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## Chamber Centennial Celebration kicks off at Annual Banquet

Second Vice Chair  
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The Chamber's Annual Banquet is a premier event every year. It is a night to thank members for their support, recognize volunteers for their service, present prestigious awards, and celebrate the community. The banquet, which is a shared celebration of the Chamber and Economic Development Foundation, will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Fireman's Training Center in Brenham starting at 5:30 p.m.

Morgan and Wesley Brinkmeyer will deliver special remarks about achievements over the past 100 years. Brinkmeyer will serve as M.C. of the event.

Headline sponsors of the banquet include **Baylor Scott & White Health, Blinn College, Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Brenham Clinic, Brenham National Bank, DI Truck & Trailer Repair, Germania Insurance and Van Dyke Rankin Insurance.**

Secretary  
James Pharaon  
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Superintendent

Six Washington County Chamber board directors who ended their term of service in December will be recognized: Wesley Brinkmeyer, *Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative*; Sharon Brass, *Kwik Kopy Business Center*; Cathy Cole, *Heritage Texas Country Properties*; Suzy Hankins, *Ant Street Inn, Back Lot Gallery and Main Street House*; Chad Gerke, *The Gerke Law Firm*; and Randy Weidemann, *Van Dyke Rankin Insurance*.

"We are very grateful to these sponsors," said Page Michel, Chamber president, "because they will enable us to hold an elegant event, plus they join in applauding the efforts of the volunteer leaders and citizens who will be recognized."

Immediate Past Chairman  
Kurt Alfred  
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This year in observance of the Chamber's 100th anniversary, area businesses and community leaders are invited to a special evening of looking back and expressing special thanks to all those who have helped to build our local economy. It will be a festive evening of celebrating volunteers and board members of the Chamber and EDF.

Two Brenham Economic Development Foundation board members who ended nine years of service in December will also be recognized: Brett Smith, *Lee Anderson Company*; and Dr. Donald Voelter, *Blinn College (retired)*.

The Chamber is also extremely grateful to Scott Hill from Brenham Portrait Gallery for banquet photography, to James Pharaon of James Pharaon Creative for special video segments for the Centennial Celebration, and to Blue Bell Creameries for ice cream for all guests.

Tammy Jaster  
City of Brenham  
- Blue Bell Aquatic Center

Edna Kennedy  
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Superintendent

The Chamber of Commerce was established in 1917 and now serves over 800 member organizations and individuals with a mission to strengthen and improve the area by advocating for business interests, promoting community development and enhancing the overall quality of life.

Another highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the Man and Woman of the Year-Lifetime Achievement Award winners. Last year's recipients were Twila Tate and Leon Toubin who will return to do the surprise introductions of the 2016 winners.

Tickets for the banquet are on sale now at the Washington County Chamber office. Individual tickets are \$35 per person and reserved tables (to seat 8) are \$400. Tickets are on sale until Jan. 24. Complimentary drinks are served during the social hour and a delicious buffet dinner is included.

Speakers at the banquet will include Senator Lois Kolkhorst and Rep. Leighton Schubert, plus Michael Groves, Joe Al Picone, Dorothy

The Blue Blazer of the Year Award will also be announced.

There are a limited number of reserved tables. Please call or stop by to purchase tickets or get more information: (979) 836-3695.

LaVerne Krumrey  
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Thank you to the following Centennial Sponsors  
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**Thursday, Jan. 19 from 5-7 p.m.**

Put a face to your business or organization and meet others.

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Have fun, enjoy food and drinks,

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Free for Chamber members and employees!

Learn more about event sponsors online:  
[www.BankofBrenham.com](http://www.BankofBrenham.com) | [www.FunkyArtCafe.com](http://www.FunkyArtCafe.com)





Pictured are most of the 2017 Chamber Board of Directors who met on Dec. 14 for an all-day planning retreat to get ready for 2017.

## Ribbon Cutting



New Member

### Cricket Wireless

Owner: Saqib Toola  
516 Hwy 290 West, Brenham



Ground Breaking

### Abiding Word Lutheran Church

Pastor: Martin Moore  
464 Oak Tree Crossing Drive, Brenham



Networking Happy Hour  
Tuesday, January 17  
at Seidel Schroeder  
2707 S. Market St., Brenham  
5-7 p.m.

Join in for some good food, good drinks and a great time!

For more information about the Washington County YPO, send your contact information to [youngpros@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:youngpros@brenhamtexas.com) or visit online: [www.Facebook.com/YPOwashingtoncounty](http://www.Facebook.com/YPOwashingtoncounty)

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Pictured are the Chamber's 2017 officers: from left, James Pharaon, Secretary; Randy Wells, First Vice Chair; Kyle Merten, Chairman of the Board; Kurt Alfred, Immediate Past Chairman; Amanda Stolz, Second Vice Chair; and Walter Jackson, treasurer.

# Be the Manager Others Envy and Bosses Can't Wait to Reward

Business Seminar:  
**"How to Supervise People and Lead a Team"**  
 Presented by Glenn Shepard

The best managers have learned how to deal with problems without missing a beat. Now you can too. In this short, intensive and enjoyable seminar, you'll learn how to effortlessly defuse tension, derail toxic behavior; and defang even the most malicious employee.

Energize your people and bring everyone together solidly as a team. Learn the powerful strategies you need to solve your worst workplace problems.

**Seminar Cost Highly Discounted**

The Chamber has worked out a great deal for members on this seminar's tuition. Managers around the county have paid as much as \$1,295 to hear Glenn Shepard speak. You, as a member of this Chamber, may attend for only \$129. Plus, if you register four people, your 4th company registration is FREE!

This seminar is approved for 3.25 (General) recertification credit hours toward PHR, SPHR and GPHR recertification through the HR Certification Institute.

Glenn Shepard is a nationally sought after presenter and recognized expert in his field. "His style is very entertaining while he delivers powerful, actionable advice for managers," said Page Michel, Chamber president. This causes his messages to resonate and stick long after the seminar is over.

Plan to register for this seminar and boost your management skills!

**Date: Tuesday, February 28**

Time: 8:30 a.m. to noon

Location: Washington County Fairgrounds Event Center

Tuition: \$129 for Chamber members

(\$149 for non-members)

When 3 or more enroll from the same company, the 4th person attends for FREE!

**To register, call or email**

**Shae Janner, Business Programs Manager.**

Phone: 979-836-3695 | Email: shae@brenhamtexas.com

## Business Spotlight

### Brenham Clinic

Brenham Clinic will celebrate 60 years of service to Brenham, Washington County and surrounding areas on Sunday, February 12, from 1-3 p.m. in the Main Clinic Lobby.

The celebration will include a look back at physicians, families and staff who have made Brenham Clinic the highly respected healthcare institution it is today. Community partners will be recognized who

have been instrumental in supporting Brenham Clinic throughout the last 60 years as well as current and past physicians and employees.

Refreshments, door prizes, recognition and other surprises will be on hand as they celebrate 60 years of compassionate, quality care to friends, neighbors and families.

Brenham Clinic is located at 600 N. Park St. Visit [www.BrenhamClinic.com](http://www.BrenhamClinic.com) for more information on physicians and services.

## Get Noticed...

The ChamberWorks newsletter is published inside The Banner-Press on the first Thursday of the 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.

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



Thank you to our Presidential Level members ...



# Payment Processing That Transforms Your Business

Do you understand credit card processing fees or know how much you're paying? Most merchants don't, and that's where Infintech comes in.

Infintech is a payment processing partner of the Washington County Chamber. They can help you discover exactly what you're paying so you can unearth potential savings.

With Infintech, you can expect:

- Transparent pricing (no surprise rate increases)
- Reduced acceptance fees through exclusive Chamber member rates
- Flexible transaction capabilities that cater to consumer purchasing preferences
- Shopping carts and electronic payment acceptance functions with versatile eCommerce gateways

Here is a testimonial from a current member:

*"For more than 2 years we've worked with Infintech and have been pleased with their knowledge, professionalism, and customer service. In addition to the competitive rates, we like that Infintech partners with the Chamber. We highly recommend their services to other businesses."* — Daphne Kohring, Controller, Appel Ford & Hyundai of Brenham

### 3 Things You Should Know about

#### Your Payment Processing Environment

Ignorance isn't always bliss, especially when it comes to your payment processing environment. The truth is you

could be missing out on big savings and other advantages you didn't know existed. Learn the answer to these three questions to make sure you're making the most of how you process payments.

#### #1 What's Your Effective Rate?

Has your payment processor told you that you are paying a 1.5% qualified rate? If so, calculate your effective rate using the formula below. You will most likely find out your total cost is higher than you thought because the qualified rate does not disclose all fees assessed on your monthly statement.

Effective Rate = Monthly Processing Fees/Monthly Sales Volume

Contact Will Watson, Infintech advisor [www.infintechllc.com/washington](http://www.infintechllc.com/washington), who can help calculate your effective rate and complete a no-obligation pricing analysis to show your exact savings potential.

#### #2 Are You Processing in the Most Efficient Way Possible?

Whether you're accepting payments at your location or

offsite, there are a variety of ways to process payments and you want to work with a company that offers a solution that works for you. It's important to be aware of these options so you can pick the right solution, or a combination, that fits your business needs.

If you're processing with a stand-alone terminal, for example, consider using a virtual terminal so you can integrate your payment processing with your accounting or ERP software.

#### #3 Are You Benefiting from Level 2 and Level 3 Processing?

When you provide Level 2 or 3 data, it allows access to lower interchange rates from credit card companies, saving you up to 40% in the long-run, resulting in optimal savings.

Level 2 and Level 3 processing provides more detailed transactions, and are designed to support business-to-business payment processing.

To learn more, contact Infintech Advisor Will Watson at 979-345-2988 or [will.watson@agent.infintechllc.com](mailto:will.watson@agent.infintechllc.com).

## New Members

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*Retreat Center*

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*Clothing & Accessories*

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## Renewing Chamber Members

Dec. 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.*

- Emerson — 24 years
- Radio Shack — 22 years
- Brenham Dental Center — 20 years
- Padgett Hearing Center — 7 years
- Texas Homeplace Mortgage — 6 years
- Pastor Ross Shelton — 3 years
- Tammy Brauner - Washington Co. District Clerk — 2 years
- Sew Stitches Boutique — 2 years
- Ninety Six West — 1 year

## Washington County Blue Blazers

The Blue Blazers is a club with 15-20 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.

**Michael Branton**  
*Seidel Schroeder*

**Darlene Denman**  
*Washington County Chamber*

**Joyce Dickschat**  
*Brenham National Bank*

**Wendy Frazier**  
*Associated Credit Union of Texas*

**Eddie Harrison**  
*Retired-Brenham Municipal Judge*

**Tammy Jaster**  
*City of Brenham-Blue Bell Aquatic Center*

**Florence Julian**  
*Retired-Individual*

**Crystal Locke**  
*City of Brenham*

**Brice Milliorn**  
*Edward Jones Investments*

**Michelle Panko**  
*Barking Ranch Pet Resort*

**Linda Pipes**  
*Retired-School Teacher*

**Kathy Randermann**  
*KTTX 106.1/KWHI 1280*

**Debra Wenckens**  
*Brenham State Supported Living Center*

**Christy Schlottmann**  
*Christy Schlottmann Farmers Agency*

**Randy Weidemann**  
*Van Dyke Rankin & Company*

**Barbara Wilganowski**  
*Spherion Staffing*

**Kristie Wensel**  
*Brenham State Supported Living Center*



# Leadership in Health Care

The December session of Leadership Washington County focused on Health Care and allowed the class to learn more about the industry first-hand.

The day began at the Brenham Clinic with a welcome by Administrator Gracie Slattery, followed by presentations from Dr. William Loesch, Dr. Jeff Stoltenberg and Dr. Eric Alford.

After leaving the Brenham Clinic, the group was transported to the Texas A&M Health Science Center in College Station. The center is home to several Blinn College vocational programs. It is a multi-million dollar facility complete with simulated delivery rooms, simulated ambulance and simulation mannequins. Each of the simulators is controlled through software guided

by instructors and recorded so students can play back recordings and view their progress. The classrooms and technology are highly impressive, offering Blinn students excellent instruction and experience.

The session concluded with a tour of Brenham's Baylor Scott & White Medical Center, where current LWC class member John Hughson serves as Vice President of Operations.

Leadership Washington County is a program of the Brenham/Washington County Chamber of Commerce designed to train and motivate current and future leaders of our community. Graduates of the program are highly sought by civic groups and valued by local employers. The next class will form in July and begin in August.



Several of the ladies in class pose for a shot around the operating room table.



Mackenzie Huff, Angelica Monarrez, Rita Alcantara, Ryan Rapelye, Andi Liner and Laurie Clark prepare to go into the OR.



Paul Weiss checks out the operating room equipment as Craig Goodman and Brad Benoit look on.



Dr. Jeff Stoltenberg speaks to the class about his role at Brenham Clinic.



The class listens to fellow classmate John Hughson give an overview of operations at Brenham's Baylor Scott & White Medical Center.



Orange you glad this isn't you? Rita Alcantara and Laurie Clark practice injecting oranges.



Mark Rosenbaum takes a look inside his mouth with the GlideScope camera.



Trina Crenshaw carefully examines a long hypodermic needle.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY "ADOPT-A-SIGN" PARTNERS

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Wise Landscaping — Hwy. 105 Sign

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.



# Tourism News

## Uptown Swirl

Kick off the new year January 14 with the annual Uptown Swirl in historic downtown Brenham. Enjoy shopping and tasting over 40 different wines, with a commemorative wine glass. Tickets include the wine glass and can be purchased in participating stores, online, or in person the day of the event, and may be picked up along with a map at the gazebo on the square. 3-7pm. \$40. Find details online at [www.downtownbrenham.com/swirl](http://www.downtownbrenham.com/swirl).

## Brenham Market Winter Show

The Brenham Market is starting off 2017 with antiques, collectibles and crafts at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Food trucks and live music, too.

Saturday, January 21, will be the first ever Puppy Parade, an effort to raise money and awareness for friends at The Urgent Animal Rescue of Hearne. The Ugly Animal Sweater Parade will start at 11am on Saturday. All animals on leashes are welcome. Must be pre-registered and paid prior to January 16. Voting will take place at 1pm on Saturday and prizes will be announced at 2:30. Email [brenhampupparade@yahoo.com](mailto:brenhampupparade@yahoo.com) for more info. The Market will be open Saturday from 10-5 and Sunday 10-3.

## Texas Guitar Quartet

Plan to be at the Round Top Festival Institute on Saturday, January 21, for the Texas Guitar Quartet's first appearance on the Festival Concert Hall stage. The Texas Guitar Quartet assembles the talents of Isaac Bustos, Jonathan Dotson, Alejandro Montiel and Joseph Williams II. As soloists, they have garnered acclaim on concert stages around the world and prizes in dozens of international guitar competitions. Together, they bring their unique passions and talents to an ensemble dedicated to presenting chamber music of the highest quality. The show is from 3-5pm. Find ticket info online: [www.festivalhill.org](http://www.festivalhill.org)

## Ideas for a more organized 2017

These helpful tips are excerpted from [eventmanagerblog.com](http://eventmanagerblog.com). More tips to come for a better organizes you in 2017.

- **Make lists your best friend:** Take some time to create a basic checklist for every area of your business. Paper people can create a list in word processing software and print them to check off. For people who like to do everything by phone, tablet or PC, there are a number of good apps out there (like Wunderlist).

- **Use the calendar on your phone:** The beauty of putting all your information on your mobile calendar is that your phone is with you virtually all the time. Your phone will sync to your computer and your tablet so you're always looking at real-time activities.

- **Always have a spare set of keys:** Sounds so simple but getting locked out of your car, home or office is the surest way to get off schedule.

## Hands-On History & Living History Saturday

On the third Saturday of each month at Washington on the Brazos, staff and volunteers dress 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.

The program features activities suited for the entire family. Try your hand at writing with a quill pen and sign a copy of the Texas Declaration of Independence. Visit with militia soldiers traveling through town or try your hand at some early Texas games. Step back in time and discover the spot where Texas became Texas! (Activities will vary and some are weather dependent). Activities run from 10am-4pm.

Also, join museum staff on every third Saturday from 11-4pm at Star of the Republic Museum to make crafts and toys that pioneer children made during the Republic time. Visitors can also discover what life was like for children living in the 1830s in the Pioneer Playroom.

## Light in the Dark

Seeing in the dark is something we take for granted today. On Barrington farm, the home of Anson Jones, the last president of the Republic of Texas, they would have used purchased and homemade candles. The slaves might have used grease lamps, rush lights, or started their fires with flint and steel. Try your hand at candle dipping, for those six and older, as long as supplies last. Additional farm chores will be ongoing depending on the weather conditions, but you can tour the house, kitchen, barn, and slave quarters in addition to this program. January 28, farm hours are 10am-4:30pm. Fee is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids, or free with Texas State Parks Pass.

## 'The Diary of Anne Frank' at Unity Theatre

In this powerful adaptation, Anne Frank confronts her rapidly changing life and the increasing horror of her time with honesty, wit, and determination. An impassioned drama about the lives of eight people hiding from the Nazis in a concealed storage attic, *The Diary of Anne Frank* captures the claustrophobic realities of their daily existence — their fear, their hope, their laughter, their grief. Each day of these two dark years, Anne's voice shines through: "When I write I shake off all my cares.

But I want to achieve more than that. I want to be useful and bring enjoyment to all people, even those I've never met. I want to go on living even after my death!" February 9-26, 3 weeks, 12 shows. Thursdays 7:30 pm, Fridays & Saturdays 8 pm, Sundays 4 pm. Tickets \$27, Students \$15. Find more details at [www.unitybrenham.org](http://www.unitybrenham.org).

## Children's Chorus Spring Concert

The Brenham Children's Chorus will present their annual spring concert, "Alice in Wonderland." Performances are Feb 3 at 7pm and Feb 4 at 2pm. Find more details at [www.brenhamchildrenschorus.com](http://www.brenhamchildrenschorus.com).

## Popovich Comedy Pet Theater at Blinn

At Blinn's O'Donnell Performing Arts Center, enjoy this show for the whole family, featuring a unique blend of comedy and juggling skills of former Moscow Circus veteran Gregory Popovich and the extraordinary talents of his performing pets.

The show will be Thursday, February 16, at 7pm. (There is an earlier show at 1pm for elementary schools.) Find more details at [www.blinn.edu/boxoffice](http://www.blinn.edu/boxoffice).

The entourage consists of world-class jugglers, Diamond the Shetland Pony, the German goat duo Kurt and Helga and over 30 performing pets including house cats and dogs (all rescued from animal shelters!), geese, white doves and parrots.

The Popovich Comedy Pet Theater has a rich performance history, presenting thousands of shows in more than 20 countries and is currently in its 6th season at the Planet Hollywood Resort/Casino in Las Vegas. Also seen on Jay Leno and a finalist on America's Got Talent!



The CVB attended the recent Tourism Exchange hosted by The City of Brenham. Tourism partners gathered to discuss ideas for enhancing the visitor experience.

## Working for YOU!

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

### WALK-INS

Visitor Center  
Dec. 2016 — 642

HQ Building  
Dec. 2016 — 523

### WEBSITE

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

Unique Visitors  
Dec. 2016 — 6,620

Total Pages  
Dec. 2016 — 13,43

### WEBSITE

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

Unique Visitors  
Dec. 2016 — 9,145

Total Pages  
Dec. 2016 — 18,277

## Did You Know?

... in 1856, a Greek Revival plantation home was built for W. W. Browning near Chappell Hill.

... in 1864 the Wesley Brethren Church was organized by Rev. Joseph Opocensky

... in 1893, the B'Nai Abraham Synagogue was built in Brenham for one of the first Orthodox Congregations in Texas.

# What's Happening in January

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

## Brazos Valley Brewery Patio Open

Enjoy craft beer with friends, Friday 5-10pm, Saturday 12-8pm, Sunday 1-6pm, 201 W. First St., Downtown Brenham (www.BrazosValleyBrewery.com).

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

## Live Music in the Biergarten

At Home Sweet Farm Market, times vary, 307 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham (www.HomeSweetFarm.com).

Jan 14

## "Step Into the Past" Tours

Multiple historic sites throughout Washington County are open today for you to explore from 10am-5pm, full details online (www.VisitBrenhamTexas.com/step-into-the-past).

Jan 14-15

## Butchering & Curing -

### Washington on the Brazos State Park

At Barrington Farm, help butcher a hog and cure the meat. This program is cold weather dependent and may be postponed until conditions are right. Washington on the Brazos State Park, 23400 Park Rd. 12, Washington, 10am-4pm (Bruce Wardlow, 936-878-2214 x246, www.WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

Jan 14

## Health Insurance Enrollment

Licensed Navigators with Enroll Brazos Valley will provide assistance to those interested in signing up for health coverage through HealthCare.gov, St. Mary's Catholic Church PAC, Brenham, 10am-2pm (EnrollBrazosValley.org, 979-595-2805).

Jan 14

## Uptown Swirl in Downtown Brenham

Swirl and shop your way through town. Taste over 40 different wines and take home a commemorative glass, 3-7pm, tickets \$40 (www.DowntownBrenham.com/swirl).

Jan 17

## YPO Networking Happy Hour

Join the Young Professionals Organization of Washington County for a Networking Happy Hour at Seidel Schroeder, free admission, 2707 S. Market St., Brenham, 5-7pm.

Jan 17, 19, 24, 26, 30, Feb 2

## Play in the Clay

One night make your own pieces then return a second night to decorate/glaze. \$80 per person for 2 classes, Tuesday and Thursdays from 7 - 9 pm. Arrangements can be made for other nights. Reserve seats (979-289-3765, www.BluebonnetPottery.com).

Jan 18

## CASA Training — Every Child Has A Chance...It's YOU!

CASA for Kids advocates for the best interests of abused and neglected children in court through the training and support of community volunteers (CASAs). Now looking for 15-20 volunteers to serve children in CPS custody. Volunteer training 9am-noon, location TBD, must be 21 or older (www.WeSpeak4Kids.org).

Jan 18

## Wine Down

Enjoy wine & artisan cheese and \$1 off house wine, 5-7pm, Home Sweet Farm Market and Biergarten 307 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham (www.HomeSweetFarm.com).

Jan 19

## Ribbon Cutting - Mill Creek Custom Homes

Join in celebrating this member's new location, 7220 Hwy 290 East, Chappell Hill, 10am (www.MillCreekHomesTexas.com).

Jan 19

## Connect After 5

Enjoy networking, delicious food and refreshments. Bring business cards to share. Free for Chamber members and employees, co-sponsored by Bank of Brenham and Funky Art Café and Catering, in Bank of Brenham Lobby, 501 S. Austin St., Brenham, 5-7pm.

Jan 19

## Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Featuring Rick Weiss, Mark Dessens, Tori Vourganas, and the Bluebonnet Opry House Band, doors open at 5:30pm, food served at 6pm, show starts at 7:30pm, \$5 admission (www.FriendsOfBluebonnetOpry.com).

Jan 21

## First-Time Homebuyer Event

Kyla Cmajdalka of RE/MAX Advantage and Neil Davis of Mid America Mortgage are teaming up to help those who have questions about buying a home, 9am-5pm, 110 E. Alamo St., Downtown Brenham. Please RSVP for this free event by Jan. 17 (979-203-0418, kylac@remax.net).

Jan 21-22

## Brenham Market Winter Show

Antiques, collectibles, crafts, food trucks, and live music at Washington County Fairgrounds in Brenham, Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-3pm.

Jan 21

## Hands on History

Join museum staff from 11am-4pm at Star of the Republic Museum to make crafts and toys. Discover what life was like for children in the 1830s in the newly renovat-

ed Pioneer Playroom. Star of the Republic Museum at Washington on the Brazos (936-878-2461).

Jan 21

## Texas Guitar Quartet

Texas Guitar music at Round Top Festival Institute, 3-5pm (979-249-3129, www.FestivalHill.org).

Jan 25

## Grand Re-Opening Personnel Services

Join in celebrating this re-opening event, 10:30am, 2554 Ryan St. (www.psstaffing.com).

Jan 26

## Ribbon Cutting - Main Street House

Join in welcoming this new member, 409 E. Main St., Downtown Brenham, 4pm (www.mainsthouse.com).

Jan 27

## Lifetime Learning presents

### John Hubner, author of "Last Chance in Texas"

Given unprecedented access to the Giddings State School in Texas, home to the 'worst of the worst' of teenage lawbreakers, journalist John Hubner sets out to discover the secrets behind the most aggressive, and one of the most successful, treatment programs for violent young offenders in America. Blinn College Student Center Banquet Room, 11:30am-1pm, \$25 for lunch and lecture, register by Jan. 20 (www.LifetimeLearningBrenham.org).

Jan 27

## Focusing Families

### Celebration Fundraiser

"Beyond the Mask," gala benefitting Focusing Families. Mardi Gras-themed event includes a New Orleans-style menu and Zydeco band, \$40, 6:30-11pm, Austin County Expo Center, Bellville (979-826-3290, focusing\_families@yahoo.com).

Jan 28

## Light in the Dark

At Barrington Farm, home of the last president of the Republic of Texas Texas, try your hand at candle dipping, for those six and older, as long as supplies last. Additional farm chores ongoing depending on weather, but you can tour the house, kitchen, barn, and slave quarters in addition to this program, Washington on the Brazos State Park, 23400 Park Road 12, Washington, 10am-4pm (www.WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

Jan 31

## Chamber & EDF Annual Banquet

Kick off of the Centennial Celebration! Social hour starts at 5:30pm, program begins at 6pm, purchase tickets in advance only, on sale until Jan. 24 (836-3695, info@brenhamtexas.com.)

## February Highlights

Feb 3-4

## "Alice in Wonderland" Musical

Brenham Children's Chorus presents the Brenham Broadway Kids production of "Alice in Wonderland," O'Donnell Center at Blinn College, Brenham, Friday 7pm, Saturday 2pm, adults \$15, children 12 and under \$5, tickets available at Chorus Office, 1301 S. Market Street (979-277-3897, www.BrenhamChildrensChorus.com).

Feb 4-Feb 26

## The Art in Fiber 2017 - Apparitions

Laura Viada is a handweaver and fiber artist who creates textiles for the home and daily life, Henkel Square Market, 102 Schumann Ln., Round Top, Sunday 11am-4, Wed-Sat 10am-5pm, free admission (www.HenkelSquareRoundTop.com).

Feb 4

## CASA for Kids Casino Night

Annual Casino Night and Dinner, 6-10pm, Austin County Fairgrounds, \$60 for dinner, mug for the evening and \$10,000 in CASA BUCKS for gaming (979-277-0088, www.WeSpeak4Kids.org).

Feb 5

## Lifetime Learning - Fernando Casas

Why are the Paintings of Vincent Van Gogh so Moving? Blinn College Student Center Conference Room, 3-5pm, \$40 for series, mail check to Lifetime Learning, PO Box 513, Brenham, TX 77834 (www.LifetimeLearningBrenham.org).

Feb 7

## Ribbon Cutting - Makeup by Sherri Jo

Join in welcoming this new Chamber member, 11am, 106 W. Commerce St., Downtown Brenham.

Feb 12

## Brenham Clinic 60th Anniversary Celebration

Celebrating 60 years of service to Brenham, Washington County and surrounding areas, 1-3pm, Main Clinic Lobby, 600 N. Park St. Refreshments, door prizes, special recognitions and surprises (www.BrenhamClinic.com).

# www.brenhamtexas.com

# A Look Back ... Man & Woman OF THE YEAR

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce has been honoring its Man and Woman of the Year – Lifetime Achievement Award since 1968. This honor is bestowed upon someone who is acknowledged for his or her outstanding accomplishments as a citizen in Washington County. This award is presented at the Chamber’s Annual Banquet, and is always the highlight of the evening.

Here is a look at all the recipients since 1968:

<b>1968</b> Katherine Atkinson Reese Lockett	<b>1978</b> Rosa Lee Fuchs Bill Thane	<b>1988</b> Sister Mary Ephrem Charles Moser	<b>1998</b> Mary Lou Winkelmann M.E. “Shorty” Trostle	<b>2008</b> Sally Van Dyke Mike Hopkins
<b>1969</b> Lillie Lange Dr. WE Hasskarl	<b>1979</b> Betty Honerkamp Donald G. Austin	<b>1989</b> Mrs. Johnnie Hasskarl Howard W. Kruse	<b>1999</b> Merle Picone Judge Eddie Harrison	<b>2009</b> Sedonia Powell David Folschinsky
<b>1970</b> Helen Spinn Gus Mutscher	<b>1980</b> Mrs. A.G. Mercer Henry J. Boehm Sr.	<b>1990</b> Sue Muzzy Arleigh “Jack” Appel	<b>2000</b> Susan Cantey Tom S. Whitehead Jr.	<b>2010</b> Joycine Hanath Clarence Gerke
<b>1971</b> Carrie Marsh William Gaskamp	<b>1981</b> Bo-Peep Fisher Rev. R.J. Weber	<b>1991</b> Judith Finke Fabian Jezierski	<b>2001</b> Dr. Bobbie Dietrich Tom Bullock Sr.	<b>2011</b> Nancy Shoup Atwood Kenjura
<b>1972</b> Josie Williams Jim Tom House	<b>1982</b> Clara Belle Levy John Barnhill Jr.	<b>1992</b> Gertrude Lehrmann Rev. J.E. Dennis	<b>2002</b> Shirley Herring Steve James	<b>2012</b> Sally Blackie-Sengel Jim Ellison
<b>1973</b> Dorothy Utesch Dr. Wilfred O. Dietrich	<b>1983</b> Marian Kolkhorst-Maddox Dr. Fred Hodde	<b>1993</b> Mary Barnes Robert “Buster” Appel	<b>2003</b> Lete Phillips Bryan Miller	<b>2013</b> Lanella Gray Bill Rankin
<b>1974</b> Teddy Boehm Leslie Clayton	<b>1984</b> Peggy Moser Paul LaRoche Jr.	<b>1994</b> Dorothy Morgan Tiemann Dippel	<b>2004</b> Martha Haydon Oliver Whitener	<b>2014</b> Nita Hyatt Donald Ray Ahrens
<b>1975</b> Mrs. John Garnett Walter C. Schwartz	<b>1985</b> Hester Smith Lockett Clint Anderson	<b>1995</b> Gladys Smith Hogan Henry J. Boehm Jr., M.D.	<b>2005</b> Carolyn Moran Sam Duree	<b>2015</b> Twila Tate Leon Toubin
<b>1976</b> Dr. Beatrice Stinnett Rev. Thomas Swygert	<b>1986</b> Annie Maud Avis John S. Garnett	<b>1996</b> Katie Cron Milton York Tate Jr.	<b>2006</b> Margie Kovar Rev. Bill Derrick	<i>Who will 2016’s recipients be? Find out the evening of Jan. 31</i>
<b>1977</b> Carra Southern Torn S. Whitehead Sr.	<b>1987</b> Deanna Alfred Edward Kruse	<b>1997</b> Jane Barnhill Joe Al Picone	<b>2007</b> Jean Shoup Paul Pomeroy	



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