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Schubert to give Legislative Wrap-Up

On Tuesday, November 7, State Representative Leighton Schubert will be the featured speaker at a Forum hosted by the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. This lunchtime event will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Brenham Country Club.

Representative Schubert will give

a recap of the 85th Texas Legislative Sessions and discuss some of the critical issues facing our state and what it all means for our region.

The forum will be moderated by Kurt Podeszwa of Camp For All. Audience members will have the opportunity to submit questions to Representative Schubert at the Forum. Questions

may also be submitted in advance to events@brenhamtexas.com.

Tickets are \$25 per person or \$250 for a reserved Corporate Table (seats 8). Seating is limited. A catered buffet lunch is included. Reservations can be made by calling the Chamber at (979) 836-3695. The deadline to reserve a seat is Tuesday, October 31.



SCHUBERT

Elect Your New Chamber Leaders

All Chamber members will receive a ballot to elect new directors to the Chamber Board this month. Members vote to elect 7 new board members each year, and they each serve a three-year term.

A nominating committee assigned by the Chairman of the Board developed the following list of candidates. Members have the option to write-in candidates on the ballot, if they choose. Nominees for the 2017 election include:

Melissa Duckworth
Germania Insurance
- Marketing Coordinator

Born in Lubbock, Melissa moved to Houston when she was just a year old. At age ten, Waller became home and she worked for family-owned businesses before moving to Brenham in 1984. Attending both Waller and Brenham High Schools, Melissa was involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, drill team, drama, sports and the DECA work program. She previously worked at Brazos Country Travel for over 11 years. Over the past 15 years with Germania, she has grown to her current role as Germania's Event Planner. Melissa is a member of Meeting Planners Institute and scheduled to earn her Certified Meeting Professional designation. Melissa remarried in 2016 to Ted Duckworth and has one daughter and four grandchildren all in Brenham. A member of Brenham's First Baptist Church since 1984, Melissa has been involved in the Children's Ministry, Music Ministry and Ladies Ministry Team. She is a 2017

graduate of Leadership Washington County, which confirmed her desire to give back to the community and get more involved.

Wendy Frazier
Associated Credit Union of Texas
- Branch Manager

Wendy was born in Alabama, raised in Magnolia, and moved to Brenham in 2010. She graduated from Magnolia High School. She went to Tomball College and graduated with an Associates of Science degree and then to Sam Houston State University, where she graduated with a Bachelor's of Science, majoring in Criminal Justice. She's been in banking for over 21 years. She is married with

twin girls. Wendy has been a Blue Blazer volunteer for 4 years, on the Board of the Boys & Girls Club of Washington County for 3 years, and on the Board for First Baptist Church School's Parent Teacher Organization. She is a 2013 graduate of Leadership Washington County and also the Citizen's Police Academy. She's been an active member with the Chamber for the last 5 years.

Andy Hefferly
Moorman Tate Haley Upchurch
& Yates, LLP - Attorney

Andy hails from Lubbock, though he has lived "everywhere" growing up in a military family. He graduated from Texas Tech University's Honors College and School of Law, and was licensed as a lawyer in the State of Texas in 2011. Andy has practiced at the Moorman Tate law firm in Brenham for nearly five years. A member of the Texas Bar College, he has a mixed litigation and transactional practice with a focus on estate planning, probate, real estate, and business law. Andy is a 2015 graduate of Leadership Washington County and member of Rotary Club of Washington County. He is past president of Washington County Bar Association and coaches youth baseball and soccer in Brenham. He is an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and serves on the Finance Council and is a past Grand Knight and current Trustee of Knights of Columbus Council 3287. Andy is married to Abby, a Doctor of Physical Therapy with Baylor Scott & White-Brenham, and they have two boys (ages 7 and 5), a girl (age 2), and another baby girl due soon.



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Thank you to our Centennial Sponsors ...



Ribbon Cuttings



Grand Opening

Technical Education Annex @ Blinn College A.W. Hodde Jr. Technical Education Center

Director: David Yeager
2910 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham



Groundbreaking

O'Malley Strand Associates, Inc.

Primary Contact: Craig Kankel
1906 Niebuhr St., Brenham



New Member

First Baptist Church School

Director: Nancy Jahns
302 Pahl St., Brenham

Elect

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Zelda Moore

EdVance Academy of Beauty
– Founder and Owner

Mrs. Moore was born in Brenham to Eva Lois and Ed Robinson and is a graduate of Brenham High School. In 1980, she married Willie Moore and together they helped raise LaShanda, T'Mauria, Tamara, Terrence, Tyree and Aria. Family remains the most important aspect of her life. She received her cosmetology degree in 1983. She has co-owned Syblings Hair and Nails for 21 years in College Station. After 24 years in the industry, she obtained her Cosmetology Instructors License in 2007. For seven years she was lead manicurist instructor at American National College, formerly Royal Beauty School. After decades of teaching and working outside of her community, she finally decided that Brenham needed a cosmetology school. In 2016 she opened EdVance Academy School of Beauty. She also established EdVance Foundation, a non-profit organization to help the community by providing scholarships and other things. With the help of her students, hand-picked instructors, and herself she plans to service the community with their beauty needs. All while still believing

God is and will always be in control and that family is forever.

Ash Patel

Best Western Inn, Brenham - Owner

Ash Patel has been in the lodging and tourism industry in Brenham/Washington County for over a decade. He is a family man devoted to his wife and two children. Ash enjoys being active and is an avid cyclist. He is also a member of the Rotary Club of Washington County since 2006 and is a volunteer at Camp for All. Ash served previously on the Washington County Chamber Board of Directors from 2013-2015, and he proudly represents the local lodging/tourism industry.

Hondo Powell

Bluebonnet Electric – Chief of Staff

Born and raised in Brenham, Hondo has 12 years of experience in various roles and capacities at Bluebonnet Electric. Serving in the role of Chief of Staff, he is involved in corporate administration in addition to community engagement. He is currently a board member of the Lower Colorado River Authority's Community Development Partnership Program, the Blinn College

Foundation, Washington on the Brazos State Park Association, and he volunteers with various organizations throughout Bluebonnet's service territory. He is a graduate of Brenham High School, the University of New Mexico and the University of New Mexico School of Law. He and his wife, Carrie, live in Brenham with their children.

Jay Schroeder, LUTCF, FSS

Texas Farm Bureau Insurance

– Agency Manager, Washington County

A native of Washington County, Jay began his career after earning a Bachelor of Science Degree from Texas A&M University. In 2003, he joined Texas Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent. While fulfilling the responsibilities of assisting clients with their insurance protection, he also continues to earn industry and company recognitions for exceeding quality sales and service benchmarks. Jay is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Washington County Farm Bureau, Knights of Columbus and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He shares his time with the C.A.R.S. reading program and also the Washington County Fair Junior Livestock Auction, Commercial Steer Auction and

volunteer of the Junior Commercial Heifer Committee. Jay and his wife Krissy reside with their three children, Ana, Gunnison and Belle, in the Independence community and he volunteers with youth sports, school fundraising and 4-H.

Following this election, as of January 2018 the remainder of the Chamber Board will include: Kyle Merten, *Blinn College Foundation*; Walter Jackson, *Brenham ISD Superintendent*; Jeannie Kroll, *Brenham Clinic*; LaVerne Krumrey, *Brenham Monument Company*; Brad Stufflebeam, *Home Sweet Farm Market & Biergarten*; Jenny Van Dorf, *Blue Bell Creameries*; Kristie Wensel, *Brenham State Supported Living Center*; Darren Huckert, *Jones/Carter*; Edna Kennedy, Ed.D., *Burton ISD Superintendent*; Jim E. Kruse, *Bank of Brenham*; Lloyd C. Powell, *Brenham Police Department*; Edward Smith III, *Ninety Six West, The Citadel*; Amanda Stolz, *Seidel Schroeder*; Gena Wilimitis, *Miracle Farm*

The election ballot is mailed to the primary representative of each Chamber member business/organization. Please call the Chamber office if you do not receive a ballot by October 18.

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Renewing Members

September 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.

- Ellison's Greenhouses, Inc. — 47 years
- Memorial Oaks Chapel — 43 years
- Rau's Meat Center — 40 years
- Brenham Memorial Chapel — 33 years
- ATS Irrigation — 32 years
- Wells Fargo Bank — 32 years
- Woodson Lumber Company — 32 years
- Nueces Canyon Ranch — 30 years
- Brenham Country Club — 28 years
- Discount Trees of Brenham — 27 years
- Argent Court of Brenham — 19 years
- Countryside Lighting Company — 18 years
- Mitchell Clark & Company — 18 years
- Deans Consulting — 16 years
- Round Top Festival Institute — 16 years
- Brenham Housing Authority — 15 years
- Wittner Plumbing — 15 years
- A & L Hot Oil Service — 14 years
- Brazos Valley Foot Care — 14 years
- First Finance — 14 years
- Kenjura Tile Inc. — 14 years
- Krenek's Tractor Repair & Wrecker Service — 14 years
- Max Donuts — 14 years

- St. Peter's Episcopal Church — 14 years
- Stone Hollow Apartments — 14 years
- Texas State Optical — 14 years
- Washington County Republican Party — 14 years
- Woman's Cave — 14 years
- Brenham Elks Lodge — 11 years
- Computer Helpers — 11 years
- J & A Roofing — 11 years
- Bluffview Villas — 10 years
- La Quinta Inn and Suites — 10 years
- Roger's Tree Service — 9 years
- Brenham Home Rental — 8 years
- Jones|Carter — 8 years
- M. C. Byrd Wealth Management — 8 years
- Green Duct Services — 7 years
- The Kenney Store — 4 years
- Rep. Leighton Schubert — 3 years
- Burton Independent School District — 2 years
- Associated Credit Union of Texas — 1 year
- Brenham Presbyterian Church — 1 year
- Central Wash. Cty. Water Supply Co. — 1 year
- Salem Volunteer Fire Dept — 1 year
- The Gunnery — 1 year

New Members

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOL
 Director: Nancy Jahns
 302 Pahl Street
 Brenham, Texas 77833
 Phone: 979-836-6411
 njahns@FBCSbrenham.org
 www.FBCSbrenham.org
Education

HUMMINGBIRD LAKE CABINS
 Owner: Christine Giese
 7380 Hummingbird Road
 (Physical Address)
 P.O. Box 521 (Mailing Address)
 Brenham, Texas 77834
 Phone: 979-830-5252
 christine@randermannranch.com
Lodging

WEIKEL'S BAKERY
 Owner: Philip Weikel
 2155 U.S. 290 West, Brenham
 (Physical Address)
 2247 Highway 71 West
 (Mailing Address)
 LaGrange, Texas 78945
 Phone: 979-830-9190
Bakery- Specialty/Retail

Chamber Membership

Great business investment

The great economic engine that is Texas keeps churning every day. One key component in that engine is your local chamber of commerce. While often behind the scenes, the work of the chamber



AARON COX

helps support and create an environment in which businesses can thrive. Beyond the work of the chamber, however, there are incredible benefits for membership.

In the past, chambers have been viewed by some as merely social groups where business people gather to network. Although still a valuable networking venue, today's chamber is much

more. In every arena from business advocacy to economic and community development to education and workforce development, chambers fight for business interests to ensure there is an environment in which they can thrive. A little known fact is the impact local chambers have on "the business side" of business. Among the positive impacts are increased consumer confidence and patronage, both of which are critical to business success.

The Schapiro Group, an Atlanta-based research firm, surveyed 2,000 Americans and found that chamber membership causes consumers to see a business in a more positive light and increases the likelihood they will shop or purchase from chamber member businesses. Although figures vary among size of organizations and industry sectors, the fact remains that businesses that are members of their local chamber of commerce garner greater consumer credibility, trust, and loyalty than those that are not affiliated with the local chamber.

Taking this a step further, the study found that the greater the level of involvement in the local chamber (i.e. serving on the board, sponsoring events, etc.) the greater the benefits. A company that is highly involved with its local chamber sees

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



Thank you to our Presidential Level members ...



Washington County Chamber of Commerce

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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 Pharaoh Creative, Mid-Continental Insurance Services, Seidel Schroeder, Thielemann Construction, Van Dyke Rankin and Woodson Lumber Company of Brenham.



New Chairman's Circle Member

The Washington County Chamber is proud to welcome Brenham Abstract & Title Company to the Chairman's Circle. Pictured left to right are Jane Hinze, Chamber Member Services Manager; Cassi Herrin, Escrow Officer at Brenham Abstract & Title; Leslie Harrell, Manager of Brenham Abstract & Title; and Page Michel, Chamber President. 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 Brenham Abstract & Title Company for its commitment to the Chamber of Commerce as the entity that unifies the spirit of this community and directs it into constructive channels.

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.

Membership

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that consumers are 10% more likely to think that its products stack up better against its competition and 19% are more likely to think favorably of the company in general.

The Schapiro study revealed that there is a distinct correlation between chamber membership and a company's bottom line. Whether in the area of patronage frequency, favorability or purchase intent, consumers tendencies lean heavily toward involved chamber members. Here is a snapshot of the results. Relative to working with chamber members, consumers state they are:

- 36% more likely to think favorably of insurance companies.
- 49% more likely to think favorably of a small business and 80% more likely to purchase goods or services from the company in the future.
- 68% more likely to eat at a chamber member franchise restaurant.

Small business is the backbone of America and the bulk of chamber memberships in the U.S. The results for this segment are particularly striking. If a person knows that a small business is a member of the local chamber, the business will see a 49% increase in consumer favorability ratings, a 51% increase

in consumer awareness, and an 80% increase in the likelihood of patronage.

There are two keys to receiving the benefits of local chamber membership. First, a business has to be a member. Second, businesses must work internally and with their local chamber to make customers and potential customers aware of their affiliation. This means be active, be visible, and proudly display your membership in the chamber of commerce.

Businesses large and small are always on the watch to ensure they are investing wisely and engaging in activities that yield a good return. Membership in the local chamber of commerce is not a luxury item; it is a necessity for businesses seeking to navigate a highly competitive marketplace and sometimes turbulent economic waters. Chamber membership gives a business a competitive edge in its daily work.

Texas has some of the best chambers of commerce in the nation! During Chamber of Commerce Week which runs October 16-20, say hello to your chamber leaders and get involved to ensure your future success.

Aaron Cox is CEO of the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives Association.

"CONNECT AFTER 5"

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT

SPONSORED BY:

Brenham Clinic

"Paint the Town Pink" and show your support for Breast Cancer Awareness

to be held at the Brenham Clinic Lobby
600 N. Park St., Brenham

Thursday, Oct. 26 from 5-7 p.m.

Enjoy great networking and refreshments!

Bring plenty of business cards to share with other members and enter for door prizes.

Free for Chamber members and employees.

Learn more about Brenham Clinic at www.BrenhamClinic.com

Building Effective Team Leaders

September marked the second session for the Leadership Washington County class of 2018. Understanding and implementing different leadership and communication styles was the focus of the session. Kurt Podeszwa from Camp For All led the day-long workshop.

The session was full of activities to focus on team-building skills. The class was led through several exercises which helped each participant recognize their strengths and weaknesses in order to focus on growth. Throughout the day class members were reminded that leadership is proactive and effective leaders sometimes emerge due to their placement within an organization, not necessarily due to their position.

Bryn Behnke of Blinn College said, "The team building session was amazing. Camp For All staff made this such an inspiring event. I left with all kinds of ideas of how better to lead in my area and how to better collaborate

with entities like Camp For All. It was truly a great experience."

Camp Director Kurt Podeszwa shared the mission and history behind Camp For All, which hosts over more than 7,000 campers annually, and also described the many volunteer opportunities that exist there. The day concluded with a walking tour of the camp grounds. A world unto itself, Camp For All was designed with a "can do" attitude. At Camp For All, children and adults with special needs and challenging illnesses have the opportunity to experience horseback riding, canoeing, fishing, archery, water activities, team sports, arts and crafts, nature programs, and much more at their own level.

Leadership Washington County is a program of the Washington County Chamber aimed at educating and motivating current and future leaders. In the next session on October 24, the participants will experience Leadership in Law Enforcement.



Kevin Boggus trusts his classmates to catch his fall.



Kathryn Wurts, Jessica Johnston, Shonda Ziese and Kim Norsworthy try to find their way out of a maze blindfolded.



Chad Gandy, Richard Cervantes, Courtney Powell and other class members toss items to gain points.



Following instructions.



Angelica Gamboa and Jonathan Shuey tour one of the camp houses.



Kristi Stamnes pets Forrest the turtle, who is always a popular attraction at Camp For All.

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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

Texas Arts & Music Festival

Make plans to be in Downtown Brenham October 20-22 for the second annual Texas Arts and Music Festival. Enjoy live music by nine different bands, street artists, food trucks, an art village, film screenings, craft beer, pop up artist galleries and even art cars! Throughout the festival, artists will take exterior walls of downtown buildings and turn them into masterful works of art. Mural artists scheduled are JEFF SOTO, MICHAEL C. RODRIGUEZ and DANIEL ANGUILU. Free admission; free parking. VIP Tickets are available for access to the VIP tent which include drinks, food and mingling with the bands. Details & Schedule: www.TexasArtsAndMusicFestival.com

Fall Festival of Roses

The 30th annual Fall Festival of Roses will be held at Antique Rose Emporium on November 3-5, 2017. Enjoy three days of garden-related seminars presented by nationally known speakers. All programs are free. Shopping, garden tours, food and other activities will also be available. Schedule: www.WeAreRoses.com

Christmas at the Mansion

The Heritage Society of Washington County is teaming up with Hermann Furniture to bring you Christmas at the Mansion. The exterior & eight rooms will feature different holiday themes designed and decorated by Jennifer Hermann of Hermann Furniture. There will be inspiration at every turn, all set in the historic Giddings Stone Mansion.

Enjoy historic home tours Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 1-4. Cost is \$13 in advance or \$15 at the door for all three homes. There will also be a special lunch served at Giddings Stone Mansion on Saturday. Tickets are \$25 and reservations are required. More info: 888-836-7237

Where's Della? Monthly Contest

Give a big "RUFF!" to the newest member of the Chamber-CVB team, Della. She may be a young, 1-year old long-haired German Shepherd, but she loves to travel & gets out as much as possible. Now that she is an official Volunteer, she will be exploring a new location in Brenham & Washington County each month!



Come to the Visitor Center at 115 W. Main St.

to put your guess in the bucket, or email your name, phone number & location guess to Della@BrenhamTexas.com by October 31. All correct entries will be entered to win a gift from the Chamber-CVB. A random winner will be chosen & contacted on November 1.

Be sure to read Chamber Works next month to find out if you were correct, and to see where Della goes next!

Photo of Della with caption: This month I stopped by somewhere everyone in Washington County should be familiar with! It is a great resource for information on places near and far, and the floor feels nice and cool on my tum-my. Where was I?!

Family Fun Scavenger Hunt

There are many cool historic sites along Highway 290, and now you can discover them all. From Chappell Hill to Elgin, get off the highway to find answers to the #Adventure290 scavenger hunt. Get all eight answers correct and you will win a goodie bag of treasures! Get more details in the Visitor Center, or online at www.VisitBrenhamTexas.com.



Phillips Joins Chamber Staff

Please help us in welcoming Jennifer Phillips to the Chamber-CVB staff as the new Visitor Center Coordinator. In this role, she provides enthusiastic customer service to visitors, the local community, and the membership, as well as oversees the daily operations of the visitor center located in The Barnhill Center.



PHILLIPS

Jennifer, born and raised in Conroe, is a graduate of Conroe High School and Stephen F. Austin State University, where she majored in International Business and Marketing. After graduation, she lived in Austin and then Houston and held various customer service and sales positions until she transferred to Brenham five years ago to be closer to her mother & step-father who live in Rockdale.

Jennifer is the current president of the Young Professionals Organization of Washington County. She is also a Captain on the World's Championship BBQ Contest Committee through the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Jennifer enjoys trail riding with The Rounders for the Salt Grass Trail ride and other events throughout the year.

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Courtney's Corner

WE LOVE GROUPS!

Does your business have monthly, quarterly or annual meetings and events? Are you a part of a social or professional organization? Do you need help booking a space, or are you looking to do something a little different? We're here to help!

We offer planning tools, venue and meeting space recommendations, itinerary development, and can even provide special welcome/gift bags!

Give us a call or send an email to courtney@brenham-texas.com to talk about how we can help you plan your meeting or event today!



Ask Jennifer

"We have small children, what fun things are there to do with them?"

There are a number of fun things to do with kids, but one that's unique, and only open March-October, is riding Brenham's antique carousel at Fireman's Park!

Each rider pays \$1 and can ride the carousel all day! Open Saturdays 11-4 and Sundays 1-4.



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— George Carlin

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| <i>Unique Visitors</i> | <i>Total Pages</i> |
| Sept. 2017 — 7,178 | Sept. 2017 — 13,176 |

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| <i>Unique Visitors</i> | <i>Total Pages</i> |
| Sept. 2017 — 18,061 | Sept. 2017 — 32,701 |

What's Happening in October

Now thru Oct. 29

"Intensities" at Back Lot Gallery

Artist talk and reception on Oct. 20 from 5-7pm. Gallery hours Fri. and Sat. noon-7pm, Sun. 11-4pm, 308 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham (www.backlotgallery.com).

Thru Oct. 29

Merchants of Main Street Exhibit

Texas Settlers and Buildings 1860s-1930s, look at early Texas buildings for settlers' visions of community and progress and economic realities of life, Chappell Hill Museum, 9220 Poplar Street, Wed-Sun (www.chappellhillhistoricalsociety.com).

Oct. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28

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).

Oct. 13-15, 20-22, 27-29

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.

Oct. 13-15, 20-22, 27-29

Brazos Valley Brewery Patio Open

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

Oct. 13-15

"Zombie Prom"

By Dana Rowe and John Dempsey, live musical at O'Donnell Performing Arts Center, 600 Blinn Blvd., Brenham, 7-9pm, Sun 2-4pm, \$10 (www.blinn.edu/boxoffice).

Oct. 13

Brenham Cubs vs Tomball Memorial

Football game and Hall of Honor induction night, kick-off at 7:30pm, Cub Stadium, Brenham.

Oct. 13-15

"A Grand Night for Singing"

A delightful musical tribute to the timeless genius of Rodgers and Hammerstein, Unity Theatre, 300 Church St., Downtown Brenham, 8pm (www.UnityBrenham.org).

Oct. 14

Burton Bridge Ministry

Octoberfest Fun Run

5k run/walk through beautiful countryside, 1k kids run/walk also. All proceeds support community outreach programs of Burton Bridge Ministry. Registration 6:30-7:30am, race begins 8am at Knittel Homestead, Main and Washington St.

Oct. 14

Oktoberfest in Burton

Community event with fun for whole family including a Girl Scout flag ceremony, weenie dog races, antiques, gifts, food and music (www.burtontexas.org/oktoberfest).

Oct. 14

Car Show in the Country

Perfect for families and car enthusiasts at the Old School House in historic Independence, 9325 FM 390 East, free, 9am-2pm.

Oct. 14-15

Scarecrow Festival

Enjoy the magical land of scarecrows and a pumpkin patch, 400 vendors, food, live music and family fun, Downtown Chappell Hill, free admission.

Oct. 14

"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).

Oct. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29

Flying Horses Antique Carousel

Ride a piece of history at Fireman's Park in Brenham. Open Sat 11am-4pm, Sun 1-4pm, \$1 per rider.

Oct. 15

Martin Luther Lutheran Church Fall Festival

Festivities include Confirmand Reunion 9:30am; Country Western Worship Service 10am; Kettle-Fried Chicken Meal 11am; live auction at noon; plus silent auction, apple bobbing, children's activities and more. Carmine Hall, 300 N. Hauptstrousse St. (http://mlccarmine.com).

Oct. 15

Butcher's Ball

Texas's top chefs, butchers, and ranchers gather for a day of demonstrations, discussions, tastings, and competition, Rockin' Star Ranch, 8002 Fuelberg Pease Rd., Brenham, 1-8pm (www.butchersball.com).

Oct. 15

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Day

Live music, food, family fun, balloon release. If you would like to honor your Hope Baby, RSVP to brenham-college station@hopemommies.org or call/text 979-277-5119. Center Church, 1302 Washington St., Brenham, 5-7pm.

Oct. 16

Brenham Fine Arts League Luncheon & General Meeting

Downtown Art Gallery, 11:30am and free art demo by Austin artist Rae Andrews at 1pm. 113 W. Alamo, Downtown Brenham.

Oct. 16

Brenham Choral Society Rehearsal

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

Oct. 17-19

Brenham Fine Arts League Painting Workshop

Three-day painting workshop, watercolor, liquid acrylics, with Austin artist Rae Andrews, Downtown Art Gallery, 113 W. Alamo, 9am-4pm (molinaimedia@hotmail.com).

Oct. 17

Beyond Grief

Six-week class provides support to help manage grief following loss of a loved one, 10:30am-noon, Hospice Brazos Valley, 302 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham. Every Tuesday until Nov. 14. Classes are free, RSVP required (979-277-9525, djohnson@hospicebrazosvalley.org).

Oct. 17

Ladies Shrimp Dinner

Brenham Elks Lodge #979, all you can eat boiled shrimp, gumbo and salads, 5-10pm, 400 E. Germania, \$22 (979-661-6315).

Oct. 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, Nov. 2

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).

Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1

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).

Oct. 19

Alzheimers and Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Features speakers presenting topical and educational information, meets 3rd Thursday of the month, 1-3pm, Hospice Brazos Valley, 302 E. Blue Bell Rd, Brenham.

Oct. 19 - Dec. 7

Sewing Club

Fun weekly meetings with creative projects, practical techniques and sharing in the joy of sewing, for students ages 9+, 4pm-5:30pm, \$275 per semester (979-551-0970, SewFunSewing.weebly.com).

Oct. 19

St. Paul's Christian Day School Fall Festival Fundraiser

Drive-thru, pick-up or dine-in tickets can be purchased from any CDS family or at school and church offices. Event includes games, petting zoo, silent and live auction, bake sale, prize drawings book walk, and CDS children choirs. 5-9pm, Washington County Fairgrounds.

Oct. 19

Lifetime Learning Washington County READ at Unity Theatre

9th annual Washington County READ, reception, dramatic reading of "News of the World" and author presentation

by Paulette Jiles, 5:30pm, Unity Theatre, Downtown Brenham, free (www.lifetimelearningbrenham.org, 979-353-1089).

Oct. 19

Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Featuring Walt & Glynis Harfmann, Ronnie & Greg Machac, Shane Lala, 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).

Oct. 20-22

Texas Arts & Music Festival

Second annual featuring live music, live mural art, Art Village, downtown Art Walk, Art Cars, food trucks. Free admission (www.TexasArtsandMusicFestival.com).

Oct. 20

Ribbon Cutting - PlanNorth Architectural Co.

Please join us at the new location at 107 S. Baylor St., Downtown Brenham, 1pm.

Oct. 21

Cruisin 4 Texas

2017 Ram Optical Cruisin' For Texas Car Show with prizes, raffle, t-shirts and live music by Risky Liver Band, 2412 S. Chappell Hill St., Brenham (979-830-8833, www.ramoptical.biz).

Oct. 21

New Beginnings Pregnancy Center Walk for Life Fundraiser

3rd Annual Walk for Life fundraising event, Hohlt Park, 8-11am, two-mile walk, free t-shirt to first 100 registrants, free to enter (info@newbeginningsbrenham.org).

Oct. 21

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).

Oct. 25

Brenham Area Real Estate Investors and Landlords Meeting

BAREIL meets monthly to help new and experienced investors/landlords and provide networking opportunities. Vendors welcome. 11:30am-1pm, Citizens State Bank, 2007 S. Day St., Brenham. Meetings are 4th Wednesday every month (Facebook.com/InvestBrenham).

Oct. 25

Ribbon Cutting - Christy Schlottmann Farmers Agency

Please join us at 201 N. Park St., Downtown Brenham, 11:30am.

Oct. 26

Ribbon Cutting - Cruise Planners

Please join in welcoming this New Member at Washington County Chamber, 314 S. Austin St., Brenham, 10am.

Business Spotlight

New Beginnings Pregnancy Center

Located at 1016 E. Blue Bell Road, New Beginnings is a Christ-centered organization serving individuals and families experiencing pregnancy related issues, from unplanned pregnancy to pregnancy loss. The organization provides life-affirming consultation, education and spiritual support, honoring the rights of the pre-born and the dignity of those they serve.

The Vision is that through their work, they strive to

break negative cycles of destructive sexual decisions and broken relationships, and to empower individuals for lives of hope and self-sufficiency for themselves, their families, and their children.

All services are free of charge to clients and they receive no government funding. They are 100% donor funded. On Oct. 21, they will hold the third annual Walk for Life fundraising event at Hohlt Park Amphitheater in Brenham. Walk-

er check-in begins at 8am and the Walk will begin at 9am. This year the goal is to have 100 walkers and raise \$20,000. This is a family-friendly event with a bounce house, face painting, games and live musical entertainment.

Teams, individual walkers, and non-walkers are all welcome; anyone who wants to help raise funds to SAVE LIVES. To register, visit www.newbeginningsbrenham.org/ events.

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Oct. 26

Connect After 5

Stop by to network and "Paint the Town Pink" at Brenham Clinic, 600 N. Park St., 5-7pm.

Oct. 26

"When God Winks"

Ray Dagbjerg will discuss the book "When God Winks" by Squire Rushnell. Light food and drinks will be served, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 2310 Airline Drive, Brenham, 6:30-8:30pm.

Oct. 27

storyPLAY!

Special storytime filled with creative drama activities specifically geared for children, ages 4-8. Once a month, professional actress Jamie Ward will introduce basic theatre skills through interACTIVE storytelling, movement, and music, free, Unity Theatre, 300 Church St., Brenham, 10-10:45am.

Oct. 28

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).

Oct. 28

Back the Blue 5K - Benefiting

CASA for Kids of South Central Texas 5K race/walk, one mile fun run. Clark Park, Bellville, 10am-4pm (www.backtheblue5k.com).

Oct. 28

Moore's School Concert Chorale

University of Houston's premier large choral ensemble, Festival Concert Hall, 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top, 3-4:30pm (www.festivalhill.org).

November Highlights

Nov. 3-5

Fall Festival of Roses

30th annual with three days of garden-related seminars presented by nationally known speakers. All programs are free and come & go. Food and other activities also available. See website for schedule of seminars (www.weAREroses.com).

Nov. 3-4

St. Peter's Art Show and Sale

9th annual with 30 artists' paintings, pottery, jewelry, gourd art, photography and woodworking. Reception is free, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 2310 Airline Dr., Brenham, 5-8pm (www.stpetersbrenham.org).

Nov. 4

Burton Farmers Market

Home-grown, hand-crafted goods, 9am-1pm, Texas Cotton Gin Museum Roy Winkler Family Pavilion, 307 N. Market St., Burton (www.burtontexas.org/farmersmarket).

Nov. 4-5

Christmas at the Mansion

3rd annual event, tour the mansion for a \$5 donation or tour all three homes for \$15. Lunch requires advance reservations by calling 888-836-7237.

Nov. 4

Here I Am Orphan Ministries Autumn Charity Event

Benefiting orphans around the world (www.orphanministries.com).

Nov. 7

Legislative Update with Representative Leighton Schubert

Discuss the 85th Legislative Sessions, Brenham Country Club, 11:30am-1pm, tickets \$25 for Chamber Members, \$35 non-members (979-836-3695).

Nov. 7

YPO Happy Hour at Saddlehorn Winery

Saddlehorn Winery, 5:30-7:30pm. YPO is open to professionals over 21 who live or work in Washington County.

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.

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