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WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Chamber/EDF Annual Banquet to be held on February 1, 2024

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Foundation of Brenham have announced the date of their upcoming Annual Banquet and the featured speaker. The banquet will be held on Thursday, February 1, at Fireman's Training Center in Brenham. The keynote speaker will be Frank B. Ashley III, Ed.D., Acting Dean of The Bush School of Government and Public Service.



Dr. Ashley received his degrees from Louisiana College and The University of Alabama and is currently serving as the Acting Dean in the Bush School of Government and Public Service. Dr. Ashley was appointed Acting Dean in August 2023 and served as Executive Associate Dean from 2016-2023. Previ-

ously, he was a Senior VP for the College Board Corporation in New York. In his 40+ years in education, Ashley has served in a variety of roles, including teacher, coach, and administrator.

As a faculty member and Dean at Texas A&M University-Commerce Ashley was very active in the surrounding school districts speaking to administrators, teachers, and students about the importance of education. Along with his work at the university, he served on the Commerce ISD School Board and in 2006 he received "The Citizen of the Year Award" given by the Delta XI Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The following year Ashley received the "Distinguished Service Award" from the Faculty Senate of Texas A&M University-Commerce.

After three years in Commerce, Ashley returned to College Station as vice chancellor of academic affairs for the A&M System. Later as vice chancellor for diversity and recruitment, he advised the Chancellor and Regents on diversity issues within the System and developed several initiatives to increase the diversity of students, faculty, staff and administrators across the A&M system. For his service, he was awarded the title of Vice Chancellor Emeritus.

Dr. Ashley has numerous publications and presentations and is invited to present nationally and internationally. He is a Distinguished Alumni of Louisiana College and in March 2022, Ashley was inducted into the University Of Alabama College Of Education Hall of Fame. He and his wife Janice live in College Station and have two children, Frank IV and Elizabeth.

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, Corrosion Resistant Alloys, Germania Insurance, Grocery Supply Company, H-E-B, Texas Vein & Wellness Institute, and Van Dyke Rankin & Company.

"We are very grateful to these sponsors," said Jamie Rankin, 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 of Commerce will recognize five directors who have ended a three-year term of service on the board: Dan Blalock, Brenham Abstract & Title Co.; Jim Chisolm, Texas Star Winery; Kara Matheney, Washington County AgriLife Extension Service; Shay Morrow, QuestSpecialty Corporation; and Darron Smith, Brenham National Bank. Outgoing Chair Shay Morrow of QuestSpecialty Corporation will also be recognized for her leadership in 2023.

The Brenham Economic Development Foundation will recognize two outgoing directors: Mike Hopkins, Jr, of Mike Hopkins Distributing and Barney Loesch, of Thrivent Financial, for each having served nine years on the board. Other highlights of the evening will be the announcement of the 2023 Man and Woman of the Year, the Business of the Year awards, the Blue Blazer of the Year, the Board Member of the Year, the Non-Profit of the Year, and a new award being introduced this year is the New Business of the Year.

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 25. Reserved tables for eight people are also available. Contact the Washington County Chamber at 979-836-3695 or info@brenhamtexas.com.

Chamber Says Farewell to Retiring Directors



Kara Matheney, Dan Blalock, Jim Chisolm, Darron Smith and Shay Morrow

Five outstanding volunteers have retired as Chamber board members. They have been closely involved with the mission and success of the Chamber since January 2021. The retiring directors (as pictured) include:

Kara Matheney of Washington County AgriLife Extension Service, **Dan Blalock** of Brenham Abstract & Title Co., **Jim Chisolm** of Texas Star Winery, **Darron Smith** of Brenham National Bank.

Also pictured is **Shay Morrow** of QuestSpecialty Corporation. She served as Board Chair for 2023 and will remain on the board in 2024 as Immediate Past Chair.

These volunteer leaders have been valuable members of committees and projects over the past three years. They will be greatly missed from the board of directors, but we know they will always remain strong members of the Chamber and our local business community.

Please join us in thanking them for their years of service to the Chamber membership the next time you see them!

Leadership Learns Emergency Management, hear from City and County Reps

The December session of Leadership Washington County began at the Brenham Fire Department. The class heard from Brian Scheffer, former assistant fire chief. Participants were then able to see first-hand how emergency situations are communicated and executed from the command center downtown through a mock disaster drill at the department's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

The group then traveled to the Washington County EMS station located at 1875 Hwy 290 West in Brenham. EMS Lieutenant Mark Rosenbaum and staff welcomed the class and explained what EMS does, its history, and how they transport and care for patients. Then other paramedics demonstrated the Lund Hospital Cardiac Arrest System (LUCAS) on a mannequin. The class was given a tour of the station and were able to see the EMS helicopter firsthand. After lunch County Commissioner Kirk Hanath gave an overview of his duties as commissioner and leadership.

When asked if this session was helpful to the growth of becoming a leader, a participant replied "Yes, absolutely! When you get to know these people that bravely risked their lives to serve and protect or support those that do, you not only feel a sense of gratitude for them, but you also feel their deep sense of humanity and care that they have for you and the community and it engenders in you a desire to support them, work with them, and pray for them!"

The January session will be on healthcare. Leadership Washington County is one of the key programs of the Washington County Chamber designed to train and motivate leaders for this community. The next class will form in July 2024. For more details or to view the application form, visit the "Leadership" page on www.BrenhamTexas.com.



LWC Class of 2024 in front of the EMS helicopter.



LWC Class of 2024 in front of City of Brenham Fire Truck.

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306 E. Main Street
Brenham, Texas 77833
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CHAMBER 101 **Member Info & Help Session**
January 25th at 9a.m.

www.BrenhamTexas.com **RSVP to Jane@BrenhamTexas.com**



Jamie Rankin **President & CEO**
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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 hoped 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 2023-2024 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 interaction:

Ant Street Inn • Bank of Brenham • Blue Bell Creameries
Boys & Girls Club of Washington County • Brand It Graphix
Brenham Abstract & Title Company • Brenham Kitchens
Brenham National Bank Brenham Veterinary Hospital
CASA for Kids of South-Central Texas • Cedar Frame Real Estate
Chappell Hill Historical Society Museum • Citizens State Bank
City of Brenham • Creatively Yours, LLC Floyd's Lounge
Germania Insurance • Heart & Hand Bodywork
Kona Ice of Bellville/Brenham Kruse Village
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QuestSpecialty Corporation • Seidel Schroeder • Sonic
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Contact the Chamber at 979-836-3695 if your business or organization is interested in being a Partner for P.E.A.C.E. in the 2023-2024 Academic Year.

Thank you to our 2024 Chairman's Circle members...



Thank you to our 2024 Presidential Level members...





SAVE THE DATES

JAN 25	CHAMBER 101 Chamber Conference Room 9:00 a.m.
FEB 1	2024 ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET Thursday Feb 1, 2024 5:30-8:30 p.m.
FEB 6	WAKE UP, WASHINGTON COUNTY! First Baptist Church School 7:45-9:00 a.m.
FEB 15	CONNECT AFTER 4 Washington County Expo 4 - 6:00 p.m.
MAR 19	STATE OF THE COMMUNITY Washington County Expo 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
APR	ADMIN PROFESSIONAL LUNCH Location TBD
APR 22	4TH ANNUAL CHAMBER CLASSIC Golf Tournament

Wake Up, Washington County!

NETWORKING BREAKFAST



Tuesday, February 6th at 7:45 a.m.

First Baptist Church School
& Early Education Center
302 Pahl Street, Brenham

RSVP to jane@brenhamtexas.com



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The Blue Blazers have begun celebrating our member’s “Chamberversaries” by surprising them with Celebration Visits and thanking them for their investment.



Casa for Kids of South Central Texas
15 years



Hodde & Hodde Land Surveying, Inc
25 years



The Kenney Store
10 years



Stats – from the month of: December 2023

Walk-In’s
Chamber of Commerce 257

Website – **www.BrenhamTexas.com**

Unique Visitors **9,102**

Total Pages **3,733**



Royers Round Top Cafe
15 years

Washington County Blue Blazers

The Blue Blazers is a club with 20-25 members and more than 50 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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1801 Northview Circle Dr., Brenham - (979) 836-9221



Terah's Cleaning Service - Terah Jackson, owner
Brenham (979) 277-8256



Bencor, LLC - Expansion opening, Christine Giese, President/Owner
4629 Hwy 290 West, Brenham - (979) 830-5252



Brenham Pregnancy Center – Expansion opening, Melissa Lasater, Executive Director
1016 East Blue Bell Road, Brenham - (979) 836-0397



Chick-fil-A Brenham - Drew Allen, owner
1161 US Hwy 290 E, Brenham - (979) 353-0222



Integrity Urgent Care - Amanda Ball, Manager
2608 HWY 36 South, Brenham - (979) 451-6000



View Brenham - Mary Kate Walters - Owner, Optometrist
306 E Main St, Brenham - (979) 836-3597



Bluebonnet Pediatric Dentistry - Jonathan Ames
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E-messages are sent a maximum of once per quarter per member during each calendar year.



ANNUAL 5:30 - 8:00 PM

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GUEST SPEAKER

DR. FRANK ASHLEY III

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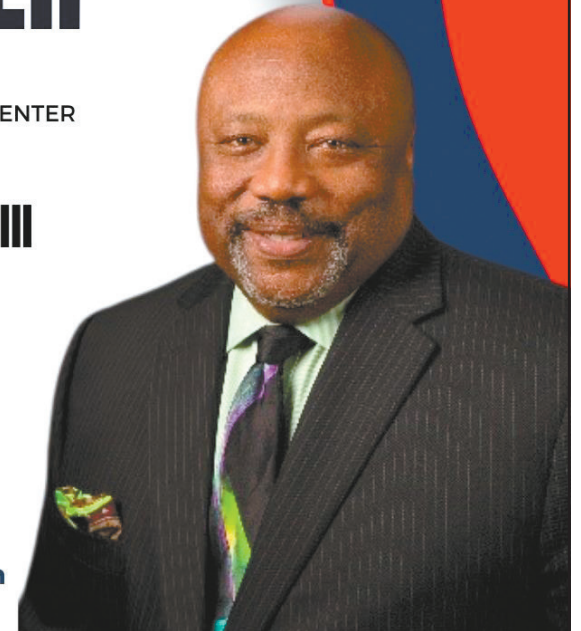


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