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## Third Annual Chamber Classic a Success

The 3rd Annual Chamber Classic was held on Friday, April 28 at the Brenham Country Club. The weather held off for a beautiful day on the course. Prizes were given to the top three teams; as well as for longest drive and closest to the pin, male and female; and of course, last place team.

1st place team: CB4 Services; Chad Fishbeck, Steven Sinclair, Kyle Frietag, Michael Faterkowski.

2nd place team: Keith Cummins, Lantz Howell, Tom Johnson, Justin Noviskie

3rd place team: Texas Farm Credit; Abby Frank, Tammy Massingale, Scottie Schwartz, Carter Schwartz

Highest scoring team (last): Carli Duncum, Kyle Duncum, Cody Duncum, Jared Campbell last place team

Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin Female: Abby Frank

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**1st place team: CB4 Services; Chad Fishbeck, Steven Sinclair, Kyle Frietag, Michael Faterkowski.**

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# Leadership Explores Agriculture

The May session of Leadership Washington County was held on May 3rd and it focused on just a few of the agriculture-related businesses in our area.

The day started with a tour of Kieke Egg Farm located near Burton among the beautiful rolling hills of Washington County. Owners Ricky Kieke, Angie Fritsch and Abby Majewski met the group and answered many questions about their impressive family-owned egg farm.

This amazing operation is completely automated with each egg moving from chicken to carton without being touched by human hands. A worker's only contact with the egg happens after they have all been cleaned, sorted and placed in cartons.

Next, the group traveled to Peek-a Ranch Alpaca farm where owner La Nell McMahon greeted them and explained the operation. She answered many questions and then allowed the class to pet and feed alpacas. They then toured the gift shop which showcases many of the items made from alpaca fleece.

The group then traveled to Miracle Farm and enjoyed a delicious meal on-site. During lunch, several of the boys who are residents at Miracle Farm sat with Leadership participants, talked about their lives, and asked about the adults' lives. Brent Thackerson, President of Miracle Farm, and Gena Wilimitis, Director of Development, spoke to the

group giving an overview of the organization.

The class closed out the day at the Washington County Expo where they heard from County Extension Agent Kara Matheny and Expo Director Harrison Williams, both of LWC Class of 2021.

Big thanks go to all of the individuals and businesses who have spoken to, inspired, and motivated the Leadership class members over the past several months. The program is a great success because of all the community support that is received.

Plans are underway for the next LWC class to form this summer, and all alumni in the community are invited to get involved and help plan and coordinate sessions.

Please contact Jane Hinze if you are interested in being a session facilitator for the 2023-2024 program.



Wanda Avalos with Bank of Brenham, feeds an alpaca at Peek-a Ranch.



Brenham Fire Department Chief Roger Williams visits with Miracle Farm President Brent Thackerson and some of the young men of the program.



Angie Fritsch of Kieke Egg Farm shows the class around the facility.



LWC Class of 2023 group photo at the Washington County Expo.

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Trade Winds Physical Therapy	2

## Tara Royer Steele delivers upbeat message at luncheon



The Pie Queen, Tara Royer Steele.

On Monday, April 24th the Washington County Chamber held their 9th Annual Administrative Professionals Appreciation Luncheon at Blinn College.

Attendees from many businesses and organizations across Washington County were treated to a delicious meal, door prizes, and a special guest speaker.

Tara Royer Steele spoke to the group from her heart about her book, her TV appearances, and her calling to form the nonprofit, Gather n Grace. Three local exhibitors were also



Exhibitor Independence Coffee Company

on hand giving out goodies and door prizes: Brenham Quality Meat Market, Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union and Independence Coffee.

Thank you to the following sponsors for the success of this event: KTEX/KWHI, and Personnel Services. And thank you to Washington County Landscapes for the donation of the table centerpieces, which were also used as door prizes.



Exhibitor Brenham Quality Meat Market.



Exhibitor Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union.

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



Thank you to our 2023 Presidential Level members...



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

## **BHM Celebrates 133 Years of Maifest**

The Brenham Heritage Museum is proud to present a look back at Maifest through the years in the Hasskarl Family Gallery. Heritage Museum is open Wednesday-Saturday from 10am-4pm, located at 105 South Market St., Brenham ([brenhamheritagemuseum.org](http://brenhamheritagemuseum.org)).

Wednesday – Saturday

## **John & Mary Marks: A Love Story 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](http://brenhamheritagemuseum.org)).

Wednesday - 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](http://chapeltonvineyards.com)).

Thursdays

## **Thirsty Thursdays Tacos & Trivia**

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

Thursdays

**Martini Thursdays at Main Street Uncorked**  
Join us every Thursday for new martini features and creations, 201 W. Main St., Downtown Brenham.

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.

Fridays

## **Friday 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](http://brazosvalleybrewery.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

## **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](http://brazosvalleybrewery.com))

May 13

## **Cocktail Creation Class at The Coop**

Cocktail Creation Class at The Coop. Lone Star Bee Co. Hayden Eckhardt, Coffee Roaster. Flown the Coop, 701 N Main St., Burton, 3-5pm, \$25 per person.

## **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](http://brazosvalleybrewery.com)).

May 15

## **Ribbon Cutting - 140th Anniversary Celebration Botts Title Company**

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting for 140th Anniversary Celebration for Botts Title Company, 115 E. Main St., Downtown Brenham, 11am.

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 are 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.

May 16

## **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](http://brenhamvethospital.com)).

May 16

## **Ribbon Cutting - Rusty Petal Boutique Landscapes**

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting for New Member Rusty Petal Boutique Landscapes, 817 Burlleson St., Brenham, 10:30am.

May 16

## **YPO Networking Happy Hour**

Network with the Young Professionals of Washington County at Bluebonnet Abstract & Title, 301 E. Main St., Downtown Brenham, 5-7pm.

May 17

## **Ribbon Cutting - American Fire Systems**

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting for a New Member American Fire Systems. To be held at the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, 314 S. Austin St., Brenham, 2:30pm.

May 17

## **Day by Day with Diabetes**

On the 3rd Wednesday, there's a Day by Day Diabetes information class at Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library, 100 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Brenham, 10:30-11:30am.

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.

## **Hop Day Wednesday**

Open 3pm to 9pm with Food Truck. Family and pet friendly with plenty of outside seating and playground. 206 S. Jackson St., Brenham ([brazosvalleybrewery.com](http://brazosvalleybrewery.com)).

## **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.

May 18

## **Reading Hour @ The Library**

Join us for Reading Hour @ the Library in Chappell Hill. This event will be for children ages 6 and under. Meet out on the front lawn of the library for a time of reading. Bring your little ones and enjoy a really cute book. All children will get a bookmark to take home and color and coloring pages. Guest Reader: CHHS Museum Director Stephanie Ddughdhnemimnier, "Goldie Socks and the Three Libearians," Chappell Hill Circulating Library, 11am (979-836-6033, [chappellhill-historicalsociety.com](http://chappellhill-historicalsociety.com)).

May 18

## **Ribbon Cutting - The Barn at Lacey Farms**

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting for a New Member The Barn at Lacey Farms, 4504 FM 390 W., Burton, 3pm.

May 18

## **Connect After 4 - Blinn College Foundation**

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. Blinn College Foundation, 706 College Ave., Brenham, 4-6pm.

May 18

## **Friends of Bluebonnet Opry**

Featuring Band Full of Brothers the Kubos, Wavra, Machac, and Dujka Brothers. 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 \$8 at the door ([friendsofbluebonnetopry.com](http://friendsofbluebonnetopry.com)).

May 19

## **Basic QuickBooks Workshop**

This is an all-day, basic level course, intended for people who have no experience or limited experience using the QuickBooks software. You should be familiar with Windows on a PC. This class will not teach the outline version of QuickBooks. Each attendee will have a desktop computer to use during the class...and be given reference materials to keep. A.W. Hodde Jr., Technical Education Center, 2910 S. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham ([sbdc.uh.edu](http://sbdc.uh.edu)).

May 19

## **Create your own Charcuterie Edible Creations**

Create your own Charcuterie with Edible Creations by Me. Create a beautiful Charcuterie Board that you will be able to take home and shop the store. Complimentary wine or BYOB. Flown The Coop, 701 N. Main St., Burton, 6-7:30pm, call 937-215-4732. \$75 per seat. Group rate available. Limited seating.

May 20

## **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. 9:30-11:30am, Jackson Street Park.

May 20

## **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.

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May 20  
**Brenham Children's Chorus 20th Anniversary Concert**  
The Brenham Children's Chorus is presenting 20th Anniversary Concert "Make a Little Music", Dr. W.W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center, 600 Blinn Blvd., Brenham, 2-4pm (brenhamchildrenschorus.com).

May 22  
**Ribbon Cutting - AAA Self Storage Brenham**  
Join us for a Ribbon cutting for a New Member AAA Self Storage Brenham, 4205 Hwy. 36 N., Brenham, 10:30am.

**June Highlights**  
Jun 02  
**First Fridays Farmer & Artisan Market**  
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, (downtownbrenham.com).

Jun 02  
**Movies in The Park "Lyle Lyle Crocodile"**  
Summer 2023 Movies in The Park features "Lyle, Lyle Crocodile" Floats-n-Flicks this movie will be shown at the Blue Bell Aquatic Center. Sponsors: BIG, Premier Metal Buyers, BVR, Stop and Go Potties, and The Barnhill House. 8:30pm, 1800 E. Tom Green St., Brenham. Free.

Jun 03  
**Burton Farmers & Artisans Market**  
All local Home Grown and Hand Crafted items. Sponsored by Burton Chamber of Commerce, Texas Cotton Gin Museum Roy Winkler Family Pavilion, 307 N. Main St., Burton. First Saturday of every month, 9am-1pm (burtontexas.org/farmersmarket).



Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin Female: Abby Frank



Longest Drive Male: Michael Faterkowski



Closest to the Pin Male: Matt Charles



**Stats – from the month of: April 2023**

Walk-In's  
**Chamber of Commerce 324**  
Website – **www.BrenhamTexas.com**  
Unique Visitors **6,790**  
Total Pages **12,924**

*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.

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



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