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Past Washington County Chamber Chairs are (seated from left) Bill Neinast, Deanna Alfred, Tamy Metzger, Mary Lou Winkelmann, Susan Cantey, Howard Kruse, Charles Moser, Joe Al Picone, Robert Wright; and (standing from left) Julie Renken, Kurt Podeszwa, Gracie Slattery, Barney Loesch, Cathy Boeker, Hal Moorman, Tee Dippel, Brice Milliorn, Don Voelter, Brett Smith, Charlie Matejowsky, Jeff Ehlert, James Schroeder, Shirley Herring, Kurt Alfred, Jeff Appel, Jay Alexander, Wesley Brinkmeyer. Not pictured: Larry Arnie, Becky Bosse, Herbert Faske, Clarence Gaskamp, Clarence Gerke, Gene Herrmann, Liz Hopkins, Kyle Merten, Donny Roberts, Steven Stuckert, Larry Urquhart, Ray Weiss, David Yeager.

Past Chamber chairs reflect on Centennial

From The Banner-Press

The Chamber board formed a Centennial Celebration planning committee two years ago and one great idea was to bring back together as many past chairmen and chairwomen as possible for an event.

The Past Chairs Reception that was held was a festive time for those who were able to attend. Live music was provided by Jack Carr, and everyone en-

joyed the fellowship and talking about Washington County's past and future.

Of the 39 past chairs still living, 27 attended this Centennial reception. City of Brenham Mayor Milton Tate and Washington County Judge John Brieden were also present to express appreciation for the service of this group of volunteer leaders, along with current members of

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"CONNECT AFTER 5"

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT

HOSTED BY:

Kruse Village

1700 E. Stone St., Brenham

Thursday, Nov. 16 from 5-7 p.m.

Plan to do some casual networking here and enjoy free drinks and refreshments!

Bring business cards to share and enter for door prizes.

You can also bring a door prize to donate and further promote your organization.

This event is free for Chamber members and employees.

Learn more at www.KruseVillage.com.

Thank you to our Centennial Sponsors ...



Ribbon Cuttings



New Location

PlanNorth Architectural Co.

Owners: Ken and Katie Burch
107 S. Baylor Street, Brenham



New Location

Christy Schlottmann Farmers Agency

Owner: Christy Schlottmann
201 N. Park Street, Brenham



New Location

Blue Goose Garden & Gifts

Owners: Krissie Zorn and Kassie Conner
208 W. Alamo Street, Brenham



New Member

Cruise Planners

Owners: Peter and Melinda Fay
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New Member

DI Hydraulic Hose and Fittings

Owners: David and Amanda Lott
6360 FM 50, Brenham

Chamber

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the Chamber board, Amanda Stolz, Tammy Jaster and Darren Huckert, plus Chamber staff Jane Hinze, Shae Janner and Page Michel.

The past chairs were asked to share memories from their time leading the Chamber board. They mentioned bringing important leaders to Brenham for the annual banquets including former Texas Governors Dolph Briscoe and William Clements and former Ambassador to China George H.W. Bush; completing the Welcome to Washington County signs on the highways leading into Brenham; launching the Leadership Washington County program; working alongside the Economic Development Foundation, and more. Their shared memories will be published soon in a "Chamber Centennial" special section of *The Banner-Press*.

Everyone's favorite part of this "100th year" is how there has been a special focus on taking a look back, stopping to reflect, and seeing how much has been accomplished to make this community special. There is a legacy of leadership that has been passed down from year to year, from volunteer to volunteer.

When asked what else lies ahead, Chamber staff say "Next year when we're one hundred and one, we just want to have fun."

There is a saying that "the Chamber does things that other people think just happen." And it's true, says current Chamber President Page Michel. "Some projects don't reveal their impact for years, and sometimes you wonder if all the time spent in meetings will matter. Every year, the volunteers who meet, plan and then implement ideas deserve a lot of credit for their vision and perseverance."

"Wake Up, Washington County!" Networking Breakfast

Hosted by
Brenham State Supported Living Center
Expressions Gift Shop and Bistro
4001 Hwy. 36 S., Brenham

Tuesday, November 14
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.

Breakfast Sponsor:
Associated Credit Union of Texas

Washington County Chamber of Commerce

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Renewing Members

October 1-31

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

Sun Pools — 33 years
 Washington County Farm Bureau — 32 years
 Appel Ford - Presidential Member — 31 years
 Artesian Park RV Campground — 24 years
 Far View Bed & Breakfast — 24 years
 Altman Dentistry — 23 years
 Brenham Collision Center — 23 years
 Pleasant Hill Winery — 21 years
 Brenham Floral Company — 20 years
 Browning Plantation — 20 years
 LaBahia Antiques — 20 years
 Auto Salon — 19 years
 4DIAMONDLIMO.COM — 17 years
 Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies — 17 years
 Bank of Brenham - Presidential Member — 16 years
 Brenham Toy Company — 16 years
 New Beginnings Pregnancy Center & Resale — 15 years
 Plants N Things — 15 years
 Webb Printing/Mailing Services Etc. — 15 years
 Plumb Level — 14 years
 Pomegranate/Funky Art Cafe — 14 years
 Washington County Republican Party — 14 years

Chappell Hill Lavender Farm — 13 years
 KWIK KOPY Business Center — 13 years
 Las Fuentes Mexican Restaurant — 13 years
 Scenic Hill — 13 years
 Michael McCaul, Congressman District 10 — 12 years
 Cross Creek Construction & Design — 11 years
 Inn at Indian Creek — 11 years
 Jerry Olson Design — 10 years
 Burton Heritage Society — 9 years
 Cricket Cruise & Travel — 9 years
 LaBahia Turn Verein Event Center — 9 years
 Golden Years Homecare Specialists — 8 years
 Grace Community Fellowship — 8 years
 Hampton Inn & Suites — 8 years
 THYME...a day spa & salon — 8 years
 City of Brenham - Presidential Member — 7 years
 Cutright & Allen, Inc. Architects — 7 years
 Hair Warehouse — 7 years
 Saddlehorn Winery — 7 years
 Brenham Miniature Horses — 6 years
 Mill Creek Custom Homes — 6 years
 South Texas Tack — 6 years

High Hope Care Center of Brenham — 5 years
 Brenham Orthodontics — 4 years
 Factory Connection — 4 years
 Rockin' Star Ranch — 4 years
 Searchers Realty — 4 years
 Washington County Landscapes — 4 years
 Fortnightly Club of Brenham — 3 years
 Premier Designs - Independent Distributor — 3 years
 Texas Star Winery — 3 years
 Cajun Creative Printing, LLC — 2 years
 Dominos Pizza — 2 years
 Edward Jones - Andrea Holle — 2 years
 Houser Roofing — 2 years
 Lakeway Air Conditioning — 2 years
 Ninety Six West — 2 years
 Rockin Mc Rustic — 2 years
 Cornerstone Brenham — 1 year
 Revolution Printing — 1 year
 Vintage Southern Comfort Bed & Breakfast — 1 year
 Willmark Homes — 1 year

New Member

ASHAND ASH CONSULTING

Owner: Tina B. Henderson, Ph. D.
 P O Box 588 (Mailing Address)
 Brenham, Texas 77834
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 thebesthere777@yahoo.com
 www.ashandashconsulting.com
 Time in Business: 5 years
 Business Consulting/Training

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.

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



Thank you to our Presidential Level members ...





Thank you to the following P.E.A.C.E. program partners who have signed up so far:

Ant Street Inn, Associated Credit Union of Texas, Bank of Brenham, Baylor Scott & White Medical Center, Blinn College, Blinn College Alumni & Friends Association, Blue Bell Creameries, Boys & Girls Club of Washington County, Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union, Brenham Clinic, Brenham Monument Company, Brenham National Bank, Burton Chamber of Commerce, Compass Quarters, DI Truck and Trailer Repair, Faith Mission, Germania Insurance, J & P Properties, James Pharaon Creative, Mid-Continental Insurance Services, Seidel Schroeder, Thielemann Construction, Van Dyke Rankin Insurance and Woodson Lumber Company of Brenham.



Retiring Blue Blazer

Florence Julian (right) is presented with a plaque for her years of service as a volunteer for the Washington County Chamber of Commerce Blue Blazers. Florence is moving out of state and has served as a volunteer since 2008. Also pictured is Jane Hinze, member services manager.



New Presidential Member

The Washington County Chamber is proud to welcome Bank of Brenham to the Presidential level membership.

Presidential level membership demonstrates a commitment to building a better local economy by supporting the Chamber's work in advocacy, education/workforce development, talent attraction and leadership devel-

opment. It is an investment in the future of Washington County. Benefits include premium recognition in the Chamber Magazine, newsletter and eNews, invitation to all Presidential Roundtable events, a table at the Annual Banquet, recognition on the Chamber website, plus the first option to sponsor Chamber events, guaranteed selection of one partici-

pant to the Leadership Washington County program each year, and preferred placement seating at all Chamber events.

Please join us in thanking Bank of Brenham for their commitment to the Chamber of Commerce as the entity that unifies the spirit of this community and directs it into constructive channels.

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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Darlene Denman
Washington County Chamber

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Wendy Frazier
Associated Credit Union of Texas

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Christy Schlottmann
Christy Schlottmann Farmers Agency

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Van Dyke Rankin & Company

Matt Wellmann
Wellmann Insurance

Barbara Wilganowski
Spherion Staffing

Kristie Wensel
Brenham State Supported Living Center

Leadership and the Law

The October session of the Leadership Washington County program introduced the group to local law enforcement. The class met at the Brenham Police Station to begin the day.

Brenham Chief of Police Craig Goodman (LWC Class of 2017) gave a presentation on leadership. The class also heard

from District Attorney Julie Renken (LWC Class of 2001) and County Attorney Renee Mueller (LWC Class of 1995).

The class then traveled to the Washington County Jail, where they were greeted by Sheriff Otto Hanak and given a tour. They traveled back to the police station and participated in breakout sessions, including

a "Shoot or Don't Shoot" scenario, active shooter preparedness, and an informative demonstration by the SWAT/HNT/Narcotics officers.

Chad Gandy expressed, "A huge 'THANK YOU' to our Brenham PD and Washington County Sheriff's Office for all you do for us!"

The next leadership session will be to discover some of the history in Washington County.

The program runs from August to May each year. The next class will form in July 2018. Those interested are encouraged to call the Chamber office at (979) 836-3695. Details are posted on www.BrenhamTexas.com.



Brenham Police Chief Craig Goodman welcomes participants.



Washington County Sheriff Otto Hanak greets the class at the county jail.



Courtney Powell was given a ride in the restraint chair.



Steve Drake tries on one of the SWAT officer vests.



The class gets a look inside one of the SWAT patrol vehicles.



Kari Mika gets her weapon loaded for the "Shoot or Don't Shoot" activity.

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.

Precision Lawn Management
— U.S. 290 West Sign

Tranquility Landscapes
— U.S. 290 East Sign

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

Wise Landscaping — Hwy. 105 Sign

Tourism News



"I enjoyed a huge slice of delicious pie from this tasty place while I explored the area's historic sites."

Where's Della?

Do you know where Della is this month? Email your name, phone number and location guess to Della@BrenhamTexas.com by Nov. 30. A winner will be chosen on Dec. 1 from all correct entries.

In October, Della went to the Visitor Center in Downtown Brenham to get a map and brochures for her future adventures.



Congrats to **Sally Joswiak** for guessing correctly in October! Did you know the terrazzo floor in the Visitor Center is a map of Washington County? Stop by to see it and pick up local information on attractions, events, shopping, dining and lodging, as well as information about other cities throughout the state.

THANK YOU!

Puppy Dawgs & Cat Tails, located at 321 S. Baylor St. in Downtown Brenham, for being the "Where's Della" partner and gift sponsor!

Travel Tip:

"The worst thing about being a tourist is having other tourists recognize you as a tourist."

— Russell Baker



Don't Miss Holiday Fun!

Christmas festivities start early in Brenham with fun, unique shopping events in November and the annual Christmas Stroll & Parade kicking off December. Here are a few events not to be missed:

Holiday House Bake & Craft Sale - Stop by Main Street House for crafts, jewelry, home decor and baked goodies - all created by local talent! 409 E Main St, Brenham. Friday, Nov. 10, 3-8pm and Saturday, Nov. 11, 9am-3pm.

Holiday Movies & Music at the Simon - Get into the Christmas spirit with these fun holiday movies in the fully restored Simon Theatre. Tickets for the movies are \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids. www.TheBarnhillCenter.com

November 10: The Holiday - 7pm

November 25: Elf at 2pm; National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation at 7pm

December 1: The Polar Express - 7pm

December 2: It's a Wonderful Life - 2pm

December 10: Bruce Robison & Kelly Willis Holiday Concert at 5pm - \$30

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at Unity Theatre - The Herdmans are the worst kids in the history of the world! They lie, steal, swear, and smoke cigars. So who comes to Sunday School the day Mrs. Bradley casts the Christmas Pageant? All six Herdmans! The fun begins as they turn the pageant upside and down and inside out!

Performances are Nov. 29-Dec. 2 at 7:30pm and Dec. 3 at 4pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. www.UnityBrenham.org

Christmas Stroll, Jingle Bell Market & Lighted Parade - Wonderful, indoor shopping returns on Dec. 1 and 2 with the annual Jingle Bell Market. Friday & Saturday 10-7 at Ant Street Inn.

Downtown Brenham lights up, literally, on December 1st with the lighting of the courthouse square, caroling, firetruck rides, pictures with Santa and plenty of shopping and strolling. The fun begins at 5:30pm on Friday and continues through Saturday. The annual lighted parade will take place Saturday at 6pm. A full schedule of events can be found at www.CityofBrenham.org/parks/cslp

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

WALK-INS

Visitor Center
Oct. 2017 — 529

HQ Building
Oct. 2017 — 732

WEBSITE

www.BrenhamTexas.com

Unique Visitors
Oct. 2017 — 7,916

Total Pages
Oct. 2017 — 16,625

WEBSITE

www.VisitBrenhamTexas.com

Unique Visitors
Oct. 2017 — 14,806

Total Pages
Oct. 2017 — 30,276

Courtney's Corner

We love groups of all sizes, especially those who stay overnight. Did you know that visitors to our area generate sales tax when they spend money on food, gasoline, shopping and lodging? Sales tax revenue benefits our public schools, public safety employees, parks & recreation, roads and signage. The more visitors there are to Washington County means more resources and a better community to live in. It's a win-win!



Ask Jennifer

"We are having our wedding in Brenham. Can we get some information for our out-of-town/overnight guests?"

Yes, we love out-of-town guests! The Visitor Center would be happy to put together gift bags with Washington County Visitor Guides and information about area attractions so your guests can enjoy getting out and about while they're in town. Simply give us a call a few weeks in advance so we can get all their goodies ready for pick up.



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Tourism Tuesday
in Chappell Hill
NOVEMBER 14 | 9:30 AM
Chappell Hill Museum | 9220 Poplar Street
Optional Lunch to Follow at Chappell Hill Bakery & Deli

What's Happening in November

Nov. 9-11

Fusion: Music for the Eyes II

Visual journey of pieces inspired by music by artists of national reputation, Gallery at Round Top, 203 E. Austin St., 11am-5pm, free admission.

Nov. 9-12

"The Syringa Tree" at Unity Theatre

Winner of the 2001 Obie Award for Best Play, a personal story of an abiding love between two families whose destinies span four generations, from early apartheid to the present-day free South Africa, Thursday 7:30pm, Friday and Saturday 8pm, Sunday 4pm, Unity Theatre, 300 Church St., Brenham (www.UnityBrenham.org).

Nov. 10-11

Holiday at Home with Holly Mathis

Hands-on-learning with Holly Mathis Interior & Friends, movie "The Holiday", and holiday market report from Jennifer Hermann of Hermann Furniture with personal shopping opportunities, ice cream, coffee and swag bags. For tickets call 979-836-6980 (www.TheBarnhillCenter.com).

Nov. 10-11

Holiday House Craft & Bake Sale

Crafts, jewelry, home decor and baked goodies all by local talent, Friday 3-8pm, Sat 9-3pm, Main Street House, 409 E. Main St., Brenham, free admission.

Nov. 10-11, 17-18, 24-25

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).

Nov. 10

Veterans Day Program

Enjoy this student led program honoring all Washington County veterans at First Baptist Church, 303 N. Market St., Brenham, 10-11am, open to the public (www.fbcsbrenham.org).

Nov. 10-12, 17-19, 24-26

Live Music at Home Sweet Farm

In the biergarten every weekend, enjoy live music, craft beer, wine and fun in a relaxing outdoor environment. Musical acts change weekly. Visit the website for more information (www.HomeSweetFarm.com).

Nov. 10-12, 17-19, 24-26

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).

Nov. 10

Cubs vs Magnolia

Varsity football game and Senior Night, kick-off at 7:30pm, Cub Stadium, Brenham.

Nov. 11

Substitute Teacher Course

Want to be a substitute teacher? Learn basic expectations, classroom management and strategies for success. Instructor Lakesha Walker, Brenham Community Education, 1301 S. Market St., 8am-3:30pm, \$70, 979-277-3895 ext. 2171 (brenhamisd.net/page/commed.home).

Nov. 11

"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).

Nov. 11

Behind the Farming Tour

Watch how staff keep a farm running when it is closed to the public. Join them in not-so-period farm work and learn some secrets about Barrington Living History Farm, 11am-2pm, 23400 Park Rd. 12, Washington (www.BirthplaceofTexas.com).

Nov. 13

Brenham Choral Society Rehearsal

Local community chorus open to all, rehearses weekly to prepare for December 18 performance. No audition required, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 2130 Airline Dr., Brenham (836-7248, linda@stpetersbrenham.org).

Nov. 14

Wake Up, Washington County! Networking Breakfast

Hosted at Brenham State Supported Living Center Expressions Gift Shop & Bistro, sponsored by Associated Credit Union of Texas, free for Chamber members, 7:45am.

Nov. 14

Beyond Grief

Help manage grief following loss of a loved one, 10:30am-noon, Hospice Brazos Valley, 302 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham. Free, RSVP required (979-277-9525, djohnson@hospicebrazosvalley.org).

Nov. 14

Green Ladies Meeting

Fellowship, networking, financial discussions for ladies to learn more about investments and money management. Financial Advisor Katie Matthews gives stock market update and answers questions, 5-7pm, Katie Matthews Edward Jones Office, 1304 Hwy 105, 979-421-9765. Held every second Tuesday, free of charge.

Nov. 14, 16, 21, 28, 30

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).

Nov. 15

Learn Well, Live Well with Baylor Scott & White

"Sleep Apnea" presented by Carol Gaskamp, CRT, RCP, 12-1pm, Brenham Baylor Scott & White Hospital Education Room, free of charge (RSVP to 979-830-5017).

Nov. 15, 22, 29

Adult Dance Exercise Class

Half tap half musical theatre dance. Slower paced class 5-6pm, quicker pace 6-7pm, every Wednesday (www.UnityBrenham.org, 979-830-1460).

Nov. 15

BAREIL End-of-the-Year Social

Brenham Area Real Estate Investors & Landlords end-of-year with wine, cheese, food and networking. RSVP and \$5 donation, 6-8pm, Historic Holle House, 1002 S. Day St., Brenham (info@redfernwoodwork.com, facebook.com/investbrenham).

Nov. 16

Alzheimers & Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Support and education for those facing the challenges of caring for a loved one. Speakers present topical and educational info. 1-3pm, Hospice Brazos Valley, 302 E. Blue Bell Rd., third Thursday each month, free and open to public (RSVP 979-277-9525).

Nov. 16

Groundbreaking: Coldwell Banker Properties Unlimited

Join in this groundbreaking for Coldwell

Banker Properties Unlimited new buildings, 603 Medical Parkway, Brenham, 3:00 pm.

Nov. 16

Connect After 5

Hosted for Chamber members at Kruse Village, 1700 E. Stone St., Brenham, 5-7pm.

Nov. 16

Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Featuring Bobby Flores performer of Texas Western Swing and Bluebonnet Opry House Band, doors open at 5:30pm, food served at 6pm, show starts at 7:30pm, \$5 admission (www.FriendsOfBluebonnetOpry.com).

Nov. 16-19

"Hansel & Gretel"

By Michele L. Vacca, performed at O'Donnell Performing Arts Center, 600 Blinn Blvd, Brenham, Thursday-Saturday 7-9pm, Sunday 2-4pm (www.Blinn.edu/boxoffice).

Nov. 17

storyPLAY!

Storytime filled with creative drama activities for children ages 4-8. Professional actress Jamie Ward introduces basic theatre skills through interACTIVE storytelling, movement and music, free, Unity Theatre, 300 Church St., Brenham, 10-10:45am.

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2017 Photo Contest

\$250 Grand Prize

Enter at VisitBrenhamTexas.com



Business Spotlight

Cruise Planners Visit Cancun and Receive Travel Training

Peter and Melinda Fay, Cruise Planners travel advisors based in Chappell Hill/Brenham, recently returned from a familiarization trip and training conference at all-inclusive resorts in Mexico to learn more about the properties, land and wedding packages offered for travelers.

They returned from a 10-day trip to Cancun, Playacar and the Riviera Maya where they learned about Riu Palace Resorts, The Grand at Moon Palace and Sandos Properties offerings by exploring 12 properties. As a Cruise Planners travel agents, the Fays can plan

personalized trips of all types and all-inclusive properties continue to be a popular offering both with families and adult-only travelers.

Cruise Planners travel advisors completely customize vacations including cruises, all-inclusive resorts, land-based travel and guided

ed tours. Travelers should reach out directly to Peter or Melinda Fay at 979-836-4085 or www.forallyourtravel.com to begin planning their next vacation experience.

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part of the American Express Travel Representative network and the nation's largest home-based travel agent franchise company. Cruise Planners' travel professionals independently book amazing vacation and travel experiences for their clients around the world.

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Nov. 18

Living History Saturday

At Washington on the Brazos, staff and volunteers bring to life the people and events of Old Washington and life surrounding the birth of the Republic of Texas (www.WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

Nov. 18

Texas Master Naturalists

Gideon Lincecum Chapter Texas Master Naturalists Program, 10:30am-noon, Winedale Historical Complex Meadows/Terry Center, 3738 FM 2714, Round Top. Call for information 979-278-3530.

Nov. 18

Baylor Brass Quintet

Festival Hill presents Baylor Brass Quintet, 3-5pm, 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top (www.FestivalHill.org).

Nov. 19

Burton Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Burton Bridge Ministry hosts at the Burton American Legion Hall. Free traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, entertainment by community bands and choirs, silent auction to benefit the Children & Youth Ministry that supplies toys and Christmas meals to families in need, 6-9pm.

Nov. 20

Brenham Fine Arts League Luncheon & General Meeting

Downtown Art Gallery, 11:30am and free art demo by Sugarland artist Sue Zelko at 1pm. 113 W. Alamo, Downtown Brenham.

Nov. 28

Baylor Scott & White - Brenham Farmers Market

Arts, crafts, food items, fruits and vegetables, plants, personal care products and more by local vendors. Baylor Scott and White Hospital Parking Lot, Brenham. Free for vendors and shoppers, 9am-noon (Marcie.Phipps@BSWHealth.org).

Nov. 30-Dec. 3

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" Unity Theatre

The fun begins as the Herdmans turn the pageant upside and down and inside out. Unity Theatre, Brenham, 300 Church St., Thursday -Saturday 7:30pm, Sunday 4pm (www.UnityBrenham.org).

December Highlights

Dec. 1-2

Brenham Christmas Stroll & Lighted Parade

Live entertainment and holiday shopping as you stroll along lighted downtown streets. Parade is on Saturday at 6 p.m. (www.DowntownBrenham.org).

Dec. 1-2

Jingle Bell Market

Arts, crafts and rare gifts for those on your list. Downtown shops open late. Enjoy historic downtown Brenham and get all your holiday shopping done. Free parking, free admission, 10am-7pm, Ant Street Inn Ballroom (979-836-7393).

Dec. 1

Live Nativity & Christmas Program

With over 100 nativities from around the world, featuring Brazos Bells, a children's room with activities, and live

nativity outside with livestock. Display open to the public from 3-9pm with musical program starting at 7pm. Chapel doors close at 7pm, reopen when performance is over. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Niebuhr St., Brenham.

Dec. 1

Grand Opening - Kruse Center at Blinn College

Ribbon Cutting, 2pm, 208 Blinn Blvd, Brenham. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Nov. 22 to events@blinn.edu

Dec. 3

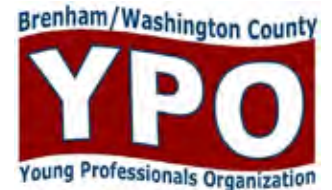
Sunday Funday

Plan to have fun in Downtown Brenham for the Brenham Bounce -- shopping, dining, and live music rain or shine, from noon - 9pm.

Dec. 7

Connect After 5

Hosted for Chamber members at Heritage Texas Country Properties, 605 S. Austin St., Brenham, 5-7pm.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Saturday, December 2
2 - 4 p.m.
Wal-Mart Supercenter

Monthly Networking Happy Hour
(and Ugly Holiday Sweater Party)
Thursday, December 14
5-7 p.m.
Bank of Brenham
501 S. Austin St.

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