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WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BREHAM, TEXAS

Admin Pros' Day event - April 25

In April, people across the nation will be celebrating Administrative Professionals Week. The Chamber is excited to be hosting the fourth annual Administrative Professionals' Appreciation Day luncheon on Wednesday, April 25, at the Blinn College Banquet Room in Brenham.

This will be a fun and exciting event for you to attend with key staff members. Let them know how much they are appreciated!

Special luncheon speaker will be LaDonna Gatlin. Born into "showbiz," LaDonna grew up onstage performing with her brothers, the legendary Gatlin Brothers. But in the mid

1970's, this gutsy Texas native chose to follow her heart and "sing a different song" apart from her famous family.

Thank you to the following sponsor who has already committed to making this luncheon a success:

Superior Sponsor:

Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union

There are still sponsorship opportunities available with a variety of valuable benefits including the option to have an exhibitor table at the event.

Contact Shae Janner at events@brenhamtexas.com if you would like to know more.

Join in celebrating those who make our everyday work lives so much easier and more organized. Treat your staff and recognize them at this luncheon to thank them for the extraordinary work they provide.

Tickets are \$25 for Chamber members, \$35 for non-members, and \$260 for a Reserved Table for eight. There will be door prizes and fun gifts for all attendees.

Call the Chamber at 836-3695 or email your reservation request to events@brenhamtexas.com.

CHAMBER 101



**Tuesday, March 27
8:15 a.m.**

**Chamber Conference Room
314 S. Austin St.**

You are invited to attend this informative session where you will learn how to take advantage of all the benefits of your membership. You will also be able to meet and network with other members.

Come promote your business while learning about how the Chamber works!

This is a FREE session, but there is limited seating. Please RSVP by contacting Jane Hinze at the Chamber office at (979) 836-3695 or jane@brenhamtexas.com.

We look forward to seeing you!

Will Watson, from the Chamber's credit card processing company and affinity partner, will also be able to answer any questions. He will be at the Chamber throughout the day to meet with members. If you cannot attend Chamber 101 but wish to schedule an appointment on this day here or at your business, please let us know.



Many more events
can be found online at
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Nominations sought for 2018 'Business of Year'

On June 12, the Washington County Chamber will host the fifth annual Small Business Forum in Brenham. A major highlight of the event will be the presentation of the Small Business of the Year Awards.

Your help is needed to nominate a "Small Business of the Year" in Washington County for 2018. Businesses from 1 to 100 employees are eligible. Nominations must be submitted by Friday, April 20.

If you are aware of a local business that you feel is deserving, please nominate them. Criteria for this prestigious award include:

- The business participates in multiple ways in the community and makes lasting contributions

to the growth and well-being of the community.

- The business has displayed evidence of high professional and business standards.

- The business sets an example of leadership for others to follow, within its industry and its workforce.

- This business is locally owned/operated.

While you're thinking about it, please consider nominating your own business. Nobody knows your business better than you.

A form is available to pick up at the Washington County Chamber office (314 S. Austin Street, Brenham) and it is also online at www.BrenhamTexas.com.

For more information, call (979) 836-3695.

"CONNECT AFTER 5"

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT

HOSTED BY:

Texas Home Health Group

526 W. Main St., Brenham

Thursday, March 22 from 5-7 p.m.

Put a face to your business or organization and meet others.

People like doing business with people they know.

Have fun, enjoy food and drinks and exchange business cards & brochures.

Free for Chamber members and employees!

Ribbon Cuttings



Unveiling of the New Pediatric Mural

Brenham Clinic

Administrator: Melissa McCune
600 N. Park Street, Brenham



Change of Business Name

Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate — Hometown

3960 Bluebonnet Blvd, Brenham



Change of Business Name

Texas Home Health Group

Executive Director: Brandi Gebhardt
526 W. Main Street, Brenham



New Member

Arm River Builders

Owner: Dara Childs
1420 South Berlin Rd., Brenham



New Member

gen.e.sis yoga

Owners: Pam Milner and Mia Neuenhoff
202 E. Commerce St., Brenham

Why Go to Connect After 5?

The Chamber's "Connect After 5" (formerly "Business After Hours") networking events have always been outstanding events each month. Chances are if you want to see someone from the local business community, you will find them at "Connect After 5."

Many know the social benefits of attending. Many more are discovering the business benefits of attending. If you are not yet taking advantage of these networking opportunities, you should. Here are some tips for making the most of the opportunity:

- Wear a name tag. If you don't have one from your place of business, the Chamber will have some blanks at the event for you to fill in and wear. Name tags help people to remember your name and the business you represent. (And some of us need more help than others in the memory department!)

- Bring your business cards. Give one to everyone you meet. This gives people your direct contact information, so they can do business with you after the event.

- Talk to people. Don't be shy! Initiate conversations with people you don't recognize. Let that be your conversation starter, "Hello, I don't believe we've met." Most people who attend are Chamber members, so you already have something in common. And most will be very willing to tell you about their business, so start by asking them what they do.

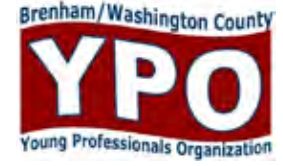
- Donate a door prize. Another way to get recognition at the event is to contribute a door prize to be given away. Bring it to the Chamber before the event, or bring it with you that night. Everyone loves to win something, and this is a great way to make a connection with others.

- Get to know the host. Meet the business owner(s). Be sure to find the host and say hello. Take the tour of the property, if offered. Thank them for hosting the event.

- Come early and stay late. The longer you are there, the more people you will get to meet and the more who will meet you.

Washington County Chamber of Commerce

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Networking Happy Hour
Thursday, March 29
Thyme Day Spa
706 Seelhorst, Brenham
5-7 p.m.

Join in for some good food, good drinks and a great time!

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



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LinkedIn

For Business

Presented by Freddy Goerges

Friday, April 6 - 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Blinn Student Center Conference Room

1007 Walter Schwartz Way, Brenham

\$35 for Chamber Members | \$55 for non-members

Register by Tuesday, April 3

Call 979-836-3695 or email events@BrenhamTexas.com

Renewing Members

Feb. 1-28

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

Seidel Schroeder — 40 years
 Wal-Mart Supercenter — 38 years
 Maifest Association — 36 years
 Schleider Furniture Company — 36 years
 Antique Rose Emporium — 34 years
 Brenham Banner Press — 34 years
 Brenham Heating & Air Conditioning Co. — 34 years
 Brenham Memorial Chapel — 34 years
 Melvin Jr. Ehlert & Associates — 34 years
 Arthur A. Geick — 34 years
 Brenham Veterinary Hospital — 33 years
 Herrmann International — 33 years
 K-Bob's Steakhouse — 33 years
 Collier Construction — 28 years
 Texas Commercial Waste — 28 years
 Hermann Furniture Company — 22 years
 Boys & Girls Club of Washington County — 19 years

Eye Associates of Brazos Valley — 19 years
 Brenham Tire & Auto Center — 18 years
 Paul A. Ehlert — 18 years
 Nathan's B-B-Q — 18 years
 Strand Associates — 18 years
 Dr. Donald Voelter — 18 years
 Washington County
 Peace Officers Association — 18 years
 Martha's Bloomers — 17 years
 Brenham Insurance Center — 16 years
 Windy Winery — 16 years
 Ellison's Greenhouses Inc. — 12 years
 J & A Roofing — 12 years
 Hollis Properties — 11 years
 Sonic Drive Inn #2 — 11 years
 Dot Borchardt,
 Washington County Tax Assessor — 10 years

Burton American Legion Post #242 — 9 years
 Honest Builders — 8 years
 Stella Designs & Solutions — 7 years
 Country Butler — 6 years
 Antiques Country Store — 5 years
 Fat Dog Firearms — 3 years
 Felder's Buy N Bye — 3 years
 Kountry Boys Bakery & Restaurant — 3 years
 Lauren Concrete — 3 years
 Moser Community Media — 3 years
 Camp Blessing TX — 2 years
 LJ'S BBQ — 2 years
 The Lone Star Glamp Inn — 2 years
 RJ3 Enterprise — 2 years
 Carmine Hall — 1 year
 Pro-Tech Solutions — 1 year

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



Thank you to our Presidential Level members ...



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



Thank you to these 32 dedicated Partners for P.E.A.C.E. who are making 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, Associated Credit Union of Texas, Bank of Brenham, Baylor Scott & White Medical Center, Blinn College, Blinn College Alumni & Friends Association, Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Blue Bell Creameries, Boys & Girls Club of Washington County, Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union, Brenham Clinic, Brenham Monument Company, Brenham National Bank, Brenham State Supported Living Center, Burton Chamber of Commerce, City of Brenham, Compass Quarters, DI Truck and Trailer Repair, Faith Mission, Germania Insurance, Independence Coffee Company, J & P Properties, James Pharaon Creative, Mid-Continental Insurance Services, Must Be Heaven, Personnel Services, Seidel Schroeder, Sonic Drive-In, Thielemann Construction, Unity Theatre, Van Dyke Rankin, Webb Printing and Woodson Lumber Company of Brenham.



Live2Live workshop held

Dr. Heather Thielemann led a half-day leadership development workshop on Feb. 28 at The Barnhill Center. Almost 50 business and organizational managers and staff were in attendance.



YPO 'mobs' Texas Seafood

The YPO will be conducting a "Lunch Mob" at one Chamber Member restaurant on the last Wednesday of each month. In February, they "mobbed" Texas Seafood and Steak and had a great turnout.

Washington County Blue Blazers

The Blue Blazers is a club with 15-20 members and 40 years of tradition. They support the mission of the Washington County Chamber. The volunteers in the club act as official greeters and hosts of our community. Their activities include monthly meetings, greeting at Chamber functions, recruiting new Chamber members, and conducting ribbon cuttings and grand openings.

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Brenham ISD

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Brenham National Bank

Coy Fontenot
Kruse Village

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Barbara Wilganowski
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Kristie Wensel
Brenham State Supported Living Center

Leadership at State, Local level

On February 7, the Leadership class traveled to Austin for the State Government session and received in-depth information about our state's legislative process. The group also received a guided tour of the Capitol and learned about the historic artwork, statues and layout of the impressive building.

Staff members from Senator Kolkhorst's office spoke to the class, Matt Russell and Ross Giesinger, and provided updates on Hurricane Harvey recovery needs and other issues across the Senator's district. The group also heard from professional lobbyist Susan Ross, who provided information on how lobbyists are of assistance to legislators in Austin and around the state.

Lunch was enjoyed in the Capitol Grill. The class then traveled to the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. They browsed three levels of historical artifacts

and exhibits, educational resources and programs. They also watched "The Star of Destiny" a multi-sensory film inside the Texas Spirit Theater.

When asked if they feel the information and sites they were exposed to will be helpful to them, Chad Gandy of Brenham Fitness replied, "Absolutely! I am not a political expert, and I now have a better understanding of what goes on in their world. I also feel this experience has raised my political awareness to a higher level and made a strong contribution to my growing network." He went on to say, "Texans are rich in history and full of Texas pride. I remain proud and humble to be considered a leader in a small Texas county."

A session focusing on Economic Development was held on February 27. Class members were exposed to the inner workings of manufacturing plants and what

it takes to maintain safety at some of the largest local employers.

The first tour was of Wabtec/Longwood Industries in the Southwest Industrial Park. Tours were led by current LWC class members Kerry Ray and Mike Ruffino. Plant manager Swaroop Sosale greeted the class and led an informative presentation on safety. Zuhair Kadem (LWC class of 2016), Michele Martin (LWC class of 2017), and Bill Clanahan (LWC class of 2009) also visited with the group.

Next, the group visited Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative's Eco Home, also located in the Southwest Industrial Park. Hondo Powell spoke to the class and presented information about the coop's activities and growth in 2017. He explained all of the energy-efficient products demonstrated in the Eco Home.

A tour of Stanpac USA followed next. That is where class members discovered

how the excellent packaging for Blue Bell ice cream products are made. Class members were impressed by the high-tech and highly efficient machinery and systems.

The class then traveled to Blue Bell Creameries where they were treated to lunch and greeted by Trina Crenshaw (LWC class of 2017), Joe Robertson (LWC class of 2015) and Jenny Van Dorf (LWC class of 2014). A tour on the observation deck was enjoyed by participants, followed by scoops of popular flavors in the Ice Cream Parlor.

The Economic Development session ended with a trip to the A.W. Hodde Jr. Technical Education Center at Blinn College with a presentation by director David Yeager. He gave an overview of training programs offered at the Tech Center and took the class on a tour of the facility, including the newly expanded Technical Education Annex.



The class began their day with a guided tour of the Capitol.



LWC Class of 2018



Matt Russell and Ross Giesinger give updates to the class from the office of Sen. Lois Kolkhorst.



Kim Norsworthy, Tracy Pieper, Taylor Phillips, Jonathan Shuey and Chad Gandy pose outside the Capitol.



Kerry Ray and Brad DeLoach take a look at one of the exhibits in the Bob Bullock Museum.



Outside the Texas State History Museum.



Mike Ruffino, Zuhair Kadem and Kerry Ray speak to the class about operations at Wabtec/Longwood Industries.



The group in the Blue Bell parlor.



The group really enjoyed the tour of Stanpac.

Tourism News

Where's Della?



Della loves this permanent reminder of spring time in Washington County.

Do you know where Della is this month? Email your name, phone number and location guess to Della@BrenhamTexas.com by March 31. A winner will be randomly chosen on April 1 from all correct entries. Congrats to Mark Kmiec for guessing correctly in February!



In February, Della went to visit the Coles Cabin and Independence Log House, remnants of the Coles Settlement in Independence. She is pictured here with the Independence Log House (1839), a "dog-trot" style home that was frequently built in pioneer times.

Around 1825 John P. Coles, one of the "Old Three Hundred," and his family came to what is now Independence and established Coles Settlement. The Coles Cabin was the center of political activity at the time as Coles served as a personal agent of the "Father of Texas," Stephen F. Austin. In 1836, Coles was appointed the first Chief Justice of Washington County by Sam Houston.

The Independence Historical Society offers free tours of both houses, as well as Mound Hill Schoolhouse also in Old Baylor Park. Tour times will be offered on March 24 and 31, and April 7 and 14. For group reservations and fees, call Peggy Ward at 979-251-9227.

THANK YOU!

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

Tourism is Up in Washington County

It is exciting to report tourism trends continue to be on the upswing. So far, a 12.8% increase in hotel occupancy tax collections has been recorded for the first quarter of the current fiscal year (October-December 2017). Sales tax collections in Washington County in 2017 were also up...almost 8% over the prior year.

Visitor website traffic to VisitBrenhamTexas.com increased by 27% over the previous year. And the biggest stat of all is the number of Instagram followers for VisitBrenham – up 78% over the prior year!



Mills

Upcoming Fun

- "Visiting Mr. Green" at Unity Theatre runs March 15-25. What starts as a comedy about two men who do not want to be in the same room together becomes a gripping and moving drama as they get to know each other and open old wounds they've been hiding and nursing for years. Performances are Thursday-Sunday and tickets may be purchased at the box office or online. www.Unity-Brenham.org

- Texas Ranger Day is on March 17 at the Burton Railroad Depot from noon-5pm. Fajitas and beans cook-off, living history, folk life demonstrations, crafts, tours and music will entertain folks all afternoon. Proceeds help the restoration of Mt. Zion Historical Chapel. www.Burton-HeritageSociety.org

- Texas Bluebonnet Wine & Cheese Trail is the last two weekends in March and the first two weekends in April. Three of the four wineries in Washington County will offer a delicious pairing of two wines and cheese in your commemorative glass received at the first winery you visit. Tickets much be purchased in advance from www.Texas-BluebonnetWineTrail.com.



Wildflower Watch

Spring is upon us, bluebonnets are coming, and we need your help! The Chamber-CVB scouts the area each year in order to inform visitors of bluebonnet activity, online and in person. Bluebonnet seekers need safe places to enjoy the flowers. If you see wildflowers in the countryside, please share them with us: their location, safe accessibility, flower types, and even a picture would be helpful. Send all wildflower sightings to visit@brenhamtexas.com.

Courtney's Corner

During March 1-4, the Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers descended upon Washington County. They had a packed itinerary of socializing, meetings, and of course dancing. They held their annual event at the Washington County Fairgrounds, and Blue Bell even provided ice cream for them to enjoy.

Former president of the Washington on the Brazos State Park Association, Cyn-dee Smith, read one of our reports announcing the group's arrival. She connected with them and invited them to perform during the Texas Independence Day Celebration. The group was thrilled to schedule this into their itinerary and deemed their time here a great success.



Ask Jennifer

"If I live in Brenham, why should I stop by the Visitor Center?"

The Visitor Center has information on local attractions, lodging and events, as well as brochures and guides for destinations around Texas. If you have out-of-town guests coming to visit, stop by and pick up a Visitor Guide and other helpful info to show them around! We also have souvenir items for sale like bluebonnet seeds, postcards, city maps and Brenham themed t-shirts, magnets, and ornaments. Show off some Washington County pride!



Travel Tip:

"Why buy good luggage? You only use it when you travel."

— Yogi Berra

Working for YOU!

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

WALK-INS

Visitor Center	HQ Building
Feb. 2018 — 389	Feb. 2018 — 577

WEBSITE

www.BrenhamTexas.com	Total Pages
Unique Visitors	Feb. 2018 — 17,389
Feb. 2018 — 6,845	

WEBSITE

www.VisitBrenhamTexas.com	Total Pages
Unique Visitors	Feb. 2018 — 25,838
Feb. 2018 — 10,579	

What's Happening in March

March 9-10, 16-17, 23-24

Live Music at The Kenney Store

Varying artists. Grill opens at 3pm weekdays, noon on weekends, music starts around 8:30pm, 811 S. Loop 497 (www.TheKenneyStore.com).

March 9-April 29

"Between Here and There"

at Back Lot Gallery

A variety of printing and collage techniques to journey between the American and European continents. Artist Alexandra Sivov in gallery March 11, 18, 28, April 22 and 29.

March 9, 13, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30

Aqua Cardio Class

Improve range of motion, balance and coordination while strengthening and toning the body. Classes at 9am, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Blue Bell Aquatic Center, 1800 E. Tom Green, Brenham. Monthly Aerobic Pass \$65, Senior \$55, Yearly \$600, Senior \$550 (www.cityofbrenham.org).

March 9-11, 16-18, 23-25

Live Music at Home Sweet Farm

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

March 9, 16, 23, 30

Wine Down Fridays

Come relax on the back porch with a glass of wine, cheese try, and friends to watch the end of the day disappear, 3pm until sun set, Pleasant Hill Winery, 1441 Salem Rd., Brenham (www.PleasantHillWinery.com).

March 9-11, 16-18, 23-25

Brazos Valley Brewery Patio Open

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

March 10

Back the Blue 5K

Benefitting CASA for Kids

Bellville Police Department is proud to partner with Back the Blue 5K to host a fun filled day supporting local law enforcement. Activities for the day include a 5K Race/Walk, a one Mile Fun Run, and more. 5K starts at 10am, one mile at 10:45am, community activities will follow. Benefits CASA for Kids of South Central Texas (www.BacktheBlue5K.com).

March 12

Ribbon Cutting -

Lifetime Learning

Announcement of 2018 Read Book Attend to hear the news at 1:30pm, Nancy Carol Roberts Library Meeting Room, 100 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Brenham.

March 12-14, 19-21, 26-28

Beginning Wellness

Let the BBAC aid in your rehabilitation. Classes at 5pm, Blue Bell Aquatic Center, 1800 E. Tom Green, Brenham. Monthly Aerobic Pass \$65, Senior \$55, Yearly \$600, Senior \$550 (www.cityofbrenham.org).

March 12, 19

Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace University

A money-management class, learn basics of budgeting, dumping debt, saving and more. 6-7:30pm, Abiding Word Lutheran Church, 464 Oak Tree Crossing, Brenham (register online <https://fpu.com/1048972>, www.AbidingWordBrenham.org).

March 12-14, 19-21, 26-28

Water Aerobic Classes

Classes offer movements to improve range of motion, balance and coordination while strengthening and toning. Classes are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 6-6:45pm, Blue Bell Aquatic Center, 1800 E. Tom Green, Brenham. Monthly Aerobic Pass \$65, Senior \$55, Yearly \$600, Senior \$550 (www.cityofbrenham.org).

March 13

Uniworld River Cruising and Wine

Representative will present products and river cruise specials, enjoy wine and cheese, meet owners of winery and Peter and Melinda Fay, Cruise Planners Travel Consultants, 3-5pm, Windy Winery, 4232 Clover Rd., Brenham (www.ForAllYourTravel.com).

March 13

U by Uniworld and Wine night

A beautifully designed river cruise ship with you in mind, 21 to 45 year olds. Representative will present this unique ship and its sailings, 6-8:30pm, Windy Winery, 4232 Clover Rd., Brenham (www.ForAllYourTravel.com).

March 13

The Green Ladies Meeting

Fellowship, networking, financial topics. March is "Is It All In My Head or Is It Hormones?" presented by Noble Nutrition, 5-7pm, Katie Mathews Edward Jones, 1304 Hwy. 105, Brenham, no charge (randi.emshoff@edwardjones.com).

March 13, 15, 20, 22, 27

Play in the Clay

One night make your own pieces, return a second night to decorate/glaze. \$80 per person for 2 classes, Tuesday and Thursdays from 7-9 pm. Arrangements can be made for other nights. Reserve seats (979-289-3765, www.BluebonnetPottery.com).

March 14

Blood Drive at Kruse Village

From 1-5:30pm in Swygert Room, 1700 E. Stone St., Brenham. Heroes will earn a free Commit For Life tshirt. Call to make appointment (979-830-1996 ext 2022).

March 15

Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Featuring Cody Rhodes, Neil Kulhanek, Allison Crowson and the Bluebonnet Opry House Band, doors open at 5:30pm, food served at 6pm, show starts at 7:30pm, \$5 admission (www.FriendsOfBluebonnetOpry.com).

March 15-25

"Visiting Mr. Green" at Unity Theatre

Performances and ticket prices are listed online (www.UnityBrenham.org).

March 16-17

Spring Open House

Hermann Furniture will be abloom with beauty during this special event that celebrates the garden and a wide variety of spring dining table designs to inspire you. The store will be transformed into a botanical showplace seeded with fun and easy decorating ideas that will help celebrate spring in your décor, Friday 9am-5:30pm, Saturday 9am-5pm, 213 W. Alamo, Downtown Brenham.

March 16-17

Annual Herbal Forum

Five exciting and informative presentations are scheduled throughout the day. The famous Plant Sale and "Thyme Well Spent" Gift Shop are open to the public from 9-5 on Friday and 8-5 on Saturday, Round Top Festival Institute, 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top (www.HerbSocietyPioneer.org).

March 17

Texas Master Naturalists

Gideon Lincecum Chapter Texas Master Naturalists Program, Winedale Historical Complex Meadows/Terry Center, 3738 FM 2714, Round Top, 10:30am-noon (www.txmn.org/glc).

March 17

Texas Ranger Day

Burton Heritage Society hosts folk like demonstrations, crafts, tours of the historic Depot, Cotton Gin Tours, Annie Maud Avis Memorial Fajita and Bean cook-off. Admission is free, tickets for all you can eat fajitas & beans \$10 adults and \$5 for kids ages 5-10, under 5 free (www.burtonheritagesociety.org).

March 21

Easter Egg Painting Class

Fun class painting Easter heirlooms for the future taught by local artist Sharon Dettling at Hermann Furniture, 213 W. Alamo, Downtown Brenham, 2-4pm, \$55 covers supplies and three treasures.

March 22-24

2018 Annual Spring Open Collection Days

City residents only, must present proof of residence and ID upon arrival, non-hazardous materials only. Thursday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm, Saturday, 8am-3:30pm, Citizens Collection Station, 2009 Old Chappell Hill Rd., Brenham.

March 22

Connect After 5 -

Texas Home Health Group

Bring business cards to share, free for Chamber members and employees. Texas Home Health Group, 526 W. Main St., Brenham, 5-7pm.

March 24, 31

John P. Coles Home Tours

Experience colonial Texas life in a dogtrot log cabin and the John P. Coles Home, two of the earliest homes in Washington County. Free tours hosted by Independence Historical Society (www.IndependenceTX.com).

March 24-April 8

Texas Bluebonnet

Wine & Cheese Trail

Wineries along the Bluebonnet Wine Trail will offer ticketholders a select pairing of two wines and a specially-crafted cheese dish, Saturday 11am-6pm, Sunday noon-5pm (www.TexasBluebonnetWineTrail.com).

March 24

Elks Annual Crawfish Boil

Entertainment provided by Risky Liver with no cover charge and all you can eat crawfish with corn, potatoes and sausage. Advanced tickets only, until March 17 (979-836-2261 or 969-661-6314).

March 28

Brenham Area Real Estate Investors and Landlords Meeting

Helping new and experienced investors in real estate investing/landlording, networking opportunities, vendors welcome, at Citizens State Bank, 2007 St. Day St., Brenham, 11:30am-1pm (512-468-3235, jamesh7213@gmail.com).

March 29

YPO Happy Hour

Join Young Professionals Organization of Washington County for food, drinks, networking and prizes, 5-7pm, Thyme Day Spa, 706 Seelhorst St., Brenham.

March 30-April 7

LaBahia Antiques Show

Dealers across the country will provide antiques, collectibles, vintage and re-purpose items in the historic 1879 LaBahia Hall. Free admission and parking. Country cooking all day, 8am-4pm (www.labahiaantiques.com).

April Highlights

April 6

LinkedIn for Small Business

Chamber education workshop to be held at Blinn College Student Center, 8:30-10:30am, \$35 for Chamber Members, \$55 for non-members (shae@brenhamtexas.com, 979-836-3695).

New Chamber Members

CHAPPELL RIDGE

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jl.durrenberger@gmail.com
Chamber Friend

CY-FAIR TIRE

Owner: Brandon Keilers
3201 Hwy 36 South (Physical Address)
Brenham, Texas
6516 N. Gessner Drive (Mailing Address)
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Time in Business: 3 years
Retail

GARZA EMC, LLC

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MOOSEFEATHERS FLORIST

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Retail

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Owner: Don Walters
200 Meyer Street
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dusty@robinsonlandcare.com
www.robinsonlandcare.com
Landscaping/Lawn Service/Materials

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3550 Normand Drive
College Station, Texas 77845
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peggy.tyson@strategicbh.com
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Community Outreach*

Calendar

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April 6

Lady Lions 3rd Annual Raffle Drawing

Washington County Ladies Lions Club raffle at The Kenney Store, 7pm. Tickets \$10 each, purchase from any Lady Lion. Need not be present to win.

April 7

Head for the Hills annual Bicycle Ride

Enjoy an invigorating ride in the beautiful rolling hills of Washington County, cool t-shirt for first 200 registered, register online (www.WashingtonCountyRotary.org).



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— U.S. 290 East Sign

Glasco & Company Landscaping

— Hwy. 36 North and South Signs

Wise Landscaping — Hwy. 105 Sign