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Centennial Celebration Picnic – March 24

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A special *Centennial Celebration Picnic* will be held on Friday, March 24, from 11am until 2pm in Fireman's Park in Brenham. Everyone in the community is invited! The Chamber board of directors, staff and Blue Blazers all hope to see local business leaders, employees, and their families at this fun, FREE event.

Brenham Wholesale is a signature sponsor of the event along with **KTEX-KWHI**, and along with these other picnic sponsors, they join in extending an invitation to the whole community to attend: **Bank of Brenham, Blue Bell, Goodwill and Independence Coffee.**

At this 100th Anniversary picnic in the park, guests will enjoy a Live Remote with KTEX-KWHI and the chance to spin the wheel for prizes! Lunch will be served free (to the first 500 guests) including

Mark your calendar

Centennial Picnic

Friday, March 24
11am-2pm
Fireman's Park

**FREE EVENT
FOR ENTIRE COMMUNITY**

chili dogs, beans and chips. Popcorn and Blue Bell ice cream will be served, too, throughout the event.

Every guest at the picnic will receive one free ticket to place in their choice of

“bucket drawing” containers. There will be many fabulous choices of gift baskets and gift certificates to win, thanks to generous donations from local Chamber member businesses.

Another special feature will be the Centennial Celebration Guest Book, where all guests will be invited to sign their name and business/organization name. This guest book will be placed into a Time Capsule at the end of the Centennial year, and it will be opened for the community to view in the future in 25 years from now! Plan to have yourself and your business be part of this new tradition!

Circle this date on your calendar now! Celebrate 100 years with the Washington County Chamber of Commerce by having lunch in Fireman's Park with us on March 24.

Admin Pros' Day event - April 26

Thank you to the sponsors who
have already committed to
making this luncheon a success

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In April, people across the nation will be celebrating Administrative Professionals Week. The Chamber is excited to be hosting the third annual Administrative Professionals' Appreciation Day luncheon on Wednesday, April 26, at the Blinn College Banquet Room in Brenham.

This will be a fun and exciting event for you to attend with key staff members. Let them know how much they are appreciated!

Corporate magician Curt Miller will provide entertainment with “The Curt Miller Magic & Comedy Show.” Curt has performed for many notable businesses, including Germania Insurance.

There are still sponsorship opportu-

nities available with a variety of valuable benefits including the option to have an exhibitor table at the event. Contact Shae Janner at events@brenhamtexas.com if you would like to know more.

Join in celebrating those who make our everyday work lives so much easier and more organized. Treat your staff and recognize them at this luncheon to thank them for the extraordinary work they provide.

Tickets are \$25 for Chamber members, \$35 for non-members, and \$260 for a Reserved Table for eight. There will be door prizes and fun gifts for all attendees.

Call the Chamber at 979-836-3695 or email your reservation request to events@brenhamtexas.com.

Thank you to our Centennial Sponsors ...





Promote your business during the 39th Annual Blue Bell Fun Run

On Saturday, April 8, more than 4,000 runners will converge on Brenham High School for the 39th annual Blue Bell Fun Run.

Runners, joggers, and walkers from across the state have enjoyed the countryside run for this annual event benefiting Brenham High School Athletics.

There will be a table set up during registration and packet pick-up which will allow the participants to grab information about the community.

The race ends around 10:30 a.m., but many folks will stay around to eat, shop and possibly spend the day or weekend.

This year, businesses are invited to provide samples, promotional products or coupons to set out on the table.

To find out more, contact Jamie Maurer at 979-277-3800 ext 6266 or email jmaurer@brenhamk-12.net or you may drop off items to Shae Janner at the Chamber, 314 S. Austin St. prior to April 6.

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Networking Happy Hour
Thursday, March 30
at DI Truck & Trailer Repair
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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 or visit online: www.Facebook.com/YPOwashingtoncounty

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Nominations Sought for 2017 'Business of the Year'

On June 7, the Washington County Chamber will host the fourth annual Small Business Forum in Brenham. A major highlight of the event will be the presentation of the Small Business of the Year Awards.

Your help is needed to nominate a "Small Business of the Year" in Washington County for 2017. Businesses

from 1 to 100 employees are eligible. Nominations must be submitted by Friday, April 21, 2017.

If you are aware of a local business that you feel is deserving, please nominate them. Criteria for this prestigious award include:

- The business participates in multiple ways in the community and makes lasting

contributions to the growth and well-being of the community.

- The business has displayed evidence of high professional and business standards.
- The business sets an example of leadership for others to follow, within its industry and its workforce.
- This business is locally owned/operated.

While you're thinking about it, please consider nominating your own business. Nobody knows your business better than you.

A form is available to pick up at the Washington County Chamber office (314 S. Austin Street, Brenham) and it is also online at www.BrenhamTexas.com. For more information, call (979) 836-3695.

Business Spotlight

Smiles for Life 2017:

Paul F. LaRoche III, D.D.S.

When patients have their teeth whitened, they can smile a little brighter knowing they are also bringing a smile to the face of a child in need.

The 19th annual Smiles For Life Campaign began March 1, which means dental patients can brighten a child's future just by visiting local Crown Council dentist, Dr. Paul F. LaRoche III, D.D.S.

The campaign runs March 1-June 30 and 100 percent of the proceeds for teeth whitening procedures done at this office are contributed to the Smiles for Life Foundation. This foundation helps fund worthy children's charities locally and around the world. Half of the donations raised will be given to the Down Syndrome Association of Brazos Valley, a local children's charity that hosts social activities, educational programs, and community events for those affected by Down Syndrome.

The balance goes to Smiles For Life Foundation to support its national and international initiatives, including programs in the Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Guatemala and Nepal.

Since its creation, the Crown Council's Smiles For Life Campaign has raised over \$38 million for seriously ill,

disabled and disadvantaged kids throughout the world. Smiles For Life hopes to continue this tremendous pace for donations this year. When communities work together they can help make a real difference in countless children's lives.

Please call 979-836-5666 to whiten your smile and help a child!

Focusing Families

Do you know of someone who maybe in a domestically violent relationship? Or would you like to know what resources are available for those who are in abusive relationships around our area?

A local resource is Tiffanie Young with Focusing Families, a non-profit organization that helps victims who have been in domestic violence, sexual assault, or even human trafficked. They have a lot of resources to offer people to help them feel safe and empowered.

To help spread awareness in the community, Tiffanie can visit your business and give a free presentation of all that is offered for victims. Please call 979-551-2152, Monday 8am-3pm, Tuesday-Friday 8am-5pm.

If someone you know would like a hotline number for any time of day or night, that number is: 979-826-0000.

'Women of Ireland' to perform March 19

Celtic music fans are in for an enchanting afternoon when Women of Ireland takes the stage on Sunday, March 19, at 4 pm at Blinn's O'Donnell Performing Arts Center.

Produced by Celtic Entertainments, who also developed The Young Irelanders that performed at Blinn College in 2015, this production features a 20-member touring company made up of the best female performers within the Irish musical tradition performing alongside other world class musicians, singers and dancers.

Women of Ireland will present a select group of female artists to showcase Ireland's traditions of music, song and dance. Much loved Irish songs such as "Danny Boy," "Carrickfergus" and "You Raise Me Up" are intermingled with classic vocal numbers like "Let It Be" and "God Bless America," and all pieces are given a unique Irish and Celtic treatment. Alongside these beautiful vocal numbers are emotive instrumental tracks and graceful dancers.

This performance benefits the Brenham Childrens Chorus. It has been underwritten by Susan Cantey of Brenham, in memory of her favorite Irishman Craig C. Cantey, Jr. Tickets may be purchased at www.BrenhamChildrensChorus.com. For more information, call 979-277-3897.

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Art Gallery



Professional business speaker Glenn Shepard led a seminar for nearly 75 attendees on "How to Supervise People and Lead a Team" at the Washington County Fairgrounds VIP Building on Feb. 28.

Chamber 101

Tuesday, March 21
 8 a.m.

Washington
 County Chamber
 Conference Room

You are invited to attend this informative session where you will learn how to take advantage of all the benefits of your membership. You will also be able to meet and network with other members.

Come promote your business while learning about how the Chamber works!

If you wish, bring your laptop or tablet for hands-on help at the session!

There is limited seating. Please RSVP by contacting Jane Hinze at the Chamber office at (979) 836-3695 or jane@brenhamtexas.com.

We look forward to seeing you!

Renewing Chamber Members

Feb. 1-28

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.

- Blue Bell Creameries — 91 years
- Brenham L-P Gas Inc. — 34 years
- Hi-Line Industries II — 29 years
- David Hermann Electric Co. — 27 years
- Tegeler Toyota — 26 years
- Citizens State Bank-Brenham — 18 years
- Paul A. Ehlert — 17 years
- Stylecraft Builders — 12 years
- Brenham House Bed & Breakfast — 10 years
- Jersey Barnyard — 10 years
- Dot Borchgardt, Wash. Co. Tax Assessor — 9 years
- Preservation Storage — 9 years
- Downtown Art Gallery — 8 years
- The Gallery at Round Top — 7 years
- Sigma Chi Chi Professional Women's Club — 7 years
- Chris Baker — 2 years
- Moser Community Media — 2 years

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.

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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
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Leadership in Education

The February session of Leadership Washington County focused on Education, and the class began the day with a light breakfast on the campus of Brenham High School.

The group heard from Brenham ISD Superintendent Dr. Walter Jackson (LWC Class of 2016), Director of Career and Technical Education Cody Stelter; Career Center Specialist and Community Education Facilitator Jeremey Johnston and Director of Com-

munications and Special Projects Jessica Johnston. They also toured some of the CTE classrooms. The group also met with JROTC members to test their marksmanship at the Mike & Nina Hopkins Shooting Range.

The class then traveled to Burton ISD for lunch and a tour given by Superintendent Dr. Edna Kennedy (LWC Class of 2017).

The group next visited the Boys & Girls Club of Washington County, where Di-

rector Carrie Powell led a tour of the club facilities, detailed the volunteer opportunities available, and explained the benefits and programs available for local youth. The also heard from Angelica Gamboa, program director.

The final stop of the day was the Blinn College campus. They met at the Dr. W.W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center Theatre and heard from instructors and Blinn President Dr. Mary Hensley (LWC Class of 2016). They then took

a bus tour of the campus before ending their day at the W.J. "Bill" Rankin Agricultural Complex.

Leadership Washington County is a program of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce aimed at educating and motivating current and future leaders. The March session will cover agriculture in Washington County. The next class forms in July and will run August 2017 through May 2018. Contact the Chamber for more details.



Brenham ISD Superintendent Dr. Walter Jackson gives updates on school statistics.



Students take aim at the Brenham High School ROTC shooting range.



Career and Technical Education Director Cody Stelter walks the class through one of the CTE labs.



Dr. Edna Kennedy welcomes the class to Burton ISD and provides a tour.



Andi Liner shoots hoops with some of the Burton students. Looks like she made it!

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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— U.S. 290 West Sign

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Texas Ranger Day in Burton

Which famous Texas Ranger lived and died in Burton, Texas? Discover Burton's unique history at Texas Ranger Day on Saturday, March 11, from Noon to 5pm hosted by the Burton Heritage Society.

Celebrate Burton's history with the Annie Maud Avis Memorial Fajita and Bean cook-off and experience Texas Ranger Camp life in the 1880's, folk life demonstrations, crafts, and tours of the Railroad Depot, as well as Burton Farmer's Cotton Gin Tours at 10am and 2pm.

There will be DJ music thanks to the Kountry Chick! All proceeds will help restore the Mt. Zion Historical Chapel. Admission is free. Tickets for all-you-can-eat fajitas & beans are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 5-10, FREE for kids under 5. Visit Burton this Saturday!

Discover Heirloom Genealogy

Plan to visit at the Star of the Republic Museum presents, "Heirloom Genealogy: Tracing your Family Treasures," beginning this month and continuing through Feb. 15, 2018.

Stories come to light as artifacts are examined in depth through lineage research. Documents reveal where the artifacts originated, who owned them, and how they got to Texas. Items in the exhibit include three year-old Edward Boylan's buckskin suit, Pleasant B. Watson's diary, Heinrich Tiemann's clog-making tools, and Clara Lang's grand piano, among others.

Exhibit running through February 2018. The Star of the Republic Museum is open every day inside Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park from 10am-5pm.

Photography Exhibit: Yosemite & Death Valley

The Back Lot Gallery in downtown Brenham welcomes Tim Herschback of Houston and his nature photography exhibit, "Exploring Yosemite and Death Valley." Art will be in the gallery for sale March 3-April 30. Artist reception will be Saturday, March 4 from 5-7pm.

The gallery is located behind the Ant Street Inn on S. Park Street. Hours are Friday-Saturday from noon-7pm, and Sunday 11am-4pm.

Tourism News

John P. Coles Home Tours

Experience the colonial Texas life in a dogtrot log cabin and the John P. Coles Home, two of the earliest homes in Washington County. A 1900s one-room schoolhouse takes visitors back to days of "readin', writin' and 'rithmetic!" Free tours are hosted by the Independence Historical Society on March 18, March 25, April 1 and April 8 from 10am-4pm each day. Special tours are available for a fee. Free school tours require advance reservations. Don't miss this annual opportunity to see history come alive in Independence! Enjoy the wildflowers in Old Baylor Park during your visit.

Annual Beginners Beekeeping School

The ninth annual Beginners Beekeeping School will be held on March 25 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Brenham.

The one-day school is designed to help those interested in Beekeeping to understand what is involved in starting the hobby and becoming active in beekeeping.

Beginner-level sessions will introduce participants to bees and explain how they work, what it takes to safely handle bees and where to purchase the necessary equipment. Students will even be able to "suit up" and observe while a live beehive is opened and examined.

For those that already have bees, intermediate sessions are available to help learn about bee diseases, proper hive management for honey and how to raise queens. They have added an advanced section this year that allows those that have attended the school before to pursue more intense subjects.

Additional information and registration can be found at www.centraltexasbeekeepers.org. Contact centraltexasbeekeepers@gmail.com or call (979) 277-0411 for more details.

Unity Theatre presents 'Doubt, A Parable'

This play is a winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize and a Tony Award. In this powerful drama, Sister Aloysius, a

Bronx school principal, takes matters into her own hands when she has suspicions about the young Father Flynn.

"All the elements come invigoratingly together like clockwork in John P. Shanley's provocative play, DOUBT, a gripping story of suspicion cast on a priest's behavior that is less about scandal than about fascinatingly nuanced questions of moral certainty."—*Variety Magazine*.

Performances are March 30-April 9. Find show times and ticket information www.UnityBrenham.org.

Head for the Hills Bike Ride

On Saturday, April 1, enjoy an exhilarating ride through the hills of northeast Washington County while partaking of a visual feast of scenery. There are routes for various rider levels: 26 miles, 43 miles and 62 miles.

This annual ride is hosted by the Washington County Rotary Club. All proceeds from the event are given to local charitable organizations. By enjoying this ride, you can help fund worthy local causes. The Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department sells a grilled burger lunch to recharge after the ride.

For more information and to register, visit online: www.bikereg.com/head-for-the-hills-bicycle-ride. Learn more about the Washington County Rotary Club at www.WCrotaryclub.org.

Official Bluebonnet Festival of Texas

April 8 and 9 head out to Chappell Hill to enjoy this festival, which is ranked Texas Highways #7 Most Popular in Texas! 400-plus vendors, food, live music, and family fun in the heart of bluebonnet country. Free admission; Parking \$5.

Piano Duo at Festival Hill

Returning to the Festival Concert Hall stage, Spanish-born duo pianists Elena Martin and Jose Meliton have been hailed by critics and audiences alike as one of the most compelling talents of their generation. Performing Spanish two-piano music, their "playing in perfect synchronization and with hypnotic poetry" (John Salmon, American Music Teacher's Magazine, USA) has gained them international recognition.

The Martin-Meliton Duo has received enthusiastic acclaim as guest artists in festivals, concerts, master classes and workshops in more than thirty states in the U.S. as well as in fine halls throughout the world. Plan to see this show on Saturday April 8, from 3-4:30 pm. Ticket information is online at www.festivalhill.org.

Washington County Heritage Homes Tour

Experience our county's rich heritage and the lifestyles of our forefathers at this year's Spring Heritage Home Tour hosted by the Heritage Belles in period costume. The date is Sunday, April 9, and tours will be from 1-4pm.

Tour tickets are \$20 and the tour includes these three historic homes: Giddings Wilkin House Museum (1843), the Giddings Stone Mansion (1870), and the Ross Carroll Bennett House (1898). Tickets will be available on the day of the event. All tour homes are wheelchair accessible.

Chamber News 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.

E-messages are sent a maximum of once per quarter per member during each calendar year.

Working for YOU!

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

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Unique Visitors Feb. 2017 — 8,006
Total Pages Feb. 2017 — 15,060

WEBSITE

www.VisitBrenhamTexas.com

Unique Visitors Feb. 2017 — 14,547
Total Pages Feb. 2017 — 30,943

What's Happening in March

March 10

Friday Night Music at Nathan's BBQ

Cool Freddie E. and the Crew will be performing oldies, classic rock, country, blues, pop, easy listening from 6-9pm. Fridays are cajun with crawfish etouffee, fried catfish, atchafalaya plate, and BBQ, 1307 Prairie Lea, Brenham (www.nathansbbq.com).

March 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31-April 1

Live Music at Home Sweet Farm

Music, craft beer, wine and fun in the bi-ergarten. Artists change weekly. Doors open at noon; music starts around 8pm, occasional cover charge (www.HomeSweetFarm.com).

March 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31-April 1

Live Music at The Kenney Store

Varying artists, go early for dinner, stay late for dancing. Grill opens at 3pm during the week and noon on weekends. Music starts around 8:30pm, 811 S. Loop 497 (www.TheKenneyStore.com).

March 10-11, 15-18, 22-25, 29-April 1

Exhibit: "Rural Texas Women at Work"

At Chappell Hill Museum, photographs and texts convey the lives of rural Texas women, programs of the USDA Extension Service and changes during the Great Depression and World War II, Wednesday - Saturday 10am-4pm (www.chappellhillmuseum.org).

March 10-11, 17-18

Photography-Yosemite

Tim Herschback of Houston shows off nature photography, "Exploring Yosemite and Death Valley," Back Lot Gallery, 309 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham, noon-7pm.

March 10

Fruit Tree Management

Seminar taught by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, 1-5pm, 3738 FM 2714, Round Top (http://Fayette.agrilife.org, 979-968-5831).

March 10, 17, 24, 31

Wine Down Fridays

Relax on the deck at Pleasant Hill Winery with wine, cheese tray, and friends to watch the end of the day disappear, 3pm-sunset, 1441 Salem Rd. (www.PleasantHillWinery.com).

March 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, 31-April 2

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).

March 11

Texas Ranger Day

Burton Heritage Society hosts folk life demonstrations, crafts and tours of Railroad Depot, Cotton Gin tours at 10am and

2pm, music, noon-5pm. Admission is free, tickets for all you can eat fajitas & beans \$10 adults and \$5 for kids ages 5-10, under 5 free (www.burtonheritagesociety.org).

March 11

Free Public Shred Day

Brenham Presbyterian Church, in partnership with Shred Nations, will host for community residents to shred confidential documents securely on Saturday from 9am-noon, 900 S. Jackson St., Brenham, church parking lot, rain or shine (www.shrednations.com).

March 11-12

Antique Carousel Rides

Carousel open in Brenham's Fireman's Park, Saturday 11am-4pm, Sunday 1-4pm, enjoy a ride for \$1.

March 11-May 31

Art Exhibit: Maritime Impressions

Arts for Rural Texas presents recent paintings by Sam Longoria, longtime Houston resident and Texas native. Artist reception on Saturday 5-7pm, free and open to public. Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend! Gallery hours are Tues-Sat 10am-3pm, 114 N. Live Oak St., Fayetteville.

March 11

"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).

March 13, 14, 16, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 30

PiYo for Everyone

PiYo combines Pilates with Yoga, on Mondays free nutritional information and meal plans courtesy of PVAMU/CEP Extension Agent Mary Sanders. Bring yoga mat, water, towel and wear comfortable clothes. Old Alton Gym, 304 Kerr St., Brenham, 5:30-6:30pm, \$40, registration begins every six weeks. Register thru www.brenhamcommunityed.com.

March 14

Green Ladies Meeting

Fellowship, networking and financial discussions for ladies seeking to learn more about investments and money management in a fun and relaxed environment. Held 2nd Tuesday each month, free, Katie Matthews-Edward Jones Office, 1304 Hwy 105, Brenham (979-421-9765).

March 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30

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).

March 15

Blood Drive hosted by

Brenham Veterinary Hospital
To make an appointment with Donor Coach, contact Kathy Drake at 979-836-2472 or limerick1414@yahoo.com, SPONSOR CODE: BVQ1. All donors will receive a FREE t-shirt, 10am-4pm.

March 16

Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Featuring Lynn Landry, Zac Clifton, Sister Sue, 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).

March 17-18

22nd annual Herbal Forum at Round Top
Cilantro/Coriander, Herb of the Year 2017, Festival hill, 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top (www.FestivalHill.org).

March 17

St. Patrick's Drive-thru Dinner

Margaret E. Blizzard Senior Center St. Patrick's Drive Thru Dinner of turkey, dressing, whipped potato, gravy, green beans, hot roll, and cookie; catered by Herbert's. Proceeds to help with flood damage, 1301 E. Tom Green, Brenham, 4:30-6pm, \$10 (www.SeniorCenterBrenham.com).

March 18

Round Top Antiques Shows begin

Round Top, Carmine, Warrenton antique shows.

March 18

Coles Settlement Tours

Experience colonial Texas life in a dogtrot log cabin and the John P. Coles Home, two of the earliest homes in Washington County. Free tours hosted by Independence Historical Society, 10am-4pm (www.IndependenceTX.com).

March 18

Living History Saturday

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 (www.WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

March 18

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

March 19

The Women of Ireland

Brenham Children's Chorus presents this special Celtic Music concert at O'Donnell Center at Blinn College, 4pm, tickets may be purchased online (www.BrenhamChildrensChorus.com).

March 20

Brenham Fine Arts League

Luncheon and General Meeting
Meeting 11:30am-3pm, Downtown Art Gallery, 113 W. Alamo St., Brenham. Free demo by local website designer Kellie Hinze at 1pm.

March 24-April 1

LaBahia Antiques Show and Sale

Dealers from across the country with antiques, collectibles, vintage, and repurposed items, LaBahia Hall, 8am-6pm, April 1 until 4pm (www.LaBahiaAntiques.com).

March 23-25

3-Day Painting Workshop

Athens, Texas artist Charlie Bullock to teach at Downtown Art Gallery, visit BFAL webpage to sign up, (512.825.2370, molinayvedia@hotmail.com, www.bfal1956.blogspot.com).

March 25

Beekeeping School

At Washington County Fairgrounds, for those interested in starting the hobby and becoming active in beekeeping, 8am-5:30pm, includes catered BBQ meal and Blue Bell Ice cream, \$65 (979-277-0411).

March 25

Boots and Bows

Fundraiser and awareness event for victims of human sex trafficking. All proceeds go to Hope Rising Aftercare Program. Events take place at 7IL Ranch in Cat Spring, horse rides, carriage rides, dinner, auctions, program. Ticket info online (www.FirstGiving.com/hoperising/bootsnbows, 832-779-2190).

March 25

Crawfish Boil

Join in for some fun, games and concert at 8pm. Open 5-11pm, Emery's Buffalo Creek, Bellville (www.emerysbuffalocreekwinery.com).

March 27

Basic QuickBooks

At Hodde Technical Education Center, 2910 South Blue Bell Rd., Brenham. Class size limited. Registration and payment by 5pm March 24. (www.blinncollege.sbdcnetwork.net, layla.barrett@blinn.edu).

New Chairman's Circle Members



The Washington County Chamber is proud to welcome two present members to the Chairman's Circle level. Pictured on above left, Chamber President Page Michel presents the plaque to **Germania Insurance** president Paul Ehlert and James Pharaon, senior creative designer and Chamber Board secretary. Pictured above right are Jarvis Van Dyke and Eddie Van Dyke of **Van Dyke Rankin**

Insurance with Page Michel and Jane Hinze, Chamber Member Services Manager. Benefits of the Chairman's Circle include prestigious recognition at all Chamber events, sponsorship of the Annual Banquet, Leadership Washington County, the annual Board of Directors Planning Retreat, and the Staff Continuing Education program, logo space in newsletters,

Enews and the Washington County Magazine, invitations to exclusive events with local leaders and elected officials, social media exposure, and much more. Please join us in thanking these two businesses for their commitment to the Chamber of Commerce as the entity that unifies the spirit of this community and directs it into constructive channels.

Calendar

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March 27, 29, 31
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
 Attend an interactive 3-part session on issues involving "Grandparenting," 10-11:30am, Brenham Community Ed, Rm 105. 1301 S. Market St., \$15 (contact Mary Sanders 979-277-6212, mary.sanders@ag.tamu.edu, www.BrenhamCommunityEd.com).

March 30
Young Professionals Organization Happy Hour
 Join the YPO of Washington County

at DI Truck & Trailer, food, drinks and networking. 5:30-7:30pm, 6360 FM 50, Brenham, free admission.

March 31
Lifetime Learning – Health Care Today
 Jason Jennings, President of Baylor Scott & White Health-College Station Region, will present this lecture on the state of health care, Blinn College Student Center, 11:30am-1pm, (www.lifetimelearningbrenham.org).

April Highlights

April 1
Rotary's Head for the Hills Bike Ride
 Enjoy an invigorating ride in the rolling hills of Washington County. 3 Challenging Courses: Short 26 miles, Moderate 43 miles, and Long 62. Fully supported with SAGS, rest stops and mechanics. Free shirt for first 200 registrants. Rotary gives all proceeds to local charities. Post ride hamburger cookout \$10, benefiting Chappell Hill VFD (www.WCRotaryClub.org).

April 1
Open Collection Day
 On this day, City residents only at Collection Station, must present proof of residence and ID upon arrival. Non-hazardous materials only, Citizens Collection Station, 2009 Old Chappell Hill Rd, Brenham, 8am-3:30pm.

April 3
Ribbon Cutting: Baylor Scott & White Rehabilitation Clinic
 Please join us in celebrating Baylor Scott & White's Rehabilitation Clinic at its new location, 604 U.S. 290, Suite 202, Brenham, 5pm.

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