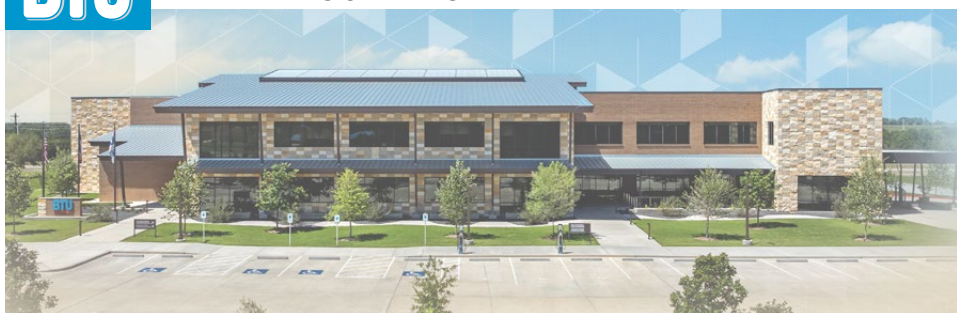

Regular Board of Directors MEETING NOTES | December 8, 2025

Contract Renewal for Annual Pole Inspection and Reinforcement

The Board approved a renewal contract and change order with Davey Resource Group, Inc. for annual pole inspections and reinforcement.

Recommendation to the Bryan City Council to Approve a Purchase and Sales Agreement with Axis Pipe and Tube, LLC.

The Board unanimously passed a motion to recommend to the Bryan City Council the approval of a Purchase and Sales Agreement with Axis Pipe and Tube, LLC for the potential acquisition of approximately 86 acres owned by the City of Bryan (BTU).

APPA Excellence in Public Power Communications Award

BTU won the Award of Excellence in Web & Social Media for like-sized utilities as part of the APPA Excellence in Public Power Communications Awards. BTU's website update in late 2024 was recognized with the award, which was presented at the APPA Customer Connections Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah in November 2025.

KBTX Food for Families Food Drive

BTU Staff volunteered for the annual KBTX Food for Families Food Drive on December 3, 2025, working their normal 5:30-7 a.m. shift.

BTU BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

KIOSKS

Locations accepting credit cards, cash and checks:

HEB	**1609 N. Texas Ave.**
HEB	**725 E. Villa Maria**
BTU Drive-Through *Open 24 hours*	**200 E. 29th St.**
BTU Drive-Through *Open 24 hours*	**2611 N. Earl Rudder Fwy**

Bring your BTU account number, BTU bill, keycard or reminder letter.

OVER THE PHONE

Payments can be made 24 hours a day via the "e-payment" option by calling 979.821.5700. Account number and credit card required.

ONLINE

To register your account, view, and/or pay your bill online, visit:

btutilities.com

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WORKING TOGETHER TO LOWER DEMAND

MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MANAGER **GARY MILLER**

WHEN OUTDOOR TEMPERATURES drop, electricity use naturally rises. Colder weather drives us indoors, where we rely more heavily on heating systems, more lighting and household appliances. And heating systems run longer and more frequently to maintain comfortable indoor temperatures.

Combine all of that with the fact that most people use electricity at the same times—typically in the mornings and early evenings—and the result is significant pressure on our electric grid.

BTU works tirelessly to plan for these seasonal weather patterns and changes and ensure you have reliable power every day of the year. This involves detailed resource and infrastructure planning to make sure electricity is available whenever you need it.

However, it's important to remember that our local system is part of a much larger regional and national grid.

During the winter months, when homes and businesses across the country are using more electricity simultaneously, overall demand can approach—or occasionally exceed—available supply.

This is especially true during severe weather events, such as ice storms, sudden temperature drops or equipment malfunctions that reduce generation capacity. In rare cases when demand threatens to outpace supply, the regional grid operator may call for temporary, controlled outages to prevent broader system failures. If such a situation arises, BTU will provide timely updates and information to customers.

To prepare for theses scenarios and minimize risks, BTU takes proactive measures to strengthen reliability year-round. These include routine system maintenance, investments in grid modernization and comprehensive disaster response planning.

These proactive steps are designed to ensure our portion of the grid remains resilient even under extreme conditions. Still, maintaining a reliable electric system requires a collective effort, and every Texan plays an important role in lowering demand when the grid is under stress.

You can help by taking the following simple actions during periods of high electricity use, especially on the coldest days of winter.

- **Lower your thermostat slightly.** Even reducing the temperature by a few degrees can help.
- **Delay using large appliances during peak hours, which are typically 5–9 a.m. and 4–9 p.m. in the winter.** Run dishwashers, washing machines and dryers during off-peak hours—typically midday or late evening.
- **Adjust your water heater.** Set it to 120 degrees and space out showers to save energy and hot water.
- **Unplug unnecessary devices.** Power used for lighting and electronics adds up and accounts for a significant portion of home energy use. Disconnect unused items and turn off lights in empty rooms to reduce waste.

Understanding how winter weather impacts electricity demand is key to maintaining system reliability. By practicing simple energy conservation habits at home, you not only save money on your monthly bill but also help strengthen the resilience of the grid that powers our community.

Together, through small actions and shared awareness, we can ensure that our homes remain warm, our lights stay on and our local grid continues to serve us reliably throughout the season.

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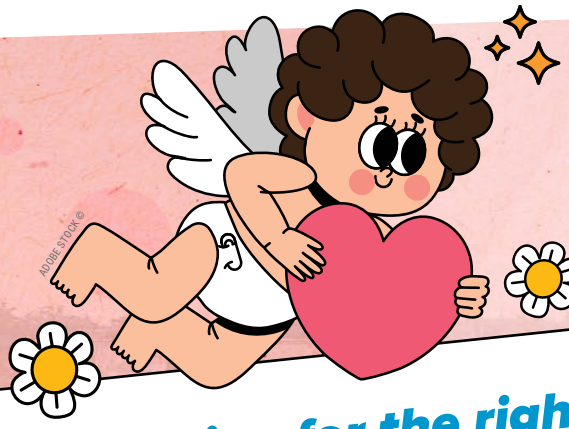
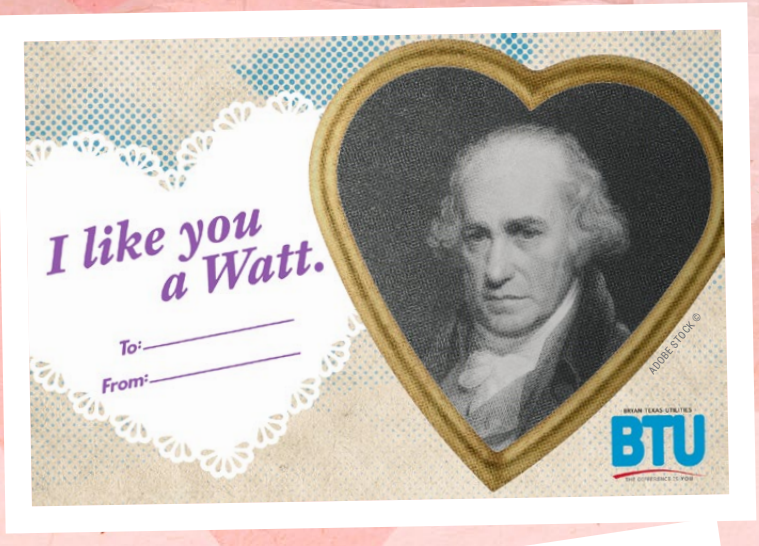


Still looking for the right words to show your Valentine how much you care?

Look no further, we've got you covered with these cards sure to provide the spark you need!



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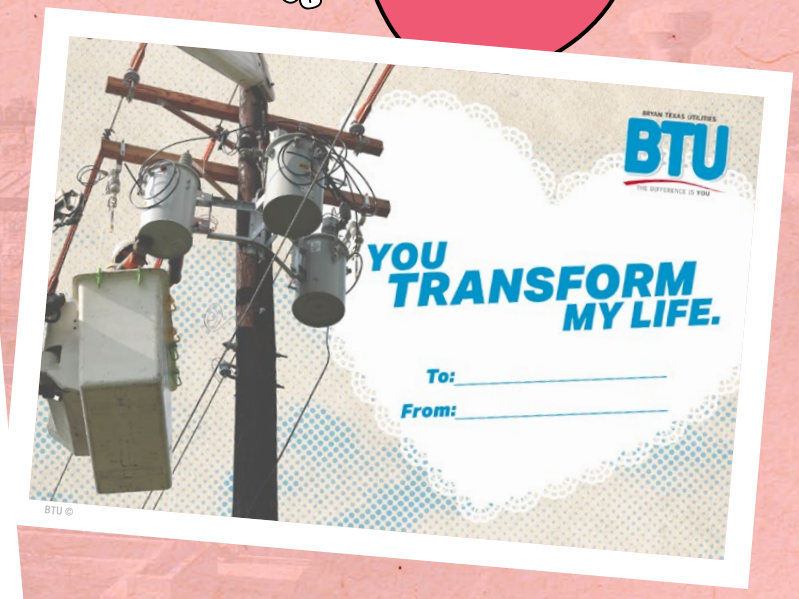

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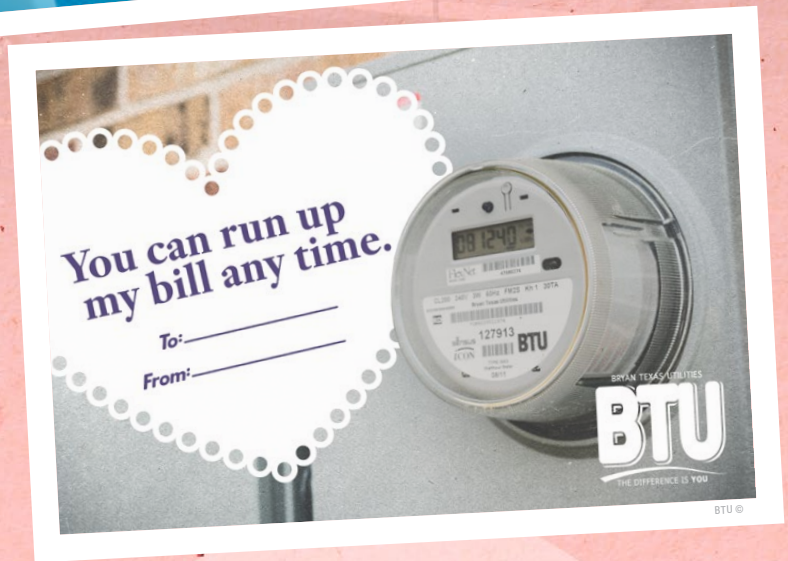

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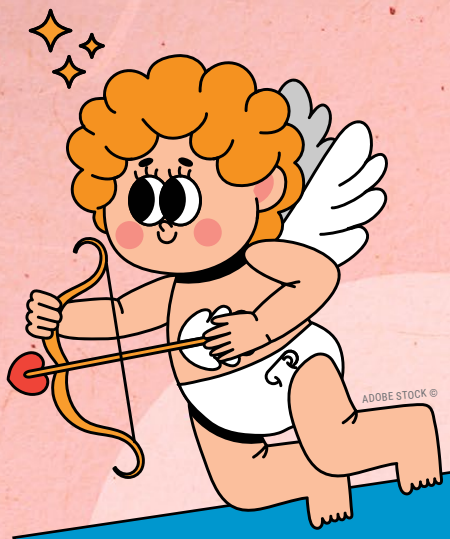

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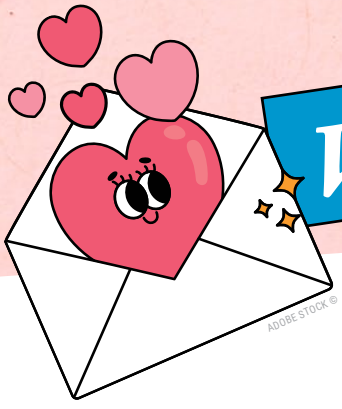
Happy Valentine's Day from BTU!



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CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Energy Explorers

February is Black History Month! Let's take a look at a few African American inventors whose contributions helped revolutionize the way we use electricity and essential devices that power life.

Read the descriptions of each inventor and their contributions, then choose the best answer to complete the description.

Annie Easley

Annie Easley started her career in 1955 as one of the first African Americans at NASA (when it was called the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics), essentially acting as a human computer, performing manual computations for researchers. Annie was a gifted programmer and developed computer code that was used to analyze _____ energy projects, as well as batteries for early hybrid vehicles.

A. nuclear **B.** wind and solar **C.** geothermal

Annie Easley broke down barriers for women and people of color in STEM fields and won the admiration and respect of her coworkers.

Lewis Howard Latimer

Lewis Latimer worked with Thomas Edison on the development and commercialization of the incandescent light bulb. He invented a method to manufacture _____ filament to make lightbulbs mass-producible. His method was patented in 1882.

A. carbon **B.** hydrogen **C.** silicon

Without Lewis Latimer's contributions, our lives would never have been so bright!

Marian Croak

Source: New America

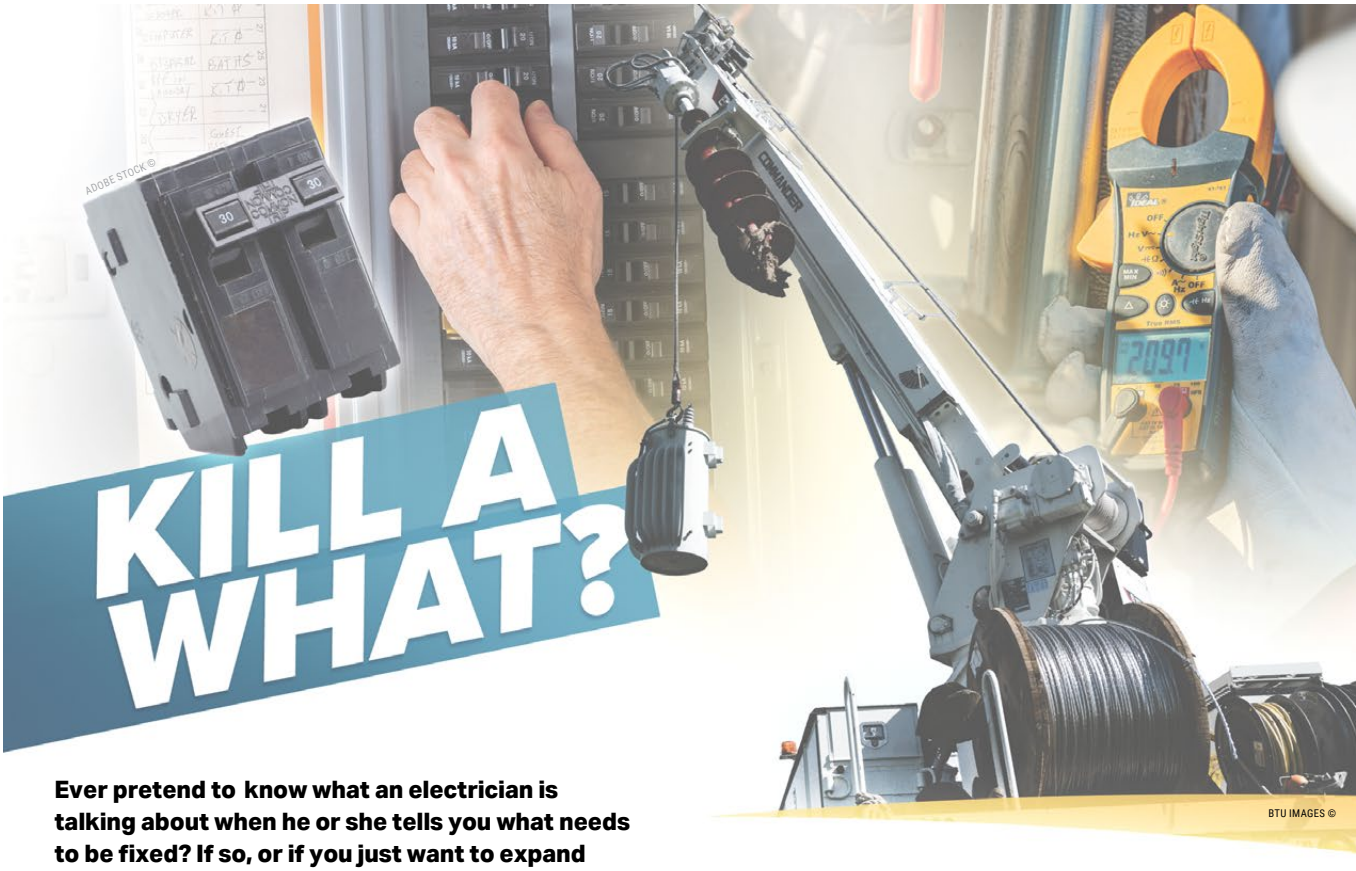
Marian Croak began her career at Bell Laboratories (now AT&T) and patented more than 200 inventions. One of her greatest contributions was VoIP, or Voice over Internet Protocol. VoIP technologies are essential for today's fast-paced digital world. VoIP allows voice functionality over an _____, including helpful features for video calls and mobile messaging.

A. airwave **B.** audible barrier **C.** internet connection

Marian Croak's passion for advancing technology has improved our digital capabilities and overall quality of life.

Answer Key | Annie Easley: B, Lewis Howard Latimer: A, Marian Croak: C

Sources: Dept. of Energy, Lewis Latimer House, NASA



Ever pretend to know what an electrician is talking about when he or she tells you what needs to be fixed? If so, or if you just want to expand your electrical vocabulary, here's a glossary of common electrical terms.

Amperes, or amps, measure the rate of flow of electricity. It's comparable to the flow of water through a hose. Fuses and circuit breakers are rated in amps to indicate the amount of electricity they can carry safely.

Circuit breakers and fuses are safety devices that automatically cut the flow of electricity when a circuit is overloaded.

In a fuse, an element melts when overloaded, stopping the flow. In a circuit breaker, a switch is tripped when it is overloaded. Whereas a fuse must be replaced, a circuit breaker can simply be reset after the cause of the overload has been corrected.

Circuit breakers and fuses are preset to appropriate amperage ratings, and it's important for the safety of your home or business that the amperage ratings in the main service panel are followed.

The electrical service entrance normally consists of wires enclosed in conduit, a proper ground, your electric meter base and the main service panel—essentially the entire apparatus necessary to bring safe electricity into your home.

The main service panel (referred to as the "fuse box" in many homes) is a metal box that houses the circuit breakers or fuses. The main service panel serves as the point from which electricity is distributed to branch circuits throughout your home for appliances, equipment and lighting outlets.

Overload is when a circuit has carried a bigger flow of electricity than it can handle, so the wires get too hot and cause the circuit or breaker to trip.

Volts measure electric force. They're the force behind the current, or amps, flowing through a wire. Just as the amp can be compared to the amount of water flowing through a hose, the volt can be compared to the amount of pressure pushing that water.

Transformers are electrical devices that can increase or decrease the voltage of electricity. Some of them are on the ground in big green boxes, and some are affixed to power poles.

A watt is a unit of electrical power equal to 1 amp under the pressure of 1 volt.

A watt-hour is the measurement of electrical energy used, measured as 1 watt of electricity used for one hour.

A kilowatt-hour is 1,000 watt-hours, abbreviated kWh. On electric bills, this indicates the amount of electric energy used. A 100-watt lamp operated for 10 hours (100 watts x 10 hours) uses 1,000 watt-hours or 1 kWh.

Having a grasp of your home's electrical system isn't just about sounding smart; it's a key part of ensuring safety and managing your energy use efficiently. ■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SPRING 2026 AT A GLANCE

City of Bryan Parks and Recreation Department Spring program lineup has something for everyone!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Fundamental Football
Ages: 5 – 7
Registration: Closes Feb. 9
Program: Wednesdays, Feb. 11 – March 18

American Red Cross Babysitter's Training
Ages: 11 – 16
Registration: Closes March 9
Program: March 10

Start Smart Soccer
Ages: 3 – 5
Registration: Closes March 6
Program: Thursdays, March 12 – April 16

Start Smart Baseball
Ages: 3 – 5
Registration: Closes March 20
Program: Tuesdays, March 24 – April 28

American Red Cross Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Course
Ages: 11 – 16
Registration: March 1 – April 2
Program: April 3

Neal Recreation Center Afterschool Program & Holiday Camp
Ages: 5 – 12
Ongoing registration.
Follows Bryan ISD schedule.


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ADULT PROGRAMS

Walk with a Doc
All ages welcome, under 17 must be with an adult.
Free monthly program: Feb. 7, March 7, April 4 & May 2

Co-Ed Softball League
Ages: 18+
Registration: Closes Feb. 13
Program: Mondays, Feb. 23 – April 27

Men's Softball League
Ages: 18+
Registration: Closes Feb. 13
Program: Tuesdays, Feb. 24 – April 28

Introduction to Pickleball
Ages: 18+
Registration: Closes Feb. 27
Program: March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1

5-on-5 Flag Football League
Ages: 18+
Registration: Closes March 6
Program: Thursdays, March 19 – April 30

Cornhole League (NEW)
Ages: 21+
Registration: March 1 – May 1
Program: Thursdays, May 7 – June 25

Cardio Dance Fitness
Ages: 18+
Weekly program: Tuesdays

SENIOR PROGRAMS (Ages 55+)

Senior Socials
Free monthly program: Feb. 17, March 10, April 14 & May 12

Games and Grounds (NEW)
Thursdays, March 5 – May 28

AQUATIC PROGRAMS

Aqua Boot Camp (NEW)
Ages: 18+
Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 2 – May 13

American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Courses
Ages: 15+
Registration underway
Variety of three-day sessions from March 9 – May 11.

American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Certification (NEW)
Ages: 15+
Registration underway
Session I: March 9 – 11
Session II: March 13 – 15
Session III: April 3 – 5

Swim Lessons
Ages: 3 – 17
Registration underway
Session I: April 6 – 17
Session II: April 27 – May 8

Swim Stroke Clinic
Ages: 5+
Registration underway
Program: April 13 – 17

Bryan Barracudas Swim Team
Ages: 5 – 18
Registration underway
Meet the Coaches Night: April 13

Family Fitness Swim
Ages: 9+
Weekly program: Monday – Thursday

Water Fitness
Ages: 18+
Weekly program: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Scan for complete details:
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