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WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BREHAM, TEXAS

New Chamber Leaders Elected

All Chamber members received their annual ballot in October to elect new directors to the Chamber Board. Members voted to elect five new board members, and they will serve a three-year term. A nominating committee assigned by the Chairman of the Board developed the list of candidates. The five newly elected directors to serve in 2021-2023 include:

Dan Blalock

**Brenham Abstract
& Title Co.**

Dan is a part owner and abstractor at Brenham Abstract & Title Co., and President of Park Forest Land Services. He has a background in commercial real estate appraisal and is an active landman in the oil and gas industry. In 2005, Dan and his family moved from St. Louis, Missouri to Brenham, Texas., and since then he has been establishing his roots in the Brenham community. He is the treasurer of the Graham Masonic Lodge #20, and an active member of Brenham Presbyterian Church. Dan graduated from Westminster College, located in Fulton, Missouri, with a degree in business management and psychology. Outside of work, he is an avid hunter, fisherman and woodworker, and enjoys traveling, SEC football, and spending time with his wife, Courtney, and two daughters, Whitney and Peyton.

James "Jim" Chisolm

Texas Star Winery

James Chisolm is a native Texan from Dallas with an American family history dating back to the revolution. Jim is a



graduate of Texas A&M University for his Bachelors, The University of Dallas for his MBA and soon to have his Doctorate in Finance from Northcentral University. His primary career has been in health-care management to include companies like Aetna, Kaiser Permanente, and Cigna to name a few. He is currently Presi-

dent of Peregrine Healthcare in Houston, a company managing physician practice business operations he founded in 2000. Jim also has many years of community service experience including serving on the Fiesta Bowl Committee (Bowl Cham-

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"CONNECT AFTER 5"

WASHINGTON COUNTY
CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT

Independence Coffee Co.
The Flamingo Ranch
Ruby Salon & Boutique

2805, 2807 & 2809 U.S. 290 W., Brenham
Thursday, Nov. 19 from 5-7 p.m.

Unwind after work and expand your network!

Meet other Chamber members and generate new business contacts.

Enjoy food and drinks, learn what's new in the community, and exchange business cards and brochures.

Free for Chamber members and employees!

Hot Deals

Tempur-Pedic Floor Model

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Schleider
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SAVE 20% PLUS GET A FREE FOUNDATION when you buy a queen-size Tempur-Pedic Floor Model mattress. Only 3 available.

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Schleider Furniture & Mattress Co.
307 S. Austin St., Downtown Brenham
979-836-3689
SchleiderFurniture.com

Holiday Special

Bring a friend, make them grin new hairstyle for the seasons trend!

November 2- December 22 we will be offering \$3 haircuts including shampoo, \$20 and up for cut and style. We will also be offering \$20 for a basic pedicure and spa, \$15 for shellac nails, \$30 for spa and paraffin.

MONDAY FREE HAIR CUTS!!!



EVVAYLOIS Academy School of Beauty
2244 S. Market St., Brenham
979-421-8262
evvayloisschoolofbeauty.com

New Chamber Members

BRENHAM FAMILY PRACTICE AND OBSTETRICS

Contact: Gwendolyn Bode
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Brenham, Texas 77833
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bowomd@yahoo.com
www.brenhamfamilypractice.com
Medical-Clinics

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Owner: Mitchell Stepan
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Brenham, Texas 77833
Phone: 979-836-0201
info@brenhamrepair.com
www.brenhamrepair.com
Lawn & Garden-Parts/Supplies/Repair

CEDAR FRAME REAL ESTATE

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Real Estate
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Oct. 2020 — 12,353

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October Members of the Month

Brenham Floral Company
707 S. Austin St., Brenham
979-836-3566
BrenhamFloral.com

How long have you been in business?

— We purchased the business in May 2017. Brenham Floral has been around since the 1960s. The previous owner owned it for 20 years!

What services do you offer?

— Flowers, plants; Tyler candles; Sweet Shop chocolates; gift items; balloons; wedding, funeral, and everyday arrangements – live or silk.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— We are sisters and purchased the business in memory of our mother, who loved and grew roses. We went into the floral business as an encore career for each of us.

What do you love about Washington County?

— The enthusiasm and dedication of the Chamber; bluebells, cows, antiques; the quaint downtown; the loyalty of the community; the big sky and sunsets.

Woodforest National Bank
Located in the Brenham Wal-Mart
979-830-7240
Woodforest.com

How long have you been in business?

— Brenham branch opened 8/10/2005; but Woodforest National Bank started in 1980.

What services do you offer?

— We offer personal accounts, savings accounts, business accounts, business savings accounts, CD's, IRA's, Money investment services, loans, business loans, online banking, mobile banking, financial literacy & education, the Woodforest experience.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— We offer extended hours (longer than other banks), we are open 7 days a week and most holidays, we are conveniently located inside of Wal-Mart so you can bank while you shop, debit cards are printed and issued the same day. Woodforest is community bank built upon the needs of the customers we serve. We are committed to earning customer loyalty by offering the highest level of customer service as well as competitive products and services by employees who are fair,

responsive, and professional.

What do you love about Washington County?

— Washington County is extremely involved with the community just like Woodforest is. Woodforest is a community bank that supports many local charities. We enjoy the different festivities offered. We love Blue Bell Creameries.

**Wabtec Elastomers
(Longwood Brenham)**
1901 Longwood Dr., Brenham
979-830-1111
LongwoodIndustries.com

How long have you been in business?

— Since 1981

What services do you offer?

— We are a rubber processing plant. We can make or mold anything out of rubber.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— We don't do windows, but we can make the seal for it. We don't do dishes, but we can make the plug for the sink. We don't do personal items, but we can point you in the right direction.

What do you love about Washington County?

— So much diversity. The County has so much to offer. That's why the unemployment is so low. And the community is so friendly. And that's what makes you love it.

Unity Theatre
300 Church St., Brenham
979-830-1460
UnityBrenham.org

How long have you been in business?

— The 2020-2021 Season is our 26th! The theatre was co-founded by sisters Teresa Beckers and Gretchen Jones in 1995. We started out in the former Brenham National Bank lobby on the square, and in 2001 moved to our current location at 300 Church Street. The 23,000 square foot renovated warehouse originated as Brenham Wholesale Grocery and was built in 1906.

What services do you offer?

— Unity Theatre produces four Main Stage plays, two Studio Plays, a Summer Musical for children, year-round Arts Education programming and many

other special events. Professional artists from across the region delight audiences with musical magic, intriguing stories, contemporary and classical comedy. Our charming, historical facility in the Brenham Downtown Historic District is in walking distance of great restaurants, shops, lodging and area attractions. Come join us and experience the laughter, the drama and excitement of live theatre!

Tell us something unique about your business.

— We produce live theatre, so every single performance, class, and event is a unique experience - never before seen, and never again!

What do you love about Washington County?

— Everything! It is quite remarkable that the wonderful people of Washington County have built and sustained a professional theatre in beautiful downtown. The generous support we receive from our loyal patrons, volunteers, local businesses and the City of Brenham, are the reason we are lucky enough to be moving into our 26th year of bringing the arts to this great community.

St. Paul's Christian Day School
305 W. Third, Brenham
979-836-1145
StPaulsBrenham.org/day-school

How long have you been in business?

— 31 years

What services do you offer?

— The school provides a year-round early childhood/elementary education program for children 12 months to 6th grade.

Tell us something unique about your business.

— The Christian Day School, a ministry of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, focuses on the whole child. Nurturing the spiritual, emotional, social, intellectual, and physical growth of children leads each child to develop to his/her potential.

What do you love about Washington County?

— The friendly, caring, family atmosphere of Washington County is the perfect setting for the Christian Day School. The community support we receive is a blessing, and we love to provide chapel offerings to support community organizations like Faith Mission and Help Center, For The City, and Bread Partners of Washington County.

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



Thank you to our Presidential Level members ...



Would you like to be a P.E.A.C.E. Partner?



A Partner for P.E.A.C.E. (Public Education Ambassador for Community Engagement) is encouraged to share the monthly value and promote that value within the company so that possible employees and customers will see that you also support public education. It is in hopes that the adults who see these values at their workplace will share with the children in their lives who are also seeing this at school. These Core Essential Values are taught at both Brenham and Burton ISDs.

The investment is only \$50 and you and your employees can make a big impact on the future of our local workforce.

Thank you to these dedicated Partners for P.E.A.C.E. who continue to make this program a success in Washington County. They help reinforce the Core Essential Values students are learning in local public schools at their businesses and through their employee interactions:

- Ant Street Inn
- Blue Bell Creameries
- Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative
- Brenham National Bank
 - City of Brenham
 - Creatively Yours
- Germania Insurance
- Glasco & Company Landscaping
- Mandy Allen at Better Homes and Garden Real Estate Hometown
 - Personnel Services
- Thielemann Construction Co., L.P.
 - Stegent-Thielemann Plumbing
 - Unity Theatre

We would love to have more!

Renewing Members

August 1-31

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| Chappell Hill Historical Society — 52 years | Brenham Miniature Horses (Retreat House) — 9 years |
| Memorial Oaks Chapel — 46 years | Los Cabos Mexican Grill & Steakhouse — 9 years |
| Sun Pools — 36 years | St. Paul's Christian Day School — 8 years |
| Washington Animal Clinic, PLLC — 36 years | Wittner Plumbing, LLC — 8 years |
| Washington County Appraisal District — 36 years | Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Home — 7 years |
| Appel Ford, Inc. — 34 years | Brenham Orthodontics — 7 years |
| Far View Bed & Breakfast — 27 years | Champion Fellowship — 7 years |
| Renee Ann Mueller, County Attorney — 26 years | Fellowship Baptist Church — 7 years |
| Pleasant Hill Winery — 24 years | Focusing Families — 7 years |
| Brenham Floral Company — 23 years | Rockin' Star Ranch — 7 years |
| Betts, Bill — 22 years | Barking Ranch Pet Resort — 6 years |
| Upchurch Architects, Inc. — 22 years | Dynamic Drains Plumbing & Drain Experts — 6 years |
| Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant — 21 years | Noble Living Studios — 6 years |
| Norman's Pharmacy — 20 years | The Fortnightly Club of Brenham — 6 years |
| New Beginnings Pregnancy Center/Resale Sh — 18 years | Burton Independent School District — 5 years |
| Triple T Refrigeration, Inc. — 17 years | Chappell Hill Moving & Storage — 5 years |
| KWIK KOPY Business Center — 16 years | Houser Roofing, LLC — 5 years |
| Las Fuentes Mexican Restaurant — 16 years | Lakeway Air Conditioning, Inc. — 5 years |
| Brazos Bed & Breakfast — 15 years | Metro Container LLC — 5 years |
| Edward Jones-Andrea Holle, Financial Advi — 15 years | Belle Towers Senior Living Community — 4 years |
| McCaul, Michael-Congressman District 10 — 15 years | Main Street House — 4 years |
| Stylecraft Builders, Inc. — 15 years | PLANNORTH Architectural Co. — 4 years |
| Computer Helpers — 14 years | Amedisys Hospice — 3 years |
| Inn at Indian Creek — 14 years | Brenham Education Foundation — 3 years |
| Leftovers Antiques Home Mercantile — 14 years | First Baptist Church School & Early Education — 3 years |
| J Hill Properties-Jane Hill — 13 years | Boeker Ag Service — 2 years |
| Lifetime Learning — 13 years | Diamond S Trucking — 2 years |
| Adam's Angels Ministry — 12 years | Dream Body LLC — 2 years |
| Our Integrity Works, LLC — 12 years | Here or There Massage, LLC — 2 years |
| American Legion Buddy Wright Post 48 — 11 years | Mattrezzz Guys — 2 years |
| Golden Years Homecare Specialists — 11 years | Texas Gardener — 2 years |
| Padgett Hearing Aid Center — 11 years | Wingstop 1524/Seventy 5 Wing Co. LLC — 2 years |
| St. Mary's Catholic Church — 11 years | Brenham Self Storage & A-1 Flags — 1 year |
| Washington County Habitat for Humanity — 11 years | New Dimensions Crystals & Reiki — 1 year |
| Absolutely Fabulous Salon — 10 years | TABU Tacos & Burgers — 1 year |
| The Hair Warehouse — 10 years | |

Get Noticed...

The *ChamberWorks* newsletter is published inside *The Banner-Press* on the second Thursday of the month. Chamber members have the opportunity to advertise in this newsletter. Rates start at only \$25 per month.

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.

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

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Would your business like to host a YPO Networking Happy Hour?
 Email WashCoYPO@gmail.com to find out details.



LWC Class of 2021 at the Cannery Kitchen in October.

Leadership and Public Safety

The November session of the Leadership Washington County program introduced the group to local public safety officials. The session was held at the City of Brenham Police Department.

Brenham Chief of Police Ron Parker welcomed the class and gave information on current happenings within the Brenham Police Department. The class also heard from District Attorney Julie Renken (LWC Class of 2001)

and Washington County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Jay Petrash.

The morning concluded with a book review and class project discussion. After lunch, the class then participated in breakout sessions, including a 'Shoot, Don't Shoot' scenario, information from the narcotics squad and a presentation on Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE).

When asked about the session,

one participant commented, "I liked learning about the opportunities for community involvement and Chief Parker's vision for the future of the department." Another stated that their highlight of the day was "In general, the interactions with BPD were great. Their leadership and officers did a great job of hosting and sharing with us. The District Attorney did a great job with her presentation as well, as

she explained her role and evolution as a leader."

The December leadership session will be focus on emergency management.

The program runs from August to May each year. The next class will form in July 2021. Those interested are encouraged to call the Chamber office at (979) 836-3695. Details are posted on www.BrenhamTexas.com.



Photos clockwise from top right:
Brenham Chief of Police Ron Parker welcomes the class.
Washington County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Jay Petrash and Brenham Police Department Sergeant Todd Ashorn discuss the relationship between law enforcement departments.
An officer displays examples of containers found that had been used to hide drugs.
LWC participant Lauren Schobel goes over the options for the class project.
LWC participant Stacy Saunders gets ready for the "shoot, don't shoot" drill.



ON NOV 28, SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR SMALL BUSINESS



WHAT IS SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY?

Small Business Saturday® falls on the Saturday after Thanksgiving — November 28. In the age of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, it's easy to skip over the mom-and-pop shop for the big box store or online retailer. But SBS sponsors hope you don't forget about smaller neighborhood shops.

HISTORY OF SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Oddly enough, American Express, a U.S. corporation with \$37 billion in revenue in 2018, started Small

Business Saturday in 2010. (Yes, most small retailers do accept credit cards.) The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) joined as a cosponsor five years later. SBS has become an important part of how many small businesses launch their busiest shopping season.

According to the 2018 SBS Consumer Insights Survey, total reported spending among U.S. consumers who said they shopped at independent retailers and restaurants on the day reached a record high of approximately \$17.8 billion. The same survey reported that more than 70% of consumers are now aware of the Small Business Saturday initiative. Based on this annual survey over the years, SBS spending has now reached a reported estimate of \$103 billion since the day began.

SBA, Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP), and

American Express hope to drive traffic and revenue to America's 30 million independent businesses through Small Business Saturday events.

The U.S. Small Business Administration, created in 1953, helps Americans start, build, and grow businesses. It's an independent agency of the federal government built to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation.

Among other things, the SBA provides small businesses with access to capital, entrepreneurial development, government contracting, and advocacy. Perhaps most importantly, the SBA offers free counseling and low-cost training to new entrepreneurs and established small businesses in over 1,800 locations.

Reasons Buying Locally Benefits You

1. Right now, while this community is wanting to support local law enforcement and first responders, make this a priority in your family. Keep your dollars here.

2. By shopping in Washington County and paying local sales tax, your dollars stay here to fund city and county operations such as roads and bridges, parks, the library, police and fire departments and more.

3. Local businesses give better support

to YOUR community groups. Non-profit groups receive an average of 350% more charitable support from local businesses than they do from non-locally owned businesses.

4. Local businesses make up the largest employer base, giving more jobs to YOU and YOUR family.

5. YOU get more knowledgeable and friendlier customer service. You get to

know your local merchants, and they get to know YOU.

6. Spending \$100 at a local independent business creates a ripple effect of \$45 in additional local economic activity.

7. Shopping locally saves YOU gas and time.

8. Local businesses preserve and enhance the unique character of Washington County. This makes it special for YOU and attractive for others to come spend their money here.

9. Shopping locally allows YOU to stay in better touch with YOUR neighbors and the local pulse of YOUR community.

10. Local businesses are more likely to utilize local advertising, banks, insurance companies and other local services.

11. Without the sales tax dollars that stay in Brenham and Washington County, YOUR property taxes would have to be approximately 14% higher.

Washington County Blue Blazers

The Blue Blazers is a club with 15-20 members and more than 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.

Kyler Crenshaw
Capital Farm Credit

Darlene Denman
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Joyce Dickschat
Brenham National Bank

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Wellmann Insurance

Kristie Wensel
Brenham State Supported Living Center

Barbara Wilganowski
Spherion Staffing

What's Happening in November

Thru Nov.

Christmas with Condon Exhibit

This collection contains Greeting Cards from 1966 – 1992 that features the artwork of Bill Condon. Brenham Bus Depot Gallery, Saturdays 10am-4pm; Monday – Friday by appointment (BrenhamHeritageMuseum.org).

Thru Nov. 17

Adam's Angels Ministry Christmas Sleigh Fund Drive

Spread the joy to children and families battling childhood cancer. Only accepting gift cards and monetary gifts. Drop off location at Ruby Salon & Boutique, 2807 Hwy 290 West, Brenham (AdamsAngelsministry.org).

Nov 13-14, 20-21, 27-28

Live Music at The Kenney Store

Live music by varying artists every Friday & Saturday night. Come early for dinner. 811 S. Loop 497, Kenney (TheKenneyStore.com).

Nov 14

Brenham Trade Days | Holiday Market

Washington County Fairgrounds, 11am – 4pm; free admission and parking; family and pet friendly. 1305 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham (TexasTradeDays.com).

Nov 15

Turning Up and Going Fallow

Demonstration at Barrington Plantation

Come see the strong oxen at work, and try your hand at walking behind a plow; 10am-4pm; Washington on the Brazos, 22430 Park Road 12, Washington (WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

Nov 17

Senior Discount Day for Pet Owners Over Age 50

Brenham Veterinary Hospital offers a 15% discount on wellness exams, vaccinations and spay/neuters to pet owners over age 50 on the third Tuesday of each month; 2455 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham Schedule appointment at 979-836-2472 (BrenhamVetHospital.com).

Nov 17

Online Talk: Austin's Old 300

Dr. Paul N. Spellman, Professor of History at Wharton County Junior College in Richmond, will talk about Austin's Old 300, the first American families into Texas in the early 1820s; 12pm; email tricia.blakistone@austin.utexas.edu for the Zoom link; free.

Nov 17

Licensed to Carry Class

Salem Fire Dept., 4:45pm; \$110. RSVP to 979-277-8477

Nov 19

Ribbon Cutting - J. Hill Properties

New location, 100-A East Main St., Brenham, 11:30am.

Nov 19

Connect After 5 - Independence Coffee Co./Ruby Salon and Boutique/The Flamingo Ranch

Connect After 5 with fellow Chamber Members. Enjoy great networking, delicious food and refreshments. Bring plenty of business cards to share with other members. Free for Chamber members and employees. 5-7pm, 2805 Hwy 290 W., Brenham.

Nov 19

Chappell Hill Business After Hours

The Rock Store in Chappell Hill. Come meet and greet and share your business cards with other members, 5070 Main St., Chappell Hill, 5-7pm.

Nov 20

Ribbon Cutting - St. Mary's Catholic Church 150th Anniversary

Celebrate this Chamber Member; corner of S. Park and W. Germania St.; 1pm.

Nov 21

St. Mary's PCCW Pre-Holiday Bazaar

Handcrafts, homemade canned items, baked good. Raffle Tickets will be sold for a quilt, gift cards, and other items; 9am-noon; St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Activity Center, corner of Germania and Park St., Brenham.

Nov 21

Sugar Plum Market at Washington County Fairgrounds

Holiday shopping in an indoor holiday atmosphere with an array of quality items to shop, great food, holiday music and more. Free admission and parking. Washington County Fairgrounds Even Center, 1305 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, 9am-4pm.

Nov 21, 22

Changing of the Seasons

Demonstration at Barrington Plantation part in the action as we air out mattresses, sweep floors, chase out the cobwebs, and roll out the parlor rug. Hands-on projects

and demonstrations ongoing throughout the day, 10am-4pm, Washington on the Brazos, 23400 Park Road 12, Washington (WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

Nov 21

Farmers Market at Washington on the Brazos

Join under the live oaks at the Visitor Center. Enjoy live music while you shop for local grown produce, baked goods, handmade leather and hand carved utensils, honey and much more. 10am-2pm, 23400 Park Road 12, Washington (WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

Nov 21

Living History Saturday

Travel back in time to where a nation was born in 1836. On the third Saturday of each month, staff and volunteers dress in period clothing to bring to life the people and events of Old Washington for a unique opportunity for the entire family to discover various aspects of life during the Republic of Texas. 10am-3pm. Contact Adam Arnold at (936) 878-2214, ext. 228 or adam.arnold@tpwd.texas.gov (WhereTexasBecameTexas.org).

Nov 21

Christmas Open House at Brenham Floral Company

707 S. Austin St., Brenham; 1-4pm (BrenhamFloral.com).

Nov 21

Christiano Rodrigues, violin and Karen Nguyen, piano

The Rodrigues-Nguyen Duo collaborates closely with music scholars and world class performing artists to create meaningful interpretations of the most compelling repertoire written for piano and violin. The duo will perform the three sonatas by Johannes Brahms. Festival Hill Concert Hall, 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top, 3-4:30pm, \$25 adult, \$10 student (FestivalHill.org).

Nov 22

Annual Thanksgiving Service by the Washington County Ministerial Assoc.

Cannery Kitchen, 314 E. Alamo St., Brenham, 6-8pm.

Nov 27-28

Hermann Furniture Holiday Open House

Friday is "Plaid Friday," Saturday is "Shop

Small Business." Gift with every purchase. 213 W. Alamo St., Brenham. Regular store house (HermannFurniture.com).

Nov 27

The Music of John Denver by Jim Curry at The Barnhill Center

Top John Denver tribute with countless sellout shows across the U.S. and Canada, frequently in Las Vegas. Sang John Denver's songs for the 2000 CBS movie, "Take Me Home, the John Denver Story" (TheBarnhillCenter.com).

Nov 30

Barn Cat, Stray Cat Discount Spay & Neuter Day

Last Monday of each month. Proof of current rabies required or will need to be given at time of surgery. Brenham Veterinary Hospital, 2455 Hwy 290 W., Brenham. Call to schedule appointment at 979-836-2472 (BrenhamVetHospital.com).

December Highlights

Dec 3-20

"The Game's Afoot-Holmes for the Holidays" Unity Theatre

The danger and hilarity are non-stop in this glittering whodunit set during the Christmas holidays. Visit the website for the schedule (UnityBrenham.org).

Dec 4-5

Jingle Bell Market

Ant Street Inn ballroom will have a wonderful collection of vendors selling everything from jewelry to pickles; aprons to soap; books to clothing. This year there will be a gift wrapping station with proceeds going to the Washington County Animal Shelter; 10am-7pm, 107 W. Commerce St., Brenham. Free admission.

Dec 4

First Fridays Farmer & Artisan Market

Each month (excluding January) from 3-7pm, featuring fresh foods, homemade products and more all right on the Courthouse square in the heart of Downtown Brenham. (DowntownBrenham.com).

Dec 5

Lighted Parade in Downtown Brenham

Lighted Parade – Saturday at 6pm (Jingle.cityofbrenham.org).

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Championship Series) in Scottsdale, AZ for 5 years, the Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce, and the Brenham HOT Board. Additionally, he served our country for 12 years as an Air Force Officer leaving with the rank of Major. Jim is extremely passionate about small business which he knows is the backbone of our economy. He and his wife Susan have owned and operated Texas Star Winery in Chappell Hill since 2014 and they are keenly aware of the issues facing small business in Washington County. Jim and Susan, a University of Kansas graduate, have two children: their son Ian, currently a senior at Texas A&M University and their daughter Riley who currently resides in Phoenix, AZ. The Chisolms love Washington County and call Chappell Hill home.

Kara Mathenev

Washington County AgriLife Extension Service

Kara Mathenev grew up in Southern New Mexico but moved to Texas at a young age and considers herself a Texan by choice. Kara currently serves as the Texas A&M AgriLife County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources in Washington County. She has provided leadership to strong, grassroots driven, and research based programs with a focus on all things related to agriculture in Washington County. She joined the staff at the Washington County Extension Office in June of 2014 after serving as the County Extension Agent for Agricultural and Natural Resources in Colorado County for the preceding five years. Prior to beginning her career with the Extension Service, she served as a teaching and research assistant at Texas A&M University. Kara is a 2007 graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science with a Minor

in Business and a 2009 graduate with a Master of Science in Physiology of Reproduction. Dedicated to servant leadership Kara has had the opportunity to participate in several leadership courses including the prestigious San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo Leadership Extension Program and most recently the Leadership Washington County 2020-2021 Class. Kara has enjoyed the opportunity to build relationships, network, and learn more about volunteering in Brenham. Throughout her career with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Kara has been recognized as an Early Career and Achievement Award Recipient from the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association. Additionally, Kara was recognized by Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association as their Outstanding Educator in 2018. Kara serves as a member of the TCAAA Foundation Board of Directors, an advisor for the Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association and the Gideon Lincecum Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists, as well as serving as the Steer and Heifer Superintendent for the Brazos Valley Fair, a Class Superintendent and Announcer for the Texas 4-H Horse Show, and is a member of the Washington County Fair Commercial Heifer Committee. In her free time Kara enjoys spending time with family and friends, making the occasional trip back to New Mexico, and managing a small cow-calf operation.

Shay Morrow

QuestSpecialty Corporation

Shay Morrow is a Human Resources Director at QuestSpecialty Corporation in Brenham, Texas, a manufacturer of specialty chemicals for use in sanitary supply, property management, industrial specialties, foodservice, and fleet/transportation applications with 170 employees. A firm believer in teamwork, initiative, compromise and collaboration, Shay enjoys bringing people together to reach common goals. With over 20 years of experience working in human resources, as an entrepreneur and as a community volunteer, Shay has the know-how to seamlessly bridge community and business together. Shay holds a BS degree in Applied Behavior Analysis from The University of North Texas and currently resides

in Bellville, Texas. She is the founder and moderator of the popular Facebook group – Jobs in Brenham, Bellville and Sealy Texas area. Outside of work she enjoys painting, donating art pieces to local fundraisers, photography, Texas history, hunting, fishing and exploring the wilderness with her dog, Dutch.

Darron Smith

Brenham National Bank

Darron is the 7th child of 8 children born to his parents Tommy and Lillie Haynes of Bryan, Texas. Darron started his career in the Bryan High School Co-op program as a junior in high school as an Assistant Manager of a fast food franchise, Church's Chicken. Upon graduating in 1988 he attended Management school in San Antonio, Texas. After a few months of graduating he had an offer of Manager of a local franchise here in Brenham. He decided to relocate and make Brenham his home in 1990. Darron later met and married the love of his life of 28 years, Wanda Dianne Lott Smith. Wanda is a teacher at B.I.S.D. They have two children, son's Dairius and Steven Smith, along with raising their niece Shenearia Lott. After many years of the franchise business, Darron decided to change his career and began working for Brenham I.S.D. and later Brenham National Bank where he has been employed for 22 years. Darron has served on many boards and committees throughout this school district and the City of Brenham. Darron has been a part of the Washington County Juneteenth Association for over two decades and has served many positions. He has contributed many changes, not only to the Washington County Historical Juneteenth Association, but to the community of Washington County as a whole. He is a member of Champion Fellowship Church where he served as Chairman of Deacons and currently named as the Chairman of the Elder's Board under the leadership of Pastor Tim Webb. Darron has always believed we are the hands and feet of Jesus Christ and we should give of our time and talents to serve others just as Christ did. Darron and Wanda have truly been blessed in their lives and in the Brenham Community along with many people whom they we have made contact and good friends with. Together and they are proud to call Brenham there home.

As of January 2021 the remainder of the Chamber Board will include: Jay Schroeder, Texas Farm Bureau Insurance; Dr. Eric Alford, Baylor Scott & White The Brenham Clinic; Paul Aschenbeck, Brenham ISD; Katie Burch, PLANNORTH Architectural Co.; Johanna Fatheree, RE/MAX Bluebonnet Properties; Aaron Gonzalez, Padgett Hearing Aid Center; Dr. John Harris, Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church; Joe Robertson, Blue Bell Creameries; Susan Cates, City of Brenham Economic Development; Michelle Panko, Barking Ranch Pet Resort and Brenham Veterinary Hospital; Roger Ross, Coldwell Banker; Jeffrey Sadler, Del Sol Food Co.; and Dr. John Turner, Blinn College District. Executive officers to serve in 2021 will be elected by the Board in December.



Chamber Chats are RSVP events that will be held monthly with the intent to identify challenges and begin solution development. Once there is agreement on a solvable challenge, the goal is to begin the problem solving process, by making relevant connections or referrals to resources that can develop realistic solutions.

November Topic:

Real Estate

Tuesday, November 17

9 a.m.

Citizens State Bank

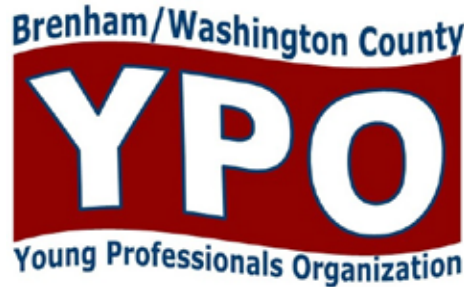
Limited Seating

Must RSVP. No Charge.

Chamber Members ONLY.

Get on the list by emailing:

info@brenhamtexas.com



Networking Happy Hour

Thursday, December 3

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Hosted at Las Americas Latin Cuisine

301 S. Charles St., Downtown Brenham

Expand your business network and make new friends!

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

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