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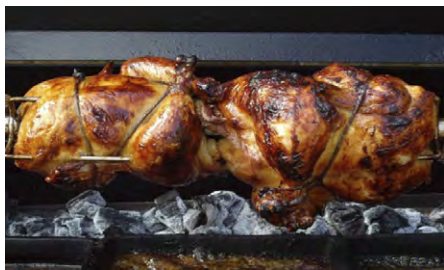
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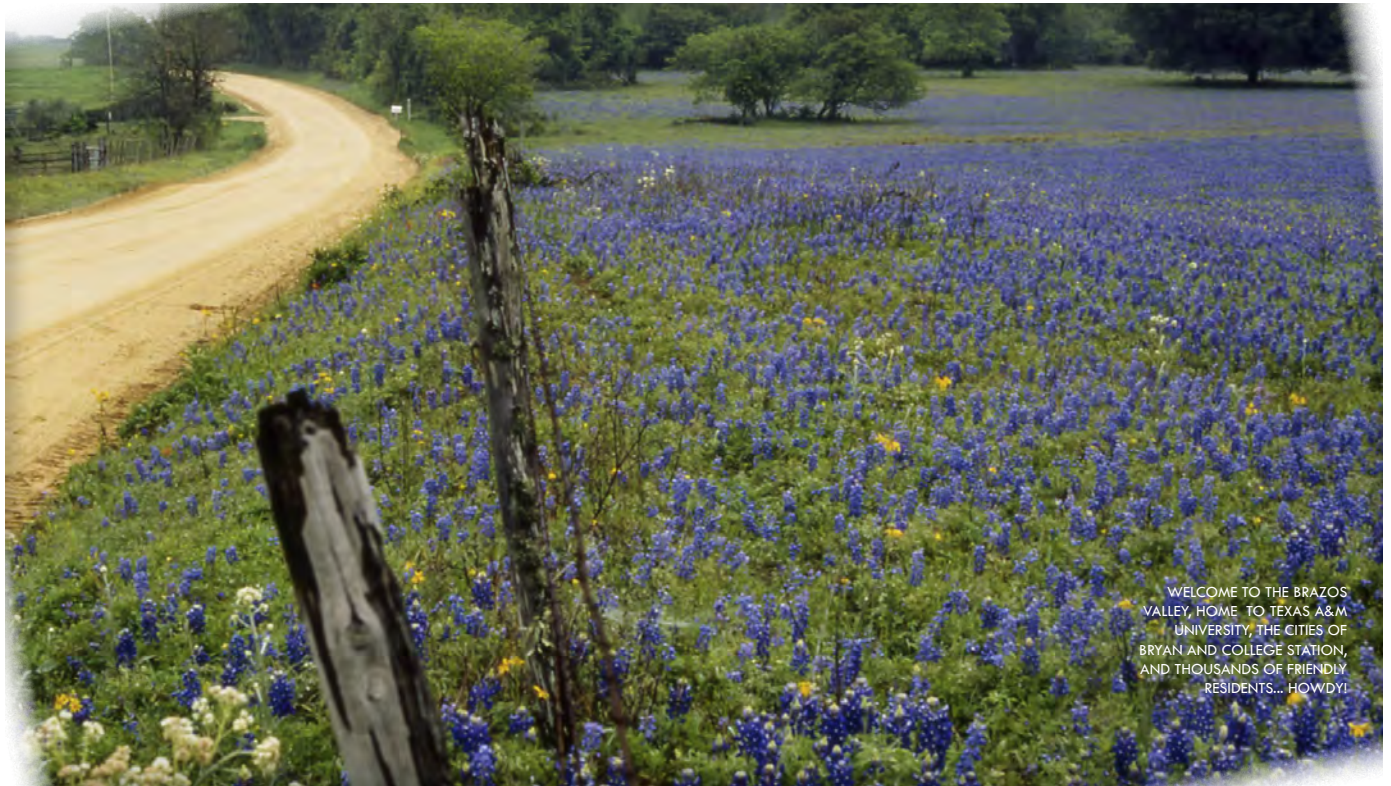
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## LIVING in the BRAZOS VALLEY

### *A Brief Overview of Life in Bryan and College Station*

**Bryan** Broadcasting Publications' 2011 Annual Manual edition of **BrazosLife** serves to provide information about living in the Brazos Valley to current residents, visitors, and those considering moving to the area.

This guide will help readers with everything from practical information – like what days your trash and recycling will be picked up – to where to catch up on your arts and culture. This Annual Manual will give you a little bit of information about a lot of things in Bryan and College Station – and we'll give you the information to find out more if you want more.

From education to politicians, we've compiled all that information right here for our readers. After all, we figure you'll want to talk to your elected officials about something at some time, and we'll be happy to help you do that.

The 2011 Annual Manual goes to press as the US Census workers compile their statistics gathered earlier this year, so you won't find the full 2010 reporting here. Demographic data will be released to the states on a rolling basis starting in February, and will wrap up that process by the end of March. What they could tell us is that 71% of the households in

Brazos County did fill out and mail back their 2010 Census questionnaire, which is just three percent lower than the national average of 74%. The population count was presented to President Barack Obama in December, and did show that Texas is experiencing a large surge in population since the 2000 census – which earned the state an additional four seats of representation in Congress. If you are interested in learning about the 2010 Census, visit [www.2010.census.gov](http://www.2010.census.gov).

(Source: <http://2010.census.gov/news/releases/operations/cb10-cn93.html>)

While we don't have the 2010 US Census demographic information yet, this publication features the most recent information we could find, both online and by contact, so if you find an error or an outdated source, let us know and we'll publicly ridicule the source which gave us the information. Email us at [magazine@bryanbroadcasting.com](mailto:magazine@bryanbroadcasting.com).

So, we'll get started with information about our two beautiful cities and the county.

#### QUICK FACTS

- Population - Bryan: 69,396
- Population - College Station: 93, 400
- Population - Brazos County: 185, 876
- Ave. Annual Rainfall (BCS): 39 Inches

- Ave. Elevation: 367' above sea level
  - Average Temperature: 68 degrees
  - Sales Tax: 8.25%
  - City Governments: Council & Manager
- Agricultural Resources in our area include: cattle, corn, cotton, eggs, hay, and sorghum.

Mineral Resources include: sand, gravel, lignite, gas, and oil.

Our community is located 95 miles north of Houston, 169 miles south of Dallas, 166 miles northeast of San Antonio and 104 miles east of Austin; 75% of the Texas and Louisiana populations, a total of 13.1 million people, reside within 3 1/2 driving hours of B-CS.

(Source: <http://bcschamber.org/LiveWork/BCSQuickFacts>)

#### WEATHER

There's an old Texas saying that "if you don't like the weather here, wait 5 minutes. It'll change." Honestly, the weather doesn't change quite that often here, but the residents of the Brazos Valley can certainly attest to the weather being quirky at times. For the most part, our weather here is mostly pleasant. The subtropical and temperate weather means plenty of sunny days, making the area an ideal year-round destination for vacations and meetings.

(Source: <http://www.visitagieland.com/>)

**WEATHER (continued)**

Residents who have lived here several years and longer will tell folks that Bryan-College Station is "hot and humid in the summer" and "is quite cool in the winter." In the recent years past, we have even gotten a few instances of snowfall, usually in January.

According to Weather.com; the average high and low temperatures are as follows:

- January Ave. Low - 40 degrees
- January Ave. High - 61 degrees
- February Ave. Low - 44 degrees
- February Ave. High - 66 degrees
- March Ave. Low - 50 degrees
- March Ave. High - 73 degrees
- April Ave. Low - 57 degrees
- April Ave. High - 79 degrees
- May Ave. Low - 65 degrees
- May Ave. High - 85 degrees
- June Ave. Low - 72 degrees
- June Ave. High - 92 degrees
- July Ave. Low - 74 degrees
- July Ave. High - 96 degrees
- August Ave. Low - 73 degrees
- August Ave. High - 96 degrees
- September Ave. Low - 69 degrees
- September Ave. High - 91 degrees
- October Ave. Low - 59 degrees
- October Ave. High - 82 degrees
- November Ave. Low - 49 degrees
- November Ave. High - 71 degrees
- December Ave. Low - 42 degrees
- December Ave. High - 63 degrees

As far as rain goes, on average, the area gets about 40" of rain each year, with the rainiest months being May and October, historically.

**A VERY BRIEF HISTORY OF BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION**

**Bryan**

The area around Bryan, Texas was part of a land grant to Moses Austin by Spain. Moses Austin's son, Stephen F. Austin helped bring settlers to the area. Among the settlers was William Joel Bryan, the nephew of Stephen F. Austin. The town of Bryan was founded in 1821. It grew quickly when the Houston and Texas Central Railroad arrived in 1860. In 1866, the county seat of Brazos County, Texas was changed from Boonville, Texas to Bryan. A short time later, in 1871, the City of Bryan became incorporated.

The city prospered with its robust agricultural resources and a railway system completed in 1876. That same year, the State of Texas established the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas just south of Bryan.

**College Station**

In 1860, the Houston and Texas Central Railway built their rail line through the area, stopping just short of Bryan until after the Civil War. In 1871, the site was chosen as the

home of the new Texas Agriculture and Mechanical College. Students riding the train to the school would be let off at the "College Station" instead of stopping in Bryan. When a post office for the university was opened in 1877 near the tracks, it took the simple name of "College Station." It was not until 1938 that the town was finally incorporated as College Station, Texas.

Cited from: <http://bcshamber.org/LiveWork/BCSQuickFacts>

The incorporation was a result of a petition, by 23 men representing on and off campus interests, to the Board of Directors of Texas A&M College. The Board of Directors had no objection to the annexation, and suggested that a belt around the campus be included in the proposed city.

Citizens voted 217 to 39 on October 19, 1938 to incorporate the City of College Station.

(Cited from: [www.cstx.gov/index.aspx?page=2010](http://www.cstx.gov/index.aspx?page=2010) "Brief College Station History")



**A FIRST LOOK AT THE NEW CITY OF COLLEGE STATION**

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**ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS**

**Northgate**

Northgate is a mixed-use district located just north of Texas A&M University that features a combination of businesses, residences, churches, and entertainment. Considered “the heart” of Aggieland, it is a vibrant part of the city known for its eclectic mix of restaurants and bars. The district is the home of the first Texas location for the regional fast food chain Freebirds World Burrito and the world-famous bar and eatery, Dixie Chicken.



NORTHGATE, ONE OF THE AREA'S POPULAR NIGHTSPOTS

Northgate's roots started in the 1930s as the city began enjoying rapid population growth from the influx of Texas A&M University students, professors and their families. Realizing that proximity to the campus would be a boon for revenues, the first business district was established in College

Station near the campus, taking its name for the closest on-campus landmark: the north gate.

When the city was incorporated in 1938, its first City Hall was opened in the new district. In 1994, restoration efforts began to revitalize and update the area. A four-day music festival, “North By Northgate” was introduced in 1998 and has since become an annual tradition, renamed the “Northgate Music Festival” in 2002. In 2006, the city council incorporated Northgate as a special tax zone to finance additional improvements and expansions.

The City of College Station has made investment in Northgate's infrastructure a strategic priority for the last 12 years investing over \$25 million in street, utility, and drainage improvements, streetscape, public parking garages, sidewalks, period lighting, and pedestrian promenades. As a result of the City's commitment to revitalizing Northgate, private sector investment in Northgate is growing with the recent projects such as the \$25 million Tradition Dormitory and the \$4 million Cross Street Lofts.

Further redevelopment is planned for the area and can viewed at the City's website at [www.cstx.gov](http://www.cstx.gov).

**Wolf Pen Creek District**

Wolf Pen Creek District is a large commercial development located near Post Oak Mall and

between two of the city's main commercial thoroughfares: Earl Rudder Freeway & Texas Avenue.

The area consists of a greenway with trails, a \$1.5 million amphitheater and entertainment area, a small lake, the Arctic Wolf Ice Center, and is the home of the Arts Council of the Brazos Valley. New additions in the area include a shopping center and luxury student loft living center.

The Amphitheater itself has hosted hundreds of musical events, including the annual Starlight Music Series, a free concert series that starts in late spring and runs through late summer courtesy of College Station Utilities.

College Station's Stephen C Beachy Central Park is nearby and home to many events throughout the year. For more information about College Station's entertainment area, visit [www.cstx.gov](http://www.cstx.gov).



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**ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS (continued)**



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**"Restaurant Row"**

University Drive in College Station is not only the home to Texas A&M University and Northgate, but also to a newly developed area full of new restaurants. Dubbed "Restaurant Row" by residents, diners can find just about any type of cuisine between Highway 6 and Wellborn road on University.

**Historic Downtown Bryan**

Over the past decade, the Historic Downtown Bryan area has experienced an amazing revitalization. What was once a neglected area has now become one of the most popular places for the best in dining, entertainment and shopping. Residents and visitors alike especially enjoy the first Friday each month,

when Downtown Bryan Association hosts **First Fridays**. This monthly event features live music and entertainment, artist demonstrations, with activities for both adults and children. The first Fridays in February, June and October are even larger as these months feature "Art Step," which focuses on the artwork of local and regional artists.

One of the most anticipated events each year in the Brazos Valley is the **Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival**. This annual event features a steak grilling competition, wine tastings, family events, grape stomping contests, shopping and more. While in the past, it has been held in early summer, Texas Reds is moving to a more comfortable time of year. The 2011 Texas Reds Festival is scheduled for October 7-8.

This area is home to dozens of stores and restaurants, but also to hotels, nightclubs, theatres, special event venues, art galleries, parks and also the **Children's Museum**.

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN BRYAN HAS SEEN MANY UPDATES IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, MAKING IT ONE OF THE AREA'S TOP ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATIONS.  
Photo by Patrick Zeinert



THE TEXAS REDS STEAK AND GRAPE FESTIVAL RETURNS TO BRYAN THIS YEAR OCTOBER 7-8

Downtown Bryan's history is incredibly rich, and full of character – even the buildings come with their own personalities. One such building is the **Queen Theatre**. Currently, this historic theatre in Downtown Bryan is going through a much-needed restoration. Exterior renovations are being made, and the Queen's crown was removed this past November, which coincided with the initial grand opening of the theatre in 1939.

Repairs and restoration will continue to be made thanks in part to donations from the community, business leaders, and others who want to see the landmark returned to its former glory. For more information and updates on the Queen Theatre restoration, as well as more information on Historic Downtown Bryan, visit [www.downtownbryan.com](http://www.downtownbryan.com).

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#### REAL ESTATE TRENDS

While the rest of the United States is in one of the worst real estate value declines in almost 100 years, the Brazos Valley is amazingly not contributing much to the nationwide trends. According to the BCS Regional Association of Realtors ([www.bcsrealtor.com](http://www.bcsrealtor.com)), 2010 has had historic high monthly average sales prices, and lows that have been on par with the past two years. In November, the average home sale was

\$201,000 – which is up from 2009's average sale price of \$167,806 – and is nearly \$40,000 over the average home price in November 2008. So, on average, our area's homes are retaining their value, and showing slow growth similar to previous years.

While the average home prices here in our area have shown steady growth and the odd peaks and valleys throughout the year, the volume of sales (number of homes sold) did indeed decrease greatly this summer over past years. At its peak in July 2008, 358 homes were sold. This year, only 189 were sold in July. There was a slight increase in August, but then totals declined as is common for the winter months in our area.

Real estate sales in the Brazos Valley throughout the year tend to start low in January and slowly rise to a peak in July and August, then declines the rest of the year.

2010 also had a bit of a lift from the recent Homebuyer Tax Credit, which allowed sellers to get more for their homes and buyers to receive a nice paycheck from Uncle Sam for boosting the economy.

Our area was named in 2006 by *Money* magazine the "most educated city in Texas, and the 11th

most educated city in the US," and yet, even though our towns are highly desirable, they boast a very affordable cost of living, and compares to other Texas cities like Austin, Midland, and Corpus Christi.

(Source: Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University: Texas Housing Affordability Index)

#### RENTER'S RESOURCES

Rental homes in Bryan-College Station are made up of apartments, student housing, single-family homes, mobile homes, duplexes, four-plexes, or condos. Rental prices vary greatly depending on the location, and the size, age and condition of the property.

Before beginning to search for a place to live, you must decide if you will live alone or with roommates, how much rent you can afford, check your credit rating, and list the general areas of town that are acceptable. Then it's time to shop around for your place!

There are several real estate companies in town who handle renters, as well as those that handle only rentals and property management. **Aggieland Apartment Finders**, recently voted "Best Rental Locator Service" is one of many that are willing to help you fine tune your search, and get you into the home that's just right for your needs.

**RENTER'S RESOURCES (continued)**

Renters need to make sure to have the first month's rent (and often the last month's as well), any deposits required, prior to submitting an application. This is standard in most rental agreements.

It's the renter's responsibility to read the lease thoroughly. The documents are intended to protect the landlord as well as the renter, and include items like whether pets are acceptable, how much notice a renter needs to give prior to moving out, and what is included with monthly rent. Eviction information should also be included, as well as information about proceedings that occur during a foreclosure, should the landlord forfeit the property. For information about Tenant's Rights in Texas, visit [www.texastenant.org](http://www.texastenant.org). This site is a resource to answer common questions about tenant's rights and how to solve disputes with landlords and property managers, should they arise.

**LOW-INCOME HOUSING/RENTAL HELP**

The cities along with other non-profit, charitable, and federal agencies offer help to low and moderate income families who seek rental assistance. **Twin City Mission Housing Services'** program offers deposit assistance. Brazos Valley Council of Governments ([www.bvcog.org](http://www.bvcog.org)) administers a federal program to assist low-income families, elderly, and disabled people rent decent and safe housing.

Bryan and College Station both receive federal



funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist eligible residents. There are several apartment complexes in the Brazos Valley that offer units to families and individuals at affordable rental rates (specified by HUD guidelines).

**HOMEBUYERS**

Renting works for many, but a big part of the "American Dream" is to own a home. Purchasing a home isn't as quick and easy as it was a few years ago thanks to the sub-prime mortgage and foreclosure crisis, but it is still possible to realize your homeownership dreams right here.

What better place than Bryan-College Station to make that investment? The cities have gained recognition as one of the "top ten small metro areas for relocating families in the United States, and one of the top places to live," according to Worldwide ERC and Primacy Relocation in 2006. The local Multiple Listing Service reports over 1100 listings in the Brazos Valley are available for sale with prices from \$43,000 up to \$2,900,000.

So, chances are you'll find your perfect home somewhere in between those two prices.

**HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE & PROGRAMS**

Think you might like a little help with buying your home? While the opportunity to cash in on the federal home buyer tax credit has passed, there are still plenty of programs out there, both from local, city, state and federal agencies as well as from finance corporations – all designed for buyers with different needs. At [www.TxHomePrograms.org](http://www.TxHomePrograms.org), an interactive online database of all the assistance programs available to Texas residents. This site links to programs specifically for our area as well as rural properties within Brazos County.

These programs come in all varieties:

- Closing cost or down payment assistance
- Zero Down Payment Financing
- Reduced Rate Mortgages
- Relaxed Qualifications
- Employer/Occupation Programs
- Purchase Rehabilitation Funding

Apply for assistance at the City of Bryan Development office ([www.bryantx.gov](http://www.bryantx.gov)) call (979) 209-5175; the Brazos Valley Habitat for Humanity ([habitatbcs.org](http://habitatbcs.org)) (979) 823-7200; the US Department of Agriculture (for rural areas outside BCS) at (979) 846-0548; and the Brazos Valley Affordable Housing Corporation ([www.bvahc.org](http://www.bvahc.org)) (979) 595-2809.

(Source: City of College Station Health & Human Service Information [www.cstx.gov](http://www.cstx.gov))

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## HOMEBUYERS (continued) MORTGAGE LENDING

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Once you find the house, and have an accepted offer, the process of contract and closing begins. There are inspections and appraisals to be performed, repairs to make, documentation to provide, all before the sale is closed at the Title company, when the house becomes yours.

The lender will require a home appraisal to estimate the fair market value of the property, home, land, and additions. This value is reported to the county which then calculates the amount of property taxes you'll pay. To review the values of properties in Brazos County, visit the Brazos County Appraisal District at [www.brazoscad.org](http://www.brazoscad.org) or call (979) 774-4100.

## BUILDING A HOME

For those who want to build a new home, there hundreds of resources and contractors locally that will help you complete your project. From design to land purchase, and foundation to framing, interior and exterior finishes, landscaping, you name it, there's a professional here in town to make it easy on you.

**BUILDING A HOME** (continued)

If you have never purchased a new or custom home before, make sure to do your homework. Research the process, find out the costs associated with building, permits, and the rest. Determine a time line of when you'll need the house to be finished, and start shopping for lots and builders.

Subdivisions like Stone Creek Farms, Indian Lakes, Bird Pond Estates, Williams Creek, and others are great places to shop for your lot. Keep in mind that there are lot restrictions – minimum square footage, designs that must be approved by Home Owner Associations and other restrictions and rules – that are often present to maintain the values of the homes in the subdivision. Be sure to inquire about HOA fees as well, as they vary greatly in our area.

If the custom home is out of your price range, there are many new homes that are preselected or are built as “Spec” or tract homes – ones that are move-in ready in either a new housing development or an established neighborhood. If Custom is the way to go, visit with a local builder, like **Mariott Homes** (voted “Best Homebuilder in the Brazos Valley”), and have them walk you through the custom home building process.

Many times the largest differences between a custom home and a tract home is design and

price. Tract homes in a development usually feature only a few floorplans that vary in square footage. Custom homes will allow the builder to draft a plan that is distinctly unique. Tract homes are typically built for less money and you'll have less options for design and materials. So, think about your wants and needs and put those together with your budget to figure out which is right for you.

**PROPERTY TAXES**

The property tax rate (as of October 1, 2009) for the City of College Station is 43.94 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. That rate does not include taxes for the school district or the county. A breakout of these is shown below:

- College Station \$0.43940**
  - Brazos County \$0.48000**
  - CSISD \$1.25341**
  - Total of \$2.17281 per \$100 assessed valuation.**
- (Source: City of College Station Tax Rate Information at [www.cstx.gov](http://www.cstx.gov))

The property tax rate in the City of Bryan is 63.64 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The total to include city, county and ISD taxes is shown below:

- Bryan \$0.6364**
  - Brazos County \$ 0.48000**
  - BISD (2010) \$1.29**
  - Total of \$2.4064 per \$100 assessed valuation.**
- (Source: City of College Station Tax Rate Information at [www.cstx.gov](http://www.cstx.gov) and Bryan ISD at [www.bryanisd.org](http://www.bryanisd.org) Ordinance Setting Tax Rate 2010)

**Homestead exemptions** are available to home buyers who will occupy the home as their principal residence, and have no other homestead-exempted properties. The general exemption is \$15,000. This means if your home is appraised at \$150,000, you'll be taxed on only a value of \$135,000.

Other tax exemptions include those for residents over age 65, those with disabilities, disabled veterans, and surviving spouses of owners over 65 claiming exemption.

For information about Property Taxes in Brazos County, call Tax Assessor/Collector Kristeen Roe at (979) 361-4470.

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**College Station Utilities** provides electric, water, garbage, and wastewater services, as well as utility metering and billing to customers within College Station. Services can be connected and disconnected online at [www.cstx.gov](http://www.cstx.gov) or by calling (979) 764-3535. CSU does not charge a security deposit unless there is a history of late payments on your account. There are Residential Connect Fees of \$15 for Electricity and \$10 for Water, which can be applied to your first bill. Many different services are offered including Wind Watts and Budget Billing for those who would like "green energy" and those who would rather keep their bills consistent from month to month. Currently, CSU charges \$7.00 per month service charge, and energy charges start at .1181 in summer and .1134 during the winter. Tax is 1.5%, and a transmission delivery of .005 is added. Water and sewer rates for residents are based upon usage, but start at \$2.26 per 1,000 gallons for usage under 10,000 gallons. A meter fee of \$10.19 is charged for residents, as well.

CURBSIDE TRASH PICKUP IS A SERVICE BOTH BRYAN AND COLLEGE STATION OFFER TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

The City of College Station also offers a curbside recycling program, and rebates for water conservation, the usage of compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL bulbs), and other money-saving rebates on home upgrades that are energy efficient. Visit [www.cstx.gov](http://www.cstx.gov) to view pickup days for trash, brush and bulky items, and recycling.

(Source: City of College Station [www.cstx.gov](http://www.cstx.gov) and College Station Utilities)

**Bryan Texas Utilities** or BTU provides utility services to residents of Bryan. In order to establish a service account, BTU requires customers to fill out an application, a deposit of \$145 or \$160, and a copy of your driver's license. BTU will provide electric, water, and solid waste services. For more information about BTU, or to use their rate calculator, visit [www.btutilities.com](http://www.btutilities.com) or call (979) 821-5700.

Bryan's Garbage Collections are easily accessed by viewing a map at [www.bryantx.gov/waste](http://www.bryantx.gov/waste). For questions about trash pickup or to request a trash bin call (979) 209-5900.



While the City of Bryan does not offer curbside recycling pickup, there is the Bryan Drive-In Recycling Center, at 2202 Briarcrest Drive, that is open Monday-Saturday 8am to 5:30pm, and Sunday Noon to 5:30pm. Bryan residents who recycle are eligible for one month FREE garbage service. Visit [www.bryantx.gov](http://www.bryantx.gov) for more details about what materials are accepted.

(Source: City of Bryan Environmental Services [www.bryantx.gov](http://www.bryantx.gov))

For rural Brazos County residents, the county provides the use of trash compactor facilities for proper household waste disposal. County residents will be required to purchase validation stickers and affix them to the trash.

**TRASH TALK**

In an effort to improve efficiency, keep costs down, and ensure environmental protection, the cities of Bryan and College Station joined together in 1990 to create the **Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency** (BVSWMA). This agency runs the Rock Prairie landfill that currently accepts an "estimated 1,000 tons of solid waste per day."

BVSWMA accepts trash in a Pull Off Service, Unsecured Loads, large trash, special waste, and large appliances, are charged based on weight. Bryan and College Station residents with a current copy of their utility bill showing sanitation service fee will receive free disposal (some restrictions apply).

(Source: City of College Station: BVSWMA Landfill [www.cstx.gov](http://www.cstx.gov))

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Top-notch specialty care is provided at our hospitals, and many medical advances and innovations have gotten their start in our community.

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### HOSPITALS

**St. Joseph Regional Health Center** is based in Bryan, Texas and serves the Brazos Valley with its integrated health care network of hospitals

and clinics. St. Joseph provides the highest quality patient care, valuable medical research and clinical education, as well as significant benefits to the communities we serve. St. Joseph Regional Health Center is a modern, 310-bed hospital facility that offers complete services for emergencies, inpatient surgery, outpatient surgery, and critical care cases. Compassionate care is delivered by a highly-skilled staff using the latest technology.

St. Joseph is the only Joint Commission certified Primary Stroke Center and also the only accredited Chest Pain Center in the Brazos Valley. SJRHC also provides a Level III Trauma Center.

On October 20, 2010, St. Joseph Regional Health Center was named #1 in the state of Texas for overall orthopedic services (which includes joint replacement and spine surgery) by HealthGrades, an independent health care ratings organization. In addition to this recognition, St. Joseph has also received accolades for Coronary Interventional Procedures and Carotid Surgery and Appendectomy.

St. Joseph Regional Health Center is a health ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania,

Ohio. Part of the mission at SJRHC is to create wellness in the Brazos Valley. By offering many preventative tools, classes, support groups, wellness programs, and online resources, the health care organization hopes to help patients before they become ill or injured.

For more information about St. Joseph Regional Health Center, and its clinics, physicians, programs and more, log on to [www.st-joseph.org](http://www.st-joseph.org) or call (979) 776-3777.

(Source: St. Joseph Regional Health Care, [www.st-joseph.org](http://www.st-joseph.org); and Texas A&M Health Science Center, <http://medicine.tamhsc.edu>)

**The College Station Medical Center** the oldest health care facility in Bryan/College Station and the Official Health Care Provider for Texas A&M Athletics. Known widely as "The Med," the hospital provides a full array of services from maternal/fetal medicine, cardiac care to cancer care. The Med supports community wellness and aims to provide the finest health care.

The hospital and clinic were founded in 1931 in Bryan, Texas. Humana relocated the hospital from Bryan to its current location at 1604 Rock Prairie Road in 1987, and eleven years later, in 1998, the facility was renamed the College Station Medical Center.

**HOSPITALS** (continued)

Through the years, The Med has established itself as a stable community hospital with an excellent reputation for quality care. The Med has continually worked to raise the quality of health care in the Brazos Valley and introduced cardiology services in the late 1980s. A decade later, the hospital began to focus on new technologies and built primary and specialty care offices on its campus.



COLLEGE STATION MEDICAL CENTER, "THE MED," LOCATED ON ROCK PRAIRIE ROAD IN SOUTH COLLEGE STATION, HAS RECENTLY ADDED A NEW NICU UNIT AND TOWER TO THE FACILITY.

The Med currently provides a full array of medical services that include cardiac, pediatrics, obstetrics, general and specialty surgery, cancer treatment, inpatient rehabilitation and outpatient physical therapy. In addition, a dialysis center is located on the campus, and The Med is designated as a Level III Trauma Center.

Accolades and recognition received by The Med and its physicians include: Lab, Pathology, Respiratory Accreditation from The Joint Commission; Texas Health Care Award of Excellence; Chest Pain Center Accreditation; Sleep Center Accreditation; and was host to the first ever performed robotic heart surgery.

The Med is also committed to community wellness and provides various health and preventative programs to help patients. These

include the Healthy Woman, Senior Circle, Lung Health at the Med, and Heart Health at The Med programs.

The Med also features one of the areas top pediatric wings and features a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) on site.

For more information about the College Station Medical Center and the services provided there to the community, visit [www.csmedcenter.com](http://www.csmedcenter.com) or call (979) 764-5100.

(Source: College Station Medical Center, [www.csmedcenter.com](http://www.csmedcenter.com); and Texas A&M Health Science Center, <http://medicine.tamhsc.edu>)

**The Physician's Centre Hospital** is a locally-owned and directed facility in Bryan at 3131 University Drive East. A smaller facility, this hospital is the area's newest. It features 16 patient beds, six operating rooms, two endoscopy

suites, and provides diagnostic imaging, a diabetic education team, pathology and lab capabilities, and an in-patient pharmacy.

This facility is also home to medical offices for over 50 practicing physicians, and their staff.

Becker's Hospital Review wrote about the Physician's Centre Hospital in 2009 in recognition of the best physician-owned hospitals in the US: "The motto of The Physicians Centre Hospital is "Delight our patients, delight our physicians, delight our staff." According to recent Consumer Reports rankings, the hospital has succeeded and was named as the number three hospital in Texas and the 16th in the nation for patient satisfaction. Led by Dale Clark, the hospital focuses on a variety of outpatient surgeries and includes 16 patient suites, six operating rooms and imaging services. Patient care and quality is obviously a priority at Physicians Centre, and HealthGrades gave its total knee replacement a five-star rating. Additionally, 93 percent of patients on the U.S. News & World Report index said they would recommend the hospital to friends and family members."

For further information about the Physician's Centre Hospital, visit [www.thephysicianscentre.com](http://www.thephysicianscentre.com) or call (979)731-3950.

(Source: College Station Medical Center, [www.csmedcenter.com](http://www.csmedcenter.com); and Texas A&M Health Science Center, <http://medicine.tamhsc.edu>)



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The physicians at Scott & White College Station use the latest technology to diagnose and treat diseases in the most integrated health care network in Texas. Patients as well as physicians benefit from the collaborative relationship with Scott & White Temple Hospital and more than 650 Scott & White physicians and scientists across the system.

Scott & White College Station has expanded its care services this past July to include the new Arrington

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Scott & White College Station is making progress toward building a new hospital and additional clinic in South College Station on the southeast corner of Rock Prairie and Highway 6. This past November, the College Station City Council approved final steps which will allow Scott & White to proceed ahead. The projected ground breaking is set for January 2011, and the hospital and clinic will open within the next two years.

For information about Scott & White College Station, its physicians and services, visit [www.bcs.sw.org](http://www.bcs.sw.org) or call (979) 691-3300.

(Source: Scott & White Healthcare [www.sw.org](http://www.sw.org); Scott & White College Station [www.bcs.sw.org](http://www.bcs.sw.org); Newstalk 1620, Bill Oliver <http://www.wtaw.com/2010/11/22/cs-council-approves-new-scott-white-hospital-and-clinic/>)

## HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Chamber of Commerce of B/CS reported that there were over 350 health service providers in our area, and that number is growing with the addition of new facilities and expansions of current clinics.

(Source: Chamber of Commerce of Bryan-College Station [www.bcschamber.org/liveWork/LivingInBCS/Healthcare.html](http://www.bcschamber.org/liveWork/LivingInBCS/Healthcare.html))

Of these, 36 have been named 2010 Texas Monthly "Super Doctors." This is a list of outstanding physicians from more than 30 specialties who have attained the highest degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Only 5% of the physicians within the region are awarded this honor. To see who was named a "Super Doctor," visit [www.superdoctors.com](http://www.superdoctors.com).

(Source: Texas Monthly's Super Doctors [www.superdoctors.com/about/selection\\_process.html](http://www.superdoctors.com/about/selection_process.html))

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### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**Brazos County's Health Department**, located at 201 North Texas Avenue in Bryan is dedicated to preventing disease, protecting life, and promoting healthy lifestyles.

To assist in accomplishing its mission, the organization provides classes taught by Community Health Nurses on a variety of clinical subjects like health counseling, and group education services.

Clinics include the Adult Health, Community Health, Immunization, STD Infections, Tuberculosis Elimination, and Communicable Disease are held throughout each month at low or no cost for patients. For information on clinic dates and times, visit [www.brazoshealth.org](http://www.brazoshealth.org).

Affairs. This site, located at 1651 Rock Prairie Road, Suite 100 provides primary care services for veterans in Bryan/College Station. It features behavioral health services, counseling, personal care, laboratory services and prescription services. For information, call (979) 680-0361.

### MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS

Other community organizations work to educate B/CS residents on wellness and health. Among them are the **HealthSmart Coalition** (<http://healthsmartconsumers.org>); **Project Unity** ([www.projectunitytx.org](http://www.projectunitytx.org)); and the **Brazos Valley Community Action Agency** ([www.bvcaa.org](http://www.bvcaa.org)). The extensive work of these groups help residents learn to be accountable for their own health, teach healthy living, and disease prevention.



THE BRAZOS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROVIDES TRAINING AND PUBLIC EDUCATION TO PROMOTE HEALTHY LIVING, PROTECT LIFE, AND PREVENT DISEASES.  
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The Brazos County Health Dept is also in charge of Food Service Inspections and Food Handler Training. It features an Emergency Preparedness and Response division; and inspects samples from the Public Water System.

### CHARITABLE HEALTH ENTITIES

Texas has the highest number of uninsured residents, it is estimated that 25% of the population is living with out insurance. In the Brazos Valley alone, over 60,000 are without health insurance.

Community Education is a large portion of the mission of the Brazos County Health Department. With programs like Safe Riders, a Child Safety Seat Distribution and Education Program; Certification for Child Care Workers; and Work Site Wellness the BCHD wants to ensure the safety and wellness of all residents from young to old.

Due to this problem, those without insurance are less likely to seek preventative care or pay for well checkups each year. Many patients wait until symptoms of illness become so bad, they require an emergency room visit, which is much more costly. **Health For All** serves these patients, by providing primary health care at a much lower cost than is possible at hospital emergency rooms.

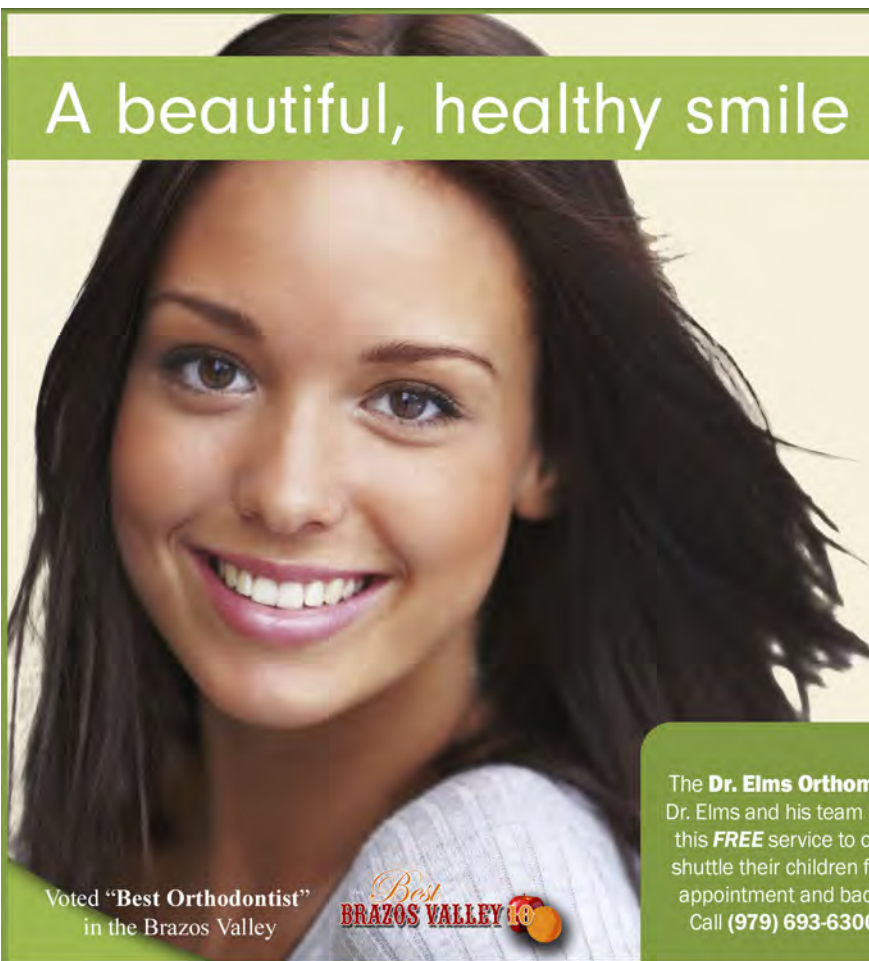
For more information about Brazos County's Health Department and its programs, visit [www.brazoshealth.org](http://www.brazoshealth.org) or call (979) 361-4440.

A non-profit, volunteer-based clinic, Health For All features free doctor visits, eye exams, foot exams, lab testing, x-rays, smoking cessation programs, diabetes management, prescriptions, health education and counseling to low income families.

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**CHARITABLE HEALTH ENTITIES** (continued)

Health For All treats nearly 4,000 patients each year utilizing a team of volunteer medical professionals. They are able to deliver services at a very low cost thanks to a small staff and a large number of dedicated volunteers and community partners. By providing an alternative to expensive emergency room visits by the uninsured, Health For All saves Brazos Valley hospitals and taxpayers millions of dollars each year.

The Health For All clinic is located at 1328 A Memorial Drive in Bryan. For more information about Health For All, visit [www.hlth4all.org](http://www.hlth4all.org) or call (979) 774-4176.

(Source: Health For All; [www.hlth4all.org/AboutUs/](http://www.hlth4all.org/AboutUs/))

**FITNESS FACILITIES & TRAINING**

For those who have their health at heart, and enjoy working out at a fitness club, Bryan and College Station have several to choose from which are conveniently located, reasonable in price, and offer a wide variety of group and individual exercise programs.

Locally-owned and operated, **Aerofit Clubs** offer services and facilities that residents have voted "Best of the Brazos Valley" for the past eight years. Aerofit's slogan of "The Total Fitness Experience" certainly is credible -- with double the gym square footage of its nearest competition, there's more space for members to workout in. But not only is there more space, Aerofit Clubs feature racquetball and tennis

courts, basketball courts, an indoor track, indoor and outdoor pools, group exercise classes of all kinds, small group training, individual training, sport-specific training, and more. Aerofit even offers child care for parents wanting to workout.

Aerofit offers two different locations in Bryan, one at 1900 West Villa Maria (979) 823-0971, and the other location at 4455 Carter Creek (979) 846-8724. Hours vary for each club, so visit [www.aerofitclubs.com](http://www.aerofitclubs.com) for more information on membership.



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Inarguably, the most unique fitness facility is the **Aggieland Fitness Dome**, sometimes referred to as "The Dome." Completed in January 2004, Aggieland Fitness Dome is the world's first

monolithic dome fitness center. Currently, The Dome is under construction to add over 11,000 square feet of space to offer indoor group classes, a basketball court, volleyball court, indoor cycling, yoga, pilates, and more.

Aggieland Fitness Dome's goal is to accommodate the fitness needs of everyone from beginners to seasoned athletes. The gym offers "state-of-the-art equipment, a free weight area, a quick circuit area with Life Fitness equipment, fully-equipped cardio machines with individual tvs, on-site childcare, dressing rooms with individual showers and dressing areas, a dry sauna, and more. Training offered includes body composition, world-class personal training, weight-loss programs, body fat testing, fitness testing, nutritional counseling and more.

Aggieland Fitness Dome is located in South College Station at 4050 State Highway 6 South. (979) 690-3663 or visit them online at [www.aggielandfitness.com](http://www.aggielandfitness.com).

More than 45 years ago, Joe Gold opened a modest fitness center in Venice Beach California and began a tradition that is followed at more than 600 locations across the globe. Our area is home to two of those 600. **Gold's Gym** offers two locations to serve the Brazos Valley's fitness enthusiasts.

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**FITNESS FACILITIES & TRAINING** (continued)

Gold's Gym Bryan is located at 3125 South Texas Avenue, Suite 1000 (979) 822-8000; and Gold's Gym College Station is located at 200 Brentwood Drive East, (979) 764-8000.

Both Gold's Gym locations feature weight training and benches, cardio equipment, group exercise classes, child care, access to personal training, nutrition counseling, and more.

One of the most popular activities at Gold's Gym is the group exercise classes. With exciting and fun options like Bodypump, Bodystep, Bodyflow, Bodyattack, Yoga, Functional Fitness\$, RPM (Spinning), and the nationally popular Zumba® classes, it's no wonder Gold's Gym is one of B-CS's favorite fitness clubs. Gold's Gym even offers its members and potential members a FREE iPhone app to keep them motivated. It has a Flipbook Yourself feature, a Calorie Equater feature, and motivational quotes. It will even allow you to set goals and a target date for weight loss, weight gain, toning and more.

For more information about Gold's Gym in the Brazos Valley, visit [www.goldsgym.com](http://www.goldsgym.com).

One fitness center caters specifically to students and employees -- **Rec Sports' Student Recreation Center at Texas A&M**

**University** offers 400,000 square feet of recreation space, offering something for everyone at "The Rec."

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The Rec offers a gymnasium space for basketball, volleyball, and badminton courts. Soccer courts are also available. An Outdoor Activity area features sand volleyball courts, basketball, a pool and spa, locker rooms and more. There's even a Special Event room with a capacity for 450 guests... which doubles as an Archery room. The Timeout Deli, which serves up everything from sandwiches and burgers to fries, salads, ice cream, sports drinks, and of course bottled water, is available to members as well. For more information about The Rec, visit [recsports.tamu.edu](http://recsports.tamu.edu) or call (979) 845-7826.

There are lots of choices of fitness centers in Bryan and College Station, but not all are large clubs. There are several smaller gyms as well, that offer training, workout equipment and top-notch customer service. Some even offer fitness access 24 hours a day!

**Snap Fitness BCS**

(979) 776-7627  
4282 Boonville Road, Bryan  
[www.snapfitness.com/bryantx](http://www.snapfitness.com/bryantx)

**Curves for Women**

4001 E. 29th St, Suite 111, Bryan  
(979) 846-4153 [www.curves.com](http://www.curves.com)

**DeCore Fitness Studio**

2748 Longmire Drive, College Station  
(979) 764-0814 [www.decorefitness.com](http://www.decorefitness.com)

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3100 Wildflower Drive, Suite 300, Bryan  
(979) 774-5364 [www.anytimefitness.com](http://www.anytimefitness.com)

**Anytime Fitness - College Station**

1411 Wellborn Road, Ste. 300, College Station  
(979) 693-5380 [www.anytimefitness.com](http://www.anytimefitness.com)

**StudioFit, Studio Pilates, and Studio Yoga**

2423 Earl Rudder Fwy South, College Station  
(979) 204-4546 [www.studiofitbcs.com](http://www.studiofitbcs.com)

**SuperSlow Zone**

1602 Rock Prairie Rd, # 4300, College Station  
(979) 693-6100 [www.superslowzone.com](http://www.superslowzone.com)

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**Cliff Latham, Coach Cliff**  
[www.coachcliff.com](http://www.coachcliff.com)  
(979) 695-6400

**Charlie Lima, Train with Charlie**  
[www.trainwithcharlie.com](http://www.trainwithcharlie.com)  
(979) 693-3103

**David Marehouse Fitness Training**  
[www.marehouse.com](http://www.marehouse.com)  
(979) 574-3124

**Trevor Carney, Innovative Fitness**  
[www.ifbcs.com](http://www.ifbcs.com)  
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[www.a-healing-touch.com](http://www.a-healing-touch.com)

**Boardwalk Spa & Salon**  
4340 Carter Creek, Suite 104  
Bryan (979) 260-7726  
[www.boardwalkspa.com](http://www.boardwalkspa.com)  
Voted 2010's "Best Facial/Aesthetician Services" in the Brazos Valley

**Brazos Valley Women's Center Spa Medic**  
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(979) 776-5602  
[www.bvwc.com](http://www.bvwc.com)

**Celebrity Spa & Boutique**  
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College Station (979) 690-6200  
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**French Door Salon & Day Spa**  
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College Station (979) 696-8992  
[www.frenchdoorspa.com](http://www.frenchdoorspa.com)

**Galleria Day Spa**  
214 Elm Avenue, Bryan  
(979) 822-5756  
[www.galleriadayspa.com](http://www.galleriadayspa.com)

**Elements Massage - Bryan**  
3001 Wildflower Drive, Suite 611  
(979) 774-4343  
[www.touchofelements.com/bryan](http://www.touchofelements.com/bryan)

**Elements Massage - College Station**  
3975 St Hwy 6 South, Suite 700  
College Station (979) 696-2000  
[www.touchofelements.com/collegestation](http://www.touchofelements.com/collegestation)

**Riviera Day Spa**  
2821 Rock Prairie East  
College Station (979) 693-0350  
[www.rivieradayspa.net](http://www.rivieradayspa.net)  
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**Sassy Sheree**  
300 W. 24th Street, Bryan  
(979) 571-2080  
[www.sassysheree.com](http://www.sassysheree.com)

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In September, 2010, the US Bureau of Labor Statistics reported a moderate unemployment rate for Brazos County of 5.7%. This is down .3% from 2009, but up an average of 2.63% over the past ten years.

(Source: US Department of Labor Statistics and Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University - <http://recenter.tamu.edu/data/emp/empc>)

Compared with the nationwide unemployment rate of 9.8% reported this past November, the numbers don't seem too bad here. In comparison with other cities, Bryan-College Station was ranked the third lowest unemployment rate in the state. The highest unemployment rate of 11.3% was found in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area, and the lowest of 5.1% was found in Midland.

(Source: Texas Workforce Commission - Texas Metropolitan Areas Ranked by Unemployment Rate, October 2010)

Employment growth in our area has also increased from 2009 to 2010, at a rate of 1.8% according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

This ranks B/CS as the sixth highest growth rate in Texas, we are even .1% higher than the state's average growth rate of 1.7%. So, where are these jobs? Where are residents working in our area?

The Research Valley Partnership and Texas Workforce Commission list the following companies as the major employers in Bryan and College Station and reports the approximate number of employees:

- Bryan ISD: 1,000+
- City of College Station: 1,000+
- College Station ISD: 1,000+
- Reynolds & Reynolds: 1,000+
- Sanderson Farms: 1,000+
- St. Joseph Regional Hospital: 1,000+
- Texas A&M University System: 1,000+
- Blinn College, Bryan Campus: 500-999
- Brazos County: 500-999
- City of Bryan: 500-999
- College Station Medical Center: 500-999
- New Alenco Windows: 500-999
- Scott & White Clinic: 500-999
- Texas A&M Health Science Center: 500-999
- Walmart: 500-999

(H-E-B should also be noted with this group - as it has recently opened one new store, and is in plans to

open another in Bryan in the next year or two.)  
(Source: The Research Valley Partnership (internal survey, 2010) and Texas Workforce Commission (data for Brazos Valley Workforce Development Area, 4Q 2009)

### **CAREER RESOURCES**

Looking for work? The Brazos Valley offers many resources to help the unemployed find a job or career that is well suited to their talents.

**Brazos Valley Workforce Commission**  
[www.bvjobs.org](http://www.bvjobs.org) (979) 595-2801

**SOS Staffing**  
[www.sosstaffing.com](http://www.sosstaffing.com) (979) 260-9190

**Spherion Staffing Services**  
[www.spherion.com](http://www.spherion.com) (979) 846-7833

**The Aggie Career Connection**  
[www.aggiecareers.com](http://www.aggiecareers.com) (979) 775-7902

**Express Employment Professionals**  
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**Link Staffing**  
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**Texas A&M Career Center**  
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#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Looking to get some networking in to enhance your job search or to help generate some business to your current position? Several professional organizations exist in B/CS who will get you plugged in to the business community. You'll meet new people, make friends, make business connections, and learn about the business practices of others in the group.

**American Business Women's Association (ABWA)'s Bryan/College Station Charter Chapter**  
www.abwabcs.org

This organization is part of a national network of more than 1,600 chapters with a current membership of approximately 90,000 women. This local chapter established in 1979, has an active current membership of 50 local businesswomen. The Leading Women Express Network is also a member of the ABWA.

#### Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce

www.bcschamber.org  
(979) 260-5200

The Chamber of Commerce is a volunteer-driven organization that unites the business and professional leaders in our area to expand the economy. The Chamber provides a venue through which members can get involved and accomplish collectively what no one business could do alone. The Chamber is not a department of the city, county or state government; a social service or charitable institution; a private advertising, publicity or PR agency. It doesn't receive outside funding. The chamber relies on membership dues, and fundraising events for its revenue. The B/CS Chamber offers Leadership programs for its members, as well as awards for Community Impact, Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and other Business awards. Membership.

(Source: Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce www.bcschamber.org/)

#### B/CS Apartment Association

www.bcsaa.com  
(979) 260-9842

The purpose of this association is to provide educational opportunities, legislative representation and services to owners, managers and staff of the rental housing industry. BCSAA also provides a forum for product and service companies to gain exposure and network with potential customers. Membership is comprised of rental housing owners, managers, property management firms, locator services, builders, developers, and vendors. There is currently over 350 members.



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[www.bcsbuilders.org](http://www.bcsbuilders.org)  
 (979) 696-0272

A trade organization which promotes and protects the local building industry and its customers. An affiliate of the Texas Association of Builders and the National Association of Home Builders. Membership includes over 400 companies (175 builders and 225 associates). The group offers networking, seminars and classes, exposure to new trends in building, recognition, insurance plans, advisors, discounts and more.

#### Bryan/College Station

#### Association of REALTORS®

[www.bcsrealtor.com](http://www.bcsrealtor.com)  
 (979) 846-3751

This group provides members with a connection to the Texas Association of REALTORS®, legislative representation, bulletins and insurance. It also helps with referrals, clients, networking with other realtors and associates, seminars and classes, publications, and direct mail opportunities.

#### Bed & Breakfast Association

#### of the Brazos Valley

[www.bbavb.com](http://www.bbavb.com)  
 (979) 690-0442

A group of innkeepers dedicated to providing unique accommodations. With a commitment to high standards of professionalism, cleanliness, and Texas hospitality, these owners and staff network to offer the perfect location for guests to escape from the daily routine and relax.

#### Brazos Valley Chapter of

#### Texas Society of Certified

#### Public Accountants

[www.bvcpa.org](http://www.bvcpa.org)  
 (936) 435-9989

A chapter of the Texas Society of CPAs, this professional association supports its members in their professions and promotes awareness of the value and high standards of Texas CPAs.

#### Brazos Valley Human

#### Resource Management

[www.bv-shrm.org](http://www.bv-shrm.org)

This organization is open to professionals and managers responsibly engaged in the practice of human resource management, professional HR consultants,

HR professionals seeking work, individuals employed with a company which offers HR-related products or services, and full time students enrolled with an interest in HR management, or personnel relations. The group aims to promote fellowship, provide an exchange of ideas and discussion of challenges. A chapter of the Society of Human Resource Management.

#### International Association

#### of Administrative Professionals

[www.iaap-bcs.org](http://www.iaap-bcs.org)

The purpose of the IAAP is to elevate the standards of the secretarial/administrative professionals; and to promote working relationships with management through continuing education programs and publications. Its members represent administrative professionals from Bryan and College Station, Texas A&M University and the surrounding communities.

### BUSINESS AGENCIES

Other area agencies that can offer assistance with employment, a product venture or to get your business started.

#### Better Business Bureau

[www.bbhbryan.org](http://www.bbhbryan.org)

Provides reports on businesses and charities to help consumers and donors make informed decisions.

#### Small Business

#### Development Center

[www.bvsbdc.org](http://www.bvsbdc.org)

Provides management assistance to current and prospective small business owners.

#### Convention and Visitors Bureau

[www.visitaggieland.com](http://www.visitaggieland.com)

Promotes B/CS as a premiere destination for conventions, leisure travel, trade shows, sporting events and activities.

#### Research Valley Partnership

[www.researchvalley.org](http://www.researchvalley.org)

Promotes the area as one of the best business climates in the country.

#### Downtown Bryan Association

<http://downtownbryan.com>

(979) 822-4920

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The cities of Bryan and College Station were built upon a legacy of higher learning. In 1860, Houston and Texas Central Railway built through the area, stopping just short of Bryan until after the Civil War. In 1871, this site was chosen to be the home of the new Texas Agriculture and Mechanical College. Students riding the train would be left at the “college station” instead of stopping in Bryan. When a post office for the university opened in 1877 near the tracks, it took the name College Station. And thus the city was built around the new **Texas A&M University**.

The first classes began in 1876, with 40 students and 6 faculty members. All students were required to participate in the Corps of Cadets and receive military training. When the University of Texas opened in 1883 in Austin, it was thought Texas A.M.C. would become a part of its now rival, but that never happened. In the late 1880’s many Texas residents didn’t see the need for two universities. Texas A&M was saved from potential closure by Lawrence

Sullivan Ross, former governor of Texas and a Confederate Brigadier General. Under his leadership, Texas A&M underwent many improvements and enrollment doubled in the following years. During his tenure, many of the enduring Aggie Traditions were born, including the first Aggie Ring.

Many changes have occurred to Texas’ first public university since Ross’ tenure: the inclusion of females in the student body, and many expansions to include various schools, campus locations, and enrollment continues to climb every year.

(Source: A Pictorial History of Texas A&M University, 1876-1976. College Station, Texas, Texas: Texas A&M University Press. pp. 16-17; The Bryan-College Station Eagle “Ross Elevated College from Reform School” 2007)

Texas A&M University has grown to include a 5,200 acre campus with a nationally recognized faculty and programming. Texas A&M is one of a select few universities with land-grant, sea-grant, and space-grant designations.

With an enrollment of nearly half men and

half women, and 25% of the freshmen class are the first in their family to attend college. Here, 39,000-plus undergraduates and more than 9,400 graduate students have access to world-class programs and faculty. Texas A&M also has campuses in Galveston, Texas and one in the Middle East in Qatar.

A&M’s colleges of agriculture, business administration, engineering, geosciences, and veterinary medicine are among the largest in the US – 10 colleges offering 151 fields of study for undergraduates, 147 for master’s students, and 105 at the doctoral level. A&M also offers professional degrees in Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. The Corps of Cadets is now the nation’s largest uniformed student organization outside of the service academies.

Texas A&M was recently ranked first in the nation by Smart Money magazine for “pay-back ratio” (what graduates earn compared to the cost of their education). The 2011 U.S. News and World Report ranked Texas A&M second nationally in the “Great Schools, Great Prices” category among public universities.



## ALLEN ACADEMY CELEBRATES 125TH ANNIVERSARY

article by Ashley McCollum | photos courtesy of Allen Academy

**A**LLEN ACADEMY faculty and students are celebrating a momentous milestone – the college preparatory school’s 125th anniversary.

“Allen Academy has come full circle from a co-ed college preparatory school, to a boys’ military academy and back to a prep school,” said Allen Academy Head of School John P. Rouse of the school whose mission is to educate young people—intellectually, aesthetically, socially, physically and morally—so they become responsible, contributing citizens and fulfilled individuals. “Although our vision has always been the same - to cultivate the mind and spirit of each of our students - the school has adapted to the needs of the times.”



ALLEN ACADEMY’S HEAD OF SCHOOL, JOHN P. ROUSE  
photo courtesy of Allen Academy

Allen Academy traces its beginnings to Madison Academy, which was founded by John H. Allen.

“He was one of the innovators and exponents of education in Texas,” Rouse said. “The school flourished under his supervision and became Madison College in 1895, and then Allen Academy in 1896. Allen moved his school to Bryan in the late 1800’s because of the town’s growing rail connections, and because he envisioned the school becoming a preparatory school for the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College.”

Over the next 80 years, the school evolved into a nationally ranked military academy.

“Social changes in the 1960’s and 1970’s led to the end of military training, and the school returned to its founder’s original concept of a college preparatory school for boys and girls in the 1980’s,” said Rouse.

Allen Academy continues to further the dream of its pioneer educators, and is thriving, with a current Preschool – 12th grade student population of 250.

The school’s mission is now anchored in its “Rights, Responsibilities and Outcomes” program.

“Our students learn to think about how their behavior and actions affect others,” Rouse said. “They are given strategies for communicating their frustrations or hurt feelings in ways which are non-threatening. These skills give our students the best chance of succeeding. Nurturing our students’ EQ (Emotional Intelligence) is just as important as challenging them academically

He added, “In an age of increasing technology, the school is utilizing this important element as part of instruction and learning, but also stressing the importance of communication and cooperation. The school has a 100 percent college acceptance rate and average class size is 10 students per teacher in the Lower School and 13 per teacher in the Upper School. At Allen Academy, knowing our students is the first step in teaching our students.”

Jamie Scott, a teacher at Allen Academy whose son attends the Lower School, agrees, “Our school is the ideal setting for students to grow and develop not only academically, but socially and emotionally as well. The smaller class sizes allow for individualized instruction and development of meaningful relationships among students with their peers and faculty members.”

She added, “The rigorous curriculum and high standards set by the school provide students with the tools they need to prepare for college life and beyond.”

Allen Academy’s students are a diverse mix of Brazos Valley youth and high school students from across the globe.

“Students from around the world utilize our boarding program in the 9th through 12th grades,” Rouse said. “Chinese, Korean and South American students enrich the lives of our local students by introducing them to different cultures. We have our own global village located in a small Texas town!”

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**TEXAS A&M HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

In 1997, the Texas A&M System Board of Regents approved establishment of the A&M System's health-related entities as **Health Science Center (HSC)**.

This university is a premier assembly of colleges devoted to educating health professionals and researchers of "extraordinary competence and integrity." The Texas A&M HSC reaches across Texas through seven components, including the College of Medicine and College of Nursing in College Station.

The HSC collaborates with several clinical and academic institutions within Texas. Locally the College of Medicine partners with Scott and White in its clinical education programs, and clinical partnerships involving the local Brazos Family Medical Residency.

The Texas A&M HSC received full accreditation in December 2002 to award baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral and professional degrees. (Source: Texas A&M Health Science Center. FAQ. About.)

For more information about the Health Science Center, visit <http://tamhsc.edu> or call (979) 458-7200.

**BLINN COLLEGE**

With a campus located in Bryan, **Blinn College**, a two-year college, boasts one of the highest academic transfer rates in Texas. According to statistics, more students transfer to Texas A&M than any other community college. The school also claims the highest percentage of students who go on to earn bachelor's degrees and consistently ranks among the highest in pass rates on board and licensure exams.

(Source: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2010)

Just minutes from Texas A&M, Blinn's Bryan campus offers a variety



BLINN COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE OFFERED SEVERAL TWO-YEAR PROGRAMS, ASSOCIATE DEGREES, AND THE HIGHEST RATE OF TRANSFERS TO TEXAS A&M IN THE STATE. photo courtesy of Blinn College

of college academic transfer, workforce training, and continuing education classes for nearly 18,000 students who attend one of the four campuses or distance education programs. For more information about Blinn College, visit their website at [www.blinn.edu](http://www.blinn.edu) or call (979) 209-7200.

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St. Michael's is an Episcopal day school which provides a classical, college preparatory program for children of all faiths and nations. The school serves ages from early childhood through the twelfth grade. The school is small by design and caps its single section of each grade at sixteen students. St. Michael's also operates a pre-school staffed with degreed and certified teachers.

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**ALLEN ACADEMY**  
A COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Over the past few years, there have been many renovation and new construction projects implemented in order to accommodate the growing needs of Allen Academy's faculty and students.

"Our new kindergarten through 12th grade building was completed in 2008," Rouse said. "This beautiful new building has floor to ceiling windows, which provide lots of natural light. There are Promethean boards in classrooms; a computer lab with 20 apple Mac computers for our Middle and Upper School students; and a mobile computer lab for Lower School. This use of technology is merged with more traditional methods of teaching to create an exciting and challenging learning environment for our students."

The school's all-weather regulation-sized football field is also used for soccer, and includes all the standard field event areas. It is encircled by a brand new eight lane running track.

In celebration of its 125th anniversary, Allen Academy is hosting a variety of projects and activities on campus.

The gymnasium is being expanded and renovated to include state of the art performance theater equipment and lights, which will allow it to double as a large lecture hall.

"In an effort to give back to our community, we wanted to make this space available to residents of the Twin Cities," Rouse said. "To this end, we will



be launching the Allen 125th Anniversary Lecture Series. Lectures will be open to the public and include such topics as Sports Health: Concussions and MRSA; Mind and Body Wellness; Student Athlete Nutrition; Rights, Responsibilities and Outcomes: Raising Accountable Children; and Internet Safety.

The second of these lectures entitled "The Principles of a Healthy Diet" was presented on January 12th, and was presented by Lisa Barker.

"In addition to the upgrading of the gymnasium and lecture series, the area in front of the building will become home to our business club's new enterprise, the Ram Spirit Shop, where students will hone their entrepreneurial skills," Rouse said. "There will also be a museum dedicated to our former students."

Rouse says the "big" celebration will be held April 9, 2011.

"There are a variety of events planned for that day," he said. "We will be celebrating our military heritage and honoring some of our oldest graduates. Our students will fill and bury a time capsule. And, we will be unveiling a commemorative statue. There will be picnics for families and music. It's going to be a very exciting day!"

As for Allen Academy's vision for the days and years to come, Rouse says, "We want to become the best preparatory school in the Southwest."

For more information on Allen Academy, log on to [www.allenacademy.org](http://www.allenacademy.org)

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St. Joseph Catholic School serves children from infants through 12th grade, continuing a long tradition of educating the mind, body and spirit of Brazos Valley youth since 1894. St. Joseph boasts two campuses, enrolling over 450 students, instructed by 45 teachers. SJCS is a member of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools.

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS - Elementary & Secondary**  
**Bryan I.S.D.**

The Bryan Independent School District strives to fulfill their motto, "Developing minds that think, and hearts that care, through out each and every school year."

The first Bryan School opened in 1877, and now more than 13,000 students attend Bryan ISD schools. There are 11 campuses of the 16 elementary schools in Bryan's district that have been recognized by the Texas Education Agency for academic excellence. Six of which have achieved the TEA's highest rating of "Exemplary." These are Bowen, Crockett, Sam Houston, Johnson, Navarro, and Sul Ross elementaries.

Bowen and Johnson are also the only National

Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence in the area. The honor, designated by the U.S. Department of Education is considered the highest award for academic achievement.

Bryan High School is one of only 70 in the nation that is named a "National Service-Learning Leader" school by the Corporation for National Service. A presidential initiative that recognizes schools for excellence in service-learning, combines academics with community service. Bryan also has a recognized Advanced Placement Program, offering 16 courses including calculus, foreign languages, computer science, physics, history and economics.

For more information about Bryan Independent School District elementaries, middle schools and high schools, visit [www.bryanisd.org](http://www.bryanisd.org).

**College Station I.S.D.**

The mission of College Station Independent School District, in partnership with the community, is to provide a quality education that prepares students for the challenges of life. With an enrollment of more than 7,300 students, CSISD is a growing district that is constantly changing to meet the needs of its current and future students. Students attend classes in one of seven elementary schools (with Greens Prairie Elementary under construction), four middle schools, and one high school (with the new

College Station High School under construction and set for completion in June 2012).

(Source: College Station Independent School District - [www.csisd.org](http://www.csisd.org) 2009 Bond Update September, 2010)

The Texas Education Agency rated College Hills Elementary, Creek View Elementary, and Rock Prairie Elementary as "Exemplary." Other schools recognized by TEA for 2009-10 are A&M Consolidated High School & Middle School, College Station Middle School, Cypress Grove Intermediate, Forest Ridge Elementary, Oakwood Intermediate, Pebble Creek Elementary, and South Knoll Elementary.

CSISD statistics recorded during TAKS testing revealed that within the district students scored over 92% in Reading, Writing, Math, Science and Social Studies. Over 24% of students are enrolled in advanced courses, with those students testing over 81% "above criterion" on AP exams. The average SAT score of seniors in CSISD is 1114, and the average ACT score is 22.6.

(Source: College Station Independent School District [www.csisd.org/pages/district\\_stats.html](http://www.csisd.org/pages/district_stats.html) - 2008/2009 District AEIS Report

In 2009, CSISD was host to seven National Merit Scholars, and several other national awards.

For more information about the College Station School District, and the schools within it, visit [www.csisd.org](http://www.csisd.org) or call (979) 764-5400.



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## TRANSPORTATION

### *Getting around Town in Bryan-College Station*

*Bryan* and College Station are located in the heart of Texas, right in the middle of the Dallas/Ft. Worth, San Antonio, and Houston “triangle” – putting over 80% of the state’s population within a 180-mile radius of our communities. With the arrival of George Bush Presidential Library, the central location of B-CS is critical to its success as a center of tourism, business, research, and higher learning. Our area features a network of consistently maintained highways, a regional airport which is serviced by major international airlines, a railway line that brings goods (and business) through, and plenty of auto rental and taxi services to choose from. Most things within Bryan-College Station are less than 20 minutes away, so chances are you’ll never be late while traveling in the Brazos Valley.

#### AIR TRAVEL

Named “Texas Airport of the Year” by the Federal Aviation Administration in 1998, **Easterwood Airport** serves as a convenient link to and from most major cities in Texas. So, why take a shuttle to Houston, Austin, or DFW when you can take a short and convenient

flight directly from College Station?

Easterwood Airport is owned and operated by Texas A&M University and is a thriving, non-hub regional airport which provides scheduled commercial airline service and outstanding aviation facilities. The Airport even offers car rentals (Enterprise, Hertz, and Avis) on the lower level of the terminal.

American Eagle and Continental Express fly out of and into Easterwood Airport, making connections easy and simple. The Airport Code is “CLL” and the terminals open at 4:45 am and close at 11:00pm (or when the last plane arrives).

Security through Easterwood is the same as in any major airport, but due to the smaller size of the airport, going through security is much faster and less of a hassle.

For more information about Easterwood Airport, visit [www.easterwoodairport.com](http://www.easterwoodairport.com) or call (979) 845-8511. Those looking to schedule flights will need to call the Airline to book.

(Source: Easterwood Airport [www.easterwoodairport.com](http://www.easterwoodairport.com))

For aviation enthusiasts and independent

pilots, Bryan is home to **Coulter Airfield**, a 240-acre airfield just north of Bryan. The land where Coulter Field lies on Texas 21 was donated by the WJ Coulter family in 1938. The City later bought some adjacent property which now comprises the 247-acre City-owned airfield.

The airfield features a 4,000 foot lighted runway, on-site maintenance, covered hangars, tie-down facilities, and fueling stations.

The airport is home to aviation fans, local pilots, and has served as a hub for PHI Air Medical helicopter service. Coulter Field also produces an Annual Air Show, which for 2011 is planned for late spring or early summer. (Check [www.bryantx.gov/coulterairfield](http://www.bryantx.gov/coulterairfield) for details.)

The property has been recently upgraded to include several thousand feet of hangar space and beautification efforts to the property.

For more information about Coulter Airfield, visit [www.bryantx.gov/coulterairfield](http://www.bryantx.gov/coulterairfield) or call (979) 209-5233.

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**BUS TRAVEL**

Easy access to Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston and many other cities is available from Bryan/College Station via **Greyhound Bus**. Operating from the Brazos Transit District's transfer station at 3350 Texas Avenue in Bryan, passengers will find the new location more convenient to travel to and from.

Greyhound is known for it's regularly scheduled timely service, and reasonable ticket prices. For more information about Greyhound, visit [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com) or call (979) 846-3836.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

**The District** (formerly known as Brazos Valley Transit Authority) provides general public transportation by bus on fixed routes, paratransit, and demand and response routes. Founded in 1974, the District currently covers sixteen counties in Central and East Texas, covering 13,333 square miles with a population of 932,441. Transportation is funded through the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

Fares are in expensive, and multipass rides and ticketbooks are offered for those who ride on a regular basis.

Seven fixed routes in Bryan/College Station

feature travel along the same path every hour on the hour beginning and ending at the Transfer Point.

For more information about The District, visit [www.btd.org](http://www.btd.org) or call (979) 778-4480. (Source: The District [www.btd.org/BryanCollegeStation.htm](http://www.btd.org/BryanCollegeStation.htm))

**Texas A&M Transportation Services** provides bus transportation throughout College Station and Bryan for students, faculty and staff of the University. On Texas A&M football home game days, this department provides additional park and ride service to and from Kyle Field. For more information about TAMU Transportation Services, visit <http://transport.tamu.edu/>

**RAILWAY**

It is thanks to the Houston and Texas Central Railway building through the Brazos Valley in 1860 that our communities were first developed. While the railway is still used for freight and shipping, ironically, train as a mode of personal travel is rarely used in Bryan-College Station anymore.

The merger of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company with the Union Pacific Railroad Company leaves B/CS with one major freight transport provider. B/CS will continue to be a stop on the Houston-to-Dallas freight line.

For more information about Union Pacific Rail Line, call (979) 779-9324.

**ROADWAY**

Looking on a map, B/CS is located in the middle of a triangle of interstates connection Dallas, Austin and Houston. US 190 not only connects Bryan-College Station to Interstate 45 (I-45), but extends all the way into Louisiana. Texas 6 connects the community to Interstate 35 (I-35) in Waco to the north and to US 290 in Hempstead to the south, which leads to Houston. Likewise, US 290 West goes to Austin and I-35 is connected to Bryan-College Station by Texas 21.

For more information about driving through Bryan-College Station, visit Texas Department of Transportation at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov).

Residents needing a Texas Driver's License can contact the Texas Department of Public Safety. Located at 2571 North Earl Rudder Freeway in Bryan, the staff of the DPS will assist with that need. Renewing or requesting changes to Texas Drivers Licenses is easy to do online at [www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/)

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**WALKING & BICYCLING**

People who have been in the Brazos Valley for a while, will know that the areas surrounding Texas A&M University is full of students, faculty, staff, and visitors who choose either two wheels or two feet as their transportation mode of choice.

Both Bryan and College Station offer beautiful parks with walking/hiking/biking trails for anyone to use.

In **Bryan**, trails are featured at the following parks:

- Astin Park - 1/2 mile trail
- Austin's Colony Park - 1 1/2 mile trail.
- Bonham Park - 1 mile trail
- Bryan Regional Athletic Complex - 1/2 mile walking/nature trail with exercise stations
- Camelot Park - 1/2 mile trail
- Cherry Park - 1/3 mile trail
- Crescent Park - 1/3 mile train with water
- Henderson Park - 3/4 mile trail
- Jane Long Park - 1/2 mile trail
- Lake Bryan - Several miles of walking and off-road biking trails.
- Madeley Park - 1 mile trail
- Sam Rayburn Park - 1/3 mile trail
- Scurry Park - 1/2 mile trail
- Tiffany Park - 1 mile of paved/lighted paths.
- Villa West Park - 1/2 mile paved trail

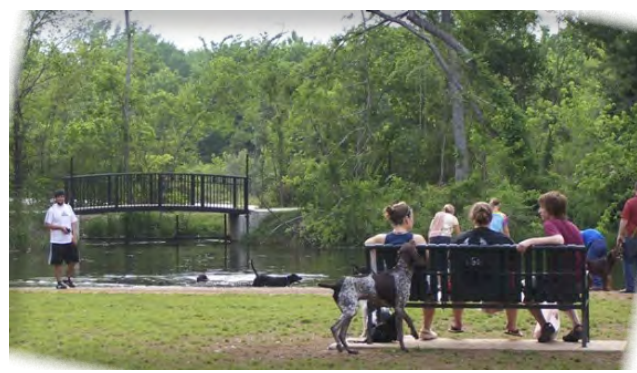
Bryan also offers several longer trails:

- Boonville Trail - a 12' wide trail follows Hwy 158 for 3 1/4 miles from Highway 6 to Highway 30.
- Rosewood Trail - heavily wooded trail along Turkey Creek. Trail head is located at West Villa Maria and Shirewood Drive.
- Park Hudson Trail - Heavily wooded area with wildlife that connects Tiffany Park on one end with 2 1/4 miles of trail.
- South College Avenue Bike Lanes - bike lane parallels South College Avenue from Downtown Bryan to Villa Maria for 2 1/4 miles
- Turkey Creek Trail - follows Turkey Creek for 1 mile - winding trail.

In **College Station**, trails are featured at the following parks:

- Anderson Arboretum - 1 mile natural trail
- Bee Creek Park - 1/4 mile trail

- Brison Park - 1/3 mile trail
- Brothers Pond Park - 1/2 mile trail
- Cove of Nantucket - 1/4 mile trail
- Crescent Pointe - 1/3 mile trail
- Cy Miller Park - 1/3 mile trail
- Edelweiss Garten - 8/10 mile trail
- Emerald Forest Park - 1/3 mile trail
- Gabbard Park - 1/3 mile trail
- Jack & Dorothy Miller Park - 1/3 mile trail
- Lemontree Park - 3/4 mile trail
- Lick Creek Park - over 6 miles of trail good for biking, jogging, horseback riding, and hiking
- Lincoln Center - 1/3 mile trail
- Merry Oaks Park - 1/3 mile trail
- Oaks Park - 1/4 mile trail
- Pebble Creek Park - 1/4 mile trail
- Sandstone Park - 1/3 mile trail
- Steeplechase Park - 1/2 mile trail w/dog park
- Stephen C Beachy Central Park - 1 mile trail
  - Thomas Park - 1/3 mile trail
  - University Park - 1/3 mile trail with dog area
  - Veteran's Park & Athletic Complex - features the American History Mile trail.
  - Wolf Pen Creek Park - 1.9 miles of trail
  - Woodcreek Park - 1/3 mile trail
  - Woodland Hills Park - 1/4 mile



MANY OF THE PARKS IN BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION OFFER WALKING/JOGGING AND BIKE PATHS photo courtesy of the City of College Station

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## SPORTS and RECREATION

### *Playing in the Brazos Valley*

*Being* the second largest state and boasting a wide variety of terrain, Texas is a paradise for active and outdoors-type people. From fishing and hiking to Aggie Football and Basketball, Bryan/College Station has recreation for every type of person, no matter age, level of athleticism, or budget.

#### **AGGIE ATHLETICS**

Residents of the Brazos Valley and students in Aggieland are undoubtedly crazy for Aggie sports. During Aggie football season, people come in from all over the US and even the world to watch the Aggies BTHO ("Beat the hell outta...") which ever team is their unlucky opponent at Kyle Field.

For all sports around the year, Aggie tickets are easy to find if you start looking early. The ticket center at the 12th Man Foundation will happily sell season tickets, individual tickets by game, and more. Visit [www.12thmanfoundation.com/ticket-center.aspx](http://www.12thmanfoundation.com/ticket-center.aspx) for details.

(Source: 12th Man Foundation, Ticket Center)

Can't attend the game, but want to hear it? Listen to the Aggie games live on Newstalk 1620am. Fans can also log on

to [www.radioaggieland.com](http://www.radioaggieland.com) to download a smartphone app to listen live to games, music, sports, and news from your favorite radio stations.

#### **SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

Anyone who has seen the tv show "Friday Night Lights" knows that Texans are nuts about High School football. Bryan-College Station residents are no different. Kids here start as early as age 4 playing Pee-Wee flag football to prepare them for living out their dreams of being a star on the football field.

Visit the ISD websites [www.csisd.org](http://www.csisd.org) and [www.bryanisd.org](http://www.bryanisd.org) for more information about the athletics programs at the local public schools.

#### **CITY PARKS**

Between the Cities of Bryan and College Station, there are nearly 100 parks totalling over 2,000 acres of fun.

Our areas parks have some pretty amazing features, as both cities have invested in renovating and improving parks in the past several years. Parks with baseball and soccer fields are common, but a few of our parks boast in-line hockey rinks, skateboarding ramps, splash pads, party pavilions, and

eight pools. There are even horseshoe pits, indoor tennis facilities, and our cities Parks and Recreation Department go all out during the Christmas Holiday season.

(Source: City of Bryan, Parks and Recreation [www.bryantx.gov](http://www.bryantx.gov); City of College Station, Parks and Recreation, [www.cstx.gov](http://www.cstx.gov).)

For more information about the parks, see page 40 to view where hiking trails are located, and visit the City websites for Bryan: [www.bryantx.gov](http://www.bryantx.gov), and College Station: [www.cstx.gov](http://www.cstx.gov).

#### **ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES**

The Bryan Regional Athletic Complex hosts several different softball, volleyball, hockey, and basketball leagues for adults. Visit [www.bryantx.gov](http://www.bryantx.gov) or call (979) 209-5203 for details.

(Source: City of Bryan, Parks and Recreation [www.bryantx.gov/departments/?name=adultsoftball](http://www.bryantx.gov/departments/?name=adultsoftball))

The College Station Parks and Recreation Department provides numerous opportunities for adults to participate in various recreational and competitive sports. According to the city website, it offers: Men's and women's Fast pitch softball, Men's and co-ed slow pitch softball, Flag Football, Kickball, and Volleyball. For more information, visit [www.cstx.gov](http://www.cstx.gov) or call (979) 764-3486 (Source: City of College Station, Parks and Recreation [www.cstx.gov](http://www.cstx.gov).)

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**STUDENT RECREATIONAL SPORTS**

Each year more than 12,000 students participate in Texas A&M's intramural program. **Rec Sports** ([www.recsports.tamu.edu](http://www.recsports.tamu.edu)) offers dozens of different intramural sports. It does not matter if one is a star athlete or if he/she just wants to get some friends together for fun; intramural sports has a division of play for everyone!

Intramural sports isn't the only recreation that The Rec offers to students, there is also offered:

- **Outdoor Adventures** - Skiing and Surfing trips are planned each year. There are even Ski classes at Texas A&M at "Mount Aggie" behind Reed arena.
- **Outdoor Resources** - information is provided on Texas Parks and recreation areas, rivers, lakes, rock climbing areas, hiking trails, fishing areas, and backpacking, canoeing, kayaking and camping activities.
- **Sport Clubs** - The Texas A&M Sport Club Association gives the ability to be competitive with clubs from other collegiate institutions at the state, regional or national level in 34 different sports. Each club is student-run and led. Clubs include: Archery, Bowling, Cheerleading, Fencing, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Judo, LaCrosse Rugby, Ultimate Frisbee, Sailing, Water Polo, and many more.

(Source: Texas A&M "The Rec" [recsports.tamu.edu/programs/sport\\_clubs](http://www.recsports.tamu.edu/programs/sport_clubs))

For more information visit [http://www.recsports.tamu.edu/programs/sport\\_clubs/](http://www.recsports.tamu.edu/programs/sport_clubs/)

**YOUTH RECREATIONAL SPORTS**

Several youth sports leagues and clubs are offered through the Parks and Recreation Departments of both Bryan and College Station.

In Bryan, seven Little League Baseball/Softball groups are available for children to participate in.

Youth football is available in Bryan through the Bryan Buccaneers Pop Warner League, the Boys and Girls Club, and the Brazos Valley Youth Football Association.

Soccer clubs, basketball, archery, and swim clubs are also available.

Visit [bryantx.gov](http://bryantx.gov) for information.

The College Station Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of recreational youth sports. These activities are designed to give the participant a basic introduction to sports and allow for introductory skill development. These activities include: basketball, flag football, girls softball, volleyball, swim team, and tennis programs. There is even sports programming for children with special needs called Challenger Sports.

**OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**

Many men and women in our area are avid hunters, fisherman, and outdoorsmen.

Recreational hunting and fishing licenses and stamp endorsements are available in Bryan at: **Bryan Food Xchange** (2907 Hwy 21E), **The Great Texas Gun Co** (6951 Hwy 21 E), and at the **Walmart SuperCenter** (2200 Briarcrest Drive). In College Station, these can be purchased at **Academy** (2351 Earl Rudder Fwy S), **Burdett & Son Outdoor Adventure Shop** (1055 Texas Ave S, #104), **College Station LEO** (12845 FM 2154 Rd, Ste 160), **Gander Mountain** (2301 Earl Rudder Fwy S), and at **Walmart SuperCenter** (1815 Brothers Blvd).



Our area allows hunting for the following game during the appropriate times of year designated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

- **White-tailed Deer** - Archery only occurs from October through November each year. General season is November through early January. Special youth-only season opens a few days early and closes a few days later for licensed hunters ages 16 and younger. No permit is required to hunt antlerless deer unless MLD permits have been issued for the property. A limit of four deer, with no more than two bucks are allowed.

- **Squirrel** - It's always open season for these critters, but there is a limit of 10 per day.

- **Quail** - Open season on these birds runs from late October to late February, with a daily limit of 15.

- **Rabbits/Hares** - No closed season on these, and hunting is allowed state-wide.

**FISHING IN THE BRAZOS VALLEY**

The Brazos Valley has become one of Texas' top fishing destinations because of the excellent freshwater lakes and streams filled with largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and catfish.

**Lake Bryan** is a very decent spot for largemouth bass fishing during the early spring and fall. Channel catfish are also abundant at Lake Bryan and can be easily caught on natural baits from either a boat or just the bank. Kids can fish for Crappie in early spring in the shallow water from the floating courtesy dock. There is also a variety of sunfish species in Lake Bryan.

Other notable fishing spots with in the Brazos Valley are: **Gibbons Creek** near Navasota (which features lots and lots of Largemouth Bass, catfish and even Bluegill); **Lake Somerville** only 30 miles from B/CS (anglers know this lake for its quantity and quality of Bass, Catfish, and Striped Bass.)

**GOLFING**

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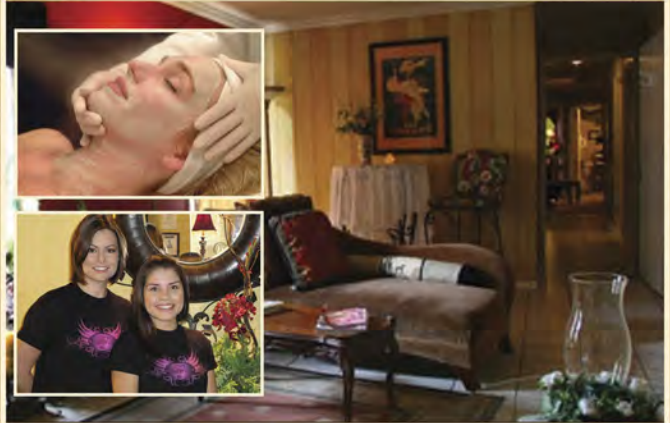
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http://recsports.tamu.edu/  
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www.traditionsclub.com  
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(Source: Bryan-College Station Convention & Visitors Bureau, www.visitaggleland.com)

**SWIMMING**  
Aquatics are a big part of recreation in the Brazos Valley, especially during the summer months, when temperatures can skyrocket into the 100's. With such warm summers, it's no wonder why so many people flock to the pools in our community -- it's a way of life.

The City of Bryan features three public pools:  
Bryan Aquatic Center - An olympic-sized pool with a 175-foot water slide, baby pool, two diving boards, and plenty of sunning space. Open throughout the year, and heated during the colder months for year-round fun!

Sue Haswell Pool is open only during the summer, but is a

cheaper option for just as much water fun. Open every day from Noon to 5pm during the summer.

Henderson Harbor, another seasonal pool, features water slides, and splashpad and shallow water fun, in addition to the general pool.  
(Source: City of Bryan, www.bryantx.gov/departments/?name=parks\_pools)

The City of College Station features three municipal pools and one indoor pool that is managed for CSISD:  
Adamson Lagoon - The park is equipped with two large water slides and a separate baby pool fit for younger children. The tropical atmosphere in this exciting, mini water park provides a pleasant and safe environment for the whole family. Amenities included water slides, stump slide, tadpole slide, lily pad walk, water basketball and private rentals. General admission is \$6, children under 2 are free. Open only during the summer months.

Thomas Pool is a 25-meter pool which features a diving board, tube slide, lap lanes, shallow water for toddlers and non-swimmers, and a quiet neighborhood atmosphere.

Southwood-Hallaran Pool features a beach entry in the shallow end and gently slopes to an overall depth of 4 feet. This shallow pool provides a pleasant and safe environment for families with younger children with amenities like the popular Clam Slide, swimming lanes, shaded areas and shallow beach entry.

College Station Natatorium  
The natatorium features a 25-meter swimming pool. The local swim teams also use this facility for practices. Water fitness classes are conducted here as well.  
(Source: City of College Station, www.cstx.gov/)



BRYAN AQUATIC CENTER FEATURES AN OLYMPIC-SIZED POOL, WATER SLIDE, BABY POOL, TWO DIVING BOARDS, AND LOTS OF SPACE FOR SUNNING  
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## EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES

For horse-lovers and those wanting to learn to ride, there are several options in our area for those who enjoy equestrian activities.

### Carousel Acres

[www.carouselacres.com](http://www.carouselacres.com)  
(979) 690-0937

Located in South College Station, Carousel Acres is a large, full-service horse ranch facility with a round pen, hot walker, groomed arena and several barns, and a pasture. Events like drill team practice, barrel races and more are held at their arena. Carousel Acres offers not only full-care boarding for horses, but also riding lessons for ages 4 and up, trail rides, hayrides, and even birthday parties for children.

### Horse Haven Equestrian Center

[www.horsehaventexas.com](http://www.horsehaventexas.com)  
(979) 450-0009

A boarding facility, Horse Haven also offers covered and outdoor riding arenas, dressage standard area space, a riding trail with obstacles, an illuminated round pen, safe and spacious turnouts, and parking for horse trailers on-site.

### Sundance Equine

#### Assisted Therapies

[www.sundancetherapies.org](http://www.sundancetherapies.org)  
(936) 870-3475

This non-profit is dedicated to improving the lives of disabled children and adults using therapeutic equestrian activities. SEAT offers Hippotherapy, and therapeutic riding for children and adults with mild to severe neuromusculoskeletal dysfunction, and serve other medical conditions and impairments.

### North Star Equestrian Center

[www.northstartexas.com](http://www.northstartexas.com)  
(979) 690-6206

Riders can explore riding with the area's only riding instructor certified by the American Riding Instructors Association. Whether students want to improve their competitive edge or become a more confident rider, Miller offers instructions at the NSEC or at an off-site location to work with riders and their horse.

### Brazos County Expo Complex Arena

[www.brazoscountyexpo.com](http://www.brazoscountyexpo.com)  
(979) 823-3976

From Texas A&M Equestrian team events to livestock shows, clinics,

and rodeos, the Brazos County Expo Complex's arena is the best place to catch your favorite equestrian events. Visit the website's calendar to see what's coming up for this year!

## EXTREME ADVENTURES

Looking for something a little out of the ordinary? Aggieland has activities for adrenaline junkies, too!

### Skydive Aggieland

[www.skydiveaggieland.com](http://www.skydiveaggieland.com)

If skydiving is on your "bucket list" or you want to earn a certification, Skydive Aggieland can help. Skydive Aggieland offers skydiving for all disciplines and levels, training, and certification services.

### Paradise Scuba

[www.paradisescuba.com](http://www.paradisescuba.com)  
(979) 696-3483

The staff at Paradise Scuba teaches and licenses for skin diving, open-water scuba diving, and various specialty, advanced, rescue, and professional-level diving classes. They feature an indoor heated pool for training, and equipment rentals are available. Paradise Scuba also offers swimming lessons for all ages, and lifeguard certification courses.



TEXAS WORLD SPEEDWAY IN SOUTH COLLEGE STATION OFFERS RACING, DRIVER'S TRAINING AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

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### Texas World Speedway

[www.texasworldspeedway.com](http://www.texasworldspeedway.com)  
(979) 690-2500

For those who feel the need for speed, Texas World Speedway can provide just that. Go there to watch a racing event or take one of TWS' performance driving classes to improve your driving skills.

### Zoomz Paintball

[www.zoomzpb.com](http://www.zoomzpb.com)  
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## ARTS, CULTURE and NIGHTLIFE

### *Big City Entertainment in the Brazos Valley*

From Broadway plays and musicals from MSC OPAS to community theatre; from intimate coffee house performances to arena concerts; and from First Fridays to Chilifest, Bryan/College Station offers a wide variety of excellent cultural activities and entertainment.

#### ART GALLERIES

##### Arts Council of Brazos Valley

[www.acbv.org](http://www.acbv.org)  
(979) 696-2787

The ACBV serves the arts, cultural, and heritage needs of Bryan/College Station's residents, artists, businesses, and visitors. While the ACBV proves funding to 57 area agencies and affiliates, the office itself features rotating exhibits in the Texas Gallery. This gallery features the works from regional and Texas artists, sculpture, paintings and artifacts from around the world.

##### Art979 & Village Cafe

[www.thevillagedowntown.com](http://www.thevillagedowntown.com)  
(979) 703-8514

This cafe doubles as an art gallery and live music venue. Exhibited are rotating collections

of art by local artists in various mediums. Each new collection is debuted at "First Friday" in Downtown Bryan at the Cafe. Live music by local musicians, bands and singers is presented on Thursday nights, and salsa dancing is performed on Saturday nights.

##### Benjamin Knox Art Center

[www.benjaminknox.com](http://www.benjaminknox.com)  
(979) 696-5669

Nationally renowned artist and philanthropist, Benjamin Knox, known as the "University Artist" specializes in creating fine art and gifts. Known best for his collegiate artwork, Knox captures the spirit, traditions, pageantry, and architecture of universities, and his artwork can be seen all over Aggieland. The gallery itself known as the "College Station Depot" served as the original destination for those coming in to Texas A&M in its early days.

(Source: Benjamin Knox Gallery [www.benjaminknox.com](http://www.benjaminknox.com))

##### MSC Forsyth Center Galleries

<http://forsyth.tamu.edu>  
(979) 845-9251

The home of Bill and Irma Runyon Art Collections, the gallery houses one of the world's most extraordinary collections of

English Cameo Glass, as well as 1,100 American and English glass objects. Also features 66 American paintings, including works by Mary Cassatt, Frederick Remington, and Charles M. Russell. The galleries are located in Historic Downtown Bryan.

#### MUSEUMS

##### Sam Houston Sanders Corps of Cadets Center

[www.aggiecorps.org](http://www.aggiecorps.org)  
(979) 862-2862

The SHS Corps of Cadets Center has welcomed visitors since opening in 1992. The center is home to a museum that houses thousands of Aggie artifacts and a library with over 3,000 military research volumes. With over 60 exhibits, over 600 photographs and thousands of pieces of memorabilia are on display, the most famous of which is the Metzger-Sanders gun collection, which is used for historical research. Other exhibits are dedicated to the 12th Man, Silver Taps and Muster, as well as the Aggie Band, Final Review, Fish Drill Team, Parsons Mounted Cavalry and Ross Volunteers. (Source: Texas A&M University, Corps of Cadets Sam Houston Sanders Corps of Cadets Center. [www.aggiecorps.org/about-the-corps/sam-houston-sanders-corps-of-cadets-center.html](http://www.aggiecorps.org/about-the-corps/sam-houston-sanders-corps-of-cadets-center.html))

**Texas A&M Sports Museum**

http://lettermen.tamu.edu/museum.php  
(979) 846-3024

“No school can match the athletic traditions of Texas A&M University.” In fitting with the traditions, this museum is located on-site at Kyle Field (in the Bernard C. Richardson Zone), where these traditions are played out first-hand. On display are exhibits focusing on Aggie sports like the Timewall, Legends Gallery, Sport-by-Sport Perimeter displays, and Interactive computers. The museum is free to visit. The museum has the honor of being funded primarily by former athletes.

(Source: Texas A&M Letterman’s Association. http://lettermen.tamu.edu/museum.php)

**Brazos Valley African American Museum**

http://bvaam.org  
(979) 775-3961

This museum chronicles the triumphs and tragedies of African American life -- from ancient civilizations to the present day, which focusing on local histories of churches, families and schools. Exhibits, artifacts, and historical records are available for viewing. Individuals can even research genealogical records and attend a variety of lectures, workshops, and special events.

(Source: Brazos Valley African American Museum. http://bvaam.org)

**Brazos Valley Museum of**

**Natural History**

www.brazosvalleymuseum.org  
(979) 776-2195



The Museum of Natural History features several collections which include thousands of natural history artifacts and specimens, research collections, and exhibits. Regular exhibits focus on natural and cultural history and

interaction with nature. Current exhibits include a mural, natural trail, a discovery room with live animals to interact with, fossil collections, ice age mammal artifacts, stone tools, and much more. The museum also offers educational programming for adults and children alike, field trips, discover kits, lectures and workshops. Birthday parties and special event rentals are also available.

(Source: Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History www.brazosvalleymuseum.org)

**Children’s Museum of the Brazos Valley**

www.mymuseum.com  
(979) 779-5437

A hands-on interactive and educational museum where kids learn through play and other activities. The Children’s Museum features daily programming for children in a variety of themes, seasonal programs and exhibits, special events, fundraisers, educational lectures and classes. The museum also offers field trips and birthdays on-site.

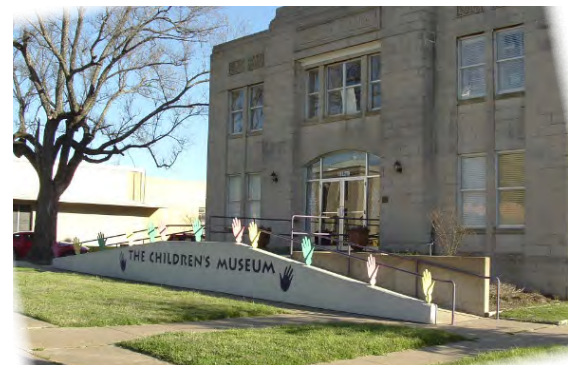
(Source: Children’s Museum of the Brazos Valley www.mymuseum.com)

**George Bush Presidential Library & Museum**

http://bushlib.tamu.edu  
(979) 691-4000

The Museum at the George Bush Presidential Library exhibits the life, influences, and challenges of the presidency through artifacts, films, photographs, documents, music and an interactive video. The museum also features a section devoted to First Lady Barbara Bush, with a classroom designed for children and teachers. Through August 2011, the Museum’s Ansary Gallery will exhibit “The Heart Truth’s Red Dress Collection” and “First Ladies Red Dress Collection,” a display featuring celebrity gowns from the Red Dress Collection Fashion show head annually in New York City, which is part of a national heart disease awareness campaign.

(Source: George Bush Presidential Library and Museum; www.bushlib.tamu.edu)



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**Aggie Players**

http://boxoffice.tamu.edu/

(979) 845-1234

The Aggie Players is a group of Texas A&M students dedicated to supporting Theatre Arts at the University. This organization is "the loudest, proudest performance group at Texas A&M." Performances of the Aggie Players are held at the Memorial Student Center's Rudder Forum and Theatre.

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**Freudian Slip**

http://freudianslip.tamu.edu

Founded in 1992, Freudian Slip is a student improv performance group, which performs at Rudder Theatre in the Memorial Student Center at Texas A&M University.

**MSC OPAS**

http://opas.tamu.edu

(979) 845-1234

OPAS at Texas A&M University presents professional productions of theatre, music and dance programs that enlighten, entertain,

and inspire audiences of the Brazos Valley. Performances in 2011 include on the Main Stage: "Monty Python's Spamlot," "The Color Purple," and "Mamma Mia!" 2011 Performances in the Intimate Gatherings Series include: "Bus Stop," and "Nat King Cole Remembered." OPAS Jr., presents family-friendly programming as well, and in March will present the Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co. (Source: MSC OPAS http://opas.tamu.edu/index.htm)

**StageCenter Community Theatre**

www.stagecenter.net

(979) 823-4297

The Brazos Valley's oldest and only full-range community theatre run completely by volunteers. Shows in 2011 include: "Art," "Lone Star Love Potion," "Mauritius," "Grace and Glorie May," "Southern Hospitality," "Fresh Brewed: A collection of shorts," and "Doubt."

**Navasota Theatre Alliance**

www.navasotatheatre.com

(936) 825-3195

Performing regularly at the Sunny Furman Theater in Navasota is the NTA or Navasota Theatre Alliance. The group performs live theatre with all-volunteer casts. Performances in 2011 include: "Barefoot in the Park," "Kilroy was Here," "Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Jersey Lily," and "Happy Hollandaise!"



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[www.bvchorale.org](http://www.bvchorale.org)  
(979) 776-1776

The BV Chorale provides great choral music at the highest standards. The 100-voice Chorale is known for its difficult and ambitious repertoire of choral masterworks and contemporary classics. The group performs regularly with the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra.

**Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra**

<http://bvso.org>  
(979) 696-6100

The BV Symphony is a non-profit performing arts organization promoting high-quality musical arts in the area. Each season, the orchestra performs five classical subscription concerts, two children's concerts, and a free outdoor performance.

**Fitzwilly's Bar & Grill**

<http://fitzwillysbar.com>  
(979) 846-8806

A two-story bar and live music venue that hosts local bands and performers. Bands play live on the back patio. Check the website for the current month's scheduled performers.

**Hurricane Harry's**

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[www.texashalloffame.net](http://www.texashalloffame.net)  
(979) 822-2222

Known to residents as "The Hall," this Bryan bar features live music and popular drink specials.

**Revolution Cafe & Bar**

(979) 823-4044

Located in Historic Downtown Bryan, Revolution sets itself apart from other venues in the area with it's relaxed atmosphere, and top-notch live music. Revolution specializes in

music like jazz, funk, and reggae. A full bar, coffee, and a large outdoor seating area is offered.

**Schotzi's**

[www.schotzisbcs.com](http://www.schotzisbcs.com)

This College Station sports bar offers more than just drinks. The establishment is known to be one of the best places for live music in town. Visit the website for the current month's live music and karaoke schedule.

**Starlight Music Series**

[www.cstx.gov/starlight](http://www.cstx.gov/starlight)

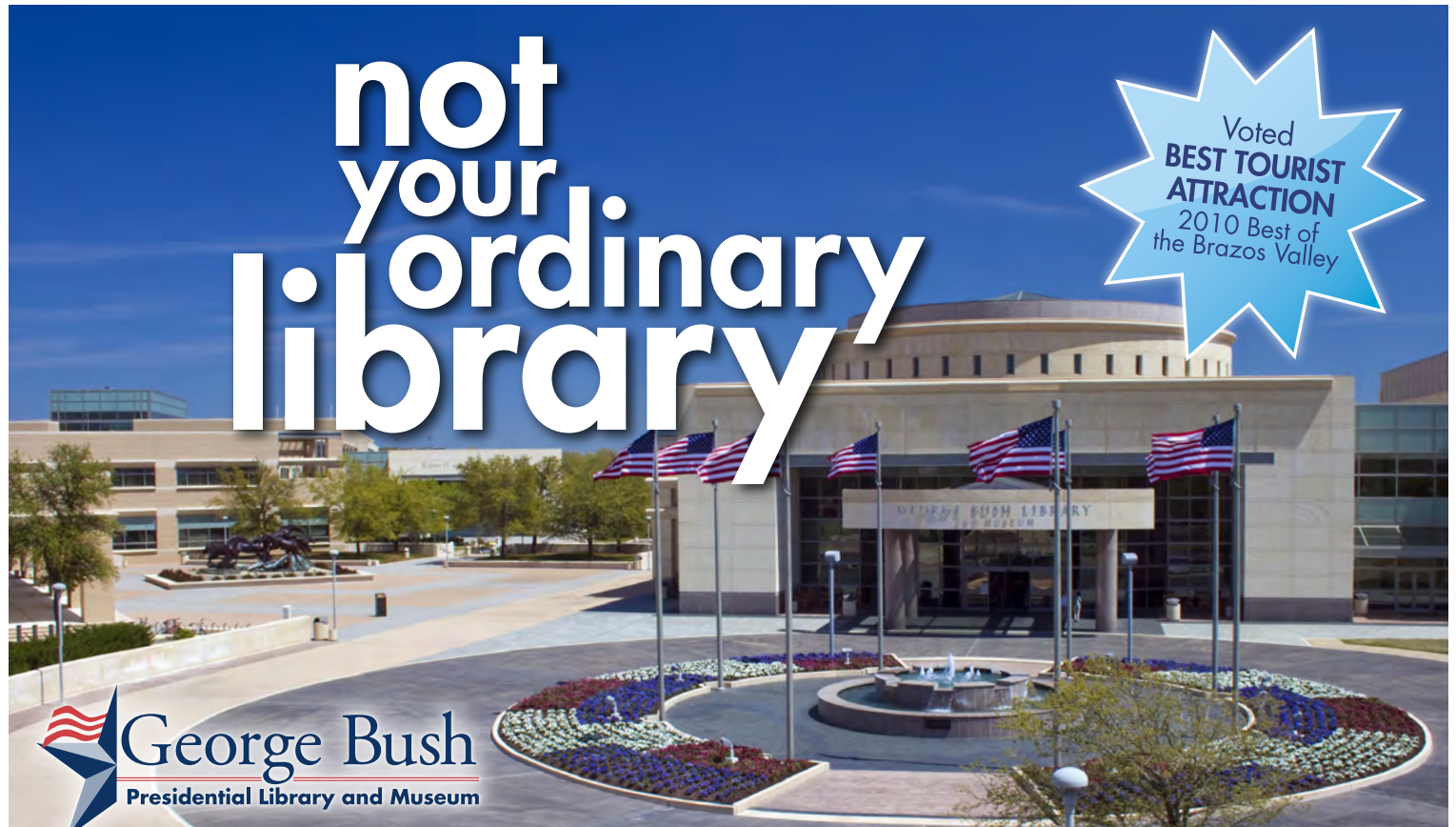
The Starlight Music Series is a free concert series sponsored by College Station Utilities and held in College Station at the Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater each year in the late spring to early summer.

**MOVIE THEATERS**

**Cinemark Movies 18 and XD**

[www.cinemark.com](http://www.cinemark.com)

(979) 764-9692 to check showtimes  
Located just off the highway in College Station is Cinemark Movies 18. The theater now features XD (Extreme Digital Cinema), which has digital projection in 2D and 3D, wall-to-wall screens and custom sound system. Cinemark Movies also offers a video game area and variety of snacks and beverages.



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**MOVIE THEATERS** (continued)

**Aggieland Premiere Cinema 16**

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**Appelt AggieLand Visitors Center** include tours, exhibits and visit coordination with campus groups. Tours are offered every hour from the lobby of Rudder Tower.

(Source: B-CS Convention & Visitor's Bureau, www.visitaggieland.com, Appelt AggieLand Visitors Center)

**The Bonfire Memorial** was built in remembrance of the 12 Aggies who lost their lives, and the others who were injured in the tragic collapse of the 1999 Bonfire. It also celebrates the history and traditions of Texas A&M. The Memorial, located on campus features Tradition Plaza, Spirit Walk and History Walk.

**The Horticultural Gardens at Texas A&M University** are a student managed and maintained facility. The landscape and plant collection consists of over 2,500 specimens in 30 different planting areas, ranging from wetlands to desert southwest. The garden is open to the public from

dawn until dusk every day. An all-terrain path winds through for 1/8 mile trail with seating ever 100 feet and a shaded patio area for those that do not care to walk. Guided tours are available by advanced reservation.

(Source: Texas A&M Horticultural Gardens, http://hortgardens.tamu.edu)

Texas A&M's **Kyle Field**, home of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Football team, is known as one of the nation's most intimidating road venues. With 12th Man setting a stadium record of over 90,000 fans this past November, it's a fact that Aggie fans come out to the Brazos Valley in droves to enjoy a game of Aggie football in the fall.

Prior to Aggie Football games, various sponsors from the area produce the **Aggie Fan Zone**, a pre-game fan fest with hospitality, food, and games for tailgaters, family and more to participate in before each home game at Kyle Field.

Don't forget the **Texas A&M Sports Museum**. Located on-site at Kyle Field (in the Bernard C. Richardson Zone), where sports traditions are played out first-hand. On display are exhibits focusing on Aggie sports like the Timewall, Legends Gallery, Sport-by-Sport Perimeter displays, and Interactive computers. The museum is free to visit and has the honor of being funded by primarily by former athletes.  
(Source: Texas A&M Letterman's Association. http://lettermen.tamu.edu/museum.php)

**ATTRACTIONS**

When visitors come to Bryan-College Station, there are several "must-see" attractions that offer insight into the AggieLand's character and traditions, as well as some of its history.

**Texas A&M University**

According to the Convention and Visitors Bureau, "Texas A&M University is one of the lone-star state's legendary institutions." A place where visitors can take part in the spirit and excitement of an Aggie football game, take in the historic landmarks of the University, or check out museums, memorials and galleries.

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**ATTRACTIONS (continued)**  
**George Bush Presidential Library & Museum**

<http://bushlib.tamu.edu>  
 (979) 691-4000  
 The Museum at the George Bush Presidential Library exhibits the life, influences, and challenges of the presidency through artifacts, films, photographs, documents, music and an interactive video. The museum also features a section devoted to First Lady Barbara Bush, with a classroom designed for children and teachers.

**Historic Downtown Bryan**  
[www.downtownbryan.com](http://www.downtownbryan.com)  
 (979) 822-4920

Historic Downtown Bryan features a broad variety of unique retail shops, restaurants, and other businesses that are committed to the revitalization efforts of the Downtown Bryan Association. Featuring "First Fridays" a festival with artist demonstrations and live music on the first Friday of each month. Visitors will find the Downtown Bryan area a peaceful place to spend a leisurely afternoon, take in a live concert or play, or just do some shopping or dining at one of the area's unique retail and dining establishments, many of which were voted "Best of the Brazos Valley." (Old Bryan Marketplace for "Best Home Decor, Best Gift Shop, and Best Furniture Retailer," Bling It On for "Best Accessories (local)," Downtown Uncorked for "Best New Business," Caffe Capri for "Best Italian Restaurant," Casa Rodriguez for "Best Mexican Restaurant," Acme Glass "Best Glass Retailer," and Subway for "Best Subs.")

**Northgate**  
 Known as "Northgate," College Station's original downtown is a vibrant part of the city and the University's culture and nightlife. With a reputation for amazing live music, eclectic mix of restaurants and bars, Northgate

has something for everyone. Many Northgate area establishments were voted "Best in the Brazos Valley." (Cafe Eccell for "Best Desserts," Wave's Z Islander for "Best Apartment Community," AggieLand Apartment Finders for "Best Rental Locator Service," and Dixie Chicken for "Best Nightclub/Bar.")

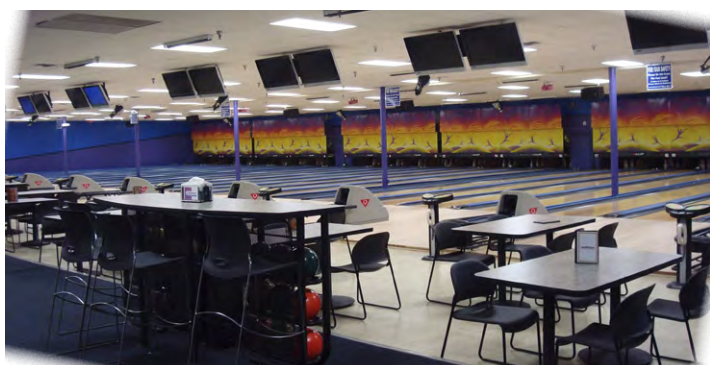
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[www.messinahof.com](http://www.messinahof.com)  
 (979) 778-9463

A Texas vineyard established in 1977 by the Bonarrigo family. In addition to the winery, the estate is home to The Villa Bed & Breakfast, the Vintage House restaurant, and the Winemaster's Room wine bar. Special events are held on a regular basis including wine tasting parties, grape stomp events, culinary classes with certified chefs, and more. Messina Hof was voted "Best Wine by the Glass" and tied for "Best Special Event Venue" in the 2010 Best of the Brazos Valley survey.

**JUST FOR FUN**  
 From intimate wine bars to sports bars and dance clubs to billiards, the nightlife in Bryan-College Station is full of life and excitement. Listed are a few notable establishments with history, style, or that something "extra" that residents and visitors find special.

**Grand Station Entertainment**  
[www.grandstationent.com](http://www.grandstationent.com)  
 (979) 696-1100  
 A 73,000 square foot family entertainment facility with attractions including bowling, laser tag, miniature golf, video arcade, food court, sports bar, and party room. Your "One Stop Fun Spot" was voted "Best Family Entertainment" in the Best of the Brazos Valley survey each year since it opened.

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**Brazos Bingo**

www.brazosbingo.com  
(979) 776-0999

The Brazos Valley's "Best Bingo Hall" features gaming seven days a week at its facility in Bryan. With gaming and different specials each day, and the Brazos City Grill built into the hall, Brazos Bingo is a great place for a fun night out, and you might even win some money! But, if you don't, it's ok, because Brazos Bingo donates funds to five charities as part of its regular business.

**U Paint It**

www.upaintit.com  
(979) 695-1500

Bryan/College Station's contemporary paint-your-own pottery studio. Customers pick their ceramic piece, paint it with materials provided by the store, and U Paint it will glaze and fire the piece and have it ready for pick up in six days.

**SEASONAL ATTRACTIONS**

**Santa's Wonderland**

www.santas-wonderland.com  
(979) 690-7212

Each Christmas season, thousands of visitors and residents take the drive-in Christmas lights tour of Santa's Wonderland. With millions of dazzling lights adorning the mile-long winding path, families can relax and enjoy the spirit of the



MILLIONS OF LIGHTS DECORATE THE GROUNDS OF SANTA'S WONDERLAND, A SEASONAL THEME PARK IN SOUTH COLLEGE STATION photo courtesy of Santa's Wonderland

season while taking in the sights. Also, part of the experience is Santa's Town, a Texas Christmas Village, where visitors can take a hayride, horse & carriage tour, enjoy some holiday foods, shop for unique Christmas gifts, take a photo with Santa, even spend time around a cozy campfire. This attraction is a holiday tradition for many Brazos Valley families.

**Texas Renaissance Festival**

www.texrenfest.com  
800-458-3435

The Texas Renaissance Festival, the nation's largest most-acclaimed Renaissance theme park, opens just minutes from Bryan-College Station each October and runs thru Thanksgiving weekend. The 55-acre village comes to life for eight themed weekends. Visitors find amusement in the live performances, shopping and dining,

play games of skill, and enjoy various rides, many of which are appropriate for all ages.

**ANNUAL EVENTS**

**Chilifest**

On April 9, 2011 the small town of Snook will be flooded with thousands of patrons to enjoy some of country music's finest performers, to enjoy chili, and good time with lots of friends. Chilifest isn't just one of the area's hottest annual events for music and chili, alone, however. The non-profit group, Chilifest Incorporated, donates proceeds to aid many worthy causes within our community. So, if you think you've got the best recipe for chili in town, and you want to share your hot chili, enjoy great music with lots of friends, Chilifest is an event you won't want to miss. Visit www.chilifest.org, call (979) 695-2998, or find the event on Facebook for more information.

**Texas Reds Steak & Grape Festival**

This two-day event hosted in Historic Downtown Bryan, is a relatively new addition to the list of annual activities. In previous years, the festival has been held in June, but in response to the public's wishes for the outdoor festival to be held in a cooler month, this year, the Texas Reds Festival will come to Bryan October 7-8, 2011. The festival features wine exhibitions and tastings, a steak cook-off, live music, children's activities and an artist's showcase. For more information visit www.texasredsfestival.com.

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**Duck Jam**

A fundraiser for Ducks Unlimited, the Budweiser Duck Jam promises a great time for the whole family at this spring outdoor event in College Station. Usually held at the end of April each year, the event features live music by popular recording artists, the Dock Dog's "Big Air" Series, a Lil' Quack Kids area, BBQ cook-off, and a wine and art gallery area. For information on the 2011 Duck Jam, visit [www.duckjam.org](http://www.duckjam.org).



**Worldfest**

Texas A&M University and the City of College Station produce this community-wide festival each Fall, which celebrates cultures all over the world. This event offers cultural displays, demonstrations, international cuisine, performances, crafts, educational competitions and other activities. And it's free to the public to attend. For more information, visit <http://brazosvalleyworldfest.org>

**Epicurean Extravaganza**

Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce and the Brazos Valley Restaurant Association, folks can sample a little bit from many different eateries in Bryan-College Station each year. Tickets allow for all-you-can-sample of any of the restaurants present. This year's event is planned for Tuesday, March 8th. For more information visit [www.bcschamber.org](http://www.bcschamber.org) or call (979) 260-5200.

**LobsterFest & Golf Classic**

Another popular food event produced by the local Chamber of Commerce each fall is LobsterFest. With fresh Maine lobster, steaks by Outback Steakhouse, a live and silent auction, this is a fun-filled evening for all. The following day golfers take up the links at the annual Golf Classic. These events serve as the Chamber's top fundraisers for the year. For more information about LobsterFest, visit [www.bcschamber.org](http://www.bcschamber.org) or call (979) 260-5200.

**Junior League Charity Ball**

The Junior League is known for putting on the most beautiful, glitzy affairs throughout the southern states. The Junior League of Bryan-College Station follows in suit each November with its annual Charity Ball. With dozens of silent auction items, and several big ticket live auction items, and a black tie dress code, this event is perfect for a fancy date night with your significant other. Proceeds from the Charity Ball go to benefit the community projects of the Junior League, including their signature project, Stuff The Bus. For information, visit [www.jlbc.org](http://www.jlbc.org).

**Zeigenbock Music Festival**

Also known as "Zeigfest" is produced in the Brazos Valley each summer. Festival attendants are treated to live Texas Country and rock music from their favorite artists. Other activities include RV camping, beer and food vendors, concessions, a Beer Garden, and more. On-site parking is available. For more information, visit [www.zeigfest.com](http://www.zeigfest.com).

**First Yell & Midnight Yell**

The Friday prior to the first home game each year, Texas A&M and its Yell Leaders are host to First Yell, which features both student performances from Singing Cadets, Aggie Wranglers and others in addition to the headliner. In the past, First Yell has featured comedy by Bill Engvall, and Jeff Dunham. Following the performances are Midnight Yell practice and a BBQ cook-out. For more information about First Yell, visit <http://yell.tamu.edu>.



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### **BARS & NIGHTCLUBS**

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#### **Alfred T. Hornbacks**

120 Walton Dr.  
College Station  
(979) 693-4136  
[www.dixiechicken.com/hornbacks](http://www.dixiechicken.com/hornbacks)

#### **Carney's Pub**

3410 S. College Ave.  
Bryan  
(979) 823-1294

#### **Dixie Chicken**

307 University Drive  
College Station  
(979) 260-7344  
[www.dixiechicken.com](http://www.dixiechicken.com)  
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#### **Dry Bean Saloon**

305 University Drive  
College Station  
(979) 846-4300  
[www.dixiechicken.com/drybean](http://www.dixiechicken.com/drybean)  
\*A Shots-only Bar

#### **Duddley's Draw**

311 University Drive  
College Station  
(979) 846-3030  
[www.fitzwillysbar.com/duddleys](http://www.fitzwillysbar.com/duddleys)

#### **Fitzwilly's Bar & Grill**

303 University Drive  
College Station  
(979) 846-8806  
[www.fitzwillysbar.com](http://www.fitzwillysbar.com)

#### **Fox and Hound**

505 University Drive E.  
College Station  
(979) 846-0211  
[www.foxandhound.com](http://www.foxandhound.com)  
\*Restaurant, Bar, & Billiards

#### **Halo Bar**

121 N. Main St.  
Bryan  
(979) 823-6174  
[www.halobcs.com](http://www.halobcs.com)  
\*Video Bar & Dance Club

#### **Hurricane Harry's**

313 College Ave  
College Station  
(979) 846-3343

#### **Martini Street**

301 College Main  
College Station  
(979) 268-7676

#### **Daisy Duke's**

217 University Dr.  
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(979) 703-4617  
[www.daisydukesbcs.com](http://www.daisydukesbcs.com)

#### **Mad Hatters**

317 University Dr  
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(979) 846-7476  
[mhatters.tripod.com/](http://mhatters.tripod.com/)

#### **O'Bannon's Taphouse**

103 Boyett Street  
College Station  
(979) 846-9214  
[www.obannonstaphouse.com](http://www.obannonstaphouse.com)

#### **POETS Billiards**

1637 Texas Avenue S.  
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(979) 696-3351  
[www.poetsbilliards.com](http://www.poetsbilliards.com)

#### **Ptarmigan Club**

2005 South College Ave  
Bryan  
(979) 822-2263  
\*Home of the "Flaming Dr. Pepper" and the "Aggie Martini"

#### **Revolution Cafe & Bar**

211 B South Main Street  
Bryan  
(979) 823-4044  
[www.myspace.com/revolutioncafeandbar](http://www.myspace.com/revolutioncafeandbar)

#### **Texas Hall of Fame**

649 N. Harvey Mitchell Pkwy  
Bryan  
(979) 822-2222  
[www.texasalloffame.net](http://www.texasalloffame.net)

#### **The Corner Bar & Grill**

401 University Drive  
College Station  
(979) 268-1406  
[www.thecornerbcs.com](http://www.thecornerbcs.com)

#### **Yesterdays**

4421 South Texas Ave.  
Bryan  
(979) 846-2625  
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## FOOD and DINING

### The Best Restaurants and Eateries in the Brazos Valley

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#### ASIAN FUSION

Pei Wei Asian Diner by PF Changs

980 University Drive E., College Station  
www.peiwei.com (979) 260-1209

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#### BAKED POTATO

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www.potatoshack.biz

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C&J Barbeque

www.cjbbq.com

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#### BREAKFAST

Hullabaloo Diner

www.hullabaloodiner.com

This registered, authentic diner in Wellborn has been featured on the Food Network's "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives." Voted "Best Breakfast" in the Brazos Valley. The portions at Breakfast at this diner are definitely Texas-sized and you'll want to eat it all.

#### BURGERS

Koppe Bridge Bar & Grill

www.koppebridge.com

Koppe Bridge boasts the "Best Big Burger in Town," and they aren't lying. Voted "Best Burgers" in the Brazos Valley since 2001, this restaurant serves not only great burgers, but hand cut, natural fries, chicken fried steaks and gravy, and many more country fixins that will leave you full and satisfied.

#### CATERING

Buppy's BBQ

www.buppys.com

Buppy's catering, located in Bryan, is an award-winning catering service recognized for dependability and excellence all over the state of

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#### CHICKEN FRIED STEAK

Longhorn Tavern Steakhouse

201 East 24th St., Bryan (979) 778-3900

Recently relocated to Downtown Bryan, the Longhorn Tavern Steakhouse is known worldwide for its famous chicken fried steaks, and southern hospitality.

#### CHICKEN TENDERS

Layne's Chicken Fingers

www.layneschickenfingers.com

This locally-owned College Station establishment has been serving up Aggieworld's favorite chicken fingers and secret sauce since 1994. While the restaurant isn't anything special to look at, the tasty tenders certainly make up for what ever sophistication may be lacking in the decor.

#### CHINESE CUISINE

T.Jin's China Diner & Jin's Asian Cafe

www.tjindiner.com

If Chinese food is what you're wanting, then look no further than T.Jin's China Diner or Jin's Asian Cafe in College Station. Both feature a great lunch menu, with good-sized portions, and no matter what is selected from the menu will be delicious. The restaurants also feature friendly wait staff who welcome diners with a smile.

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**DESSERTS**

**Café Eccell**

www.cafeeccell.com

(979) 846-7908

Café Eccell, a casual Northgate-area neighborhood family pizza and wine bistro, is known for many things, (wood-fired pizzas, filets, etc) but the desserts win awards all on their own. The Strawberry Tart, Chocolate Amaretto Mousse Bombe, Key Lime Pie, Creme Brulee Cheesecake, Creme Brulee, and Bread Pudding are all dishes that shouldn't go untried.

**FINE DINING**

**Christopher's World Grille**

www.christophersworldgrille.com

(979) 776-2181

Voted "Best Fine Dining" in the Brazos Valley since 2001, Christopher's World Grille is one of the premier restaurants in our area. Chief Executive Chef, Christopher Lampo's colorful and

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**Spoons Yogurt**

www.spoonsyogurt.com

(979) 446-0085

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www.theplaceforitalian.com

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Capri in Historic Downtown Bryan offers items that originated from the Cerone family kitchen. Spaghetti, Lasagna, Parmigianas, Fettucines, Tortellinis, Ravioli, and Pennes are just a few of the specialities on the award-winning menu.

**JAPANESE CUISINE**

**Atami Steak & Sushi**

www.atamiaggies.com

(979) 268-8883

Atami, in College Station, offers menu items to tempt your taste buds! One of the few restaurants in town to serve fresh sushi, Atami also features a hibachi grill, and items like Tempura, Calamari, Edamame, Gyoza, Shumai, Crab Puffs, Tofu, Spring Rolls and Yakitori.

**MEXICAN CUISINE**

**Casa Rodriguez**

www.casarod.com

(979) 779-0916

Family-owned Casa Rodriguez in Bryan offers up spicy and delicious items that the Brazos Valley loves to come back for time and time again, as is evident by their being voted "Best Mexican Restaurant" in the Brazos Valley for 2010.

**PIZZA**

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(979) 272-8625

Find the award-winning sausage and other smoked meats made from Czech recipes at all grocers in Bryan/College Station.

**SEAFOOD**

**Shipwreck Grill**

www.shipwreckbcs.com

(979) 823-7447

From appetizers and salads, to tacos, po-boys, and burgers, Shipwreck Grill features a little bit of everything, but is known for its seafood. Fruits of the sea like Oysters, shrimp, and mahi mahi, and freshwater catches of catfish and crawfish are served with a smile and a generous helping of hush puppies.

**STEAKHOUSE**

**Sodolak's Beefmasters**

(979) 778-4999



IF SEAFOOD IS A FAVORITE, TRY THE SHIPWRECK GRILL IN BRYAN FOR THE FRESHEST TASTIEST DISHES IN A CASUAL ATMOSPHERE

Photo courtesy of Shipwreck Grill

Texas-sized portions of juicy steaks, chicken fried steaks, burgers, and other southern fare can be found at one of the Sodolak's locations in Bryan, College Station, or Snook. A casual dining atmosphere and great food at great prices.

**WINE BY THE GLASS**

**Messina Hof Winery & Resort**

www.messinahof.com

What better place to spend an evening than at the Vintage House at Messina Hof, enjoying wine at a tasting event? Owned and operated by the Bonarrigo family, Messina Hof creates their special wines on-site, starting with fresh grapes from their on-site vineyard. Messina Hof's wines have been the recipients of several prestigious awards, both local, regional, national and international.

**WINGS**

**Wings 'N' More**

www.wingsnmore.com

Voted "Best Wings" since 2001, Wings 'N' More is another Aggieland favorite. From mild to super caliente, from BBQ to garlic parmesan, there's a flavor for every palate. Wings 'N' More doesn't just serve wings, but also have delicious juicy burgers, chicken tenders, steak fingers, salads and some of the best fried appetizers in town (pickle chips, mushrooms, fried green tomatoes, etc.) Wing's 'N' More has four B/CS locations and even has a Party Room for special events.

**GROCERY STORE**

**Village Foods**

www.villagefoods.com

(979) 846-9600

1760 Briarcrest Drive in Bryan is home to Village Foods, our locally-owned choice for "Best Grocery Store" in the Brazos Valley. But so much more than just a grocery store, Village Foods also offers local specialty products, Gluten-Free and Bulk Natural foods, a fully-equipped pharmacy, and even a new deli sandwich prep station and indoor patio seating for you to enjoy your casual lunch. Stop by and see the difference that local ownership makes in your shopping experience.

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**Our Daily Lineup**

- 6:00-6:30 - **Precept Bible Study** with Kay Arthur
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  - 7:00-8:00am - **Local Morning Show**  
Local news, weather, sports, devotionals, bible trivia and more!
  - 8:00-10:00am - **Point of View** hosted by Kerby Anderson
  - 10:00-10:30am - **Family Talk** with Dr. James Dobson
  - 10:30-11:00am - **Focus On The Family** with Jim Daly
  - 11:00-11:30am - **Family Life Today** with Dennis Rainey
  - 12-12:30pm - **Mid Day Show & Community Calendar**
  - 12:30-1:00pm - **Insights for Living** with Chuck Swindoll
  - 1:00-3:00pm - **The Janet Mefferd Show**
  - 3:00-5:00pm - **The Dave Ramsey Show**
  - 5:00-6:00pm - **Drive Time Show & Community Calendar**
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  - 7:00-9:00pm - **The Dave Ramsey Show**
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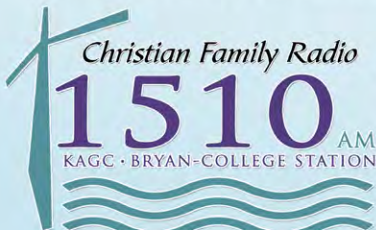
**familytalk Dr. James Dobson**

Founder of *Focus on the Family*, the world's premier family strengthening group, Dr. Dobson offers this new family-building radio show, *Family Talk*.



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DOWNTOWN BRYAN'S OLD BRYAN MARKETPLACE IS 22,000 SQUARE FEET OF TREASURES. FROM FURNITURE AND LINENS TO HOME DECOR AND GIFTS (AND MORE), THIS STORE HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

Photo by Patrick Zeinert



## SHOPPING

### *Brazos Valley's Best Centers for Retail Therapy*

*Feelin'* a little blue? If you're anything like me, a bit of retail therapy is just the thing you need. With so many places to choose from to shop at, it's hard to decide where to go. Fear not, while we can't cover every store in the Brazos Valley in detailed format, we can touch on all of the Best of the Brazos 2010 winners in the Retail section and the various centers to splurge in. From ladies' accessories and boutiques to the best garden center, we've even listed the "Best Satellite Retailer" (for when your blues require HBO and Showtime).

#### THE BEST IN RETAIL

##### ACCESSORIES

###### Bling It On

212 N. Main St - Historic Downtown Bryan  
(979) 779-3311

This locally-owned boutique specializes in custom jewelry, handbags, and women's apparel.

###### Charming Charlie

www.charmingcharlie.com  
(979) 680-1508

The College Station location of a national chain store which offers affordable fashion accessories, jewelry, scarves, handbags, and clothing.

##### APPLIANCES

###### Buddy's Brazos Appliances

3815 S. Texas Ave, Bryan  
(979) 260-1600

Buddy's Brazos Appliances offers a great selection of name brand appliances with the added benefits of professional installation, friendly and knowledgeable service, and a parts department in-house.

##### BRIDAL BOUTIQUE

###### Bea's Bridal

1112 Harvey Road, College Station  
(979) 693-7228

What originally started as Bea's Alterations has now grown in to a full-service Bridal boutique to include the well-known talents of tailor Bea Nentwig. Brides can find their dream dress, headpieces, bridesmaid gowns, shoes, jewelry, gloves, and much more. Bea's Bridal features the same selections and high-profile designers as bridal boutiques in Houston, Austin, and San Antonio – without the drive!

##### CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

###### Blue Kangaroo

3505 Longmire Drive, College Station  
(979) 485-0350

"A Playground for Moms!" This boutique offers everything from fashionable children's apparel and footwear to unique gifts for infants, children, and mothers. Popular lines include Misteevus,

Hartstrings, Baby Lulu, Baby Nay, le top, Zutano, Haven Girl, Wes & Willy, Tea, and others.

##### CUSTOM APPAREL

###### C.C. Creations

1311 Wellborn Rd., College Station  
(979) 693-9664

www.cccreationsusa.com

C.C. Creations specializes in t-shirt screen printing, embroidery, signs & banners, trophies & awards, and promotional items.

##### FINE JEWELRY

###### David Gardner's Jewelers

911 University Drive East  
(979) 268-0800

www.davidgardnersjewelers.com

With a passion for designing and creating jewelry, the team at David Gardner's Jewelers has built a reputation of customer service and product quality that is second to none in the community.

##### FIREPLACES

###### Fireplaces, Etc.

www.fireplacesetc.com  
(979) 775-1747

With the only working showroom in the Brazos Valley and over 50 displays, Fireplaces, Etc. can help anyone improve their home's ambience and value with its quality fireplaces, outdoor furniture, and garage doors.

**FLOORING****Brazos Valley Carpet Outlet**

12850 Old Wellborn Rd., College Station  
(979) 764-4084 [www.bvcarpetoutlet.com](http://www.bvcarpetoutlet.com)  
Serving the Brazos Valley for over ten years, BVCO is a full-service flooring store with experts in interior design to help customers select the type of flooring that suits their lifestyle, decor and budget.

**FLORIST****Petal Patch Florist**

3122 Texas Avenue South, College Station  
(979) 696-6713 [www.thepetalpatch.com](http://www.thepetalpatch.com)  
A family and Aggie-owned full-service florist that has served the Brazos Valley for over 35 years.

**FURNITURE****Ashley Furniture HomeStore**

1201 Earl Rudder Fwy S., College Station  
(979) 694-0202  
[www.ashleyfurniturehomestore.com](http://www.ashleyfurniturehomestore.com)  
Ashley Furniture HomeStore® College Station sells beautiful affordable home furnishings. Living room, bedroom, dining room, home office, entertainment, kids rooms – furniture for all these rooms as well as home accessories and mattresses are just some of the items customers will find inside.

**Old Bryan Marketplace**

202 South Bryan Ave., Bryan  
(979) 779-3245

[www.oldbryanmarketplace.net](http://www.oldbryanmarketplace.net)

Within this 22,000 square foot historical building, customers will find unique and beautiful furniture, linens, home decor, accessories, gifts, florals, paper products, collectibles, clothing, and many more treasures not to be found anywhere else in the Brazos Valley. Locally owned and operated by Kay and Grant Conlee.

**GARDEN CENTER****Farm Patch Garden Center & Produce Market**

3519 South College Ave., Bryan  
(979) 822-7209

An amazing variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, indoor and outdoor plants and greenery. The quality of the products at Farm Patch is top notch, and the prices can't be beat.

**HOME/OFFICE ELECTRONICS****Audio Video**

909 University Drive E., College Station  
(979) 268-6010  
[www.audiovideobcs.com](http://www.audiovideobcs.com)

Why visit the big box stores, when you can buy the same products locally at Audio Video? Locally owned, Audio Video offers home theater, audio, video, and automation electronics and products with professional custom installations at great products with amazing customer service.

BLUE KANGAROO IN COLLEGE STATION OFFERS BOUTIQUE DESIGNER CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, SHOES, ACCESSORIES AND GIFTS.

Photo by Darrin Hill



DAVID GARDNER'S JEWELERS OFFERS DESIGNER AND CUSTOM JEWELRY WITH HOMETOWN CUSTOMER SERVICE.

Photo courtesy of David Gardner's Jewelers

**MATTRESSES****The Sleep Station**

1731 South Texas Ave., College Station  
(979) 696-1255 [www.thesleepstation.com](http://www.thesleepstation.com)  
Looking to sleep better at night? Replace your current mattress with one from the Sleep Station. With products from Sealy Posturepedic, Serta, Spring Air, and Tempur-Pedic®, the professionals at the Sleep Station can help customers find the mattress that's "just right."

**MEN'S CLOTHING****Men's Wearhouse**

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(979) 693-8650 [www.menswearhouse.com](http://www.menswearhouse.com)  
Offers men's suits, dress shirts, ties, dress shoes, tuxedos, accessories and more. Men's Wearhouse also offers tuxedo rentals, and wardrobe consultations.

**PAWN SHOP****College Station Pawn**

2232 Texas Ave S., College Station  
(979) 696-7296

Great prices, and great finds can be found at College Station Pawn – voted "Best of the Brazos Valley" since 2004.

**SATELLITE RETAILER****Starfire Satellite**

1007 South Market St., Hearne  
(979) 776-2215

[www.starfiresatellite.com](http://www.starfiresatellite.com)

An authorized dealer of DISH Network, and featuring almost 300 channels of television entertainment including local channels and HD channels, Starfire Satellite can take care of your home entertainment needs.



OLD BRYAN MARKETPLACE IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN BRYAN ALSO OFFERS SOPHISTICATED CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES FOR WOMEN.

Photo by Patrick Zeinert

**SPORTING GOODS****Burdett & Son Outdoor Adventure Shop**

1055 Texas Ave S., #104, College Station  
(979) 695-2807 [www.burdettandson.com](http://www.burdettandson.com)  
This locally-owned and operated outdoor adventure shop features new and used guns; shooting and reloading supplies, backpacking and camping supplies; and Boy Scouts of America uniforms, books and awards.

**WOMEN'S CLOTHING****Charli**

505 University Drive E, #100, College Station  
(979) 268-9626 [www.charlionline.com](http://www.charlionline.com)  
Featuring designers like Michael Kors, Trina Turk, Acrobat, Black Halo, Lounge, Fabrizio Gianni, McKenna, Nicole Miller and others, Charli sells unique and beautiful daywear, eveningwear, footwear and accessories to the ladies of the Brazos Valley.

**SHOPPING CENTERS**

Bryan-College Station's retail districts have come a long way in the past ten years. It used to be that Post Oak Mall and Wal-Mart were the only large shopping centers around. However, with the growth our community has experienced in the past few years, several new centers, national retail chains and stores have been added. Here are some of the larger shopping centers in Bryan and College Station, and what can be found in them.

**Post Oak Mall**

[www.postoakmall.com](http://www.postoakmall.com)

(979) 764-0777

In College Station, just off Hwy 6 South is Post Oak Mall, a premier shopping mall with retail store anchors like Macy's, Beall's, Dillards, Sears, and JCPenney, and more than 100 big name specialty stores. The mall features a Kids Treehouse Play area in the center of the Food Court, which offers several dining options.

**Historic Downtown Bryan**

[www.downtownbryan.com](http://www.downtownbryan.com)

From unique stores like Old Bryan Marketplace that feature gifts, furniture, linens, decor, and more to specialty boutiques like Earth Art, and Bling It On, there are many stores in the Downtown Bryan area that offer products worth the browsing time. The area offers antiques, furniture stores, art galleries, glassworks, jewelry and accessories, musical instruments, clothing for men and women, hardware, resale shops, flooring and more. Check out the website for a listing of all the shops in the area.



BRAZOS ANIMAL SHELTER EMPLOYEE KRISTLE GERVAIS WITH GUS, HER ADOPTED "FURKID."  
Photos courtesy of Brazos Animal Shelter



## PET and OWNER RESOURCES

*For Bryan/College Station's Creatures Great and Small*

*B*ryan-College Station loves animals. With lots of great places dedicated to the wellness of pets, pampering them, boarding them while owners are away, our community has it all – even places to dress and fit them with all kinds of accessories! Don't have a pet? We have adoption and foster services so you can select the best new addition to your family.

custodian and not under restraint within the cities limits. So, keep your pets on a leash at all times within city limits.

- **Keep your animals noises at a reasonable volume.** Excessive barking, howling, or any other noises is an offense.
- **No more than four.** Any more than four (4) pets requires a permit from the city you live in.

(Source: Aggieland Apartment Finders, [www.aggielandapartmentfinders.com/pets.htm](http://www.aggielandapartmentfinders.com/pets.htm) "Helpful Hints - Pets & Your Lease")

city's Animal Control department.

- City of Bryan & Brazos County Animal Control: (979) 361-3888
- City of College Station Animal Control: (979) 764-3600

### PAW AND ORDER

First things first. The most important thing pet owners need to do is to ensure they are properly secured and licensed. Animal control officers are trained professionals that enforce ordinances in Bryan, College Station as well as out in the county. Their purpose is to protect the citizens as well as animals in the community. Ordinances residents need to follow are:

- **County Tags and/or AVID Microchips** are required for cats and dogs to wear if over three months old. These are available at the Brazos Valley Animal Shelter as well as your local veterinarian's office. **Rabies vaccinations** by a licensed veterinarian are also required annually to receive your county tag. Animals must wear this tag at all times.
- **No "at large" animals.** This means that any animal that is off the premises of the owner or

### LOST & FOUND PETS

In Brazos County all stray dogs will be transferred to the Brazos Animal Shelter from Animal Control officers. If you have looked around and can't find your pet, contact (979) 775-6094, which is available 24 hours a day. Pets with County tags are held for 10 days, unlicensed animals are held for only three days. There is an impound fee to pay when collecting your animal, which is reduced if your animal has current tags.

Other options for locating missing pets is to run a classified ad or check the classified ads in the local newspaper. The Eagle runs free lost ads for one week, and free found ads for two weeks. (979) 776-7355.

If you live near a busy highway or road and feel your pet may be injured or killed, contact the

### BRAZOS ANIMAL SHELTER

2207 Finfeather Road, Bryan  
(979) 775-5755 <http://brazosanimalshelter.org>  
The Brazos Animal Shelter provides humane shelter and care for stray and unwanted animals. The varied services are intended to promote responsible pet ownership and to enhance the quality of life for the people and animals in the community. The BAS receives nearly 9,000 animals per year, and would love to find homes for each and every pet that comes in. Many dogs, cats, and other animals come in as strays, but the shelter also accepts pets whom owners can no longer care for, and pets that are lost and unclaimed by owners. The shelter also takes in rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, iguanas, birds, and ferrets as well as many other animals. Unclaimed animals are evaluated for adoption.

Those animals that are eligible are spayed or neutered, given a health check by a local veterinarian, treated if necessary for any ailments or injuries, and listed for adoption when they are healthy.

Residents interested in adopting a pet from the Animal Shelter are required to fill out an adoption application, must meet certain requirements in order to take home the pet, and pay a \$95 adoption fee. The adoption fee includes the spay or neuter procedure, first vaccinations, deworming, bordetella shots, heartworm test for animals over six months, flea control, AVID Microchip, coupon for a free vet visit, and coupons to local pet stores, grooming shops and training facilities.



BRAZOS ANIMAL SHELTER EMPLOYEES WITH SOME SWEET KITTENS WHO NEED HOMES  
Photo courtesy of Brazos Animal Shelter

Those interested in serving at the Brazos Animal Shelter must attend a volunteer orientation, which are planned on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm. No appointment is needed, but for groups of four or more, please contact Krystle Gervais at (979) 775-5755. Internships are also available in the areas of animal care, event planning and photography. (Source: Brazos Animal Shelter [www.brazosanimalshelter.org](http://www.brazosanimalshelter.org))

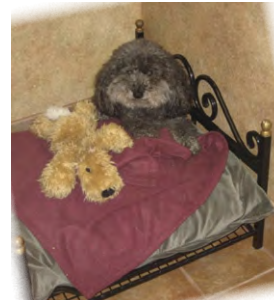
dogs. Separate areas for small and large dogs are available, and the unleashed portion of the park has a variety of amenities including swimming dog ponds, agility equipment and open play space.

**PET SERVICES**

Whether your pet loves to be pampered with spa treatments regularly, or just needs a special skunk “de-funk,” we’ve got your grooming covered. Need doggie and kitty daycare and a good veterinarian? Look no further for listings of the vendors who were noted by the community as being the best in town.

**PET BOARDING & DAY CARE**

The Pet Resort at Aggieldand Animal Health Center  
13223 FM 2154 (Wellborn Rd), College Station  
(979) 764-7387  
[www.aggieldandanimalhealthcenter.com](http://www.aggieldandanimalhealthcenter.com)



THE PET RESORT AT AGGIELAND ANIMAL HEALTH CENTER OFFERS LUXURY BOARDING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PETS.  
Photo courtesy of The Pet Resort at AAHC

The animal-loving professionals at The Pet Resort at AAHC offer general and deluxe boarding accommodations with daily exercise and play outings, regular meals, medications, music, bath, and more for pets whose owners will be out of town. Other services offered are “play dates” which include sprinkler runs and wading pool play during the hotter months, ball tossing, and personal attention from staff members. All this at rates for every budget.

The Brazos Animal Shelter also provides community education about responsible pet ownership and public health issues dealing with pets and other area animals.

**DOG PARKS**

Many people in our community don’t know that there are indeed dog parks here! The City of College Station offers two parks that offer areas for animals to play, socialize and exercise off-the-leash. For more information on dog parks, visit [www.cstx.gov](http://www.cstx.gov).

Due to the shelter receiving so many animals each day (between 20 and 100 animals daily), the organization has quickly outgrown its current location on Finfeather in Bryan. The recent purchase of land near the Brazos County Expo Complex on Leonard Road is where the shelter hopes to build a new state-of-the-art facility in the coming years. Those interested in donating to the Brazos Animal Shelter’s building fund can do so online at <http://brazosanimalshelter.org/donate> or by calling (979) 775-5755.

Steeplechase Park - Located at 301 West Ridge Drive, offers one area for dogs to play in.

University Park - Located at 300 Park Road, this park has four of the ten total acres designated as a “canine station” built specifically for

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**Wiggles and Wags Dog Boutique & Spa**

700 University Dr. E. #202B, College Station  
(979) 268-4143

Locally-owned and operated Wiggles and Wags provides the highest standard of grooming services for pampered pooches of the Brazos Valley. Special clothing, accessories and other pet care items are also available for sale, for pet owners who love that “something extra” for their pups.

**VET CLINICS**

The Best of the Brazos Valley survey doesn't feature many ties, but in 2010 “Best Veterinarian” was one of the few.



**Aggieland Animal Health Center**

13223 FM 2154 (Wellborn Rd), College Station  
(979) 764-7387

www.aggielandanimalhealthcenter.com

A progressive, compassionate and comprehensive animal care facility with emphasis on exceptional client service and patient care. AAHC treats any range of ailments and injuries and features on-staff both a surgeon and dentist.

**Boonville Animal Hospital**

5665 FM 1179, Bryan  
(979) 774-4818

The caring and compassionate staff at Boonville Animal Hospital are what keeps pet owners returning when they need care for their pets.

**OBEDIENCE & TRAINING**

Looking to send your pup to Canine Kindergarten? Bryan/College Station offers lots of options for obedience and specialty training.

**Aggie Pet Zone**

3227 Rock Prairie Rd, College Station  
(979) 693-9663

www.aggiepetzone.com

**Action Dogs USA**

23752 St. Hwy 6 South, Navasota  
(979) 822-4794

www.actiondogssusa.com

**Leash In Hand Professional Dog Training**

By Appointment Only  
(979) 693-9400

www.leashinhand.com

**Puppy Love Training**

Inside America's Country Store  
14675 FM 2154, College Station  
(979) 694-1994

www.puppylovetraining.com

**Good Paws! Training & Behavior Center**

10948 Favor Rd, College Station  
(979) 485-0132

www.goodpaws.com

(Source: Brazos Animal Shelter & BYD Ranch & Kennel "Brazos Valley Dog Directory, www.brazosanimalshelter.org/pdfs/byd\_dog\_directory.pdf)



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## GIVING BACK

*The Brazos Valley: A Community that Cares*

Whether someone needs a handout or a hand up, the residents of the Brazos Valley are some of the most generous, both with funding and with their time. With over 50 charitable organizations, and many more non-profit organizations devoted to distributing funds to charitable organizations, many folks in our area donate to area agencies. Please check with the local Better Business Bureau to see ratings of financial accountability for any charity that you wish to donate to - to ensure your donation is being used wisely.

### **BASIC NEEDS AGENCIES**

#### Brazos Valley Food Bank

[www.brazosfoodbank.org](http://www.brazosfoodbank.org)

(979) 779-3663

Acquires donations and distributes food to 37 non-profit agencies for delivery to persons and families who are in need of food.

#### B-CS Habitat for Humanity

[www.habitatbcs.org](http://www.habitatbcs.org)

(979) 823-7200

Habitat for Humanity works with volunteers to build new, low-cost homes for families currently living in substandard housing in B-CS.

#### Family Promise of Bryan-College Station

(979) 268-4309

Supports and houses families who are experiencing homelessness as they search for jobs, undergo training and obtain permanent housing.

#### Project Unity

[www.projectunitytx.org](http://www.projectunitytx.org)

(979) 775-6788

An organization which provides support for families in need by giving community outreach services, family assessments, interventions, parenting support, basic needs, and more to transition people out of poverty.

#### Goodwill Industries - Heart of Texas

[www.hotgoodwill.org](http://www.hotgoodwill.org)

(979) 764-8297 CS, (979) 823-2083 Bryan

Funds job training, employment placement services by selling donated clothing and household items at Goodwill retail stores.

#### Twin City Mission

[www.twincitymission.org](http://www.twincitymission.org)

(979) 822-7511

Meet the needs of homeless individuals and families by providing emergency, temporary shelter, case management, and provide basic necessities to these individuals and families.

### **FAMILY/CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES**

#### Big Brothers Big Sisters

[www.bigmentor.org/brazos](http://www.bigmentor.org/brazos)

(979) 268-5814

Helps children reach their potential through professional supported one-to-one mentoring relationships.

#### Boys & Girls Club of Brazos Valley

[www.bgcbv.org](http://www.bgcbv.org)

(979) 822-7516

Offers programs to at-risk youth in education, environment, health, the arts, career building, interventions, preventions, leadership development and athletics at a local level.

#### BVCAA Family Health Clinic

(979) 268-5555

Providing pediatric care, adult medicine, WIC, health education, case management, eligibility screening, and more.

#### March of Dimes

[www.modimes.org](http://www.modimes.org)

(979) 846-3470

Helps to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Research, community services, education and advocacy to save babies' lives.



# CHILIFEST TO CELEBRATE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

article by Tim Hicks

**K**ICK BACK AND ENJOY A COLD BEVERAGE with your friends while enjoying great country music, and do it knowing that proceeds go back into the community and to local charities. It's almost time for **Chilifest 2011**. And this year's festival promises to be an even more memorable occasion, because the musical festival is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

What started as a simple chili cook-off in the Bryan Wal-Mart parking lot has grown into an enormous music festival which attracts some of country music's best artists. Since its beginnings in the Wal-Mart parking lot in 1991, the music festival has grown to now average 35,000-40,000 attendees annually. Chilifest incorporated in 1999 and now thrives in Snook, Texas.

Chilifest is unique because it's operated by seven Texas A&M students who receive no compensation for their time and efforts. Travis Hughes, a senior at A&M, greatly enjoys working with Chilifest and the benefits it provides to the community.

"A lot of people ask us why we spend so much time with Chilifest. The seven of us do everything together and we are able, as college students, to run one of the largest outdoor music festivals in the state. And as far as we know, Chilifest is the largest annual charitable music festival in the nation. We make it fun and have enjoyed meeting a lot of great people through Chilifest."

The students aren't alone in organizing and running the music festival. "Without our volunteers and the Snook community, this event couldn't happen every year," said Hughes.

"They are the backbone of Chilifest." Miller Light and Kristen Distributing Company are also big supporters who, along with the other sponsors, help bring the event together.

While the event is meant to entertain, it also gives a lot of money back to our community. Since its inception twenty years ago, Chilifest has donated over \$1.5 million back to the Brazos Valley. Specifically, the festival has made significant donations to Bureson County Go-Texan, the Boys and Girls Club of the Brazos Valley, and Gary Blair's Special Olympics.

The music for the festival is always top notch. From year to year, you can count on the organizers bringing in some of the biggest names in country music. Some notable artists that have performed at Chilifest include Robert Earl Keen, Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson, Gary Allan and Dwight Yoakam. The lineup for Chilifest 2011 will be released on Friday, February 4th at The Tap in College Station.

Chilifest has grown into one of the largest music festivals in the state, however it still has roots with its origin as a chili cook-off. Chili teams go to the site early on Friday which is a team only event. The teams then have their chili judged on Saturday morning.

Chilifest 2011 will be held April 8-9th. Find out more about the event by clicking <http://www.chilifest.org>, following Chilifest on Facebook, or calling (979) 695-2998.

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- Chilifest Teams Available
- Contests Available
- Merchandise Available

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**MHMR Authority Brazos Valley**

www.mhmrabv.org  
 (979) 822-6467  
 Provides mental health and mental retardation services to eligible individuals within the seven county service area. Also includes early childhood intervention services.

**Phoebe's Home**  
 (979) 775-5355  
 www.twincitymission.org/phoebeshome.shtml  
 Supports the victims of domestic violence who are in need of emergency shelter and resources.

**Safe Harbour Supervised Visitation Center**  
 (979) 676-3774  
 Supervised visitation center which provides a safe, child-friendly environment for children to visit with a non-custodial parent during court ordered supervised visits.

**Salvation Army**  
 www.salvationarmy.org  
 (979) 775-4541  
 Provides social care, family tracing, disaster response care, addiction dependency programs and other services to those in need.

**Save Our Streets Ministries**  
 www.saveourstreetsministries.org  
 (979) 775-5357  
 Faith-based gang outreach and intervention program for community transformation and empowerment.

**Scotty's House**  
 www.scottyshouse.org  
 (979) 775-4695  
 Provides a child-friendly environment for law enforcement and Child Protective Services to interview children while determining the best interests of each child.

**Still Creek Ranch**  
 www.stillcreekranch.org  
 (979) 589-3206  
 Provides a loving, structured home for boys and girls who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned, and provides them with education and a loving home environment.

**TX Easter Seals, East Texas**  
 www.east-texas.easterseals.com  
 (979) 776-2872  
 Provides services to help people with autism and other disabilities with life skills.

**Voices For Children, Brazos Valley CASA**  
 www.vfcbrazos.org  
 (979) 822-9700  
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 (979) 739-4253  
 Provides 12-step peer support recovery, education and prevention with drug-free solutions for teens, young adults and their parents.

**Sexual Assault Resource Center**  
 http://sarcbv.org  
 (979) 731-1000  
 Provides support services to victims of sexual assault, education about sexual assault, and works to increase the number of convictions of sexual predators.

of abused and neglected children who have been placed under the court's jurisdiction until permanent safe housing is found and the child's needs are met.

**HEALTH & WELFARE AGENCIES**

**American Cancer Society**  
 www.cancer.org  
 (979) 776-1463

**American Heart Association**  
 www.americanheart.org  
 (979) 268-0068

**AIDS Services of Brazos Valley**  
 www.bvcaa.org  
 (979) 260-2437  
 Provides testing, outreach and education about HIV and AIDS to the seven county area.

**Health for All**  
 www.hlth4all.org  
 (979) 774-4176  
 Provides health care, pharmaceuticals, exams, lab tests, x-rays, disease management education and counseling for low income adults and families who are uninsured or don't qualify for government health care programs.

**Hospice Brazos Valley**  
 www.hospicebrazosvalley.org  
 (979) 821-2266  
 Provides care to patients and their families as they are touched by life-limiting illness, grief, and loss.

**Junction 505**  
 www.junction505.org  
 (979) 846-3670  
 Aids people with disabilities, enhancing their quality of life, providing suitable mainstream employment.

**Mosaic - SOETX**  
 www.mosaic.org  
 (979) 823-7622  
 Provides support and services to people with developmental disabilities.

**PREGNANCY OUTREACH SERVICES**

**Hope Pregnancy Center**  
 www.hopepregnancy.org  
 (979) 695-9193  
 Provides pregnancy outreach services for women and couples with unexpected pregnancies. Provides information about pregnancy, parenting, adoption services, abortion education, post-abortion counseling and care, referral for pre-natal care, classes and parenting education.

**Aggieland Pregnancy Outreach, Inc.**  
 www.pregnancyoutreach.org  
 (979) 764-6636  
 Helping mothers with unexpected pregnancies make sound parenting decisions.

**EMERGENCY CARE & RESOURCES**  
**American Red Cross - Brazos Valley Branch**

www.waco.redcross.org  
 (979) 776-8279  
 Provides disaster services, Armed Forces emergency services, health and safety education, life-saving training, and more.

**ANIMAL SERVICES**  
**Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society**

www.bluebonnetequine.org  
 (888) 542-5163  
 A non-profit horse rescue organization. Fosters and rehomes horses, mules, and donkeys who have been abused, neglected and abandoned.

**Brazos Animal Shelter**  
 www.brazosanimalshelter.org  
 (979) 775-5755  
 Provides humane shelter and care for stray and unwanted animals. Adoptions, education, and other services are provided.

**Impact Animal Foundation**  
 www.impactanimals.org  
 (979) 402-2511  
 A selective intake all-breed dog and cat rescue. Provides animals with foster homes and adoption services.



**Fire, Police & Ambulance Emergencies**  
911

**MHMR Crisis Hotline**  
1-888-522-8262  
mhmrabv.org

**College Station Police Department Non-Emergency Number**  
(979) 764-3400

**KBTX-3 (CBS)**  
(979) 846-7777  
www.kbtv.com

**Poison Control**  
1 (800) 222-1222  
www.aapcc.org

**Brazos County Animal Control**  
(979) 361-3888

**College Station Fire Department**  
(979) 764-3705

**KRHD-TV (ABC)**  
(979) 691-5743  
www.abc40.com

**Crime Stoppers Hotline**  
(979) 775-TIPS  
brazos.crimestoppersweb.com

**Texas Department of Public Safety**  
(979) 776-3110  
www.txdps.state.tx.us

**College Station Municipal Court**  
(979) 764-3646

**KAMU-TV (PBS)**  
(979) 845-5611  
http://kamu.tamu.edu

**Immigration & Naturalization Service**  
(210) 967-7265  
immigrationdirect.com/INS

**Texas Department of Family & Protective Services**  
1 (800) 252-5400  
https://www.txabusehotline.org

**City of College Station Sanitation**  
(979) 764-3690

**Newstalk 1620 WTAW**  
(979) 695-9595  
www.wtaw.com

**Child Find**  
1 (800) 292-9688

**Voter Registration**  
(979) 775-7400  
co.brazos.tx.us

**College Station Independent School District**  
General Inquiries  
(979) 764-5400  
www.csisd.org

**Texas A&M University Information**

**University Operator**  
(979) 845-3211  
www.tamu.edu

**Emergency Roadside Assistance**  
1 (800) 525-5555

**City of Bryan Information**

**City of Bryan General Information**  
(979) 209-5000  
www.bryantx.gov

**College Station Utilities**  
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**Admissions**  
(979) 845-3741 (prospective)  
(979) 845-1060 (current applicants)

**US Department of Homeland Security**  
1 (800) 237-3239  
www.ready.gov

**City of Bryan Police Department Non-Emergency Number**  
(979) 209-5300

**Larry J. Ringer Public Library**  
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**Campus Information/ Student Locator**  
(979) 845-3211

**Directory Assistance**  
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Local Long Distance: 555-1212

**City of Bryan Fire Services**  
(979) 209-5970

**Health Care Centers**

**St. Joseph Regional Hospital General Inquiry**  
(979) 776-3777  
www.st-joseph.org

**University Police Department**  
(979) 845-2345  
www.tamu.edu/upd

**Bryan-College Station Convention & Visitor's Bureau**  
(979) 260-9898  
www.visitaggieland.com

**City of Bryan Municipal Court**  
(979) 209-5400

**College Station Medical Center - General Inquiry**  
(979) 764-5100  
www.csmedcenter.com

**Texas A&M Health Center**  
(979) 845-1511

**Better Business Bureau**  
(979) 260-2222  
www.bryan.bbb.org

**City of Bryan Recycling**  
(979) 209-5900

**The Physician's Centre Hospital General Inquiry**  
(979) 731-3100

**Texas A&M Emergency Vet Clinic**  
(979) 845-2351

**Brazos County Information**

**Brazos County Clerk**  
(979) 361-4128

**Bryan Independent School District General Inquiries**  
(979) 209-1000  
www.bryanisd.org

**Scott & White Clinic General Inquiry**  
(979) 691-3300  
www.sw.org

**Visitor's Center**  
(979) 845-5851

**Brazos County Tax Assessor & Collector**  
(979) 361-4470  
www.brazostax.org

**Bryan Public Library**  
(979) 209-5600

**Sexual Assault Resource Center**  
(979) 731-1000  
www.rapecrisisbv.org

**Shuttle Bus Info**  
(979) 845-1971  
transport.tamu.edu

**Brazos County Vehicle Registration**  
(979) 361-4472

**BTU**  
(979) 821-5700  
24-Hour Emergency Hotline  
(979) 822-3777  
www.btutilities.com

**Scotty's House**  
(979) 775-4695  
www.scottyshouse.org

**Student Counseling**  
(979) 845-4427  
scs.tamu.edu

**Brazos County Veteran's Services**  
(979) 361-4360

**Brazos Animal Shelter**  
(979) 764-3600  
www.brazosanimalshelter.org

**Media Information**

**The Bryan-College Station Eagle Newspaper**  
(979) 776-4444  
www.theeagle.com

**Athletics (Ticket Office)**  
(979) 845-2311  
sports.tamu.edu

**Texas A&M Help Line**  
(979) 845-2700

**Brazos County Landfill**  
(979) 764-3832

**City of Bryan Waste Collection**  
(979) 209-5900

**Emergency Absence Notification**  
(979) 845-3111

**Brazos County Health Department**  
(979) 361-4440  
www.brazoshealth.org

**City of College Station Information**  
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