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## Community Invited to Kick-off TAILGATE 2023

The countdown is on! TAILGATE 2023 will be held on Thursday, August 24. The Chamber will once again host this exciting community event at Silver Wings Ballroom to kick off the new school year. Every team imaginable will be represented, and the spirit will be contagious.

Get ready to enjoy all the food you can eat, beer, wine, soft drinks, a fabulous auction, mingling, networking, music and more! Everyone is encouraged to attend!

You can enjoy all of this for the ticket price of \$50 per person. You know the food will be good...it will be a delicious buffet of fun tailgate foods.

There will be plenty of spirited rivalries going on at TAILGATE 2023 between fans of the Aggies, Longhorns, Baylor Bears, Blinn Bucs, TCU Horned Frogs, UH Cougars, Texas Tech Raiders, Houston Texans, Burton Panthers, Brenham Cubs and MORE. Don't see your team mentioned here? Then turn out in your colors and represent them!

This is the largest tailgate party in Washington County and a great opportunity for the community to kick-off a new season. It's unique, casual, and fun. Be loud and proud and show off your team spirit!

Proceeds from this event go toward programs

and services of the Washington County Chamber to promote our local economy and business members.

For more information, stop by or call the Chamber at (979) 836-3695 or send an email to [info@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:info@brenhamtexas.com).

Members have been sent complete details about how to get involved, and it's also posted on [www.BrenhamTexas.com](http://www.BrenhamTexas.com). To receive the info directly into your inbox, send a message to [info@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:info@brenhamtexas.com).

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

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

A round of applause goes to all of the generous sponsors who have already committed to making this event a success. Confirmed so far (as of July 11) are these sponsors:

### Super Bowl Sponsors



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# LEADERSHIP

## Educating. Training. Motivating

### Leadership Application Deadline is August 2nd



Leadership Washington County is a prestigious program committed to educating, training, and motivating existing and emerging local leaders to build more effective skills for the future benefit of Washington County.

**Program Goals:**

- To educate, train and provide experiences that enhance leadership skills.
- To provide opportunities for participants to develop lasting relationships among community leaders.
- To provide greater awareness of community issues and opportunities to serve locally.
- To provide greater access to community resources and networking.
- To motivate participants to help make a difference in our community by becoming actively involved.

If you or someone at your organization has been considering going through the Leadership class, please visit [BrenhamTexas.com](http://BrenhamTexas.com) for the 2023-2024 application.

If you would like any further information, please contact Jane Hinze at the Chamber at [jane@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:jane@brenhamtexas.com).

JULY 2023 • RESOURCEFULNESS  
SUPPORTING KIDS WITH VALUES



This month, we are focusing on RESOURCEFULNESS: Using the tools available to solve problems.

Since it is a summer month, we have a few less things to share with you, which makes it a perfect time to practice this month's value. Being able to use what you have available to solve problems builds not only resourcefulness, but also creativity, perseverance, gratitude, and determination.

### Partners for P.E.A.C.E.



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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.

Thank you to these Partners for P.E.A.C.E. who have signed up so far to 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:

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Seidel Schroeder • Thielemann Construction Co., L.P. & Stegent Thielemann Plumbing  
Unity Theatre • Washington County Landscapes

Contact the Chamber at 979-836-3695 if your business or organization is interested in being a Partner for P.E.A.C.E. in the upcoming 2023-2024 Academic Year.



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[www.papajohns.com](http://www.papajohns.com)  
*Restaurants*

**REVOLUTION MORTGAGE**  
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 2402 S. Day Street  
 Brenham, Texas 77833  
 Phone: 713-249-3867  
[www.MasonDumas.com](http://www.MasonDumas.com)  
*Mortgage Loans*

**THE MASON JAR MAMA**  
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*Gourmet Foods*

**WATERMARK VETERINARY HOSPITAL**  
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*Veterinary*

*Wake Up, Washington County!*  
 Networking Breakfast

**Tuesday, August 8th**  
**7:45 a.m.**  
**Legacy Christian School**  
**906 W. Stone St. Brenham**

RSVP to [jane@brenhamtexas.com](mailto:jane@brenhamtexas.com)

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WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**SEEKING A FEW GOOD MEN & WOMEN**

AS A CHAMBER MEMBER, YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN THE PROCESS TO NOMINATE FUTURE BOARD MEMBERS. THE CHAMBER NEEDS FIVE TO SEVEN NEW BOARD MEMBERS EACH YEAR TO FULFILL A THREE-YEAR TERM.

SUITABLE CANDIDATES WILL FIT THIS DESCRIPTION:

- AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY
- PARTICIPATE IN CHAMBER EVENTS AND PROGRAMS
- A DECISION MAKER IN HIS OR HER FIELD
- INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A VOLUNTEER
- A PERSON WITH VISION AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE CHAMBER'S ANNUAL PROGRAM OF WORK
- ABLE TO ATTEND MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

PLEASE GIVE THIS SOME CONSIDERATION AND HELP US FIND THE RIGHT PEOPLE TO STEER THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. SUBMIT NOMINATIONS IN WRITING FROM NOW UNTIL AUGUST 1ST. YOU CAN SEND THEM BY MAIL, FAX, OR EMAIL. THANK YOU!

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# June Members of the Month

**Thrivent**  
**203 South Jackson St., Brenham**  
**979-836-0693**  
**www.thrivent.com**

*How long have you been in business?*  
 We have been with the Chamber for 36 years.  
*What services do you offer?*

We specialize in comprehensive financial and tax efficiency planning. We have extensive expertise in estate and retirement proficiencies that provide our clients with the knowledge necessary to pursue and achieve their personal goals.

*Tell us something unique about the business.*

Thrivent is a membership-owned fraternal organization. This means when you join our organization, you become part of our collective ownership and share a commitment to help strengthen the community where you live and work. We're also a holistic financial services organization and a Fortune 500 company that offers a full range of expert financial solutions and guidance. We help clients build their financial futures with clarity and confidence so they can make the most of all they've been given.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

We love the people; the country atmosphere, and the ability to work with multiple generations at all stages of life.

**Brenham Abstract & Title Company**  
**205 N Market St, Brenham**  
**979-830-0980**  
**www.batcobrenham.com**

*How long have you been in business?*  
 Brenham Abstract & Title Co. was formed and registered with the

state in 1982 in Washington County, Texas. It was located in a 100 year-old, one story, four-room house at 205 E. Vulcan Street where James Reese Jones, founder of Brenham Abstract and Title practiced law from 1978-1983 before moving his practice to an adjacent building, which is where the current office is now located. Investors at the time were James "Jay" Reese Jones, Bill Nutt, Chuck Machemehl, Tieman Dippel Jr., and Richard Nuffer.

In 1994, the title company moved to a larger building on Alamo Street where it remained for 20 years. Jay Jones was the majority owner of the title company with various partners until his passing in 2005. As a minority partner at that time, Marshall Harrell III was actively operating Burleson County Title in Caldwell, Texas. The other partners of Brenham Abstract and Title approached Marshall about purchasing the majority interest of the title company, which he did in the beginning of 2007. Since that time the partners have been Marshall and his wife, Leslie Harrell, Sally Jones (Jay's wife), LJ Lacina (attorney), Catherine Kenjura (attorney) and Dan Blalock and his wife, Courtney.

In 2014, Brenham Abstract relocated the title company to the 1936 building at 205 North Market Street where Jones had practiced law from 1983 - 2005. The business continues to grow and expand with the real estate market of Washington County and surrounding areas.

*What services do you offer?*

When selling your home, purchasing a new home or refinancing an existing mortgage in Washington County, do you know what transpires from the time of application to the day of settlement? At Brenham Abstract & Title Company, we realize your real estate is your most valuable asset. We understand the stress associated with purchasing or refinancing a home. We are available to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding your transaction. Our staff of dedicated professionals will guide you through the en-

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## Thank you to our 2023 Chairman's Circle members...



## Thank you to our 2023 Presidential Level members...





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

Mondays

## Community Wide Monday Family Dinner

Monday Community Family Dinners at Fireman's Park. Menu changes weekly; you can find the menu for the week on Facebook page FEED HIS PEOPLE BRENHAM. All is welcome, welcome ALL. Donations only see y'all there! Fireman's Park, North Park St., Brenham, 5:30-7:30pm. Text 979-353-0864 to RSVP.

Wednesdays

## Whiskey Wednesday at Brown Water Cigar Bar

Weekly cigar and whiskey (Brown Water) pairings and specials. Enjoy national premium cigars from a walk-in humidor with bourbon, scotch, rum, Irish whiskey and wine flights; 200 W. Alamo, Downtown Brenham.

## Beer Wednesday at Floyd's Wine Lounge

Half off all draft beers from 3-10pm; 315 S. Baylor St., Downtown Brenham.

## Hoppy Hour Wednesday Wednesday at Brazos Valley Brewery

Open 3pm to 9pm with Food Truck. Join us for \$1 off pours, including beer, wine, cider, seltzers, mimosas, and flights, every Wednesday. Country Sunshine Food Truck will be on site with their awesome food from 4-9 pm. Family and pet friendly with plenty of outside seating and playground. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham (brazosvalleybrewery.com).

## Trivia Night at 30 North Gastropub

Test your knowledge with Trivia Night happening at 30 North every Wednesday from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. 302 East Alamo Street, Brenham. 979-551-9100.

## Wine Down Wednesday at Home Sweet Farm

Come enjoy the best happy hour in town. Half-price bottles of every wine, \$2 off glasses of featured wine. Home Sweet Farm Biergarten, 307 S. Park St., Downtown Brenham.

## Wine Down Wednesday at Main Street Uncorked

Celebrate Brenham's only Wine and Martini Bar at Main Street Uncorked featuring over 100 wines and hand-crafted martinis in an upscale atmosphere from 4:00 - 10:00 pm. 201 W Main Street, Brenham.

Thursdays

## Thirsty Thursdays Tacos & Trivia at Brazos Valley Brewery

The taproom is open from 3-9pm on Thursdays with trivia from 6pm to close. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham (brazosvalleybrewery.com).

## Martini Thursdays at Main Street Uncorked

Join us every Thursday for new martini features and creations, 201 W. Main St., Downtown Brenham.

## Throwback Thursday at Wine Bar Brenham

Step into a blast from the past with Throwback Thursdays at Wine Bar Brenham! Each week, we'll announce a new decade on our Facebook page. Dress up in the fashion of that decade and you could win a gift card! Get ready to groove to the music from that era as we create an atmosphere of nostalgic fun. It's a night of retro vibes, great drinks, and the chance to win big. Don't miss out! 301 S Baylor Street, Downtown Brenham. 713-409-7944.

Fridays

## Friday Night Vibes

Live music, beer, and bites at Brazos Valley Brewery.

Taproom is open from noon to 10pm every Friday. Family and dog friendly. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham (brazosvalleybrewery.com).

## Friday Night Music at Nathan's BBQ

Watch live music with various artists performing at Nathan's BBQ from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. For more information visit: www.nathansbbq.com. 1307 Prairie Lea, Brenham. 979-251-9900

Saturdays

## Games Day at Wine Bar Brenham

Calling all game enthusiasts! Join us every Saturday for Games Day at Wine Bar Brenham. Grab a group of friends and enjoy a friendly competition with our selection of board games and card games on our tables. Don't miss out on the excitement of sports on our TVs, along with drink specials and delectable light bites. It's the perfect way to unwind and have a blast! See you there!

## Sound on Stage Saturdays

Brazos Valley Brewery and Taproom is open Saturday from 12pm-10pm with live music every Saturday from 6pm-9pm and all day on a beer release day. Playground for the kiddos and lots of outside seating for the doggos. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham (brazosvalleybrewery.com)

Sundays

## Sunday Funday at Brazos Valley Brewery

Open 12pm-7pm serving Big "A" Pretzels and Nachos and rotating Food Trucks. Playground for the kiddos and lots of outside seating for the doggos. Live Music for amazing Texas Artists from 3-6pm. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham (brazosvalleybrewery.com).

## The Kenney Store Karma Open Mic

Come have brunch at The Kenney Store from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm with Karma Open Mic from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Check thekenneystore.com for more information. 811 S. Loop 497, Kenney.

Wednesday - Saturday

## John & Mary Marks: A Love Store That Transcend Time and Boundaries

Brenham Heritage Museum. This exhibit is available during regular Museum hours, Wednesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm, at 105 S Market Street in Brenham. Groups of 10 or more can call the museum at 979-830-8445 to schedule specific times for tours (brenhamheritagemuseum.org).

Thursday - Saturday

## Music at Grapevine on Main

Music from 6-9pm on the deck under the trees, with an always present cool breeze. Wagyu burgers, Artisan thin-crust pizzas, charcuterie boards and other light bite menu items available. 5120 Main St., Chapel Hill.

Friday - Sunday

## Live Music at The Kenney Store

The Kenney Store has Live Music on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday's. Check out the website www.thekenneystore.com for line up and information. 5:30 pm - 11:00 pm, 811 S. Loop 497, Kenney.

Saturday - Sunday

## Chapelton Vineyards Wine Tastings & Tours

Taste & Tour the newest winery in Washington County. Open Wednesday-Saturday 11am-6pm, Sunday 11am-5pm. Reservations recommended, but not required. Tour included in purchase of a tasting flight. Charcuterie & cheese plates avail-

able for purchase; 14858 Whitman Rd., Washington (chapeltonvineyards.com).

Weekends thru October

## Antique Carousel Rides at Fireman's Park

Ride a piece of history. Brenham's Antique Carousel at Fireman's Park is open every weekend through October, Saturdays 11am-4pm, Sundays 1-4pm, N. Park St., Brenham. \$1 per ride.

Saturdays in July

## Hot Nights, Cool Tunes

Bring your lawn chair to the Courthouse Square and enjoy some great live music with the community. Also, enjoy the Classic Car Cruise-In as well as food and beverage vendors. July 8 - Ashmore, July 15 - Skyrocket, July 22 - Shekere, July 29 - The Spicolis. This event is free to the public and begins at 7:00 pm. 100 E. Main Street, Brenham. (downtownbrenham.com)

## Summer Showcase in Alamo Alley

Come out to Alamo Alley in Downtown Brenham the last four Saturdays of July from 5pm - 6:30pm! Local musicians will heat things up before Hot Nights, Cool Tunes starts at 7pm on the Downtown Square. Summer Showcase is made possible by Visit Brenham and Brenham's Texas Music Friendly Committee. July 8 - Rob Moorman Band, July 15 - Jake Waylon, July 22 - Ryann Elise, July 29 - Gary Durrenberger

June 7 - July 31

## Evolution of African American Music

The Brenham Heritage Museum's Juneeteenth Exhibit, "The Music, the Melody, the Message: Evolution of African American Music Featuring Artists from Washington County" explores African American music's evolution from Africa to Texas, onto the national stage and beyond. The exhibition brings together photos, artifacts, and articles to showcase the work of talented Black musicians with Brenham roots. This exhibition was made possible by the Museum's African American Content Committee. The exhibit is on display through July and is available Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, 105 S. Market Street, Brenham. Call 979-830-8445 for more information.

July 20 - 23

## Christmas in July at Hermann Furniture

With the holiday season almost upon us, now is the time to do a thorough appraisal of your home furnishings, well before your holiday guests arrive. Take time now to work magic in your decor. Start by taking advantage of the magical savings you'll find on select furnishings right now at Hermann's. And if you're needing a little help, don't forget about our in store design services and custom ordering.

July 27 - 30

## Jack and the Beanstalk

Unity Theatre presents Jack and the Beanstalk, a Prince Street Players Ltd. Children's Musical by Jim Eiler and Jeanne Bary. The show performs twice a day for 4 days only: Thursday & Friday 10:00 am and 2:00; Saturday & Sunday 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased beginning July 3, \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 18 and under. There are group rates available for parties of 10 or more. For tickets and information, contact the Unity Theater Box Office at 979-830-8358 or email tickets@unity-brenham.org

July 12

## Ribbon Cutting - HM Wood Floors, LLC

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting for New Member - HM Wood Floors, LLC, 2402 S. Day Street, Suite 3, Bren-

ham, 10:00 am.

July 13

## Summer Cooking with Vinegars

Anna Vierling will be sharing new ways to add amazing flavor to your summertime dishes. Cooking demonstrations, tastings, and free gifts. Limited Space. Purchase ticket at shopflownthecoop.com. 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Flown the Coop, 701 N. Main St, Burton.

July 14

**Ribbon Cutting - Hohlt Park Crossover Nature Trail** Join us for a Ribbon Cutting for the City of Brenham Park Addition, Hohlt Park Crossover Nature Trail, 2425 N. Park Street, Brenham (behind Ampitheater), 10:00 am.

July 15

## Living History Saturday

Travel back in time to where a nation was born in 1836 at Washington on the Brazos. 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. The program features family activities including writing with a quill pen, signing a copy of the Texas Declaration of Independence, visiting with militia soldiers or playing early Texas games. Tours of Independence Hall are not offered. 23400 Park Road 12, Washington, Texas, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm.

July 18

## BVH Senior Discount Day

Brenham Veterinary Hospital offers a senior discount day on the third Tuesday of each month. Pet owners over age 50 save 15% on wellness exams, wellness vaccines, spays and neuters. By appointment only, please call 979-836-2472 to schedule. Small animals only, does not apply to large animals - cattle, horses, llamas, donkeys etc. (brenhamvethospital.com).

July 19

## Day by Day with Diabetes

On the 3rd Wednesday of the month we will be holding a Day-by-Day Diabetes information class at Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library, 100 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Brenham, 10:30-11:30am.

July 20

## Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Friends of the Bluebonnet Opry will have Glenda Lynn Hundl, Lynn Landry, and the Bluebonnet Opry House Band. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at Silver Wings Ballroom. Show Starts at 7:30 p.m. Grill is open for great tasting food.

July 22

## Magge Bonds of Embormore Book Launch Party at Main Street House

Author Joyce Hankins is debuting her fantasy romance ebook, The Mage Bonds of Embormore Parts 1 & 2, during this free launch party. Meet the author, hear her read an excerpt from the book, get insider information on Embormore. The first 50 attendees will receive an exclusive signed piece of artwork representing the book. There will be door prizes and light refreshments available. Doors open 1:00 - 4:00 pm at the Main Street House, 409 E Main Street, Brenham.

July 23

**Polka Sunday with Das Lst Lustig at Nathan's BBQ** Old School Polka at Nathan's BBQ from 3-6 pm every 4th Sunday of the month!

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July 27

### QuickBooks Workshop

Discover how to: get started, track sales and expenses, backup data, utilize time-saving features, stay organized and on top of your business. Prerequisites: Before taking this workshop, you should be familiar with personal computers and the use of a keyboard and a mouse. This workshop assumes that you have knowledge of basic bookkeeping principles and terminology. Workshop will be from 9 am – 4 pm at the A.W. Hodde, Jr. Technical Education Center. Contact Layla Barrett at 979-830-4137 for more information.

July 27

### Connect After 4 – Appel Ford

Connect After 4 with your fellow Chamber Members. This event invites you to come enjoy some great networking, delicious food, and refreshments. Bring plenty of business cards to share with other members. Appel Ford, 1820 Hwy 290 West, Brenham, 4-6pm.

July 27

### Chappell Hill Business After Hours

Join us for Chappell Hill Chamber Business After

Hours at The Rock Store in Chappell Hill hosted by Chappell Hill Historical Society. Come meet and greet and share your business cards with other members. 9220 Poplar Street, Chappell Hill, 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

July 29

### Brenham Football Pre-Season Banquet

Come support the Brenham Cubs with a Sirloin & Chicken dinner, live and silent auction at 5:30 pm at Fireman's Training Center. For more details, contact the athletic department at 979-277-3790.

August Highlights

August 01

### Walk with a Doc

Come join us at the Kruse Center – Blinn College and hear a talk from the Doctor. Then, follow up with a walk on the inside track at The Kruse Recreation Center. 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, 208 Blinn Blvd, Brenham.

August 02

### RR Donnelley Brenham – Open House

Please join RR Donnelley Label Solutions for their open house, 10:30 am – 2:30 pm, 1903 FM 389, Brenham.

August 03

### Ribbon Cutting – Baylor Scott & White Day Street Clinic

Join us for a ribbon cutting for a new location, Baylor Scott & White Day Street Clinic, 2111 S. Day Street, Brenham, 4:00 pm.

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August 04

### First Fridays Farmer & Artisan Market

First Friday of each month (excluding January) from 4-7pm for the Brenham Farmer & Artisan Market featuring fresh foods, homemade products and more all right on the Courthouse square in the heart of Downtown Brenham, (downtownbrenham.com).

August 04

### Floats-n-Flicks

Enjoy movies under the stars this summer! On Friday, August 4, Clifford the Big Red Dog will be shown on the big screen at the Blue Bell Aquatic Center. Gates open at 8 pm. The movie will begin 10 minutes after sunset. Bring your float to be in the pool during the movie. Free admission.

August 05

### Burton Farmers & Artisans Market

All local Home Grown and Hand-Crafted items. Sponsored by Burton Chamber of Commerce. Located at the Texas Cotton Gin Museum - Roy Winkler Family Pavilion, 307 N. Main St., Burton. First Saturday of every month, 10am-2pm (burtontexas.org/farmersmarket).

August 08

### Wake Up Washington County! Networking Breakfast

Come enjoy breakfast and a chance to network with

other local businesses and organizations. This is a great way to inform others about your products and services and learn about what's new in the community. Everyone gets a chance to give a 30 second "commercial" about their business/organization to the entire crowd! Be sure to bring plenty of business cards to share. Legacy Christian School, 906 W. Stone St, Brenham. Contact Jane at the Chamber for more information jane@brenhamtexas.com

August 11-12

### 54th Annual Fireman's Fiesta

Cornhole Tournament at Fireman's Training Center on August 11 at 7:00 pm. Payout \$1,000.00 1st place, \$750.00 2nd place, \$500.00 3rd place. Cost to register is \$50.00. On Saturday, August 12, enjoy an all you can eat Sirloin & Sausage Meal. Live auction begins at 6:30 pm with a Silent Auction and Raffle. Meal tickets sold at Robert's Service Station, K&M Grocery, Dan's Meat Market, and all BFD Members.

August 12

### 2nd Annual Chappell Hill Wine & Cheese Crawl

Spend the day in Chappell Hill going to different shops along Main Street and tasting different wines, sampling goodies that will blend with the wines and spending time with friends and family. Contact the Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce by visiting the website or by calling (979) 337-9910 for tickets and further information.

August 13

### Hallelujah! A Gospel Gathering at the Simon Theatre

Come after church for fried chicken with all the fix-ins, cooked by Royers! By the time your cobbler with ice cream is served, you'll be singing-along to some traditional hymns and old-timey Gospel tunes! Then join us for a unifying concert of Praise Music. You can expect the classic favorites you learned in church, some beautiful renditions of inspirational pop songs, and some down-home bluesy Gospel music that will get you on your feet. For more information call 979-337-7240.



## Stats – from the month of: June 2023

Walk-In's

**Chamber of Commerce 362**

Website – **www.BrenhamTexas.com**

Unique Visitors **5,741**

Total Pages **12,479**

# Washington County Blue Blazers

The Blue Blazers is a club with 20-25 members and more than 50 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.

#### Justin Colley

*BIG — Brannon Industrial Group*

#### Tammy Jaster

*City of Brenham-Blue Bell Aquatic Center*

#### Pita Pangan

*Associated Credit Union of Texas*

#### Christy Schlottmann

*Christy Schlottmann Farmers Agency*

#### Joyce Dickschat

*Brenham National Bank*

#### Genna Lechler

*Brand It Graphix*

#### Linda Pipes

*Retired-School Teacher*

#### Chris Ann Stroech

*Washington County Landscapes*

#### Melissa Duckworth

*Thielemann Construction*

**Lauren Maass**  
*Germania Insurance*

#### Carl Prihoda

*Citizens State Bank*

#### Amy Supak

*Kruse Village*

#### Brianna Edmunds

*PLANNORTH Architectural Co.*

**Kristie Marth**  
*Brenham Iron Works*

#### Teresa Rosales

*Brenham Washington County  
Economic Development*

#### Kristie Wensel

*Brenham State Supported Living Center*

#### Brooke Huckert

*ValuePoint Wealth Management*

**Courtney Mason**  
*Brenham ISD*

#### Jeffrey Sadler

*BRIANNAS Fine Salad Dressings*

#### Barbara Wilganowski

*Chamber Friend*

#### Tiffany Holmes

*Bluebonnet Abstract and Title*

#### Rachel Nordt

*Edward Jones*



# Ribbon Cuttings



**Buffaloe Floors**  
BuffaloFloors.com



**Parts and More**  
1407 S. Day Street, Brenham – Owner: Jennifer Gajeske



**H&P Nails**  
522 W. Main Street, Brenham – Owner: Khan Nguyen



**Tuscany Italian Grill**  
2100 Hwy 290 East, Brenham – Owner: Adri Kuri



**St. Peter's Episcopal Church 175th Anniversary**  
2310 Airline Drive, Brenham

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tire process and will give you the peace of mind that after your real estate purchase or refinance, you will not have any issues related to prior ownership or lien holders related to your property.

*Tell us something unique about the business.*

All of us at Brenham Abstract love our community. We support the Washington County Fair, the school districts and the many other organizations that are in the community. One passion that we have is the Arts and Appetizers event in the Spring. Select artists from all campuses in Brenham ISD auction off their work **to the benefit of** the Education Foundation. These young artists produce some amazing work. Brenham Abstract & Title has purchased works every year and have them on display in our lobby. Click Here to see our fabulous art collection.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

Washington County is a wonderful area of Central Texas to raise your family or retire and relax. School districts include Brenham ISD, serving Chappell Hill, City of Brenham and many outlying areas. Burton ISD serves the community of Burton, Texas and the western part of Washington County. There are several private schools that serve the area as well. We love the social climate of this community and all the ways in which you can get involved.

**Victorem Performance Nutrition**  
2350 FM 389, Brenham  
979-213-7308  
[www.victorem.com](http://www.victorem.com)

How long have you been in business?

Since October 2020; relaunched in physical location at Batter's Box April 2022

What services do you offer?

- Nutrition counseling for athletes and active individuals.
- Athlete performance plans and meal planning.
- Consulting for teams and groups (presentations, seminars, workshops, individual sport athletes).
- Nutrition testing for individuals and teams, including body composition, vitamin D, omega-3 index, and sweat sodium.
- Nutritional supplement guidance, education, and professional-grade access with individualized recommendations.

Tell us something unique about the business.

I am a Registered Dietitian and Certified Specialist in Sports Dietetics focusing on physical performance and health referred to as 'Fuel Beyond Performance'. Each athlete and active individual have unique needs and deserves a unique approach.

Victorem is one of three locations in the State of Texas to offer advanced sweat sodium testing for individualized hydration guidance.

What do you love about Washington County?

Washington County offers a unique, small-town community that is growing with a loyalty to its strong rooted history

**Top Floor Cars**  
301 S. Market St., Brenham  
979-337-1006  
[www.topfloorcars.com](http://www.topfloorcars.com)

*How long have you been in business?*

5 Years! Time Flies.

*What services do you offer?*

We buy and sell Classic Cars and Trucks. We also offer consignment services.

*Tell us something unique about the business.*

The vehicles themselves are so unique. There is something

special about classic vehicles.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

We love the support we get from the community. We recently had a car show benefitting St. Jude and it was nice to see the support from the community. We have also received a lot of great feedback on our new location in Downtown Brenham. Visit us at 301 S. Market St in Brenham!

**The Barnhill Center at Historic Simon Theatre**  
111 West Main Street, Brenham  
979-337-7240  
[www.thebarnhillcenter.com](http://www.thebarnhillcenter.com)

*How long have you been in business?*

Since 1925! After the renovation and restoration of the building in the early 2000's, we've been very active as a performing arts and event venue since 2016.

*What services do you offer?*

Live music performances plus we serve as an event venue for anything from birthday parties to conferences to weddings and beyond!

*Tell us something unique about the business.*

We believe we are the home of Mr. Simon's ghost! He commissioned this building, however passed before its completion. Several staff members and contractors have had "experiences" in the building but thankfully he seems to be a friendly ghost.

*What do you love about Washington County?*

We love our patrons and guests! It's awe inspiring that this almost 100-year-old theatre still has the charm to delight our patrons, young and old, whenever they enter the doors. No matter what type of event we host, there's just something magical in an old theatre!



# Chamber Hires New Events & Programs Coordinator On July 5, 2023

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce welcomes the newest member to their team, Kolton King. Kolton was born and raised in Washington County where he attended Burton High School. He has experience working with the marketing team at CC Creations in College Station as their in-house photographer and e-commerce coordinator. He then served as the marketing manager at The Kenney Store and recently worked as the marketing and external sales manager at Chapelton Vineyards. This year, Kolton ventured off to begin his own business, Kolton King – Creative Company, an all-in-one marketing and creative services company focused on small business. Kolton



will serve as the Events & Programs Coordinator at the Chamber. The Chamber is excited to have him on board and looks forward to utilizing his experience with social media, web design, graphics, creativity, and event planning; all skills that will escalate the Chamber to a new level, while providing benefits to members and the community. “I’m all about the community, and I believe Washington County is one of the best communities out there for both business and living, but I want to help make it the best”, said King. “I am excited for this new opportunity at the Chamber and can’t wait to start helping all of the new and existing members”. If you’d like to send a warm welcome to Kolton, please reach him at kolton@brenhamtexas.com or stop by the Chamber for a visit, 314 S. Austin Street.

## Connect After 4

Washington County's Favorite Networking Event

Sponsored by

**Appel Ford**  
1820 Hwy 290 W, Brenham

**Thursday, July 27**  
4 – 6 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!*

Beverages sponsored by Mike Hopkins Distributing.

## Brenham-Washington County YPO Young Professionals Organization



The Brenham-Washington County YPO would like to thank Brenham Heritage Museum for hosting out June Networking Happy Hour. We would also like to thank Mike Hopkins Distributing for supplying the beverages. Stay tuned for more info on our upcoming August Networking Happy Hour!

## Connect After 4

Washington County's Favorite Networking Event

Sponsored by

**Baylor Scott & White Clinic**  
Brenham Day Street  
2111 S. Day St., Brenham

**Thursday, August 3**

**4 – 6 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!*

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## Jet Noticed

The ChamberWorks newsletter is published inside *The Banner-Press*. Chamber members have the opportunity to advertise in this newspaper. 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 business, 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.