

# BOARD MEETING NOTES

THE BTU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016 AND DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

## OPERATIONS

Gary Miller presented the safety statistics for the previous month, stating BTU had one recordable incident and one at fault vehicle incident for the month of March.

Mr. Miller stated that all employee training for the "Speak Up, Listen Up" module continues. The second Continuous Improvement Team has met and has developed new processes for improving BTU's safety meetings and has implemented a safety calendar to track and publicize all departments' scheduled safety meetings.

## TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION REPORT

BTU will soon begin work on an upgrade to the transmission line from our Rayburn substation to our Tabor substation. The Board approved the purchase of both steel and concrete poles for this major transmission project, which will increase BTU's ability to serve load growth on the east side of Bryan.



## BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES

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Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Important Numbers

Billing/Collections/Connects (979) 821-5700

Electrical Outage/Lines Down (979) 822-3777

Distribution/Line Design (979) 821-5770



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## 1 Lineman Rodeo

Each year the BTU apprentice linemen put their skills to the test at the BTU Apprentice Rodeo. They are challenged to complete repairs to simulated system failures while being timed. The overall winner is granted bragging rights.

## 2 KAMU

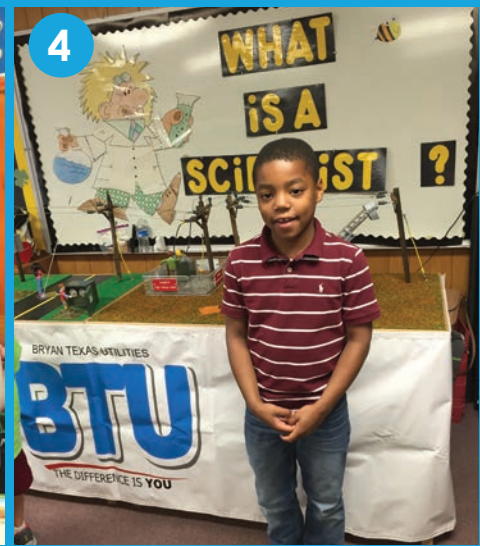
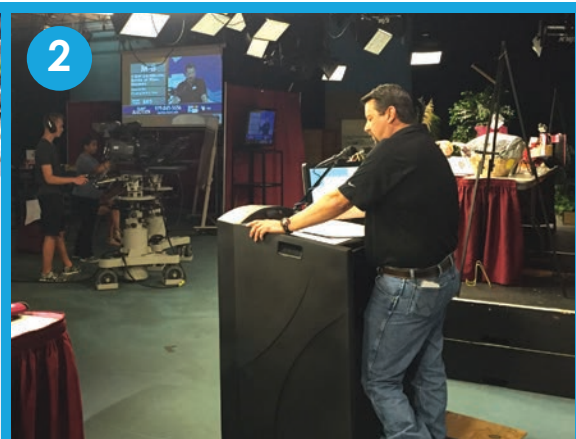
BTU has been a proud sponsor of the KAMU Auction for over 10 years. The staff works the phones and the camera during the event and helps KAMU raise money to continue providing public television for the residents of Aggieland. It's always a fun opportunity to help KAMU and step outside our comfort zones!

## 3 Home Product Show

The Annual Home and Garden Expo is a great opportunity for the BTU staff to interact with our customers and answer questions. We gave away lots of goodies, handouts, and stickers, and enjoyed educating our customers about our SmartHOME program and how it can help save them money!

## 4 PowerTOWN

BTU's PowerTOWN model has been a wonderful resource for teaching elementary school children about how electricity works and how to stay safe around it. The model simulates how electricity gets from a substation into a home, and how underground and overhead powerlines can be a danger when contacted.





# CITY OF BRYAN PA TWO GRAN

## Sadie Thomas Park Swimming Pool



The surface of this new pool is close to 4,000 square feet with ample deck area, zero entry area, and a new restroom facility.

Just in time for the summer swim season, the new Sadie Thomas Park Swimming Pool is open and ready for the hot weather. With bubblers, a mushroom and an aquatic dome - there's everything you and your family need for fun in the water.

Some of the pool rules include:

- **Swimming suits with lining are required**
- **Only 2 children under 11 years per adult**
- **Children 6 years of age and younger must be within arms reach of their adult supervisor**
- **Food and drinks are permitted, however glass bottles and alcohol are prohibited**

Pool hours:

Monday - Sunday 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Daily Fees:

\$2 children ages 4-11/\$3 ages 12+

For more pool information, go to:  
**[BryanParksandRecreation.com](http://BryanParksandRecreation.com)**.



# PARKS & RECREATION NEW OPENINGS

The new skate park will consist of a 17,500 square foot facility that will offer challenges to skaters and bikers of all abilities.

The new park is being constructed in Williamson Park at the site of the old skate park and will include a new restroom facility and new lighting.

The City of Bryan supports skateboarding and biking as the sports they are and recognizes their many benefits for the youth of today. Some of the health benefits associated with skateboarding and biking include:

- **Flexibility**
- **Coordination**
- **Self Confidence**
- **Endurance**
- **Full Body Workout**
- **Teaches Practice & Patience**
- **Burns Calories**

The skate park will open sometime in mid-October. The opening date will be posted on the city of Bryan website: [bryantx.gov](http://bryantx.gov).

## Williamson Park Skate Park



# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

When Chris Callaway joined BTU as a line worker in 1998, he hoped to build upon his previous 6 years of experience in the field.



And 18 years later, he is now a seasoned line worker, accustomed to long hours and working in not-so-ideal weather conditions.

"My mom and dad would always mention to me that I should find a more stable line of work, and to get out of the building construction field," Chris explained. "This is really and truly what led me to become a lineman."

Line workers work in unique environments, often tackling complex jobs in rain, wind, and unrelenting heat, both during the day and in the middle of the night. But regardless of the weather or temperature, when the lights go out, so do the line workers. "When these things happen, this is when the work starts, and we do not quit until everyone's lights are back on."

One of the most difficult parts of line work is maneuvering the different safety hazards encountered on a daily basis. Weather, stray animals, dense brush, and mud, not to mention the dangers of working with high voltage equipment, mean that line workers must be highly trained and skilled in performing their jobs. More often than not, their working conditions are not favorable. But day after

day, Chris and the other line workers at BTU utilize their skills to ensure that customers have power.

"It's rewarding, after all of the long hours, tedious tasks, dealing with all of the line hazards, when the job is done and you can step back and think to yourself, 'I was a part of that'", Chris said. "The most important challenge we face is making sure we do all these things as safe as possible so we can go home each and every day to be with our families."

With a total of 23 years of experience as a line worker, Chris is an essential part of the Distribution department at BTU and a valued member of the BTU family. His passion is helping people, which fits well with his chosen career. "I came to BTU with the hopes of receiving an opportunity to get more hands-on experience that would improve my level of knowledge", he said. "I have to admit, that has definitely been the case". ■

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# BRAZOS COUNTY EMERGENCY PHONE MESSAGE SERVICE

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

**This could be the call that saves a life.**

The Brazos County Emergency Notification System was created to notify citizens of local emergencies that occur day or night.

You can now register your cell phone with the new Self-Registration Portal (SRP) website: <https://brazos.onthealert.com>. Register your cell phone and email address at this website so that you can have more options to be notified in case of an emergency situation in Brazos County. An email address is necessary for the system to contact you periodically to verify that your information is still correct. If you do not currently have an email address, you can contact your internet provider to get one or register for a free email address with a service such as Yahoo or Google. For more information, visit: [www.bcdem.org/emergencyNotificationSystem](http://www.bcdem.org/emergencyNotificationSystem).



## HELPFUL RESOURCES

- FEMA | Federal Emergency Management Agency
- American Red Cross
- Text PREPARE to 43362 (4FEMA) to receive monthly preparedness tips via text message.



# CLARA B. MOUNCE

## PLAY 2 LEARN



PLAY 2 LEARN is a special 5-week pilot program where toddlers (ages 1-2) and their parent/caregiver play together to develop their child's early literacy skills.



Each week, a different topic in early childhood development is featured with a community professional on hand to answer any questions you may have about your child.

**Registration is limited to 20 families each session. For information on the next session, or to get on the registration waiting list, contact Bobbee Pennington at (979) 209-5616 or [bpennington@bryantx.gov](mailto:bpennington@bryantx.gov).**

# PUBLIC LIBRARY

## LIBRARY FUN - ALL SUMMER LONG

### MULTILINGUAL STORY HOUR SPANISH & ENGLISH

**Sunday, May 22** 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Storytellers, crafts, snacks & games!

### BIG RIGS & HOMETOWN HEROES

**Friday, June 3** 10:00 AM - NOON

Meet the heroes that keep our town running!

Firefighters, Police officers, and Water and Sanitation Heroes!

See the big city trucks and other big rigs including a fire truck and a police car!

### ANIMAL DAY

**Wednesday, June 8** 10:00 AM - NOON

If you love animals, you'll love this event.

### SAFARI WITH ELIZABETH KUHARA

**Wednesday, June 15** 10:00 AM - NOON

A musical storytelling adventure to celebrate our annual Juneteenth Hands-On Art Festival!

### WILD THINGS ZOOFARI

**Wednesday, June 22** 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Courtney Cortina-Pineda will bring a lemur and other cute, exotic animals.

### CELEBRATE AMERICA

**Wednesday, June 29** 10:30 AM - NOON

Birthday cake for America, crafts, games and snacks.

### TAMU CHEMISTRY ROAD SHOW

**Wednesday, July 13** 10:30 AM - NOON

### HEROES AROUND THE WORLD

**Wednesday, July 27** 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Award winning entertainer Brett Roberts will present his new show for 2016. Join Brett as he searches the world for heroes. This program contains fast paced magic, puppetry and storytelling.



**SUMMER STORY-TIME**  
**JUNE 2 - JULY 28 THURSDAY MORNINGS**  
**10:15 - Baby Toddler 10:45 All Ages**

