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Tailgate & Community Pep Rally Wrap-up



KWIK KOPY Business Center, Spirit Award Winner

The Chamber's 16th annual Tailgate fundraiser was hosted on August 24 at Silver Wings Ballroom. A huge crowd of over 600 people enjoyed a variety of tailgate food, plus cold drinks, Blue Bell ice cream and lots of mingling with colleagues and friends.

Highlights of the event were the silent and "Big Board" auction packages, a 50/50 drawing, a fun game of Heads or Tails, plus Raffle Tickets to win 4 amazing prizes. The crowd was privileged to have State Representative Kyle Kacal attend and mingle with the community.

Energetic members of the Blinn Treasures dance team performed a routine and helped sell 50/50 tickets throughout the evening. Brenham High Cheerleaders and members of the Blinn Buccaneers Drum Line also performed. The Blinn Treasures and Blue Blazers also served as judges for the annual Spirit Competition, won this year by Kwik Kopy. The Chamber was also very fortunate to have the 2023 Washington County Fair Queen Candidates attend, introduce themselves, and along with the Brenham High Cheerleaders, helped sell Heads or Tails necklaces.

The Chamber would like to thank the following sponsors whose contributions ensured the success of this 16th annual Tailgate Party:

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We also want to thank our Field Goal Sponsors: Bank of Brenham, Baylor Scott & White Health, Blue Blazers, Bluebonnet Electric, Boys & Girls Club of Washington Co., Brenham Abstract & Title Company, Brenham ISD, Brenham Iron Works/ Christy Schlottman-Farmer's Agency, Brenham Pregnancy Center, Brianna's Fine Salad Dressing, Burton Chamber of Commerce, Burton ISD, Camp For All, CASA For Kids of South Central Texas, Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce, Citizens State Bank, City of Brenham, Collier Construction, Cool Co., Dynamic Drains Plumbing & Drain Experts, Edward Jones, Germania Insurance, Grocery Supply Brenham, Jet Set Chocolates, LLC, Kruse Village, KTEX 106/ KWHI AM 1280, KWIK KOPY Business Center, Mariachis Mexican Restaurant, Mercy Creek Homes, Moorman Tate, LLP, Padgett Hearing Aid Center, PLANNORTH Architectural Co., Plinkers Guns & Ammo, Reid Chiropractic, Seidel Schroeder, Small Business Development Center at Blinn, Southern Star Trucking, Inc., Texas Farm Bureau Insur-

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This Tailgate party would not have been such a great success without the donations of so many valuable items from local businesses and Chamber Board members. The Chamber sends a big "thank you" to all of the donors listed below, and to those who bid on these great items.

BIG BOARD PACKAGES:

Birthday Party at the Station
Includes pizza and ice cream for 6 kids.
Donated by Brenham Fire Department, Domino's Pizza and Blue Bell Creameries

Brew, Crew and BBQ
Party for 12 guests, for 2 hours at Brazos Valley Brewing Company with delicious food from LJ's BBQ. Includes a BVB pint glass plus two drink tokens.
Donated by Brazos Valley Brewing Company and LJ's BBQ

Cooler of Booze
Yeti Tundra 45 filled with a variety of booze and alcohol options.
Donated by the Washington Co. Blue Blazers

Flush Away Your Worries
Toilet filled with booze, plus toilet installation.
Donated by Dynamic Drains Plumbing & Drain Experts

3' x 5' Oak Framed Texas Flag
Donated by Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst

Party for 100
Up to 100 guests at the Hummingbird Hill Weddings & Events Lodge
Donated by Hummingbird Hill Weddings & Events

Homecoming Ready
Orca Cooler, Cubs Mum & Garter, 2 Season Football Passes, Sealand Gift Certificates
Donated by Tegeler Family Dealerships - Tegeler Toyota, Tegeler Chevrolet & Tegeler Motor Sports, The Flower Market, Sealand, and Brenham ISD.

Guided Fishing
Guided fishing trip for 4 in Matagorda with Captain Landon Benson.
Donated by Appel Ford and Citizens State Bank

Splashtacular Pool Party
Includes party room at Blue Bell Aquatic Center, Pizzas (sides, desserts & drinks), and Blue Bell Ice Cream for 20 guests.
Donated by Blue Bell Aquatic Center, Blue Bell Creameries and Papa Johns Pizza

Skate Party
Party for 10, includes Pizza, Ice Cream, Drinks, Sk8 Mates, & Tokens
Donated by Silver Wings Ballroom

Steak Dinner for 20 at Miracle Farm
Donated by the Washington County Chamber Board of Directors and Miracle Farm

Vet for a Day
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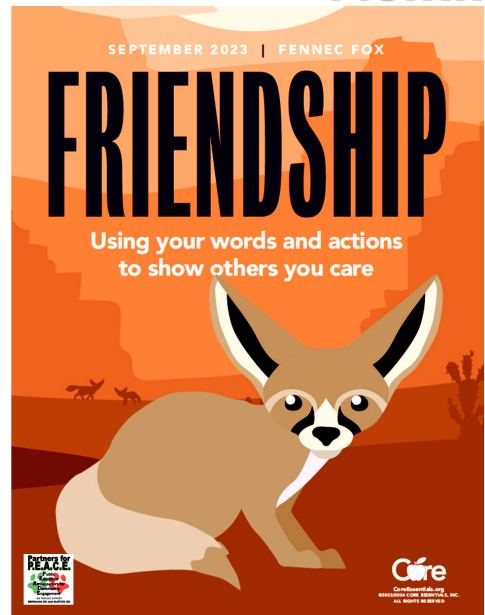
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Proceeds from the Tailgate Party go toward Chamber programs and activities and help keep membership dues among the lowest level in the state. The Chamber could not have hosted such a successful event without the support of the Chamber Board, the Blue Blazers, and all the sponsors listed in this article. Please join us in thanking them for their community spirit by patronizing their businesses. They are the cheerleaders of this community!

Value of the Month



The Washington County Chamber, Local Businesses and Brenham GameChangers proudly support Brenham and Burton ISD Students and Staff. You can too by demonstrating and talking about this value at work and home!

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



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 hoped 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 2023-2024 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 interaction:

- Ant Street Inn • Bank of Brenham • Blue Bell Creameries • Boys & Girls Club of Washington County • Brand It Graphix
- Brenham Abstract & Title Company • Brenham Kitchens • Brenham National Bank • Brenham Veterinary Hospital
- CASA for Kids of South-Central Texas • Cedar Frame Real Estate • Chappell Hill Historical Society Museum
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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 2023-2024 Academic Year.

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Home BUYING 101

From choosing the right **REALTOR** to picking the perfect **LENDER** to sealing the deal with your **TITLE**, join us for **BREAKFAST** and learn all the details you need to know for purchasing a home

Date:
10.10.23

Time:
8:45 - 10:00

Location:
Citizens State Bank, Brenham Community Room

Please RSVP by October 5
 dawn@brenhamtexas.com or 979-836-3695



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 11.16.23

LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

Blinn College - Janis Sneed Banquet Room

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August Members of the Month

Brenham Banner Press
 2430 Stringer Street, Brenham
 (979) 836-7956
 www.brenhambanner.com

How long have you been in business?

The Brenham Banner-Press has been around since 1868, making it one of Washington County's oldest businesses.

What services do you offer?

We publish the county's only regular newspaper and are the leading news and information source in the county. We're hyper-local and publish news and information from the city, county, Blinn, school boards, police, courts, businesses and include a weekly business and personal profile every week as well as other feature stories and sports. On the advertising side, we promote businesses and services to our community better than anyone.

Tell us something unique about the business.

Again, we're one of the oldest businesses in Washington County, and in this day and age of social media dominance, we're bucking the trend and increasing in circulation.

What do you love about Washington County?

What's not to love about Washington County? From its people to its beauty, to its businesses to its location, it is the best place to be in Texas.

m Strategic Partners, Inc.
 12409 Husemann Rd, Ste B-1, Brenham
 (832) 430-4020
 www.mstrategicpartners.com

How long have you been in business?

We have been in business since late 2012, establishing the firm in August 2012.

What services do you offer?

We offer design and construction Project Management and Construction Management.

Tell us something unique about the business.

Our firm focuses in the planning, design and construction of health-care, higher education and life sciences projects in the Project Manager or Owner's Rep role.

What do you love about Washington County?

We love the friendly environment and history of Washington County.

Beausoleil Creative
 Bellville, Texas
 (832) 465-6806
 www.beausoleilcreative.com

How long have you been in business?

I have been in the graphic design business since the 90s. After moving to Bellville, I started my company, Beausoleil Design, in 2005. It was a busy time with three children and a spouse who traveled. In 2010, I had an opportunity to teach graphic design and additional computer courses at Bellville High School. While teaching, I freelanced design on the side. I retired from teaching in 2022 and missed my design business. Now, I am designing full-time again, and I have rebranded as Beausoleil Creative.

What services do you offer?

-Beausoleil Creative offers:
 • Logo design • Branding • Printed materials: business cards, rack cards, brochures • Digital Design: Websites, Advertising, Animations • Social Media design + Management

Tell us something unique about the business.

I also offer tutoring in most Adobe products: Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Animate, Rush, Adobe Express, and Canva.

What do you love about Washington County?

Even though I'm not a native, I absolutely love Washington County! The people are amazing, and the community is so welcoming. I'm very excited to be a part of it.

Blue Bell Creameries
 1101 S Blue Bell Rd, Brenham
 (979) 836-7977
 www.bluebell.com

How long have you been in business?

Blue Bell Creameries was founded right here in Brenham, Texas in 1907. We were originally The Brenham Creamery Company, and later adopted the name Blue Bell Creameries in 1930 after the beautiful Texas wildflower.

What services do you offer?

We offer a variety of frozen treats, including Ice Cream, Sherbet, No Sugar Added Ice Cream and frozen snack items. All distributed across parts of 23 states. With hundreds of flavor ideas sent in every year from consumers, we get to keep the ice cream aisle exciting!

Tell us something unique about the business.

Our products are exclusively handled by Blue Bell employees from the time ingredients are received until ice cream is placed on retail shelves. This gives us the capability to provide the highest quality product in terms of food safety and service to our consumers.

What do you love about Washington County?

Many of our employees and their families live in this community. We go to school and church together, we see each other at ball games and the grocery store. There is a rich history and tradition in this county that is hard to match. We love the supportive nature of our community and couldn't be prouder to call

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



Thank you to our 2023 Presidential Level members...



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September
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 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

Brenham Heritage Museum Foodways Exhibit

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., Chappell 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 available 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.

September 15

Junk Journals with Bobbi

Let's make a Junk Journal. In this class you will create your own handmade journal to use or gift to someone. 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. , Flown the Coop, 701 N. Main Street, Burton.

September 15 - 23

Washington County Fair

Celebrating the Washington County Fair – the oldest in Texas! Nashville entertainment, carnival, crafts, food, livestock and poultry auctions, commercial exhibits and attractions. Activities and entrance fees vary by day – view the schedule online at www.WashingtonCoFair.com

September 16

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. 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 will not be offered these days. Contact Adam Arnold at (936) 878-2214, ext. 228

September 19

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).

September 20

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.

September 21

Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Friends of the Bluebonnet Opry will have David Lewis, Freddie Pate, Wayne Turner and the Bluebonnet Opry House Band. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Show Starts at 7:30 p.m. Grill is open for great tasting food. Silver Wings Ballroom, 4100 Hwy 105, Brenham. Tickets are \$8.00.

September 21

See How They Run

Unity Theatre Presents "See How They Run" by Philip King. An American actor, a puzzled priest, a befuddled bishop, an escaped spy and way too many vicars create confusion and madcap mayhem in this rollicking comedy. Visit UnityBrenham.org for show times and ticket information.

September 23

Community Appreciation Come & Go

Adam's Angels Ministry 20 Year Anniversary Community Appreciation Come and Go Event from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Kenjura Tile Training Center.

Visit AdamsAngelsMinistry.org for more information.

September 27

Ribbon Cutting – Trade Winds Physical Therapy

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting for New Member, Trade Winds Physical Therapy. Wednesday, September 27th at 1:30 p.m. at 2505 Stone Hollow Dr, Suite 200 in Brenham.

September 28

Social Media Lunch & Learn

Social Media Lunch and Learn held by the Washington County Chamber of Commerce Sponsored by: Brenham Abstract & Title Co. Speakers will be Amanda Beausoleil of Beausoleil Creative, Tiffany Howard of Glamfetti, and Carrina Dabud of The Carrina Show. RSVP by September 21, 2023 to 979-836-3695. Tickets are \$10.00. Event will be from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Brenham Presbyterian Church – Fellowship Hall, 900 S. Jackson St.

September 28

Senior Center Bingo Fundraiser

Margaret E. Blizzard Senior Activity Center will be having a BINGO Fundraiser. Social hour with meal will be 5:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. and BINGO starts at 7:00 p.m. Contact 979-836-6552 for more information. 1301 East Tom Green St, Brenham.

September 28

Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be sponsored by Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department. Thursday, September 28th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at 5295 Main St. in Chappell Hill.

September 30

Pop-Up Play Days

Pop Up Play Days Bringing FREE Outdoor play for all ages, while promoting amenities within our local parks. Sponsored by the City of Brenham & Boys & Girls Club of Washington County. Each pop-up play day will have lawn games, basketball, open play, jump ropes, reading, arts-n-craft activities as well as special features & guests. 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Fireman's Park, Brenham.

October Highlights

October 02

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! Text 979-353-0864 to let us know your attending and so we have enough food.

October 03

Walk with a Doc

Come join us at The Kruse Center - Blinn College and hear a talk from the Doctor then we follow with a walk on the inside track at The Kruse Recreation Center.

October 05

Breast Cancer Seminar

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Brenham Bosom Buddies, the local breast cancer support group, is sponsoring a seminar. Dr. Erin Fleener, oncologist from the Cancer Center in Bryan will speak on "Breast Cancer". All are encouraged to attend and family and friends are welcome. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library.

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October 05

Ribbon Cutting – Maifest Exhibit Reveal at Brenham Heritage Museum

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting for the Maifest Exhibit Reveal, Brenham Heritage Museum. Thursday, October 5th at 4:30 p.m. at 105 S. Market Street in Brenham.

October 06

Boys & Girls Club of Washington County Golf Tournament

Save the Date for the Boys & Girls Club of Washington County 14th Annual Drive It Home Fore the Kids Golf Tournament at Brenham Country Club, 4107 Hwy 105 East, Brenham.

October 06

QuickBooks Online Workshop

QuickBooks Online is a “cloud service” based accounting system that allows the user to access the software exclusively through a secure logon via a Web browser. Discover how to: get started, trace sales and expenses, back up data, utilize time-saving features, stay organized and on top of your business hosted by SBDC – Blinn. Located at A.W. Hodde, Jr. Technical Education Center, 2910 S. Blue Bell Rd,

Brenham from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

October 06

Brenham First Fridays Farmer & Artisan Market

Join us on the First Friday of each month (excluding January) from 3-7pm 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!

October 07

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Brenham, Texas. Register your team at makingstrideswalk.org/Brenham or registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The Walk starts at 9:00 a.m. at 1825 North Park St, Brenham.

October 07

Burton Farmers & Artisans Market

Welcome to the Burton Farmers & Artisans Market. All local Home Grown and Hand Crafted items. Sponsored by Burton Chamber of Commerce.

October 10

Home Buying 101

Hosted by the Washington County Chamber, come have breakfast and learn about all aspects of purchasing a home from picking a realtor, choosing a lender, and finalizing everything with a title company. Must RSVP by October 3 dawn@brenhamtexas.com. 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Citizens State Bank, Brenham, Community Room.

October 11

Ribbon Cutting – T-Mobile

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting for New Chamber Member, T-Mobile. Wednesday, October 11 at 11:00 a.m. at 910 Hwy 290 E in Brenham.

October 12

Ribbon Cutting – RE/MAX Bluebonnet Properties, Kay Robbins

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting for New Chamber Member, RE/MAX Bluebonnet Properties, Kay Robbins. Thursday, October 12th at 4:30 p.m. at 308 S. Charles Street in Brenham.

October 12

Camp for All 30th Birthday Party Gala

Join Camp For All for a spectacular birthday bash to celebrate 30 years of transforming the world for children and adults with challenging illnesses or special needs! On Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6 p.m,

the Camp Friends Board of Directors is inviting the community to Star Place at Camp For All for tons of birthday fun including cake, balloons and more. To purchase a table or donate an auction item, please visit <https://www.campforall.org/events/>

HOW TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

- 1. ENGAGE ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- 2. SHARE BUSINESS PAGE WITH OTHERS
- 3. COMMENT, LIKE & SUBSCRIBE
- 4. ORDER TAKEOUT & DELIVERY
- 5. BUY & GIFT LOCAL ARTWORK & DECOR
- 6. TAKE A CLASS OR WATCH A LIVE STREAM
- 7. SIGN UP FOR NEWSLETTERS



Stats – from the month of: August 2023

Walk-In's
Chamber of Commerce 542

Website – **www.BrenhamTexas.com**

Unique Visitors **5,442**

Total Pages **15,604**



Brenham Abstract & Title Team, enjoying food, drinks, and camaraderie.

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

Rachel Nordt

Edward Jones

Christy Schlottmann

Christy Schlottmann Farmers Agency

Joyce Dickschat

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Chris Ann Stroech

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Kristie Marth

Brenham Iron Works

Carl Prihoda

Citizens State Bank

Amy Supak

Kruse Village

Tiffany Holmes

Bluebonnet Abstract and Title

Courtney Mason

Brenham ISD

Teresa Rosales

Brenham Washington County Economic Development

Barbara Wilganowski

Chamber Friend

Tiffany Howard

Glamfetti

Sierra Miller

Brazos Valley Schools Credit

Jeffrey Sadler

BRIANNAS Fine Salad Dressings

Ribbon Cuttings



Plinkers Guns & Ammo

202 S. Blue Bell Rd, Brenham - Owners: Jennifer and Richard Fleetwood



Arete Property Group, LLC

8416 Parameter Court, Ste 100, College Station - Owners: Jake Carlile and Chad Bolcerek



Colwell's Chem-Dry

1117 Industrial Blvd, Brenham - Owner: Patrick Skweres



Absolute Roofing - Brenham

2950 Hwy 290 W, Brenham - Owner: Jake Stickler

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Washington County home.

Sew Stitches Boutique
SSB Design & Creation Co.
301 W. Main St, Brenham
(979) 421-8007
www.SewStitchesBoutique.com

How long have you been in business?

We started as a hobby at home business and opened our store front in October 2014. You can also find us on social media, Facebook and Instagram, and our website.

What services do you offer?

We are a custom embroidery, screen printing, sublimation, and vinyl company. But WAIT.... we are also a Boutique so we offer baby items, gift items, dip mixes, kids apparel, women and men's apparel, jewelry, purses, backpacks, bags, coffee mugs, mouse pads, cups, t-shirt quilts, memory bears and SO MUCH more...

Tell us something unique about the business.

Contact us for All your Business, Organizations, Groups, Sport Teams, School, or Personal needs. We offer a HUGE selection of T-shirts, polos, jackets, uniforms, hoodies, caps and more....STOP by the store and browse our many catalogs!!!

What do you love about Washington County?

Small town business where we get to know our customers and their needs for business, school and

personal items. The support this town gives is AMAZING and we appreciate all our customers who have made us a success for the past 9 years!!

Blue Bell Aquatic Center
1800 E. Tom Green St, Brenham
(979) 337-7250
www.cityofbrenham.org

How long have you been in business?

Opened in 2001

What services do you offer?

Located at 1800 E. Tom Green St., Brenham, TX 77833. The Aquatic Center is a beautiful three-pool complex composed of an indoor six-lane competition pool, a heated therapy pool, and the outdoor leisure pool. Each offers a wide variety of benefits to the community. The Blue Bell Aquatic Center offers a number of aerobic classes, programs geared for all ages and swimming classes throughout the year.

Tell us something unique about the business.

Some say we are the best kept secret in Washington County. We are a city run facility available to our citizens and visitors.

What do you love about Washington County?

Washington County is an amazing area with beautiful countryside, wildflowers, and a rich heritage. Washington County offers a small town feel with modern conveniences. What's not to love about Washington County?

"Chamberversary" Celebration Visits

The Blue Blazers have begun celebrating our member's "Chamberversaries" by surprising them with Celebration Visits and thanking them for their investment.



Aldama Clinic
15 Years



Chappell Hill Sausage
30 Years

— BRAZOS VALLEY —
GIVES 
 OUR 5th YEAR!
 — OCTOBER 17 • 2023 —
A Day of Giving Powered by
 Community Foundation of the Brazos Valley

Nonprofit organizations are invited to register to participate in Brazos Valley Gives. Registration is open and the deadline for nonprofit registration is approaching.

Nonprofits pay a \$150 registration fee; nonprofits that have a charitable endowment fund at the Community Foundation are eligible for a discounted fee of \$50. This registration fee is used for administrative-related giving day expenses to include the marketing/promotion of the event regionally.

All 501c3 Brazos Valley nonprofit organizations are invited to register at brazosvalleygives.org or send an email to brazosvalleygives@gmail.com.

Donors and businesses that are interested in supporting Brazos Valley Gives can call Patricia Gerling at (979) 589-4305.

Get 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.

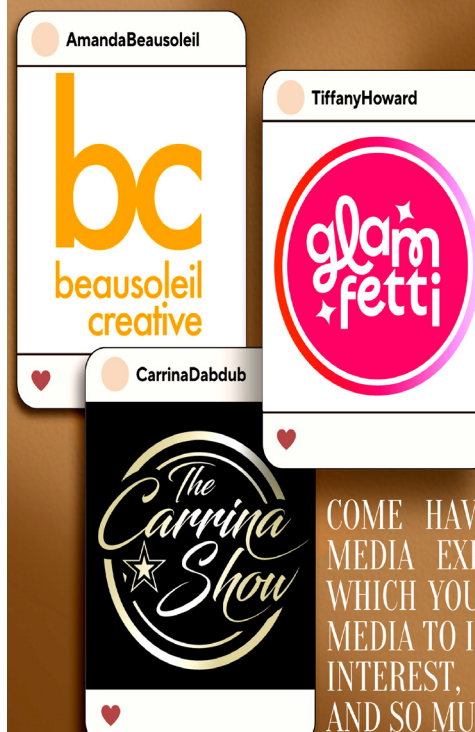
If you are looking for a new opportunity to advertise, just call Jane Hinze at 836-3695.

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.

THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Lunch & Learn



DATE:
09.28.23
 TIME:
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
 LOCATION:
**Brenham Presbyterian Church
 Fellowship Hall
 900 S. Jackson St**
 COST:
\$10.00

COME HAVE LUNCH WITH LOCAL SOCIAL MEDIA EXPERTS AND EXPLORE WAYS IN WHICH YOUR BUSINESS CAN UTILIZE SOCIAL MEDIA TO IMPROVE RETENTION, SPARK NEW INTEREST, CONNECT TO THE COMMUNITY, AND SO MUCH MORE!

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 22 TO:

dawn@brenhamtexas.com
 or 979-836-3695



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KWHI Team - 2023 Tailgate Pep Rally

Did You Know?

That the Chamber provides hundreds of “Relocation Info” packages every year to individuals and businesses who are considering moving to this community. Members are eligible to include promotional materials and reach this targeted audience for \$100 at the Basic Level and \$85 for the other membership levels. Contact the Chamber office to be included.