 W. Alamo St., Brenham**

**979-830-8536**

**mustbeheaven.com**

How long have you been in business?

—40 years.

What services do you offer?

—Lunch, brunch, desserts & ice cream.

Tell us something unique about your business.

—We have a 50's style diner with lots of antiques and fun things to look at. We want to provide our customers good food, but also want them to have a unique experience in our restaurant. A blast from the past.

What do you love about Washington County?

—We love the natural beauty of Washington County as well as the people. Everyone is very supportive of each other and very proud of where they live. Downtown Brenham is thriving and it has been so awesome to see its growth over the past 10 years. It's a great place to call home.



# Renewing Members

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| D.R. Horton                               | 1  |
| Walberg Patterson Law PLLC                | 1  |

# Partners for PEACE

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
- Associated Credit Union of Texas
- Bank of Brenham
- Blue Bell Creameries
- Boys & Girls Club of Washington County
- Brand It Graphix
- Brenham National Bank
- Brenham Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
- Citizens State Bank
- Floyd's Wine Lounge
- Germania Insurance
- Kruse Village
- Seidel Schroeder
- Thielemann Construction Co., L.P. & Stegent Thielemann Plumbing
- Unity Theatre



# Community Foundation announces 2022 Brazos Valley Gives, launches nonprofit registration

The Community Foundation of the Brazos Valley's 4th annual Brazos Valley Gives is officially set for Tuesday, Oct. 18, when nonprofits from throughout the 7-county region will engage donors to "give where you live."

Registration is underway for Brazos Valley nonprofit organizations to participate in Brazos Valley Gives --- [brazosvalleygives.org](http://brazosvalleygives.org).

The final deadline to register is Friday, Sept. 9. We want you and need you!

Brazos Valley Gives is a month-long community giving effort that culminates in 18 hours of online giving on the third Tuesday of October. Giving together as one community to raise money and awareness for local nonprofits.

Nonprofits are an important part of our community and provide important

quality of life needs throughout the Brazos Valley.

Brazos Valley Gives provides citizens and businesses an easy platform to support the mission and "good works" of local nonprofit organizations that serve the Brazos Valley. Nonprofits from throughout the 7-county Brazos Valley region are invited to participate.

Brazos Valley Gives empowers indi-

vidual donors and business leaders to come together to support causes close to their hearts.

This day of giving where you live is powered by the Community Foundation, and all donations pass-thru directly to the donor's charity(ies) of choice. This year's goal for Brazos Valley Gives is \$1,000,000 with 165 participating nonprofits!

## Washington County Blue Blazers

The Blue Blazers is a club with 15-20 members and more than 50 years 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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*Brenham State Supported Living Center*

**Barbara Wilganowski**

*Chamber Friend*



# CHAMBERVERSARIES



**Texas Cotton Gin Museum**  
**25 years**



**Canyon Chick**  
**5 years**



**Lox Beauty Gallery**  
**5 years**

## Connect After 5

Networking Event

Sponsored by  
**Blue Bell Creameries**

**Thursday, Sept. 22**  
**5-7 p.m.**

**1101 S. Blue Bell Rd., 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.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 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; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., 200 W. Alamo, Downtown Brenham.

### *Beer Wednesday at Floyd's Wine Lounge*

Every Wednesday for Beer Wednesday. Half-off all draft beers from 3-10 p.m., 315 S. Baylor St., Downtown Brenham.

### *Hop Day Wednesday*

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

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## THURSDAYS

### *Thirsty Thursdays*

#### *Tacos & Trivia*

The taproom is open from 3-9 p.m. on Thursdays with trivia from 6 p.m. to close. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham (brazosvalleybrewery.com).

### *Pinot & Pie at*

#### *Floyd's Wine Lounge*

A glass of Pinot Grigio or Pinot Noir + a slice of homemade pie (handcrafted by ToPieces Bakeshop) for \$15. Pies will rotate each week, check social media for pie selections each Tuesday. 315 S. Baylor St., Brenham.

## THURSDAYS THROUGH SUNDAYS

### *Chapelton Vineyards*

#### *Wine Tastings & Tours*

Taste & Tour the newest winery in Washington County. Open Friday-Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Reservations recommended, but not required.

Tour included in purchase of a tasting flight. Charcuterie & cheese plates available for purchase; 14858 Whitman Rd., Washington (chapeltonvineyards.com).

## FRIDAYS

### *Friday Vibes*

Live music, beer and bites at Brazos Valley Brewery. Taproom is open from noon to 10

p.m. every Friday.

Family and dog friendly. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham (brazosvalleybrewery.com).

## SATURDAYS

### *Sound on Stage Saturdays*

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

## SUNDAYS

### *Sunday Funday at*

#### *Brazos Valley Brewery*

Open noon to 7 p.m. 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 3-6 p.m. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham (brazosvalleybrewery.com).

## EVERY TUESDAY AND 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 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Cub Stadium main entrance. Membership fees vary from \$59-\$89/mo. 979-551-3042, email michelle.rigsbycpt@gmail.com.

## SEPT. 10-17

### *Washington County Fair*

The Oldest County Fair in Texas, 1305 E. Blue Bell Rd. (WashingtonCoFair.com).

## SEPT. 12

### *TACU of Texas Celebration*

Celebrate and take full advantage of where you live. Learn how to purchase a home with zero money down. Free lunch, games, and door prizes, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 2509 Becker Dr., Brenham.

## SEPT. 14

### *Ribbon Cutting - Germania*

#### *Insurance Credit Union*

Ribbon Cutting and Open House, 507 Hwy. 290 E., Brenham, 10 a.m.

## SEPT. 17

### *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.

## SEPT. 20

### *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).

### *"The Greatest Piano Men" at Dr. W.W.*

#### *O'Donnell Performing Arts Center*

The production celebrates the world's greatest pianists and showmen from Elton John, Billy Joel, Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Little Richard to Beethoven and Liberace (979-830-4024, Blinn.edu/boxoffice)

### *Ribbon Cutting - The Blue Hydrangea*

New Member, 1406 S. Market St., Brenham, 10:30 a.m.

### *Free Education Session - Active*

#### *Shooter Training, Risk Management*

#### *and Retail Loss Policies*

Businesses are encouraged to attend and learn from Brenham Police Department's Administrative Sergeant, Todd Ashorn as he discusses Risk Management and Retail Loss Policies as well as present the Citizens Response to Active Shooter Events Training - also known as CRASE. Knowing what to do if or when shoplifting, money fraud, or any other suspicious activities occurs is crucial for all businesses and employees. Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library, 100 Martin Luther King Jr., Pkwy, Brenham, 6:30 p.m. RSVP no later and noon on Friday, Sept. 16, by emailing economicdev@cityofbrenham.org. Space is limited.

## SEPT. 22

### *Connect After 5 - Blue Bell Creameries*

Connect After 5 with your fellow Chamber Members. Enjoy some great networking, delicious food and refreshments. Bring plenty of business cards to share with other members. 1101 S. Blue Bell Rd., 5-7 p.m.

## SEPT. 23

### *Lifetime Learning Luncheon*

Rodney Honerkamp, Director of Development at the Houston Zoo, will cover "Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Houston Zoo." He will talk about the history of the zoo, future plans for expansion and the giraffes. Blinn College Janis Sneed Banquet Room, Brenham, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 (lifetimelearningbrenham.org).

## SEPT. 29

### *Chappell Hill Chamber of*

#### *Commerce Business After Hours*

Sponsored by Cruise Planners at the Rock Store, 5070 Main St., Chappell Hill, 5-7 p.m.

## SEPT. 30

### *Ribbon Cutting - Sunny Day House, LLC*

New Member, 600 S. Day St., Brenham, 10 a.m.

## 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 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 1-4 p.m., N. Park St., Brenham. \$1 per ride.

## THIRD SATURDAY

### *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).

## October Highlights

## OCT. 1

### *Car Show in the Country*

Food available on site, 9325 FM 390 E., 9 a.m.-2 p.m., \$25 entry. For information call 979-251-0628.

### *Burton Farmers & Artisans Market*

All local home-grown and hand-crafted items. Sponsored by Burton Chamber of Commerce, Texas Cotton Gin Museum Roy Winker Family Pavilion, 307 N. Main St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (burtontexas.org).

## OCT. 4

### *Ribbon Cutting - Baylor Scott & White-*

#### *The Brenham Clinic Hasskarl*

#### *Giddings Imaging Center*

Breast Cancer Awareness & Imaging Services, 693 N. Market St., Brenham, 11 a.m.

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# September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Unless you’ve faced the challenges of having a child with cancer, it is almost impossible to comprehend the devastation families experience.

Just ask Donna and Tim Culliver. In January 2003, they lost their four-year old son, Adam, to Acute Myelogenous Leukemia.

The Cullivers know the day-to-day realities of what families must learn to cope with from their own personal tragedy. Juggling emotional and spiritual pain with family and financial obligations is overwhelming. Adam’s Angels Ministry provides care and comfort through physical, emotional, financial and spiritual support to children and their families facing childhood cancer in Washington, Austin, Lee, Waller, Grimes, Burleson, Fayette and Brazos County.

Adam’s Angels Ministry, founded by the Cullivers, has been helping children diagnosed with childhood cancer and their families for almost 20 years. Serving on the Board of Directors of Adam’s Angels Ministry is Tim Culliver, Founder/President, Donna Culliver, Founder/Secretary, Alesia Whaley, Vice President, Fundraising and



Awareness, James Fritz, Treasurer, Eshanna Hemphill, Assistant Secretary, Heather Thielemann, Education and Public Speaking, Pamela Richardson, Church Outreach, Cherry Fratus, Christmas Party and Summer Surprise Party Chair, and Lance Weiss, Awareness and Amanda Fathauer.

During the month of September,

Adam’s Angels Ministry is Goin’ Gold for Childhood Cancer. This is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and represents an annual opportunity for supporters nationwide to focus on and raise awareness of the challenges of childhood cancer, the leading cause of death by disease of America’s children. The metallic gold ribbon

is the symbol of childhood cancer awareness, representing our children as follows: It is a precious metal, as our children are precious; It is the flame of hope; It is the purity of our children’s hearts.

In Honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Washington County Judge, John Durrenberger, and Commissioner’s Court

proclaimed September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Washington County, Texas at its Commissioner’s Court Meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022. On Sept. 1, 2022, Brenham Mayor Milton Tate, and the City Council will Proclaim September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Brenham.

Brenham Independent School District and Adam’s Angels Ministry are partnering together for a Blood Drive on Sept. 20, starting at 7:30 a.m., at Pride Academy, located at 1301 S. Market St., Brenham. For more information about the Blood Drive, contact Courtney Mason, BISD Community Engagement Coordinator (979) 277-3700, Ext. 3719 or email her at gmason@brenhamk-12.net.

You may be asking, “How can I help?” here are a few ways to become involved: Become an Angel Helper Volunteer, Adopt-A-Family for Christmas, host an event or mission project to raise funds to assist families, make a financial contribution to Adam’s Angels Ministry. For more information, please contact Adam’s Angels Ministry at call (979) 836-0955 or visit [www.Adam-sAngelsMinistry.org](http://www.Adam-sAngelsMinistry.org).



**Nonprofit organizations are invited to register to participate in Brazos Valley Gives. Registration is open and the deadline for nonprofit registration is Friday, Sept. 9.**

Nonprofits pay a \$150 registration fee; nonprofits that have a charitable endowment fund at the Community Foundation are eligible for a discounted fee of \$50. This registration fee is used for administrative-related giving day expenses to include the marketing/promotion of the event regionally.

**All 501c3 Brazos Valley nonprofit organizations are invited to register at [brazosvalleygives.org](http://brazosvalleygives.org) or send an email to [brazosvalleygives@gmail.com](mailto:brazosvalleygives@gmail.com).**

## Exhibitors being sought for Health, Fitness and Wellness Expo

The Chamber will be hosting its first Community Health, Fitness & Wellness Expo in October and are now taking registrations for exhibitors.

The Expo will be held at the Blinn College Student Center on Thursday, Oct. 20. The cost for an exhibitor table is \$50 for Chamber Members and \$75 for non-members.

The expo will be free to the community. There will be four different information sessions throughout the morning on topics such as Mental Health, Senior Care, Nutrition & Fitness, and Women’s Health.

There will be a luncheon forum at noon with a keynote speaker on the current state of health care that the community and businesses can purchase tickets or tables to attend.

One ticket to this luncheon is included in the exhibitor fee. For information on the Luncheon Forum, visit [brenhamtexas.com/hfwforum/](http://brenhamtexas.com/hfwforum/).

Interested exhibitors should contact the Chamber at 979-836-3695 or email [shae@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:shae@brenhamtexas.com).

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### OCT. 7

*Golf Tournament for Boys and Girls Club of Washington County*

Brannon Industrial Group (BIG) is proud to present the 13th Annual Charity Golf Tournament benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Washington County. For more information please contact the Club at 979-277-9383 or email [club@bgc-brenham.org](mailto:club@bgc-brenham.org).

### OCT. 8

*Texas Leadership Summit*

Inaugural Texas Leadership Summit. Speakers: Dr. Ben Carson, Rick Starborough, Robert “Bob” Unanue, Kayleigh McEnany, Will Witt. Brenham High School, 525 A.H. Ehrig Dr., Brenham, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$99 ([texasleadershipsummit.org](http://texasleadershipsummit.org))

### OCT. 11

*Washington County READ Reception*

The Washington County READ celebrates this year’s community book, “West with Giraffes” with a free reception at Unity Theatre. Come meet the author, Lynda Rutledge, tell about writing the book. The watch actors from Unity Theatre read excerpts in character. While enjoying refreshments you can have your book signed. Books will be sold at the event by The Book Nook.

### OCT. 13

*Camp For All’s Aloha! An Evening in Paradise Gala*

To donate an auction item or purchase a table, please visit [campforall.org/events/](http://campforall.org/events/)