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Mark Rose delivered a fascinating and enlightening speech at the banquet.



Current Chamber chair Julie Renken presented the 2009 executive officers with plaques in appreciation: Barney Loesch, 2009 Chair; Tee Dippel, Immediate Past Chair; Cathy Boeker, Second Vice Chair; and Trey Hardy, Treasurer. Not pictured: Mike Baker, Secretary.

2010 Banquet Lights Up the Night

A sell-out crowd of over 620 people attended the Annual Banquet held by the Washington County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Foundation on Jan. 26 in Brenham.

The theme was "Washington County: The Bright Light of Texas" and Mark Rose, CEO of Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, was the keynote speaker. Washington County Judge Dorothy Morgan was the Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening. She led the program in style and introduced the other elected officials and dignitaries in the audience.

Mark Rose was introduced by Charles Moser, publisher emeritus of *The Banner-Press*. Moser gave a brief overview of Rose's background with the LCRA and Bluebonnet Electric.

Rose delivered a fascinating speech that contained lessons on history, physics, innovation and transformation combined with wit and humor. Many commented afterward that they never enjoyed a history lesson so much before!

Thanks to all the members and individuals who helped make the 2010 Annual Banquet such a great success, including these headline sponsors:

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After Dorothy Morgan opened the program, Pastor Dean Meade led the invocation, the Marine Corps JROTC presented the colors, and St. Mary's Youth Choir performed a stirring rendition of the National Anthem.

Prior to the banquet, the Career & Technology Class from Brenham High School set up all the tables and chairs inside Fireman's

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"BUSINESS AFTER HOURS" Washington County's Favorite Networking Event

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Beverages provided by: Mike Hopkins Distributing, Pleasant Hill Winery, Windy Winery and Brenham Coca-Cola

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WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER BLUE BLAZER OF THE MONTH



**January 2010
Doug Baker**

The Blue Blazers are a group of 15 volunteers who act as official greeters and hosts of our community. Their objectives include promoting Chamber programs and increasing membership, and conducting ribbon cuttings and special ceremonies for local businesses. The Chamber thanks these volunteers for their service and hospitality, and also their employers for allowing them the time to dedicate to the organization. A "Blue Blazer of the Month" is recognized at each club meeting for the highest total of achievements the prior month.

Blue Blazers

DOUG BAKER <i>City of Brenham</i>	FLORENCE JULIAN <i>Blue Bell Creameries</i>
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	DON WILHELM <i>Individual Member</i>

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT Horseshoe Junction Family Fun Park

In February, Horseshoe Junction will be OPEN on Fridays from 5pm-11pm, on Saturdays from 10am-11pm, and on Sundays from noon - 9pm.

In March, Spring Break Wristbands will be available for the entire time students are out of school: Friday, March 12, through Sunday, March 21. So buy a band and play for ten days!

Please visit the website for more details about Birthdays, Group Information and a Calendar of Events: www.horseshoejunction.com. Phone (979) 251-8701.

Remember at Horseshoe Junction, It's a Kick! See ya soon!

Be the next member in the "Spotlight!" Send submissions to info@brenhamtexas.com. Your "Spotlight" can be about a recent award, event, business expansion or new employee, or simply a couple paragraphs to increase community awareness about your products/services. (100-150 words maximum)

Renewing Members

(January 1-31)

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.

Al Steinbach Electric — 22 years
Allen Honda — 2 years
Antique Rose Emporium — 26 years
Appel Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep — 26 years
Larry J. Arnie, CPA — 27 years
Thrivent Financials for Lutherans — 23 years
BABE'S Trucking Co. — 16 years
Bartay Chiropractic — 10 years
Beim, Steven A., M.D. — 11 years
BJ Electric — 4 years
Blue Bell Creameries —
Presidential Level Member — 27 years
Brenham L-P Gas — 28 years
Brenham National Bank —
Presidential Level Member — 28 years
Brenham Office Supply Service — 42 years
Brenham Ready Mix, Inc. — 29 years
Brenham Saddle Shop — 26 years
Brenham Tire & Auto Center — 10 years
Brenham Veterinary Hospital — 25 years
Brookshire Bros. Grocery — 26 years
Cattleman's Brenham Livestock Auction — 26 years
Citizens State Bank —
Presidential Level Member — 11 years
Coca Cola — 29 years
Comfort Suites — 8 years
Crawford Quality Water / Culligan — 10 years
Crescent Investment Management — 11 years
David Hermann Electric Co. — 20 years
Detering Brothers Investments — 28 years
Downtown Art Gallery — 1 year
Econo Lodge — 18 years
EPCO, Inc./Seminole Pipeline Co. — 18 years
Farmers Mutual Aid Assn of Wash.Co. — 15 years
Fischer Tile — 26 years
Geick, Arthur A. — 26 years
Germania Insurance —
Presidential Level Member — 32 years
Grace Lutheran Church — 11 years
Harrison, Eddie E. & Margaret D. — 10 years
Heritage TX Country Properties-Cathy Cole — 7 years
Hermann Furniture Company — 14 years
Home & Ranch Mortgage Company — 17 years
Hospice Brazos Valley — 12 years
J & A Roofing — 4 years
Jones & Carter Engineers — 1 year
JR's Antiques and Collectibles — 5 years
K & M Grocery — 10 years
Kenjura Pharmacy — 25 years
Kinetics Gymnastics & Cheer — 4 years
Lacina, Kenjura & Haevischer, P.C. — 25 years
Lampe Surveying — 10 years
LaRoche, Dr. & Mrs. Paul — 22 years
Legend Log Homes — 7 years
Lete Phillips Exercise Program — 20 years
Lillian Farms Bed & Breakfast — 9 years
Longhofer Home Design — 10 years
Maifest Association — 28 years
Mariposa Ranch Bed & Breakfast — 18 years
Medi-Care Equipment — 28 years
Meier's Garage — 10 years
Mike Hopkins Dist. Inc. — 39 years

Krause Elementary-Joy Nelson — 2 years
Never Newer Consignment Shop — 6 years
O'Malley Engineers, Inc. — 10 years
Parts and More — 6 years
Phillips Painting Co. — 21 years
Preservation Storage — 2 years
Quebe Farm — 4 years
Reeves, Dr. William, Orthodontist — 14 years
Romo, Joel & Denise — 4 years
Seidel, Schroeder & Co. — 32 years
Senior Activity Center, WCHLA — 3 years
Southern Flyer — 10 years
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church — 12 years
Edward Jones Investments-Billy Starnes — 10 years
Tegeler Toyota — 19 years
Texas Commercial Waste —
Presidential Level Member — 20 years
Texas Ranch Life — 11 years
The Allcorn House — 9 years
The Ant Street Inn — 18 years
The Bread Basket Cafe — 4 years
The Brenham House Bed & Breakfast — 3 years
Thielemann Construction — 25 years
Total Storage — 10 years
Unity Theatre — 15 years
University Cancer Center - Brenham — 5 years
Van Dyke Rankin Insurance — 44 years
Volunteer Services Council — 28 years
Waldie's Pharmacy — 26 years
Washington County Abstract Company — 45 years
Washington County Tractor — 25 years
Wellmann Insurance Agency — 25 years
Westwood Travel Center — 10 years
Woodson Lumber — 25 years

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Burton Friends & Neighbors

Crawfish galore! That's what you will find at the 3rd Annual Crawfish Boil sponsored by Burton Friends & Neighbors, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to helping in the Burton community. The proceeds from this year's boil will benefit the Burton Park Project and be used to build a walking track and play ground.

Burton Friends & Neighbors, Inc. is a not for profit group of individuals who have banded together to promote and enhance the Burton community with the majority of the efforts and funding going to the development and maintenance of a park complex in the city of Burton. Founded in 1999, Burton Friends & Neighbors has built little league fields, a concession/restroom building and a covered pavilion at the Burton City Park.

This year's event will be March 5th at the Burton Community Center. Corporate tables and individual tickets are available in advance by contacting Jane Hinze at (979) 451-9138.

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Banquet

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Training Center led by Joe Antowiak. Brenham Anchor Club students also played an important role in helping to set the tables and serve hundreds of banquet guests, led by Judith Finke and Denise Kmiec.

Bluebonnet Garden Club members did another outstanding job this year, creatively decorating all the banquet tables with fresh greenery and golden magnolia leaves. Tropical plants decorated the stage, courtesy of Ellison's Greenhouses. Special thanks go to Lete Phillips for chairing the Banquet Committee and overseeing all the details.

Alicia Cargile of Cargile Photography

professionally photographed all the excitement including the recognition of Chamber and EDF retiring board members, the announcement of Blue Blazer of the Year, and the Man and Woman of the Year-Lifetime Achievement awards.

Sue Muzzy, a founding member of the Blue Blazers, won the Blue Blazer of the Year award. Brice Milliorn was recognized for serving as President of the Blue Blazers for two consecutive years.

Sedonia Powell won the 2009 Woman of the Year Award. She was introduced by last year's winner, Sally Van Dyke, and Powell was stunned and surprised. Van Dyke said

that Sedonia is "a light that shines from our home town tree," and she praised all of the dedicated volunteer work Sedonia has done for numerous local organizations.

Mike Hopkins did the introduction of the 2009 Man of the Year, and award-winner David Folschinsky was surprised beyond belief. David made some very moving comments about the generosity of the people in Washington County and his gratitude about being able to give back to this community. He credited his employees for helping to make his business, and him, a success.

"The success of the banquet was the result of the time and hard work of many people," said Lete Phillips, chairwoman of the event and member of the Chamber Board of Directors.

"It's a great team effort," said Page Michel, Chamber president. "Virtually everyone in the room had a role or connection with the program. In particular, Jane Hinze, our Member Services Manager, was instrumental in making sure that every detail was perfect for the event."

Plans for next year's banquet are already underway. Any members who have comments or suggestions for future events are encouraged to call the Chamber at (979) 836-3695 or write to info@brenhamtexas.com.



Sedonia Powell accepted the 2009 Woman of the Year Award from last year's winner, Sally Van Dyke.



David Folschinsky accepted the 2009 Man of the Year Award, with last year's award winner Mike Hopkins and MC Dorothy Morgan looking on.



Washington County Judge Dorothy Morgan served as the first female MC in the history of the Chamber/EDF banquet.



Current EDF chairman Paul Kruse presented outgoing chair Luther Hueske with a framed Texas flag in appreciation of his 9 years on the board, serving as chairman for 4 years.



Jane Hinze, Chamber Member Services Manager, with the Blue Blazers' 2009 Secretary Julie Tiemann, 2009 Blue Blazer of the Year Sue Muzzy, and 2009 President Brice Milliorn.



Outgoing Chamber chairman Barney Loesch received special recognition from incoming chairwoman Julie Renken.



Lete Phillips received special thanks for serving as Banquet Committee chair for two consecutive years.



A framed map of 1836 Texas was presented to Mark Rose by Page Michel on behalf of the Chamber in appreciation.

Washington County "Adopt-A-Sign" Partners

To ensure the long-term care of the Welcome Sign monuments at the five entry points to Washington County, four landscaping companies from our community have volunteered to oversee their maintenance.

Designing Landscapes — U.S. 290 East Sign
Glasco & Company Landscaping — Hwy. 36 North and South Signs
Pape Scapes — U.S. 290 West Sign
Wise Landscaping — Hwy. 105 Sign

Leadership on the Right Side of the Law

The seventh session of the 2009-10 Leadership Washington County program introduced the group to local law enforcement. They met at the police station and Chief Rex Phelps from the Brenham Police Department gave a talk on "The Four E's of Law Enforcement."

Washington County Sheriff J.W. Jankowski gave a talk about the duties of the sheriff's

department. Sgt. Paul Simpson from the Texas Department of Public Safety gave an overview of his agency. The class also heard the prosecutor's perspective from District Attorney Bill Parham and Washington County Attorney Julie Renken.

The day wasn't comprised only of lectures. The leadership participants were given tours of the county jail facilities and the new police

department headquarters. Lunch was generously provided by the Washington County Peace Officer's Association.

After lunch, there were breakout sessions and law enforcement scenarios facilitated by Chris Jackson, other police officers and members of Citizens on Patrol.

A session on February 11 will focus on Local Government and on February 24, the

group will travel to Austin for State Government Day.

Leadership Washington County is a program of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce designed to train and motivate current and future leaders for our community. The next class will form in June & July. For more details and/or an application, please call the Chamber at (979) 836-3695.



Wyatt Matthies (right) in a bulletproof vest talks on a police radio during a mock traffic stop.



(Left to right) Ernest Eberle, Angie Baker and William Grote put on bullet proof vests for one of the demonstrations.



Dyanna Machinsky (left, outside car) and Crystal Dahlquist (right) demonstrate a mock traffic stop with the help of Brenham PD officers.



Jimbo Hafner arrests a "suspect" in a mock traffic stop.



Michelle Zschech and Steven Siemsglusz draw their guns on a "suspect."



Steven Siemsglusz aiming his gun at a suspect during a mock traffic stop.

Alumni Association to Host Non-Profit Expo

Circle March 31 on your calendar, because the LWC Alumni Association is having an event you're not going to want to miss!

That is the date for the first ever Non-Profit Expo, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Washington County Fairgrounds Event Center. The event that will provide the op-

portunity for emerging leaders in our community to connect with local non-profit organizations who need board members and volunteers. This is also an opportunity to provide education and community exposure for area non-profits.

Mary Beth Harrington with the Texas

Association of Nonprofit Organizations will be a featured speaker during lunch. Harrington's presentation will focus on Profile of Nonprofits in Texas & Board Development.

This is going to be an invaluable opportunity for Leadership Alumni and area

non-profit organizations, so plan to attend and learn more about those who are assisting our community and how you use your leadership skills to help.

The cost of the event is Leadership Alumni \$5; Chamber Members \$8 and Non-Members \$10.

www.brenhamtexas.com

Tourism News

Tourism Tuesday — Feb. 9

Please join us for the first Tourism Tuesday of the new decade! We will meet on February 9 at 9 a.m. in the Chamber Conference Room. ALL tourism partners are invited to hear about the activities of your CVB and this is the opportunity to tell what is happening at your venue. The more we work together during these tough economic times, the more successful we will all be. So mark your calendar and join us! This meeting is held every other month on the second Tuesday at 9 a.m. Please call the Chamber if you have any questions.

The True Value of a Tourist

Soon Washington County will be invaded by tourists searching our hillsides as the green rolling hills turn into seas of blue, pink and yellow with wonderful Texas wildflowers. So, just exactly what is the true value of those tourists?

2008 Total spending in Washington County = \$96.5 million

Tourism jobs in Washington County = 620

Tax Receipts — Local = \$800,000

Visitor Spending in Washington County through the years

1990 — \$25 million

2007 — \$85.2 million

2008 — \$96.5 million (12.8% over 2007)

2009 — Ended flat with 2008 (best year ever)

Let's all thank those tourists as they relax here, play sports, shop, get away from the big city, search for wildflowers and tour our beautiful county. Their economic impact for Washington County is significant. If it weren't for the dollars they generate, every household would have to pay approximately \$800 more per year to maintain our current level of government services.

All the above information is provided from the State of Texas Tourism Research Department as part of Dean Runyan Associates Annual Report.

2009 Visitation Totals

Blue Bell Creameries — 162,000

Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site — 108,931

Antique Rose Emporium — 44,500

Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center — 16,819

Texas Independence Day Celebration

The 174th anniversary of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence will be commemorated during a free festival Feb. 27-28 at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site. The festival will be held from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day.

During this two-day celebration, the 293-acre park along the Brazos River is transported back to the time when Texas was a sovereign nation. Costumed re-enactors and members of the Texas Army, along with skilled craftsmen and talented musicians, fill the park as Texas commemorates its inception. Statesmen of the era, such as Sam Houston, Stephen F. Austin and Anson Jones, will be on hand to explain to visitors the importance of Texas Independence.

At the State Park Visitor's Center, guests will be able to log onto the Park Association's new web project, the Spirit of Independence. The interactive web site, just launched in January, will allow teachers and students access to the wealth of information and primary sources available at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site.

At 2 p.m., the Brazos Banditos Theatrical Troupe will

perform at the Bullock Amphitheater. At 3 p.m., a Texas-sized birthday cake will be served to audience members, with the help of the Washington County Historical Society Heritage Belles. The afternoon will end with a rousing performance by the No Foolin' String Band.

The Star of the Republic Museum will open a new exhibit Independence Day weekend entitled "The First Texans: Living Green". Included in the exhibit will be archaeological artifacts including pottery and stone, bone and shell tools of the indigenous people who lived in Texas at the time of European contact. Also included in the exhibit will be woven netting, matting, basketry and sandals that were preserved in the dry rock shelters of West Texas. The exhibit focuses on the subsistence strategies and use of natural resources by these early Texans. See the tools that they used to hunt, farm and fish. "The First Texans: Living Green" will be on exhibit from February 27 – August 31.

More information and directions are available by calling 936-878-2214 or viewed online at www.Birthplaceof-Texas.com.



Leading a longhorn hitch, a costumed interpreter demonstrates farm life as it was in the 1800s at Washington-on-the-Brazos.

Used Book Sale Benefits Library

February 18-20, over 20,000 books will be available for sale at the Washington County Fairgrounds with all proceeds benefitting the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library in Brenham.

Selections to choose from include a wide variety of new and used books, a large selection of novels and some collector's editions, many hardback books and a generous children's corner. The sale is produced annually by the Fortnightly Club of Brenham, whose members established Brenham's first library in 1897.

Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. during this three-day spectacular event. Admission on Thursday is \$11; admission on Friday and Saturday is \$1 and children are admitted free.

There is still time to donate books, audio books and CDs to the sale by dropping them off at the Library during regular business hours.

Working for YOU!

As a Chamber member, your promotional information is seen by thousands of people every month...both on display in the Visitor Center and also on the Chamber Web site. Here are totals from two ways we track the exposure:

Walk-In Visitors
2010
January — 1,056

Web Site Hits
2010
January — 6,536



Seneca McAdams and Melinda Rodiek represented Washington County at the AAA Houston South travel show on Jan. 31. Over 600 visitor guides, bluebonnet seeds and various upcoming festival rack cards were distributed.

Calendar

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Feb 21

2010 Spring Bridal Show & Benefit

Over 100 of the best wedding and party vendors to help plan the perfect wedding or party, benefits Hospice Brazos Valley, 11am-4pm, \$15 advance tickets, \$20/door, Brazos County Expo Center, Bryan (info@ido-ido.org, www.ido-ido.org).

Feb 22

A Cappella Choir "On Tour"

Stephen F. Austin A Cappella Choir performs at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 6:30pm, free, 2310 Airline Drive, one block east of Day Street in Brenham (linda@stpetersbrenham.org, www.stpetersbrenham.org).

Feb 23

Ribbon Cutting

Community Chiropractic in the Bluebonnet Shopping Center, 2646 Hwy 36 South, Brenham, 1pm.

Feb 24-March 31

Spiritual End-of-Life Training by Hospice Brazos Valley

A six-week educational seminar focused on meeting end-of-life care needs, the grief process and self care, 6:30pm, free, register by 2/17, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 E. McAlpine St., Navasota (979-277-9525, www.hospicebrazosvalley.org).

Feb 25

"Wake-up Washington County" Networking Breakfast
Horseshoe Junction Family Fun Park, Brenham, 7:45 am.

Ribbon Cutting

Grand opening of the A.W. Hodde Jr. Technical Education Center at Blinn College
2910 S. Blue Bell Road, Brenham, 10am.

Feb 26

Live music at Rendez-vous

Chris Austin Martinez performs 7-10pm, free, 106 E. Alamo Street, Downtown Brenham (979-337-9200).

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Quilts: Patchworks of Memories and Love

February is the month for quilts in Washington County. The calendar is full of Quilting and Textiles shows, events and sales. Everyone loves the warmth and beauty of quilts.

Quilting became popular in the 19th century and during this time patchwork and appliqué designs were created. Quilts were made by wealthy colonists that had leisure time. Quilts, both new and old, are works of art that reflect the lives and times of the artist. Visit these shows and stores to add new artwork to your home:

The Friendship Quilt Guild of Brenham will host the Heritage Pieces Quilt Show Feb. 5-6, at Fireman's Training Center. Over 100 judged quilts will be on display along with a display of antique quilts. There will be vendors, door prizes, silent auction, raffle, and demonstrations, and there will be quilts for sale. Marcia Kaylakie is a quilt appraiser, teacher, author and collector who will appraise your quilts; so bring any family quilt heirlooms with you. Admission to the show is \$5. To buy raffle tickets, visit the Web site www.friendshipquiltguild.com.

• **Stitch Haven** is located at 1600 S. Day Street in Brenham and is the headquarters for all things quilting in this



This quilt is a reproduction of a quilt that was made in the 1840s. Members of the Friendship Quilt Guild worked together to piece this quilt. The quilt is a variation of the Whig Rose pattern that was very popular at the time it was made. You can buy a chance to win it in the raffle!

area. Carolyn Wittner explained, "Quilting is an art form and a very addictive hobby. Most quilters do not sell their work, they make them for family members." Stitch Haven advertises in many quilter publications, in turn, quilt guilds and groups come to Washington County for quilting retreats and shop at Stitch Haven. Patchwork quilts are the #1 design followed by appliqué.

• **Seek & Find** is a quilt shop located in historic Downtown Brenham. The Fisher family started this shop in the

1980's with antique quilts. The shop is now run by Janet Fisher and named from Matthew 7:7 "Seek and you shall find..." Antique quilts do not cover the new larger beds of today, so Seek & Find started buying quilts from five professional seamstresses that make extra large king and queen bed quilts. They also carry bed skirts to fit the larger mattresses and embroidered pillow shams. If you have an old quilt or tablecloth that has stains or age spots, Seek & Find carries Vintage Soak and Quilt Soap that has no phosphorus. Drop by 115 West Alamo Street and check out the antiques, Texas items, lamps and quilts. You might find something that you just can not live without.

• **Copper Shade Tree** located at 206 E. Mill Street in Round Top presents The Art in Fiber Exhibit. The show will run from February 5-March 7. Twenty-four Texas artists were selected to exhibit. The artists each contributed four pieces of art to the sale. The fiber art pieces are very beautiful and unique weavings, feltings and quilts. For more information visit www.coppershadetree.com



Applique Quilt



Patchwork Quilt



Samples of Patchwork



"White Barn," a quilting and thread painting at Copper Shade Tree

Calendar

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Feb 27-28

Texas Independence Day Celebration

Celebrate 174 years of Texas Independence with historical re-enactors, period craft demonstrations, military encampments and Texas tunes, free admission, 10am-5pm, Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site (936-878-2214, www.birthplaceof-texas.com).

Feb 28

Afternoon Tea at the Mansion

Don your hat and gloves and gather for tea, with decorated china and crystal tables, food and fun, proceeds go to the preservation of the historic Giddings Stone Mansion and the Giddings Wilkin House Museum, 3:30pm, Giddings Stone Mansion, 2203 Century Circle, Brenham (979-836-1690, www.giddingsstonemansion.com).

A few March highlights...

March 3-7

The Art in Fiber

Juried show with 96 fiber artworks never seen before and wall pieces created just for this show, Wed 12-4pm, Thu-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 11am-5pm, free, Copper Shade Tree, 206 E. Mill St., Round Top (979-249-4127, www.coppershadetree.com).

March 3

Brenham Junior High Tennis Fundraiser

Dinner with chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls & gravy, \$7/plate (jbeckendorf@allstate.com).

March 4-7

Unity Theatre presents Mark Twain

Unity's own James Bianchi presents Mark Twain as he was in the early 1900s, alive and mischievous spirits, joking, smoking, sharing his wise and humorous observations, Thurs 7:30pm, Fri & Sat 8pm, Sun 4pm, \$25, Unity Theatre (979-830-9258, www.unitybrenham.org).

March 4

Schulenburg Painted Churches Tour

Tour four historical and beautiful churches built between 1855-1919, 8am-4pm, \$40 plus lunch (susanp@brenhamisd.net, www.brenhamcommunityed.com).

March 5

Music Jamboree

Country Music Jamboree sponsored by W.C.H.L.A., the Senior Activity Center, held the first Friday of the month, full snack bar available, doors open 6pm, music 7pm, \$5, Old Brenham Elementary School Campus on Marchket St. (979-836-6552 or brenhamctr@sbcglobal.net).

Crawfish Boil

2nd annual all-you-can-eat Crawfish Boil, with live and silent auctions, benefits Burton City Park for walking trails and playground equipment, \$30/person, \$400/table for 8, 6pm, Burton Community Center (979-451-9138).

March 6

Community CPR Class

Learn CPR from Washington County EMS, \$25, 8:30am-12pm, new EMS station, 1875 Hwy 290 W., Brenham, call ahead (979-277-6267).

Texas German Society State Convention

Hosted at Fireman's Training Center, Brenham (979-251-8429).

Antiques Event at Today and Yesterday

Auction, antique furniture, glassware, stained glass, rugs and paintings. Dealers and public welcome, free admission, 1pm-6pm at Today and Yesterday, 101 W. Alamo Street, Downtown Brenham (979-830-0707, www.bebestodayandandyesterday.com).

6th Annual International Guitar Festival at Round Top

Three concerts featuring Flavio Sala, Minneapolis Guitar Quartet and Cem Duroz, 1:30pm, 4pm & 8pm, Festival Concert Hall, 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top (979-249-3129, www.festivalhill.org).

March 15-20

Unity Theatre Spring Break Camp

Theatre games, stories, music, pantomime, puppetry and mask-making with showcase performance on March 20, for grades 2-6, \$200, register by March 1, Unity Theatre (979-830-1460, www.unitybrenham.org).

March 19-20

15th Annual Herbal Forum

"Creativity with Herbs" and a celebration of the Umbel family with dill, the 2010 herb of the year, \$75, Festival Hill, 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top (979-249-3129, www.festivalhill.org).

March 23

Church Basement Ladies

Musical comedy about the church basement kitchen and the ladies who work there, funny, touching family entertainment, 7-9pm, \$25/adults, \$10/students, O'Donnell Performing Arts Center at Blinn College, Brenham (979-830-4024, gvierus@blinn.edu).

March 24

Air Force Academy Band

Brenham High School, 7pm, free admission.

March 27-28

True Texas Women

Learn about the women of the Texas frontier and try your hand at spinning, quilting, tatting and crafting, 10am-4:30pm, Barrington Living History Farm, Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site.

What's Happening in February

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

Beyond Grief at Hospice Brazos Valley

A 6-week educational series for adults who have lost a loved one six months ago+, learn how grief affects you and how to move forward, 10am-11:30am, Hospice Brazos Valley, Brenham office, 302 E. Blue Bell Rd., free, registration required (979-277-9525, dmackey@hospicebrazosvalley.com).

Live Music at Rendez-vous

Gene Hackemack performs every Thursday at Rendez-vous, 106 E. Alamo Street, Downtown Brenham (979-337-9200).

Feb 5-26

Money Makeover

Radio Show with

Neal Financial Group

Live radio call-in show to answer questions about insurance, mutual funds, real estate, 401K's and IRA's, Mon, Wed, Fri, 9-10am, KWHI 1280 AM (douglas.schoppe@lpl.com, www.nealfinancial.com).

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Feb 5-6

Heritage Pieces

Quilt Show

Judged show with 150-plus quilts, exhibits, demos, door prizes, boutique, silent auction and quilts for sale, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm, \$5 admission, Fireman's Training Center, Brenham (fqgquilters@sbcglobal.net, www.friendshipquiltguild.com).

Feb 5

Library Birthday Celebration

Celebrate the birthday of the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library, with refreshments, music and children's activities, 12-3pm, free, donations welcome (979-337-7201).

Music Jamboree

Country Music Jamboree sponsored by W.C.H.L.A., the Senior Activity Center, held the first Friday of the month, full snack bar available, doors open 6pm, music 7pm, \$5, old Brenham Elementary School Campus on Market St. (979-836-6552 or brenhamctr@sbcglobal.net).

Feb 6

Community CPR Class

Learn CPR from Washington County EMS, \$25, 8:30am-12pm, new EMS station, 1875 Hwy 290 W., Brenham, call ahead (979-277-6267).

Painting Cub Paws

The Brenham Cub Baseball Team will paint cub paws on sidewalks, driveways, entrances to businesses, and more, \$20 for new, \$15 re-do, \$5 for mailbox (lwilliams@brenhamisd.net).

Feb 7

Superbowl Sunday

Join in the football fun at the Falls Golf Resort & Club, starts at 4pm, call for details (979-992-3123, www.thefallsresort.com).

Feb 8-May 20

Aquacize

Minimize the stress on your joints with a total body water workout two or three days a week, Blue Bell Aquatic Center, 8:15am, 9:00am, 3:45pm or 4:30pm (susanp@brenhamisd.net, www.brenhamcommunityed.com).

Feb 10

Younger Widows by Hospice Brazos Valley

A monthly grief support group to encourage, comfort and give hope with others who have lost a spouse, bring a covered dish, beverages are provided, free, 6-8pm on the 2nd Wednesday of month (979-277-9525, dmackey@hospicebrazosvalley.com).

Feb 11

BCA Open House Event

6-8:30pm at Brenham Christian Academy, 2111 South Blue Bell Rd, Brenham (979-830-6540).

Wine Dinners

with the Vintner

Enjoy a four course wine-pairing dinner with the delicious wines of Windy Winery, package includes one night lodging and breakfast, Murski Homestead Bed & Breakfast in Brenham (877-690-0676, www.murskihomesteadbb.com).

Feb 12

Fundraiser for

HOSA Scholarships

The Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) are taking orders for Valentine carnations to be delivered to students on Feb. 12 (979-277-3800 x 6120, lindamo@brenhamisd.net).

Feb 13

Kremlin Chamber Orchestra

The Kremlin Chamber Orchestra from Moscow will perform works by Lekau, Shostakovich and Mendelssohn, with James Dick on piano, and Kyle Upton, trumpet, 3pm, Festival Concert Hall, 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top (979-249-3129, www.festivalhill.org).

CASA for Kids Dinner

Valentine steak dinner and

casino night, prizes, 6pm, \$30/person or \$50/couple, Expo Center, Austin County Fairgrounds, Bellville (wespeak4kids@yahoo.com, www.wespeak4kids.org).

Valentine Dinner, Dance & Gala

Benefits special needs children, music by Cross Country, 7pm, Brenham Elks Lodge, 400 E. Germania Street, Brenham (979-421-0008, 979-836-2261).

Feb 14

Golf Tournament for Brenham High School

Friends of Golf Memorial Tournament, 18-hole, 4-person scramble, \$280/team, \$70/player, benefits Brenham High School Golf Program, Brenham Country Club (979-836-1733, ehathaway@brenhamisd.net).

Maifest Serenade

Junior & Senior Royalty will be announced for the 120th Brenham Maifest (to be held May 7-8), Blinn College Banquet Room, Brenham, 2pm.

Wine & Roses Luncheon

Luncheon and seminar on how to choose the best rose for your garden, 12 noon, \$45 includes lunch, beverage and rose, register in advance, Antique Rose Emporium (979-836-5548).

Valentine Dinner

Enjoy a romantic evening at the Falls Golf Resort & Club in New Ulm, 5-9pm, \$79/couple (979-992-3123, www.thefallsresort.com).

Feb 15-20, 22-27

Winedale Quilt Exhibit

Classic and traditional patterns through the ages in this exhibit open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, Winedale, 3738 FM 2714, Round Top (979-

278-3530, www.cah.utexas.edu).

Feb 16

Ribbon Cutting

The Assarian Group-All-State Insurance at 10:30 a.m. on 1006 E. Blue Bell Road, Brenham

Feb 16-17

Concealed Handgun License Class

Hosted by the Washington County Shooting Club, will provide pistols for those who need one, call to practice before the class, \$110 fee, 5:15pm, Salem Fire Dept., 251 Salem Rd., Brenham (979-836-0986).

Feb 16

First Step Luncheon

by Hospice Brazos Valley

A monthly grief support luncheon to learn healthy grieving methods encouraging comfort and hope, bring a covered dish to share, beverages provided, 11am-1pm, third Tuesday of every month, free, Hospice Brazos Valley, 302 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham (979-277-9525, dmackey@hospicebrazosvalley.com).

Feb 18-21

Blinn Players Performance

The Blinn Players present "The Good Woman of Setzuan" by Bertolt Brecht, Thurs-Sat at 7pm, Sun at 2pm, \$5, O'Donnell Center, Blinn College, Brenham (979-830-4000).

Feb 18-20

Fortnightly Club

Used Book Sale

Proceeds benefit the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library, sale held at Washington County Fair Grounds, 1305 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham (979-337-7201).

Feb 18

Ribbon Cutting

Farmers Insurance Group-

Jerral Johnson at 4:30 p.m. at 1004 S. Austin Street, Brenham (inside Town & Country Realty & Mortgage).

"Business After Hours"

Hosted by Town & Country Mortgage and Farmers Insurance Group, 1004 S. Austin Street, Brenham, 5-8pm.

Friends of Bluebonnet Opry

Featuring: Shawn Ahmad of Tomball; Paul Schlesinger of Taylor; Jacque Hernandez of Willis; and the Bluebonnet Opry House Band. Music food and fun, every third Thursday of the month, food served at 6pm, show starts at 7:30pm, Silver Wings Ballroom, 4100 Hwy 105, Brenham (979-836-4347).

Feb 19-20

Concert at Unity Theatre

Celtic Ensemble "Beyond the Pale" presents a program of Irish music, dancers and traditional storytelling, 8pm, \$20, Unity Theatre, 300 Church St., Downtown Brenham (979-830-8358, www.unitybrenham.org).

Feb 20

Mardi Gras Hospice Happening

Hospice Brazos Valley celebrates Mardi Gras with their 20th annual Hospice Happening at the Brazos County Exposition Complex, Bryan (979-821-2266, kaugsburger@hospicebrazosvalley.org).

Brenham Fine Arts

League Juried Art Show

Juried art show open to the public with a reception at 1:30pm, Downtown Art Gallery, 113 W. Alamo Street, Downtown Brenham (979-836-1622).

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