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Education Forum on set for July 28

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On Friday, July 28, the next event in the Washington County Chamber Forum Series will feature Burton ISD Superintendent Dr. Edna Kennedy and Brenham ISD Superintendent Dr. Walter Jackson providing updates on their respective school districts. The forum will be held from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the banquet room of the Blinn College Student Center.

tion and our local schools. James Pharaon of Germania Insurance and James Pharaon Photography, who is also secretary of the Washington County Chamber Board, will serve as M.C. of the forum.

Secretary
James Pharaon
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Forum tickets are \$25 for Chamber members (\$35 for non-members) or \$250 for a reserved Corporate Table for 8 guests. A catered buffet lunch is included. Reservations can be made by calling the Washington County Chamber at (979) 836-3695. The deadline to reserve a seat is Friday, July 21.



Jackson



Kennedy

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Superintendent*

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Immediate Past Chairman
Kurt Alfred
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TAILGATE 2017 to Celebrate 10th Anniversary with Great Buffet, Auctions and More!

Darren Huckert
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The countdown is on! TAILGATE 2017 will be held on Thursday, August 24. The Chamber will once again host this exciting event at Silver Wings to kick off the Fall football season. Every team imaginable will be represented, and the spirit will be contagious.

ing. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

tailgate@brenhamtexas.com.

ed to contribute an item for the auction. By having an item in the auction, you can help the event be a success and promote your business/organization at the same time. The auction is always a major highlight of the event.

Tammy Jaster
*City of Brenham
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You can enjoy all of this for the ticket price of only \$35 per person. You know the food will be delicious...it is a buffet donated by Design II. Thank you, David Folschinsky!

Reserved seating tables are being sold now on a first-come, first-sold basis. Table sponsors enjoy many extra benefits and perks! Don't miss the chance. Get publicity and be noticed with a prime spot at the event.

Every member is also invited to contribute an item for the auction. By having an item in the auction, you can help the event be a success and promote your business/organization at the same time. The auction is always a major highlight of the event.

Edna Kennedy
*Burton ISD
Superintendent*

Members have been sent complete details about how to get involved. To receive the info directly by email, send a message to

Every member is also invited

Jeannie Kroll
Brenham Clinic

Get ready to enjoy all the food you can eat, plenty of foaming cold beverages, a fabulous auction, mingling and network-



"CONNECT AFTER 5"

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER'S
NETWORKING EVENT HAS A NEW NAME!

HOSTED BY:

Appel Ford

1820 Hwy 290 West, Brenham

Thursday, July 13 from 5-7 p.m.

People like doing business with people they know.

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

Have fun, enjoy food and drinks and exchange business cards and brochures.

Free for Chamber members and employees!

Thank you to our Centennial Sponsors ...



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2685 Schulte Blvd., Brenham
(979) 830-5331



New Member

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Administrator: Suzanne Bozeman, RN
(979) 877-0900



New Member

Humble Pie Solutions

Owner: Sam Stevens
(979) 256-2680

Tailgate

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A round of applause goes to all of the generous sponsors who have already committed to making this event a success. We are pleased to report that the **CHAMPION SPONSOR** of the event has been confirmed for the eighth year in a row:



This year's Super Bowl Sponsors are:
Blinn College
Brenham National Bank
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Touchdown Sponsors so far (tables are available):
CHI St. Joseph
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There will be plenty of spirited rivalries going on at TAILGATE 2017 between fans of the Aggies, Longhorns, Blinn Bucs, TCU Horned Frogs, UH Cougars, Texas Tech Raiders, Houston Texans, Burton Panthers, and Brenham Cubs. Don't see your team mentioned here? Then turn



out in your colors and represent them! "This is the largest tailgate party in Washington County and a great opportunity for members to kick-off a new season," said Chamber Board Chairman Kyle Merten from Blinn College Foundation. "It's unique, casual and fun. Be loud and proud and show off your team spirit!"

Proceeds from this event are used for Washington County Chamber programs and services, so that dues can be kept among the lowest level in the state and nation. For more information, stop by or call the Chamber at (979) 836-3695 or send an email to tailgate@brenham-texas.com.



Young Professionals Organization

Networking Happy Hour
Thursday, July 20
at Brenham Country Club
4107 Hwy. 105 E., Brenham
5-7 p.m.

Join in for some great networking!

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

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Renewing Members

June 1-30

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.

America's Best Value Inn-Somerville — 3 years
 Bluebonnet Petroleum — 24 years
 Botts Title Company — 45 years
 Brazos Belle Restaurant — 23 years
 Brenham Christian Academy — 22 years
 Brenham Iron Works — 8 years
 Brenham Rest Home & Rehabilitation — 3 years
 Brenham Trees — 1 year
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 Comfort Suites-Brenham — 15 years
 Golden Imperial Restaurant — 2 years
 Hermann Furniture Company — 21 years

JH Faske Jewelers — 27 years
 LaRoche Chevrolet-Cadillac-GMC-Buick — 32 years
 Mark Hyatt State Farm Insurance Agency — 38 years
 Modern Air Solutions — 1 year
 Must Be Heaven — 30 years
 Nancy's Antiques — 20 years
 Newman Printing Company — 36 years
 Pecan Tree Apartments — 13 years
 Professional Communications — 14 years
 Quebe Guesthouse — 11 years
 QuestSpecialty Corporation — 5 years
 Redeemer Church — 8 years

Robert's Service Station & Grocery — 18 years
 Rodney's General Repair — 6 years
 Royers Round Top Cafe — 9 years
 RR Donnelley — 44 years
 Schleider Furniture Company — 35 years
 Sealand Seafood & Steak — 9 years
 Stanpac USA — 7 years
 Texas Baptist Historical Museum — 4 years
 Texas Plumbing Solutions — 4 years
 TFE Company — 33 years
 Vincent's Roofing — 2 years

New Members

BRENHAM GAME CHANGERS

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 Brenham, Texas 77833
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 www.brenhamgamechangers.com
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 Evergreen8369590@yahoo.com
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Washington County Chamber of Commerce

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PROMOTING P.E.A.C.E. IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

Public Education Ambassadors for Community Engagement

Attend this forum to learn more about a new initiative to promote public education in businesses and organizations around the county:

During this year's goal setting retreat of the Washington County Chamber board, the directors chose the Promotion of Local Schools as one of their top three Goals for 2017 and beyond. Resulting from recent task force efforts is a program where Washington County Chamber staff and volunteer leaders, Brenham ISD, Burton ISD

and Brenham GameChangers are working together to Promote P.E.A.C.E. (see above) throughout Washington County. It's a way for businesses to join in efforts to strengthen our public schools and contribute to the character development of students...our future workforce!

The P.E.A.C.E. program will kick-off in August by implementing core values to our youth through our schools and communities. Brenham GameChangers along with Brenham ISD and Burton ISD have im-

plemented Core Essential Values in the schools and now, through your membership in the Washington County Chamber, you have a brand-new opportunity to enhance the mission by becoming an advocate for "P.E.A.C.E."

By deciding to become an active member of P.E.A.C.E., you will be connected to the Canopy Community of the Core Essentials program and Brenham GameChangers to enhance the character of our county's youth. This partnership will equip you with tools and programs to increase the communities' sphere of influence for our youth and comprehensively develop essential lifelong character traits in them.

The Core Essentials cur-

riculum used in Brenham and Burton school districts emphasizes a value word and its life application each month during the school year. The value word centers around three BIG IDEAS: Treat Others Right, Make Smart Decisions and Maximize Your Potential. Brenham GameChangers is the active "on the ground" organization that helps implement the Core Essentials to K-4th Graders and creates ideas, activities and programs that reach the Middle School, Junior High and High School age students.

By being involved with the P.E.A.C.E. program you will be supporting an effort to help local kids see how to live out these values with friends at school, at

home with their families, and in businesses throughout our great community. Businesses and community organizations have the opportunity to be a GameChanger in fostering character-building inside and outside of the schools you care about. Because your kids go there. Because your grandkids go there. Because these kids will work for you and with you someday.

The Canopy Community component of this program is directed to K-4th Grade students and includes a package with web-based tools, strategies for customizing ways to infuse the monthly value words in your business, downloadable and printable resources, social media tools, email promotions and much more. The Chamber team will partner with you and your employees to maximize your usage of the program.

The Brenham GameChangers component allows you and your em-

ployees to "Connect with character and value." This will be the vehicle that keeps the Core Essential Values that the youth learn from K-4th Grade ongoing through graduation and into the rest of their lives.

Join in now as this is the FIRST Chamber in the nation to implement this program and be a GameChanger our community is proud of! The introductory P.E.A.C.E. program membership specific to Washington County Chamber members is only \$50 this year. It extends to all your employees, allowing all of you to participate at the level you desire.

Decide today to be part of the new P.E.A.C.E. program, and you will receive complete details on how to get involved! Reply by July 25th to be prepared with program tools before the new school year starts. Reply to Shae Janner, Business Programs Manager at the Chamber, at 979-836-3695 or shae@brenham-texas.com.

Did You Know?

That the Chamber provides hundreds of "Relocation Info" packages every year to individuals and businesses who are considering moving to this community. As a member, you are eligible to include your promotional material and reach this targeted audience for a nominal annual fee (\$85). Contact the Chamber office to be included.

Washington County Chamber of Commerce
314 S. Austin Street, Brenham
979-836-3695 | www.brenhamtexas.com

Marketing Our Community Across the State of Texas

The Washington County CVB is a proud and active member of the following state and regional tourism industry associations:

- Texas Travel Industry Association
- Texas Assoc. of Convention & Visitors Bureaus
- Texas Hotel & Lodging Association
- Texas Society of Association Executives
- Texas Independence Trail Region
- American Bus Association
- South Central Motorcoach Association

It's All About Being Connected

The Chamber of Commerce is the only organization in town that makes all of these connections...

- Connects its members with other members.
- Connects its members to customers.
- Connects the business community with government agencies.
- Connects businesses with community organizations.
- Connects job seekers with job opportunities.
- Connects community leaders with leadership opportunities.
- Connects current generations with new generations.
- Connects citizens with information.
- Connects tourists with the region's attractions.
- Connects members with educational opportunities.

Get Noticed

The ChamberWorks newsletter is published inside The Banner-Press. 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 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.

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Follow us on Instagram
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Why Go to Connect After 5?

The Chamber's "Connect After 5" (formerly "Business After Hours") networking events have always been outstanding events each month. Chances are if you want to see someone from the local business community, you will find them at "Connect After 5."

Many know the social benefits of attending. Many more are discovering the business benefits of attending. If you are not yet taking advantage of these networking opportunities, you should. Here are some tips for making the most of the opportunity:

- Wear a name tag. If you don't have one from your place of business, the Chamber will have some blanks at the event for you to fill in and wear. Name tags help people to remember your name and the business you represent. (And some of us need more help than others in the memory department!)
- Bring your business cards. Give one to everyone you meet. This gives people your direct contact information, so they can do business with you after the event.
- Talk to people. Don't be shy! Initiate conversations with people you don't recognize. Let that be your con-

versation starter, "Hello, I don't believe we've met." Most people who attend are Chamber members, so you already have something in common. And most will be very willing to tell you about their business, so start by asking them what they do.

- Donate a door prize. Another way to get recognition at the event is to contribute a door prize to be given away. Bring it to the Chamber before the event, or bring it with you that night. Everyone loves to win something, and this is a great way to make a connection with others.

- Get to know the host. Meet the business owner(s). Be sure to find the host and say hello. Take the tour of the property, if offered. Thank them for hosting the event.

- Come early and stay late. The longer you are there, the more people you will get to meet and the more who will meet you.

- Have fun! There is always great food and drinks. Everyone has a good time at the Chamber's after hours events. Make it a point to attend. It may be your most important business meeting of the month!



Seeking A Few Good Men, Women...

As a Chamber member, you are invited to join in the process to nominate future board members. The Chamber needs five to seven new board members each year to fill a three-year term.

Suitable candidates will fit this description:

- An active member of the local business community
- Participates in Chamber events and programs
- A decision maker in his or her field
- Interested in serving as a volunteer
- A person with vision & leadership skills
- Interest in participating in the Chamber's annual Program of Work
- Able to attend monthly board meetings, held the 3rd Wednesday each month at noon

Please give this some consideration and help us find the right people to steer the Washington County Chamber of Commerce.

Submit nominations in writing from now until August 1. You can send them by mail, fax or email. Thank you!

STAY LOCAL



PLAY LOCAL

Keep Our Local Economy Strong!

Find nearly 800 local businesses at

www.BrenhamTexas.com

Many people do not realize the importance of keeping their hard-earned dollars in their own community. They don't realize that by spending dollars outside of Washington County for goods and services that can be purchased here, they are supporting other communities...their police departments, fire departments, parks and recreation facilities, fellow businesses, local workforce, etc.

By shopping local, you get more knowledgeable and friendlier customer service. You get to know your local merchants, and they get to know YOU! Local businesses give better support to community groups. Non-profits and charity groups receive an average of 350% more donations from local businesses than they do from non-locally owned businesses.

Spending \$100 at a local independent business creates a ripple effect of \$68 in additional local economic activity. Shopping locally saves your gas and your time! Plus, local businesses preserve and enhance the uniqueness of the community. This makes it special for you and attractive for others to spend time and money here, generating additional economic opportunities for everyone.

WASHINGTON COUNTY "ADOPT-A-SIGN" PARTNERS

Precision Lawn Management
— U.S. 290 West Sign

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

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

Tourism College

Travel and tourism professionals from across the West and Southwest U.S. convene for one week each summer for an intensive curriculum of travel & tourism marketing, management, and leadership courses. It is called Travel & Tourism College, and is designed as a 3-year certification program; upon completion of the program and a capstone project, graduates receive the designation of Certified Tourism Executive (CTE).

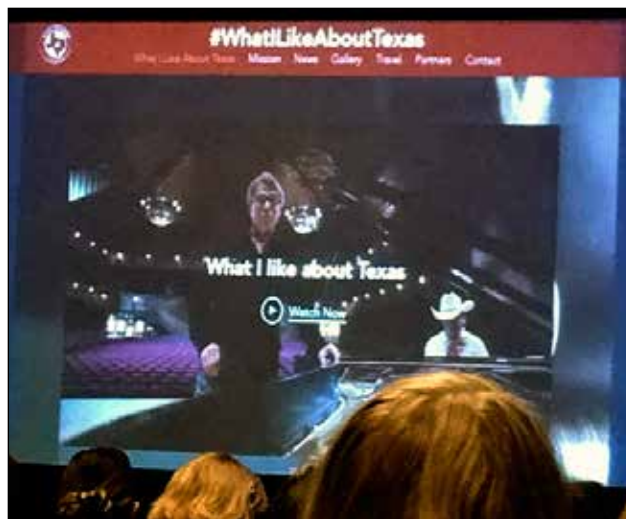
Travel & Tourism College instructors are university professors and industry CEOs who bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the classroom. The schedule is packed from start to finish with classes, discussion groups and networking events.

Two Chamber-CVB staff attended this year; Jenny Mills for her second session and Courtney Powell for her first. Also in attendance as a third-year student was Jennifer Eckermann from the City of Brenham. Each day was filled with learning opportunities, both professionally and personally, with presentations from university professors and round-table discussions.

The last evening of the week includes dinner and a program at which graduates are presented with their CTE awards. Texas Travel Industry Association (TTIA) announced the launch of their newest campaign, "What I Like About Texas," which features videos of Texans sharing what they like about the Lone Star State. One of the current videos is of Rick Perry standing in the concert hall of Round Top Festival Institute, sharing how much he loves that one can experience some of the most extraordinary music in his hometown, Round Top, Texas.



Courtney (left) and Jenny celebrate completion of Travel & Tourism College 2017.



Round Top featured at TTIA's awards program in new campaign video.

Hot Nights Cool Tunes

Beginning on Saturday, July 8, and continuing each Saturday night in July, you can have a cool time around the historic downtown square in Brenham enjoying the sounds of live music. Different artists play each Saturday. Free admission, free parking. Food and drinks are available for purchase to support the community and help keep the concerts free. There's also a car show on Alamo Street. Bring your own lawn chairs to be more comfortable.

— July 8: Texas Unlimited Band – popular mix of current hits

— July 15: The Fab Five – hits from the 60s and 70s, including The Beatles

— July 22: Brown Sugar Band – old school rock 'n roll, Motown, R&B

— July 29: Suede – the best of the best from the 70s to today

Harvest Grape Stomp at Windy Winery

Enjoy a hayride, grape picking, barrel stomping, and a "purple feet" T-shirt. Don't forget your camera. Tastings, food and grape stomps have fees. The festivities will continue for 7 fun weekends beginning July 1 and running through August 13. Saturday hours are from 11am

to 5pm and Sunday hours are from 12pm to 4:30pm. Windy Winery will open at 9:30am on August 5 for Wine and Lavender Fest. The winery is located at 4232 Clover Road in the Independence area.

Harvest Wine Trail

The weekends of July 8-9 and July 15-16, hop in the car and discover what grape harvesting and Texas Wine is all about. Participants will receive one summer scrumptious food pairing with two wine pairings at each winery they visit, and a Texas Bluebonnet Wine Trail commemorative wine glass upon arrival at the first winery. Participants will also receive a specially selected Texas Bluebonnet Wine Trail gift at their sixth stop.

Guests can start at the winery of their choice. Trail tickets are valid for one visit at all of the wineries over the two weekends of the trail regardless of when tickets are purchased.

Ticket holders have 4 days over 2 weekends to visit all the member wineries. For more information visit www.TexasBluebonnetWineTrail.com.

Crush for Fun at Pleasant Hill Winery

Stomp grapes and personalize a t-shirt with your purple feet to remember the fun! Afterward enjoy wine tasting on the deck. Fun for the whole family! Tastings and stomps have fees. Stomps take place on weekends beginning July 22 through August 13.

Unity Theatre presents "Sleeping Beauty"

Unity Theatre presents Sleeping Beauty, a children's musical by Jim Eiler and Jeanne Barga. Playing July 27-30, there will be 8 performances across 4 days.

A sleeping princess, a spellbound prince, and more fairies than you can shake a stick at are all a part of this quirky adaptation of the popular tale. The evil Trollarina exacts her revenge on the royal family by sending the beautiful Princess Melisande into an everlasting sleep: but little does she realize more than one spell is about to be broken by the kiss of an enchanted faun. Adults \$15 / Children \$10 (18 and under). Group rates available for parties of 10 or more. For information on tickets and show times visit UnityBrenham.org

First Sunday Funday

Join the fun in Downtown Brenham on the next First Sunday Funday! It will be on August 6th. There will be Shopping, Dining and Live Entertainment at several locations, RAIN or SHINE! Plus some merchants will have extended hours for your shopping pleasure. Find details online on at Facebook.com/BrenhamBounce.

Chappell Hill Lavender & Wine Fest

On Saturday, August 12, enjoy a countryside neighborhood festival with Chappell Hill Lavender Farm and Windy Winery, featuring tastings, crafts, vendors, music, lavender cuisine, and demonstrations. The Lavender farm is open 9-4, and Windy Winery 11-6pm. Free parking, free admission at both locations. Wine tastings and grape stomps have fees. This is a fun and unique annual event right in our own backyard that you should plan to experience this summer!

"Wake Up, Washington County!" Networking Breakfast

Sponsored by
John Brieden State Farm Insurance

Hosted by
Citizens State Bank
2007 S. Day St.
Brenham

Tuesday, August 8
Starts at 7:45 a.m.

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.

Working for YOU!

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

WALK-INS

Visitor Center May 2017 — 553
HQ Building May 2017 — 770

WEBSITE

www.BrenhamTexas.com

Unique Visitors May 2017 — 9,352
Total Pages May 2017 — 18,646

WEBSITE

www.VisitBrenhamTexas.com

Unique Visitors May 2017 — 19,482
Total Pages May 2017 — 38,648

What's Happening in July

Until July 15
Round Top Music Festival
 Special concerts at 1:30 on select dates. Chamber music every weekend at 3:30, Orchestra music every weekend at 7:30, ticket info and performance details are online (www.FestivalHill.org).

Until July 23
VT Cowboy Williams Exhibit
 At the Chappell Hill Museum on Poplar Street, 10am-4pm (www.ChappellHillMuseum.org).

July 6-Aug 10
Chronic Pain Self-Management Program
 Free 6-week workshop that helps participants and support person, once a week, 9-11am, Baylor Scott & White Wellness Center, 2111 S. Day St., Brenham (979-830-5017, shala.davis@bswhealth.org).

July 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29
Live Music at The Kenney Store
 Varying artists. Grill opens at 3pm weekdays, noon on weekends, music starts around 8:30pm, 811 S. Loop 497 (www.TheKenneyStore.com).

July 7 - Aug 24
"Lightness of Weight" Metal Art
 Sculpture by artist and designer Jen Forman. Artist reception on July 8 from 5-7pm, Artist Talk July 29 at 5pm. Back Lot Gallery, 308 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham. Gallery hours Fri-Sat 12-7pm, Sun 11-4pm.

July 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, 28-30
Live Music at Home Sweet Farm
 In the biergarten every Saturday night enjoy live music, craft beer, wine and fun in a relaxing outdoor environment. Musical acts change weekly. Biergarten & market opens at noon, music starts at 8pm.

July 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, 28-30
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).

July 8, 15, 22, 29
"Step Into the Past" Tours
 Multiple historic sites throughout Washington County are open for you to explore

from 10am-5pm, full details online (www.VisitBrenhamTexas.com/step-into-the-past).

July 8-Aug 14
Harvest Grape Stomp at Windy Winery
 Enjoy hay rides, grape picking, barrel stomping, T-shirt. Tastings, food, and activities have fees. Winery hours are Saturday 11-6 and Sunday noon-5. (www.WindyWinery.com).

July 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30
Flying Horses Antique Carousel
 Ride a piece of history at Fireman's Park in Brenham. Open weekends now through October, Sat 11am-4pm, Sun 1-4pm, \$1 per rider.

July 8, 15, 22, 29
Hot Nights, Cool Tunes Concert Series
 Historic Downtown square, live music each Saturday, free admission, free parking, concessions available, car show, 7-11pm (www.DowntownBrenham.org).

July 10, 17, 24, 31
Sewing Class: Beach Towel
 For ages 9 and up, beginners welcome, \$40 per workshop including materials, \$225 for total summer session (979-551-0970, sewfunsewingclasses@gmail.com).

July 10
Basic QuickBooks Workshop
 All-day, basic level course, 9am-5pm, \$100, A.W. Hodde, Jr., Technical Education Center, 2910 South Blue Bell Rd., Brenham (www.BlinnCollege.SBDCnetwork.net).

July 11
The Green Ladies Meeting
 Fellowship, networking, financial discussions to learn more about investments and money management. Financial Advisor gives stock market update and available for questions, 5-7pm, 1304 Hwy 105, Brenham (979-421-9765, katie.matthews@edwardjones.com).

July 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27
Play in the Clay
 One night make your own pieces, 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).

July 13
Connect After 5 at Appel Ford
 Chamber members are invited to enjoy great networking, delicious food and refreshments. Hosted by Appel Ford, 1820 Hwy. 290 W., 5-7pm.

July 13, 20, 27
Family History Class
 On these Thursdays meet with experienced genealogists for help on your family tree. Any level of experience, no appointment necessary, 5:30-6:30pm, Brenham Library (979-525-3401).

July 15
Living History Saturday
 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 (www.WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

July 20
Great American Side Show
 Round Top Family Library presents Bobby Cordell - The Great American Side Show Magical Fun For Everyone, 1-3pm, Round Top Family Library, 206 W. Mill St., Round Top (www.ilovetoread.org).

July 20
YPO Happy Hour at Brenham County Club
 Food, drinks, door prizes and networking. Over 21 invited, 5-7pm, 4107 Hwy. 105, Brenham.

July 20
Friends of Bluebonnet Opry
 Featuring Cody Rhodes, Wyatt Aleman, Amanda Peevler, 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).

July 20
Movie in the Park - Disney's Zootopia
 Movie to begin 10 minutes after sunset. Concessions available, Hohlt Park, 2425 N.

Park St., Brenham (www.cityofbrenham.org/parks).

July 22
Walk With A Doc
 Begins with 5-10 minute "health talk" followed by 30 minute walk. Bring friends and family and take part in one walk or the entire series. Water, refreshments and t-shirts available, Hohlt Park Amphitheatre, 2425 N. Park St., Brenham, 9am (979-337-7254).

July 22-Aug 13
Crush for Fun at Pleasant Hill Winery
 16th Annual Crush for Fun grape stomping event at Pleasant Hill Winery. Get purple feet and a souvenir t-shirt. Food and other vendors along with regular tours and tastings. Tastings and stomps have fees. Winery hours are Saturday 11-6 and Sunday noon-5pm (www.PleasantHillWinery.com).

July 26
Repc Wildlife Encounters
 Array of reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates from around the world including, giant snakes, rainforest frogs, endangered amphibians, tropical tarantulas. Your chance to get up close and personal including photo opportunities, 1-2pm, Round Top Family Library, 206 W. Mill St., Round Top.

August Highlights

Aug 3
Floats-n-Flicks - Disney's Finding Dory
 City of Brenham Community Services department presents Disney's Finding Dory. Gates open at 7pm, movie begins 10 minutes after sunset. Concessions available, Blue Bell Aquatic Center, 1800 E. Tom Green St., Brenham (www.cityofbrenham.org/parks).

Aug 8
The Green Ladies Meeting
 Fellowship, networking, financial discussions to learn more about investments and money management. Financial Advisor gives stock market update and available for questions, 5-7pm, 1304 Hwy 105, Brenham (979-421-9765, katie.matthews@edwardjones.com).

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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

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 Retired-Brenham Municipal Judge

Tammy Jaster
 City of Brenham-Blue Bell Aquatic Center

Florence Julian
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Chamber Recognized For Media and Communications Excellence

Clear Lake, Texas — Local Chambers from across the state of Texas convened in the Houston area on June 20, 2017 for the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives (TCCE) Annual Excellence Awards banquet. The awards honor chambers for exceptional efforts in marketing, communications and media outreach. The overall competition had more than 200 entries from which the best were judged by panels of experts. Awards are judged in seven categories: Outstanding Chamber Map, Brochure, Magazine/Directory, Print or Electronic Newsletter, Chamber Website, Social Media and Communications, and Marketing Campaign.

The Brenham/Washington County Chamber won in two categories. In the category of Newsletters the Brenham/Washington County Chamber was honored as the best in Texas, winning First place. Chamber president Page Michel said, "This is thanks to our long-time partnership with the *Banner-Press* newspaper and news editor Derek Hall's talents with our layout plus our key staff editor Shae Janner."

In the category of Magazine/Directory the Brenham/Washington County Chamber was honored with a Second place award. "The Chamber is proud to partner with Newman Printing on our

annual magazine and its Brenham division director Donna Muegge works closely with our staff to design an excellent product," said Jane Hinze from the Brenham/Washington County Chamber.

"Chambers of Commerce are the voice of business and the communities they serve," said Aaron Cox of TCCE. "This highly competitive process demonstrates how these organizations fulfill this task with excellence daily, often with little or no accolades. This award demonstrates the exceptional work carried out by the Brenham/Washington County Chamber and provides its staff with some well-deserved recognition."

Apply now for Leadership Program

The application deadline is fast approaching for those interested in participating in the Leadership Washington County program. This is the renowned local program designed to seek out current and future leaders from all segments of our community in order to educate, train and motivate them to be effective leaders.

Leadership Washington County participants are exposed to educational sessions covering many aspects of the community and region. The sessions create an awareness of the resources of Washington County and put the class in contact with local experts in various fields. Program participants also gain valuable experience from interacting with each other and forming lasting relationships with other professionals. Employers who send key personnel through the class benefit by having an employee who is educated about the resources of the county and has learned new leadership skills.

The program involves a time commitment of one day a month for ten months and a tuition fee that covers all tours, meals, group travel and supplies. The program begins on August 2 with an orientation, and day-long sessions are then held once a month through May 2018.

Any person or business interested in more information can visit the Chamber website, www.BrenhamTexas.com and click on "Leadership Program" or call the Chamber at (979) 836-3695.

Applications are available at the Chamber office (314 S. Austin Street, Brenham) and on the website. The deadline for applications to be turned in is July 14, 2017.



Page Michel (left) and Shae Janner (center) pictured with RaDonna Hessel, conference chair and CEO of the Grapevine Chamber.

Calendar

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Aug 9
Ribbon Cutting -
Baylor Scott & White
Outpatient Service
 Please join this celebration at 700 Medical Parkway, Brenham, 4:30pm.

Aug 24
10th Annual Tailgate Party
 Plan to have fun at the Chamber's 10th Annual Tailgate Party at Silver Wings Ballroom. There will be beverages, delicious buffet, awesome auction and raf-

file, music and more. The community is invited to purchase individual tickets at \$35. There are also reserved tables available (for 8 guests). Details are online at www.BrenhamTexas.com.

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