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3rd annual Fall Frolic with the Chamber

The third annual Fall Frolic/Ladies Day Out with the Chamber event was held on October 29 to the delight of well over 300 women in the community.

A big round of thanks go to top sponsor KTTX/KWHI Radio. Thank you to the hospitality sponsors: Ant Street Inn and Appel Ford/Hyundai of Brenham. Several other businesses supported the event, and a complete list is posted online at www.BrenhamTexas.com.

There were 56 vendors and exhibitors, and some great shopping was offered at the Ladies Day Out event. A fashion show featured models wearing designs from **Branded Boutique, Hospice Boutique, Sassafras Boutique,**

Six Shooter Junction and Trés Chic.

A few photos are featured in this newsletter, but more can be seen online on the Chamber's website and Facebook page. Take a peek and see if you spot your friends and coworkers in the pics!

Overall, the feedback has been great. Vendors say they value the exposure and opportunity to market their products and services. All ladies say they had fun and really enjoyed the shopping, food trucks, fashion shows and giveaways. Many said they were introduced to companies they did not even know existed in our community. That is a win-win for members and shoppers.



The Fashion Show was the highlight of the evening and featured models from Branded Boutique, Hospice Boutique, Sassafras, Six Shooter Junction and Trés Chic.

'Leaders in Law Enforcement' Forum to be held December 2

On Wednesday, Dec. 2, three leaders in local law enforcement will be the featured speakers at a Washington County Chamber of Commerce Forum. Brenham's new Police Chief Craig Goodman, Washington County Sheriff Otto Hanak, and Texas Ranger Jeff Wolf will speak at the "Leaders in Law Enforcement" Forum to be held from 11:30 am to 1 pm at the Fairgrounds Event Center in Brenham.

This event will give the community an opportunity to meet Brenham's new police chief. Chief Goodman, Sheriff Hanak and Ranger Wolf will talk about their backgrounds in law enforcement, current trends and challenges, and community involvement with peace officers. At the conclusion of their remarks, all three speakers will also take questions from the audience.

Chief Goodman began his law enforcement career with the Pasadena Police Department in May 1989. He was a member of the command staff for nine years and gained valuable experience by leading and managing personnel in patrol, investigations, support and community services.

Goodman joined the Brenham Police Department in September 2015 to continue his career in public service. He is honored to have the opportunity to lead the Brenham Police Department and to continue the department's legacy of service to the citizens of Brenham.

He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Stephen F. Austin State University and a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Houston-Downtown. He is a graduate from the FBI



GOODMAN



HANAK



WOLF



Lazy Bee Honey Company caused a "buzz" at their booth.

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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS MIX, MINGLE, MAKE CONNECTIONS!

SPONSORED BY:

NOV Elmar Artex

100 Bilski Lane, Brenham

Thursday, Nov. 19 from 5-7 p.m.

Enjoy great networking and refreshments! Bring plenty of business cards to share with other members and enter for door prizes. Free for Chamber members and employees.

Learn more about NOV Elmar Artex at www.NOV.com/elmar

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Ribbon Cuttings



New Member

Peeka Ranch Alpacas

Philip and La Nell McMahon
13350 FM 389, Burton
(713) 628-9297



Expansion & New Location

Woman's Cave

Kathy & Steven Vyjala
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(936) 537-4142



Ground Breaking – New Member

Lighthouse Business Solutions

Sherry A.A. Toy
1610 N. Park St., Brenham
(979) 203-7159

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National Academy 235th Session in Quantico, VA, and the Graduate Management Institute, Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

Sheriff Otto Hanak attended Sam Houston State University where he obtained his degree in Criminal Justice. He was employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Institutional Division for three years, then was a Texas State Troop-

er from 1981-1994. Following that, from 1994-2009 he was a Texas Ranger Sergeant. Hanak was a Criminal Investigator for the 21st Judicial District Attorney's Office-Burleson and Washington Counties from 2009-2012. Since 2013, he has served as Washington County Sheriff.

As the 27th Sheriff of Washington County, he oversees daily operations at the Washington County Sheriff's Office,

which is responsible for over 600 square miles, employs over 60 including 12 patrol deputies, 4 patrol Sergeants, and 4 Criminal Investigators. Currently, the jail houses between 80-100 prisoners a day.

Ranger Jeff Wolf has lived in Washington County for the past four years with his wife and four children. Raised in Deer Park, he attended Sam Houston State University where he received his degree in Criminal

Justice. After graduating, he was accepted into the Texas Department of Public Safety Training Academy, where he began his law enforcement career in 2002.

He was assigned to Montgomery County as a Highway Patrolman where he served as a member of the Region 2 Riot Response Team and Crash Reconstruction Team. In

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Frolic

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Performance Health and Wellness was giving shoppers free massages.



Happy ladies modeling their new hats from Peek a Ranch Alpacas.



A new addition to the Fall Frolic was outdoor food trucks like DB's Mobile BBQ Kitchen.

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Renewing Chamber Members

October 1-31

Thanks to the following members for continuing your investment in the Chamber. You are long-term "partners" in our mission to promote and preserve this great community, and we appreciate your confidence in the Chamber's ability to promote your business.

Chappell Hill Historical Society — 47 years
Memorial Oaks Chapel — 41 years
Rau's Meat Center — 38 years
Schovajsa's Catering — 35 years
Maifest Association — 33 years
Washington Animal Clinic, PLLC — 31 years
Washington County Appraisal District — 31 years
Wells Fargo Bank — 30 years
Alexander Oil Company — 29 years
Del Sol Food Co., Inc. - Briannas — 27 years
BBVA Compass — 24 years
Express Employment Professionals — 22 years
Far View Bed & Breakfast — 22 years
Brenham Heritage Museum — 21 years
Mueller, Renee Ann — 21 years
Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union — 19 years
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites — 19 years
Brenham Floral Company — 18 years
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Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant — 16 years
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Fayetteville Propane Company, Inc. — 15 years
First United Methodist Church — 15 years
Round Top Festival Institute — 14 years
Brenham Oaks — 13 years
New Beginnings Life Ministries — 13 years
Front Porch — 11 years
KWIK KOPY Business Center — 11 years
Lake Somerville Marina & Campground — 11 years
Scenic Hill — 11 years
Animal Friends of Washington County — 10 years
B & R Industries, Inc — 10 years
Edward Jones - Andrea Holle — 10 years
Texas Broadband, Inc. — 10 years

Town & Country Realty & Mortgage — 10 years
Auto Salon — 9 years
Computer Helpers — 9 years
Inn at Indian Creek — 9 years
Adam's Angels Ministry — 7 years
LaBahia Turn Verein - Event Center — 7 years
Reeter, Jeff D. — 7 years
American Legion Buddy Wright Post 48 — 6 years
Ballard & Fleetwood, PLLC — 6 years
Absolutely Fabulous Salon — 5 years
City of Brenham — 5 years
Hair Warehouse — 5 years
Home Depot — 5 years
Mission Brenham — 5 years
Saddlehorn Winery — 5 years
Abiding Word Lutheran Church — 4 years
Brenham Miniature Horses — 4 years
H & R Block Brenham — 4 years
Los Cabos Mexican Grill & Steakhouse — 4 years
Spherion Staffing — 4 years
Washington County Insurance Agency, LLC. — 3 years

Wittner Plumbing, LLC — 3 years
Atlas Foundation Repair — 2 years
Branded Boutique, LLC — 2 years
Champion Fellowship — 2 years
Fellowship Baptist Church — 2 years
Focusing Families — 2 years
Kenney Store, The — 2 years
Lazy "D" Ranches — 2 years
Rockin' Star Ranch — 2 years
Scentsy - Andrea "Andy" Law — 2 years
Searchers Realty — 2 years
Stone Hollow Apartments — 2 years
Washington County Landscapes — 2 years
All Things New by Shari — 1 year
Barking Ranch Pet Resort — 1 year
Bush's Chicken — 1 year
Capitol Ranch Real Estate — 1 year
CK Designs & Boutique — 1 year
Noble Living Studios — 1 year
Premier Designs - Independent Distributor — 1 year
Texas Bluebonnet Wine Trail — 1 year

Chamber News & Notes

Get Noticed...

The ChamberWorks newsletter is published inside *The Banner-Press* once a month. 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, Member Services Manager, 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.

Blue Blazers Make Surprise Celebration Visits for Membership Anniversaries



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Blue Blazer Tammy Jaster with the Rev. Thomas Obersat.



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Hampton Inn & Suites
Blue Blazer Tammy Jaster with Larissa Dieterich.

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

Hosted by
Brenham Production Services

Tuesday, November 17
Starts at 7:45 a.m.
2910 Handley St., Brenham
(Near Sealand off Hwy. 290 Feeder Road)

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:
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Business Spotlight

Buffalo Creek

Wedding and Entertainment Venue

Buffalo Creek Wedding and Entertainment Venue, located in the quaint town of Bellville, is infused with rustic elegance, a five acre lake and 85 picturesque acres. With its fabulous sunsets, three separate gathering areas, two huge Austin stone bars, three fireplaces and a 200 foot walkway to their new lakefront wedding gazebo, Buffalo Creek is the perfect place for an elegant, countryside wedding. Call today to schedule a tour.

They are also open to the public on some Fridays or Saturdays with live entertainment. Visit www.facebook.com/Buffalo.Creek. Bellville for the most current information or their website for wedding information and photos at www.BuffaloCreekBellville.com. Buffalo Creek is located at 10827 Highway 36, Bellville. Call 979-865-0702 for more information.

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

WALK-INS	
<i>Visitor Center</i> Oct. 2015 — 659	<i>HQ Building</i> Oct. 2015 — 837
WEBSITE www.BrenhamTexas.com	
<i>Unique Visitors</i> Oct. 2015 — 8,378	<i>Total Pages</i> Oct. 2015 — 16,275
WEBSITE www.VisitBrenhamTexas.com	
<i>Unique Visitors</i> Oct. 2015 — 11,755	<i>Total Pages</i> Oct. 2015 — 26,450

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



Thank you to our Presidential Level members ...



Leadership Class Steps Into the Past

The October session of Leadership Washington County took the group back in time on a beautiful, sunny fall day.

The day began in the Bullock Ballroom above the historic Simon Theatre in Downtown Brenham, featuring the "Step Into The Past" video presented by Barry Brass (LWC class of 2008). The video shows how Brenham became Brenham and features local actors depicting important trailblazers in the history of the city.

Barry walked the group over to Toubin Park to discover the hidden wonders of a large system of historic cisterns that run beneath Brenham Streets. Toubin Park is recognized as a State Archeological Landmark.

Next was an informative tour of the Texas Cotton Gin & Museum in Burton. The class had the opportunity to peruse the museum artifacts and the ginning process with Museum Direc-

tor Linda Russell. Linda gave the class a hands-on demonstration on how cotton is ginned using a small replica of Eli Whitney's original gin. Museum Assistant Jerry Moore gave the class an up-close and personal tour of the gin. Once a year, the 1925 Bessimer Type IV engine gets fired up to gin and bale cotton during the annual Cotton Gin Festival held in April.

After learning all about cotton, the group headed to lunch in Independence followed by a tour of the Independence Baptist Church, the oldest continuously active Baptist church in the State of Texas, and also where Sam Houston was a member and was baptized. Next, the class toured two of the earliest homes in Texas, the John P. Coles homes, and a rural one-room schoolhouse.

Back in Brenham the class toured the Brenham Fire Museum led by fireman Josh Sebastian who showed the

class the antique fire engines, including "Samanthe," purchased in 1923 and one of only three left of its kind.

The class then walked next door to the Brenham Heritage Museum where they were able to look at the many exhibits and collections on display and then heard from the museum director Doug Price about the importance of the museum in our community.

The day ended at the Washington County Courthouse with Chief Deputy Tricia Kuhlman showing the class the lower floor of the courthouse which is filled with thousands of historic documents including land deeds, marriage licenses and birth certificates dating back to the 1800s.

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 2016.



Victoria Conarro takes the wheel of one of the antique fire engines on display in the Brenham Fire Museum in Downtown Brenham.



Barry Brass welcomes the class to the Bullock Ballroom at the Simon Theatre.



Class participants read informational boards in Toubin Park which tell the story of the "burning of Brenham" and how important cisterns were at that time.



Cotton Gin Museum Director Linda Russell explains the early days of cotton picking.



Jerry Moore explains the process of the cotton gin from when it arrives on the truck to when it is made into a bale.



A class photo taken inside the one-room schoolhouse in Independence. It's great to see Blinn President Dr. Mary Hensley and Brenham ISD Superintendent Dr. Walter Jackson in the front two rows!



Doug Price, director of the Brenham Heritage Museum, welcomes the class to explore our local history.

Tourism News

Television Crew Steps into the Past



Cynthia Hamrick (back to camera) recently welcomed videographer Jeanne Polocheck and her daughters to the Giddings Stone Mansion. Polocheck produces the television show *Kid's Eye View: Real World, Real Fun* that airs Saturdays at noon on Houston's KHOU-TV. The segment filmed in Brenham included several stops on the Step into the Past history tour and began airing on November 7. The girls, ages 10 and 12, serve as hosts for the show.

Geiger PR Press Tour

Fifteen travel writers visited the Washington County area Nov. 1-4, and participated in a jam-packed agenda that included visiting attractions, enjoying local food and lodging, and generally learning about what the area offers to visitors.

The group represented media as varied as the Associated Press, NBC News, *Tulsa World*, *Austin American-Statesman*, *Dallas Morning News*, and *Antique Week*, *Texas Gardener* and *Northeast Georgia Living* magazines ... just to name a few.

Geiger PR staff members managed the logistics of keeping the group on time during its hectic schedule, as well as transporting everyone from and to nearby airports.

The Chamber-CVB would like to thank Nathan's Barbecue, Brenham Grill, Funky Art Café, Design II Catering and Must Be Heaven for providing fantastic meals for the group. Bliss Candy Company and Park Street Bakery provided desserts for an evening stop at Back Lot Gallery. In addition, the group stopped at Ninety Six West to sample a selection of beverages and tapas.

All four wineries in Washington County — Pleasant Hill, Saddlehorn, Texas Star and Windy Winery — provided wine tastings for various members of the group.

Thanks also go to Texas Ranch Life, Ant Street Inn, Southern Rose Ranch and Lillian Farms Country Estate

for hosting the writers at their lodging properties. Texas Ranch Life provided a horseback riding experience for those who chose it, shooting and cutting horse demonstrations, and cowboy comfort food. Lillian Farms provided a farewell dinner.

The attractions visited included Washington on the Brazos, Chappell Hill Lavender Farm, Texas Cotton Gin Museum, Round Top Festival Institute, the Barnhill Center at the Simon Theatre, Antique Rose Emporium and the Bush Library in College Station.

Last but not least, thanks go to all the staff members at every destination who made this group feel so welcome and shared so much with them. Good job, all!!



Jim Chisholm, owner of Texas Star Winery, relates information about the types of wines he produces for the benefit of this group of travel writers.



Tami Redshaw and Edward Smith III welcome travel writers to Ninety Six West for a sampling of beverages and tapas.



Mike and Jean Shoup with Antique Rose Emporium pose for one of the professional travel photographers.

Bluebonnet Opry

Enjoy live music at the Bluebonnet Opry on Thursday, November 19 at Silver Wings Ballroom located at 4100 Hwy. 105 East. Performers will be Rick Weiss, Kyla Rae Cmajdalka and Tyler Zapalac plus the Bluebonnet Opry House Band. Doors open 5:30 p.m., the grill opens at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and are available at the door. For more information, contact Eunice at 979-451-0816 or visit www.friendsofthebluebonnetopry.com.

Washington-on-the-Brazos

Travel back in time to where a nation was born in 1836 on Living History Saturday, November 21. On the third Saturday of each month, staff and volunteers dressed in period clothing bring to life the people and events of Old Washington providing a unique opportunity to discover various aspects of life surrounding the birth of the Republic of Texas. (Activities will vary and some are weather dependent.) Traditional guided tours of Independence Hall will not be offered these days.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission for adults \$9, student \$6, kids 6 and under and Texas State Park annual pass holders — FREE! Washington on the Brazos State Park is located at 23400 Park Road 12 in Washington. For more information, call 979-878-2461 or visit www.wheretexasbecametexas.org.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY "ADOPT-A-SIGN" PARTNERS

To ensure the long-term care of the Welcome Sign monuments at the five entry points to Washington County, four landscaping companies from our community have volunteered to oversee their maintenance.

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Glasco & Company Landscaping
— Hwy. 36 North and South Signs

Wise Landscaping — Hwy. 105 Sign

What's Happening in November

Nov 13-15, 20-22, 27-29

Light and Ambiance at Back Lot Gallery

Arts at the Lake presents a collective of artists. Enjoy works of art on display and for sale by potters, sculptors, painters and a jeweler, Fri and Sat, 10am-7pm, Sun 11am-4pm, Back Lot Gallery, 308 S. Park St. (behind Ant Street Inn), Downtown Brenham.

Nov 13, 20, 27, Dec. 3

Live Music at Nathan's BBQ

Entertainment varies, check website or Facebook. 6-9pm, Cajun specials, 1307 Prairie Lea, Brenham (www.nathanbbq.com).

Nov 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, Dec. 4-5

Live Music in the Biergarten

Largest selection of craft beer in Washington County, wine, local food and live music, Home Sweet Farm Market and Biergarten, 6-11pm, live music starts at 8pm, 307 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham (www.HomeSweetFarm.com).

Nov 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, Dec. 4-5

Brewery Patio Open

Enjoy craft beer with friends, Friday 6-10pm, Saturday 1-6pm, Brazos Valley Brewery, 201 W. First St., Downtown Brenham (www.BrazosValleyBrewery.com).

Nov 13

Independence Historical Society Meeting
Membership meeting of the Independence Historical Society, 7-9 p.m. Please call for information (979-251-9227).

Nov 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, Dec. 4-5

Live Music at The Stone Cellar

Live bands, pizza and drinks every weekend. Acts include Black Cat Choir, Tubie & The Touchtones, Tres Dux, Jack the Sax, Aaron Gross, Eugene Eugene and more. Friday and Saturday 11-7pm; Sunday 5-8pm; some Saturdays 3-6pm; 550 N Hwy 237, Round Top (www.StoneCellarWines.com).

Nov 13-14, 17, 20-21, 24, 27-28, Dec. 1, 4-5

Live Music at The Kenney Store

Live music by varying artists every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights. Go early for dinner and stay late for live music and dancing. Most nights are free, but occasional cover charges, 811 Loop 497 South (www.TheKenneyStore.com).

Nov 14

Fall Extravaganza & Chili Throw Down

Live music all day, darn good chili, People's Choice Vote, noon-4pm, Home Sweet Farm Market and Biergarten, 307 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham, \$5 to taste and vote (www.HomeSweetFarm.com).

Nov 14

Texas Recycles Day

The City of Brenham and Keep Washington County Beautiful invite residents of Brenham & Washington County to the 8th Annual Texas Recycles Day. The city will

pass out 600 free 18-gallon recycling bins to show appreciation to customers who utilize the Recycling Center throughout the year, 8:30am - 1pm, 307 S. Market St., Brenham.

Nov 14-15

The Lone Star Gallery Trade Days

Featuring vintage antique, repurposed, shabby and more. Free parking, free admission, indoor shopping, onsite concessions, 10am-6pm, The Lone Star Gallery, 4212 S. State Hwy 237, Warrenton (www.TheLoneStarGallery.com).

Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5

Step Into the Past Tours

For the first time, multiple historic sites in Brenham will open their doors for public tours every Saturday from 10am-5pm. Visit the Barnhill Center at Simon Theatre, Glissman Drug Store, Brenham Fire Museum, Brenham Heritage Museum, Giddings-Wilkin House, Giddings Stone Mansion and more (www.VisitBrenhamTexas.com/step-into-the-past).

Nov 14

Pints for Paws

True Blue Animal Rescue will bring some furry friends to the brewery to help them find a home, Brazos Valley Brewery, 201 W. First St., Brenham, 1-6pm.

Nov 17, 19, 30, Dec 3

Play in the Clay

One night make your own pieces then return a second night to decorate/glaze, \$80 per person for 2 classes, includes clay, decorating/glazes and two firings. Class times Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-9pm at Bluebonnet Pottery, 12341 LBJ Dr. (www.BluebonnetPottery.com, 979-289-3765).

Nov 17

Faith Mission Candlelit Christmas Gala

County kick-off to the Advent Season. A Christmas dinner program provides great food, fun, and fellowship, 5:30-8pm, Silver Wings Ballroom, 4100 Hwy 105, Brenham (www.FaithMission.us).

Nov 18, 25, Dec 2

Wine Down

Enjoy wine & artisan cheese and \$1 off house wine, 5-8pm, Home Sweet Farm Market and Biergarten, 307 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham (www.HomeSweetFarm.com).

Nov 18

Holiday Nutrition: How to Manage Weight & Stress During the Holidays

Paula Carper, Registered Dietitian of Noble Nutrition, offers practical tips for navigating holiday pitfalls that often derail your wellness goals, 6:30-7:45pm, Noble Living Studios, 2562 Ryan St., Brenham, first class at Noble Living Studios is free, \$20 for general public (www.noblelivingstudios.com).

Nov 19

Business After Hours

NOV Elmar Artex

Enjoy networking, food and refreshments. Free for Chamber members and employees. NOV Elmar Artex, 100 Bilski Lane, Brenham, 5-7pm.

Nov 19

YPO Happy Hour

Ages 21-40 are invited to join the Young Professionals Organization of Washington County at Camp For All for this social event, 5-7pm, 6301 Rehburg Rd., Burton (www.CampForAll.org).

Nov 19

Bluebonnet Opry

Friends of the Bluebonnet Opry fall polka show, featuring Rick Weiss, Kyla Rae Cmajdalka, Tyler Zapalac and the Bluebonnet Opry House Band. Doors open at 5:30pm, food served from 6pm, show starts at 7:30pm, Silver Wings Ballroom, 4100 Hwy. 105, Brenham (www.friendsofbluebonnetopry.org).

Nov 19

The Winedale German Singers and The St. John UCC A Cappella Choir

Holiday music and Christmas caroling, 6:30pm, Jaehne Educational Cultural Pavilion, 397 East Mill St., Round Top (behind Post Office), reception to follow, free admission (www.ILoveToRead.org).

Nov 19-22

Blinn College presents "Back to the 80's"

A nostalgic and enjoyable romp by the Theatre Arts, Opera & Musical Theatre, and Music programs of the Blinn College Department of Visual and Performing Arts, 600 Blinn Blvd., Thurs-Sat, 7-9pm, Sunday 2-4pm, \$8 (www.Blinn.edu/BoxOffice).

Nov 20

Cody Canada and Mike McClure acoustic song swap

At Buffalo Creek, Steven Marshall, a local favorite, will open the show. Call for ticket information, limited seating, 6-11pm, 10827 Hwy 36 S., Bellville (www.buffalocreekevents.com).

Nov 21

Walk with a Doc

For those interested in a healthier lifestyle. Held fourth Sat. every month through December, 9-10am, Hohlt Park, meet at amphitheater. Opens with short discussion on popular health topic, followed by 30-45 minutes of walking, finishing up walkers can have blood pressure checked, get water, fresh fruit, and a healthy snack. Free.

Nov 21

Health & Wellness Forum: Your Health Matters

Focus on six areas of everyday health: diabetes, mental health, Prescription drugs vs OTC, balanced living, eating healthy, 9am-3pm, Brenham High School, no charge,

register online or call (www.yourhealthmatters2015.eventbrite.com, 979-277-6212).

Nov 22

Baylor University Concert

Baylor University Chamber Singers present Carols of Christmas, 4pm, Old Independence Baptist Church, FM 50 at FM 390E, Independence, free admission.

Nov 28

Sam Riggs live at Buffalo Creek

Sam Riggs and band and light show, Bri Bagwell opening, 8pm, Buffalo Creek, 10827 Hwy 36 S., Bellville, call for ticket info (www.BuffaloCreekEvents.com/events).

A few December highlights...

Dec 2

Leaders in Law Enforcement Forum

At Fairgrounds Event Center, 11:30am-1pm, Washington County Fairgrounds Event Center, advance tickets & reservations only, call the Washington County Chamber (979-836-3695).

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Noble Living Studios Holiday Open House

Enjoy a fun, fit, and fabulous evening as you mingle with others who are loving their bodies to health. Learn about services and nibble on nutritious, delicious refreshments, 6:30-8:30pm, Noble Living Studios, 2562 Ryan St., Brenham, free event (www.noblelivingstudios.com).

Dec 3

Business After Hours

Heritage Texas Country Properties

Attend for great networking, delicious food and refreshments. Bring business cards to share, free for Chamber members and their employees, co-hosted by Design II Catering, 5-7pm.

Dec 3-6

"Miracle on 34th Street"

The Christmas spirit is alive and well in this heartwarming yuletide classic based on the beloved film and novel - a nostalgic holiday treat, Unity Theatre, (www.UnityBrenham.org).

Dec 4-5

Jingle Bell Market

Hosted at the Ant Street Inn, Friday 10am-9pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, (www.AntStreetInn.com).

Dec 5-6

Christmas Stroll and Lighted Parade

On Friday at 5:30pm lighting of the Courthouse Square, caroling, story time, live entertainment, Christmas movie at the Simon, Jingle Bell Market. Saturday features the lighted Christmas parade starting at 6pm (www.CityofBrenham.org/parks).

Tourism

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Back to the 80's

From the era that brought the world The Rubik's Cube, Max Headroom, Star Wars, MTV and The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles comes a musical comedy at Blinn College that is "totally awesome!" Back to the 80's is a nostalgic and enjoyable romp through the greatest hits of the decade.

Show times are Thursday, November 19, through Saturday, November 21, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 22 at 2 p.m. The O'Donnell Arts Center is located at 600 Blinn Blvd. in Brenham. Tickets are \$8 and for more information call 830-4024 or visit www.blinn.edu/boxoffice.

Christmas Stroll & Lighted Parade

Enjoy live entertainment and holiday shopping as you stroll along the beautifully lighted streets of Downtown Brenham on Friday, December 4, and Saturday, December 5. All shops will be open. There will be a giant snow slide for the kids and other fun things throughout the day. There will be a Lighted Parade on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. This is a lot of fun for the whole family and a great way to get into the holiday spirit! For more information call 979/337-7384 or visit www.downtownbrenham.com.

Jingle Bell Market

Once again the Ant Street Inn will host the Jingle Bell Market featuring arts and crafts, handmade and rare items galore on Friday, December 4, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Ant

Street Inn is located at 107 W. Commerce St. For more information, call 979-836-7393.

Christmas Fayre

Welcome in the festive season of Christmas in historic Downtown Chappell Hill with shopping, dining, teddy bear parade, visit with Santa, caroling, nativity scenes, train rides, downtown lighting and live reindeer! Activities are timed throughout the afternoon. Admission and parking are free! The fun is on Saturday, December 5, noon to 7 p.m. For more information call 979/836-6033 or visit www.chappellhill-historicsociety.com.

Houston Brass Band

The Houston Brass Band is one of the regions premier musical ensembles, sharing the unique spirit and beauty of British-style brass band music.

Head out to Festival Hill located at 248 Jaster Road in Round Top on Saturday, November 14, at 3 p.m. to enjoy this concert. For ticket information call 979/249-3129 or visit www.festivalhill.org.

Hansel and Gretel

"Hansel and Gretel" is a unique marionette show which is sure to entertain children while teaching important lessons including problem solving and value of teamwork. At Festival Hill on Saturday, December 5, at 3 p.m. For more information, call 979/249-3129 or visit www.festivalhill.org.

Visit the Washington County Chamber website at www.BrenhamTexas.com. As a member, you can login to your account (see link at top of home page) and add "Hot Deals!"

Want to login to your member portal, but forgot your username or password? Just give us a call or send us an email and we will get the information to you ASAP.

As a member, you can also create a "Member-to-Member Deal" where you can make your offer exclusive between yourself and other Chamber members!

Ask Shae Janner at the Chamber for more details about either of these promotions. shae@brenhamtexas.com or (979) 836-3695.



Forum

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2007, he was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Narcotics Division in Laredo. A year later, he received a transfer to Houston where he spent three years assigned to a DEA Task Force. In 2011, he was promoted into the Texas Ranger Division and was assigned to Brenham. His primary areas of responsibility include Washington and Colorado Counties.

"We are pleased to be able to host this event so local residents can have an opportunity to get to know these local lead-

ers and engage them in proactive dialogue for the continued advancement of our community," said Wesley Brinkmeyer, 2015 Chairman of the Board of the Washington County Chamber.

Tickets are \$25 for Chamber members (\$35 for non-members) or \$250 for a Reserved Table (seats 8). A buffet lunch is included. Reservations can be made by calling the Chamber at (979) 836-3695. The deadline to reserve a seat is Tuesday, Nov. 24, by 5 p.m.

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The Blue Blazers is a club with 15 members and 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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