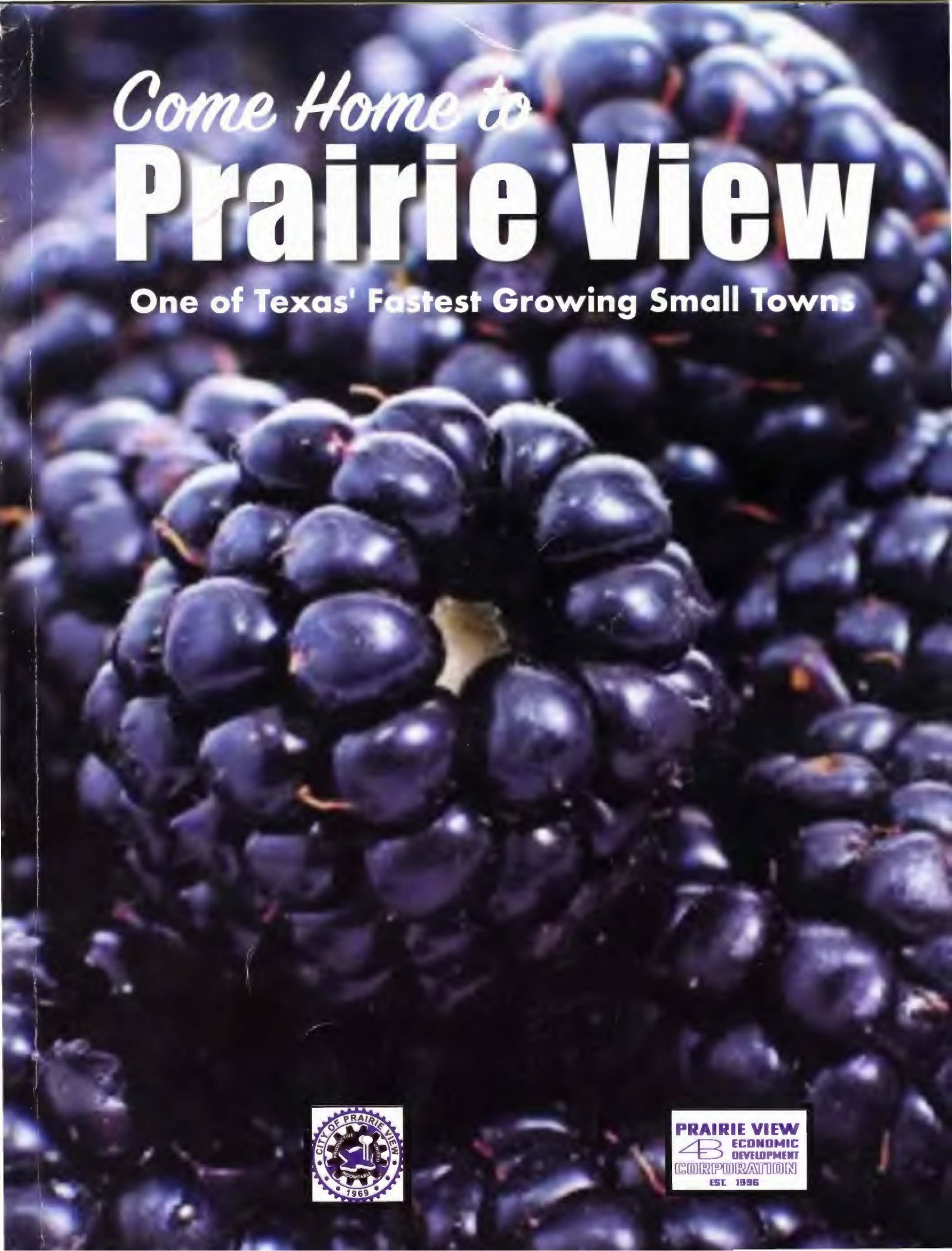

Come Home to
Prairie View
One of Texas' Fastest Growing Small Towns
CITY OF PRAIRIE VIEW
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Small Business Development Center

What is the SBDC?

The Prairie View A&M University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) provides free business consulting and affordable training seminars for small and medium-sized business owners and managers. The PVAMU SBDC is a business consulting and training center of the SBDC Network.

How can the center help my new business?

The PVAMU SBDC offers affordable training seminars on business topics for start-up and pre-venture entrepreneurs. Our training seminars are designed to help broaden your business knowledge and are focused on business basics that will help you make your business a success. PVAMU SBDC consultants help entrepreneurs assess their business ideas and assist with the creation of a solid business plan at no cost.

My business has been established for some time. How can the center help me?

PVAMU SBDC consultants help business owners develop strategies, attract customers, increase sales and improve productivity and profitability, all at no cost. Our consultants have extensive, practical experience in various fields, including marketing, finance, retail and management. Our center helps businesses of all types, sizes and budgets find knowledge, resources and connections for effective expansion.

Our center offers affordable training seminars taught by instructors and practitioners who share their practical business experience with you. Business topics include marketing, finance, management, computers, taxes and executive skills enhancement.

The PVAMU SBDC also offers special assistance for business owners wanting to sell to the government, do business internationally, or commercialize their technology.

AMERICA'S SBDC

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

TEXAS GULF COAST NETWORK

Where is the PVAMU SBDC located?

The Center is located on main campus of Prairie View A&M University in the Panther Plaza Retail Center located at 39725 Owens Road. Offices are located in suite 106.

Contact Information:
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PVAMU Main Campus: 39725 Owens Road – Retail Plaza, Suite 106
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WELCOME
to Prairie View

Our Mayor

Ron Leverett, a native of the beautiful state of Arkansas, is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education. He migrated to Texas in 1973, to assume a faculty position at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), by way of Manhattan, Kansas where he completed graduate work at Kansas State University. During his 16- year stint at PVAMU, he taught Instructional Technology, and served as Videographer and Media Technologist for the university, including athletics.



While coming to Prairie View to pursue a career opportunity, Leverett quickly discovered there was much more. He saw great potential in this small, rural college town, and knew he wanted to be a part of what was possible here. Committed to the idea, he and his wife purchased a plot of land, and declared themselves permanent residents.

Mayor Leverett was recently elected by Prairie View voters to serve an unprecedented separate third stint as its leader. His knowledge and effective communications about all things in government continue to be a tremendous asset to the city and surrounding communities.

Letter from 4B President

Prairie View is Open for Business And We Want You Here

I came to Prairie View almost 30 years ago. I was raised in New York...Brooklyn, New York. There's a lot to be said for living in the big city...but so much more to be said for living in a small beautiful suburban/country setting like Prairie View.

Prairie View has been a nice place to work and raise my family. It is the fastest growing city in Waller County and among the fastest growing in Texas (by rate). It's centrally located near Houston and Bryan-College Station and is home to Prairie View A&M University and our nation's largest Cricket playing field/complex.

As President of the City of Prairie View 4B Economic Development Corporation, a businessman, and most proudly a pastor of a congregation with parishioners from all walks life, I invite you to visit Prairie View.

Call me. Call the mayor. Call other city leaders and find out why Prairie View would be a great place to build your business and/or raise your family too.

I can't wait to meet you!

Thaddeus Singleton, 4B
EDC President





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The City of Prairie View

founded April 14, 1969

A vibrant small college town open for educational, recreational, and commercial development. The town is located on 290 on the route between Houston and Austin or Bryan-College Station. It is the economic engine, and the most populous city in Waller County.

Prairie View is home to Prairie View A&M University (enrollment 10,000), The Texas Institute for the Preservation of History and Culture, the International Goat Research Center, and over 4000 off-campus housing units.

Our progressive city government is committed to the growth and prosperity of the city, while maintaining its historic charm and HBCU flavor. The community is served by a staffed City Hall, Police Department, Municipal Court, and Volunteer Fire Department.

Prairie View is an exciting place to live, work, and play. It is home to the 15,000 seat Panther Stadium, with its parking for 100 full-RV hookups. Other amenities within the city include a bowling alley, tennis courts, water park/playground, and lots of other nearby attractions.

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Resources and Contacts

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City of Prairie View Municipal Court	936-857-5327
San Bernard Electric Coop	936-372-9176
CenterPoint Energy	281-955-3002
City of Waller Natural Gas	936-372-3880
Waller County Butane	936-372-3630
Colorado Valley Transit	800-548-1068
City of Prairie View Permits	936-857-3711
Planning and Zoning	936-857-3711
Public Works	936-857-3711
Fire Department	936-857-9522
City of Prairie View Police	936-857-3521
Waller County Sheriff	979-826-8282
Cooperative Extension Program	936-261-5148
Waller County Tax Office	979-826-7620
Waller County Voters Registration	979-826-7643
Dept. of Public Safety	979-826-7649

April 14, 1969



The City of Prairie View was incorporated in the State of Texas on April 14, 1969. The first mayor, Wardell D. Thompson (center) is flanked by members of the city's first city council, Eristus Sams, T. P. Dooley, Osborne Clark, Emmitt Mathis, O. J. Thomas, and E. M. Norris.

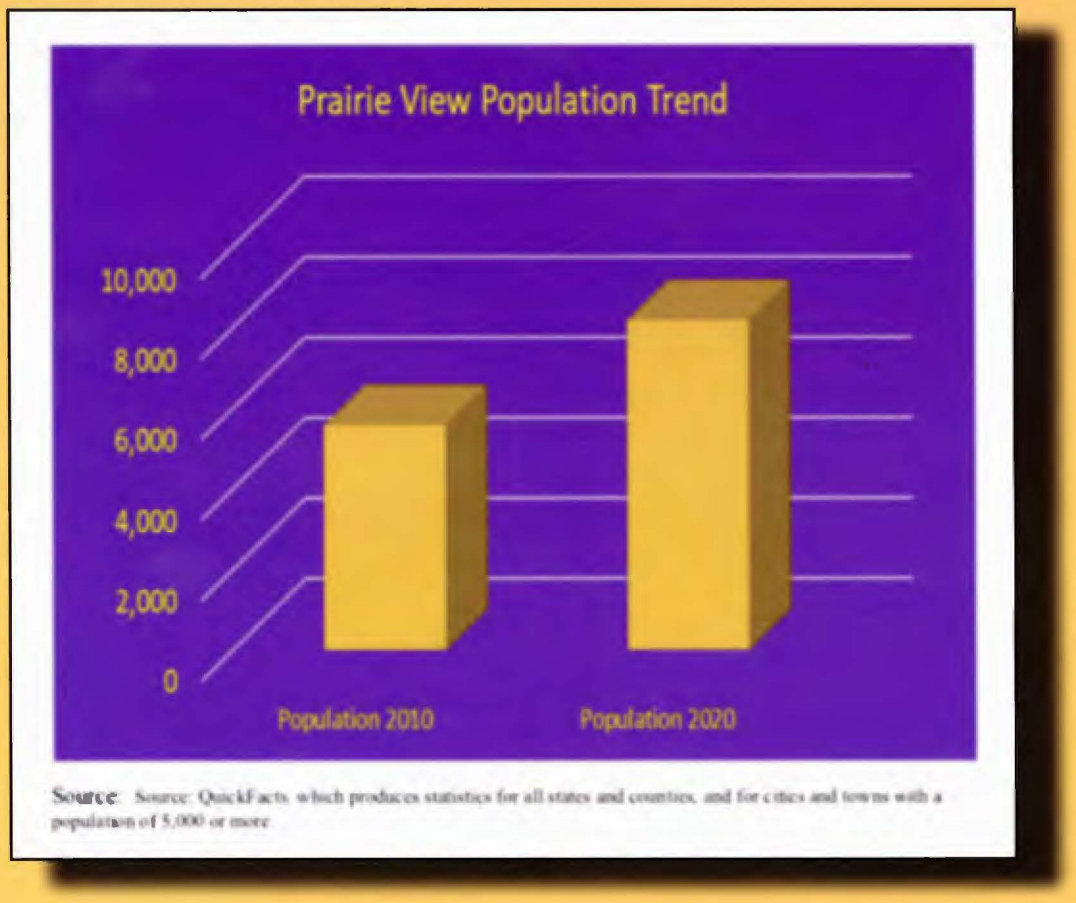


Prairie View Data Facts

Prairie View is a Good Place to Come Home to.
It's also a great place to Work and Play.

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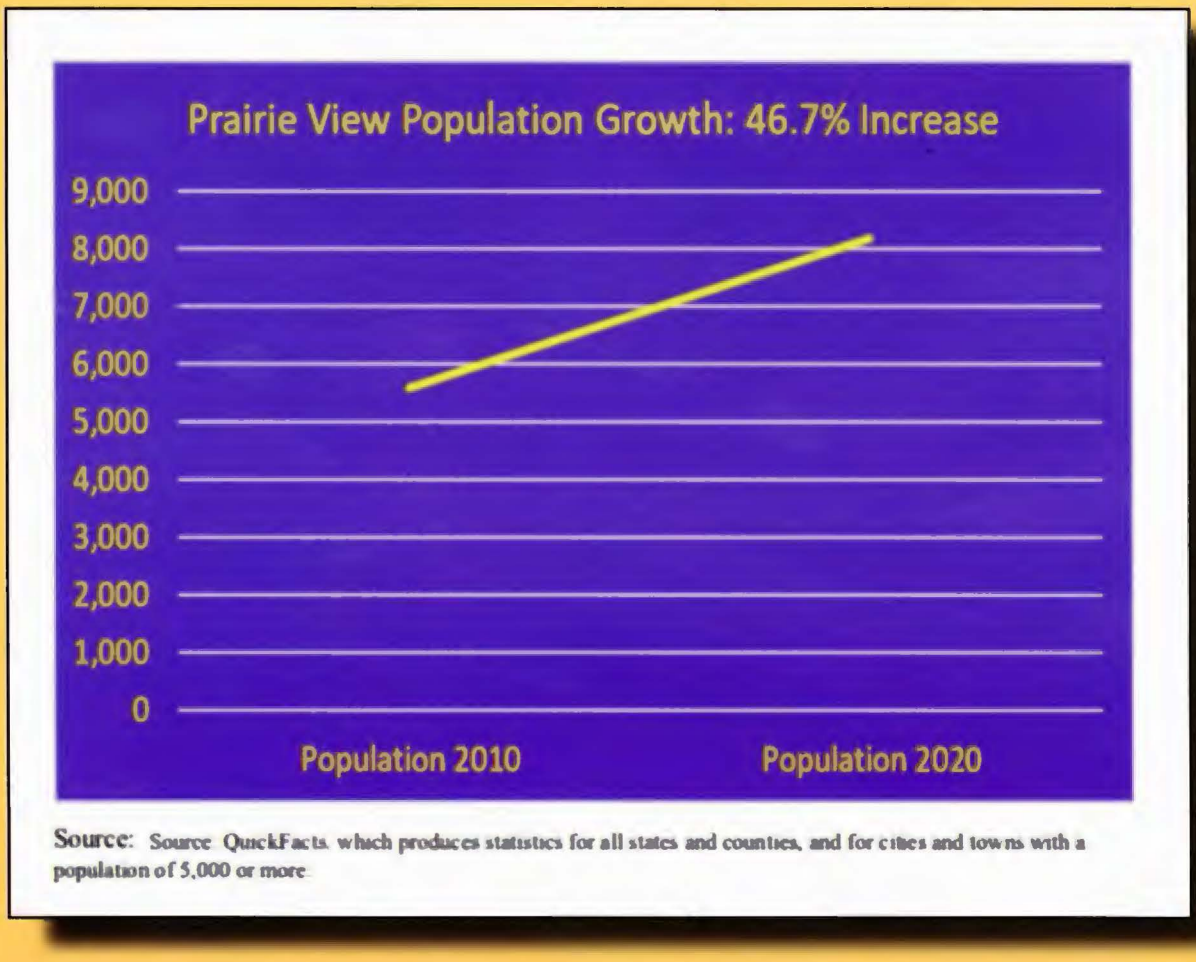
The City of Prairie View is one of the fastest growing small college towns in Texas!



Source: Source: QuickFacts, which produces statistics for all states and counties, and for cities and towns with a population of 5,000 or more

The town has grown at more than twice the rate of any other town in Waller County.

It's 47% growth rate over the past 10 years means more opportunities for builders, retailers, and medical services among others.



Source: Source QuickFacts which produces statistics for all states and counties, and for cities and towns with a population of 5,000 or more

This growth trend is likely to continue with the growth of Prairie View A&M University and the Daiken Manufacturing facility.

Prairie View is profitable for builders and investors in the housing industry.

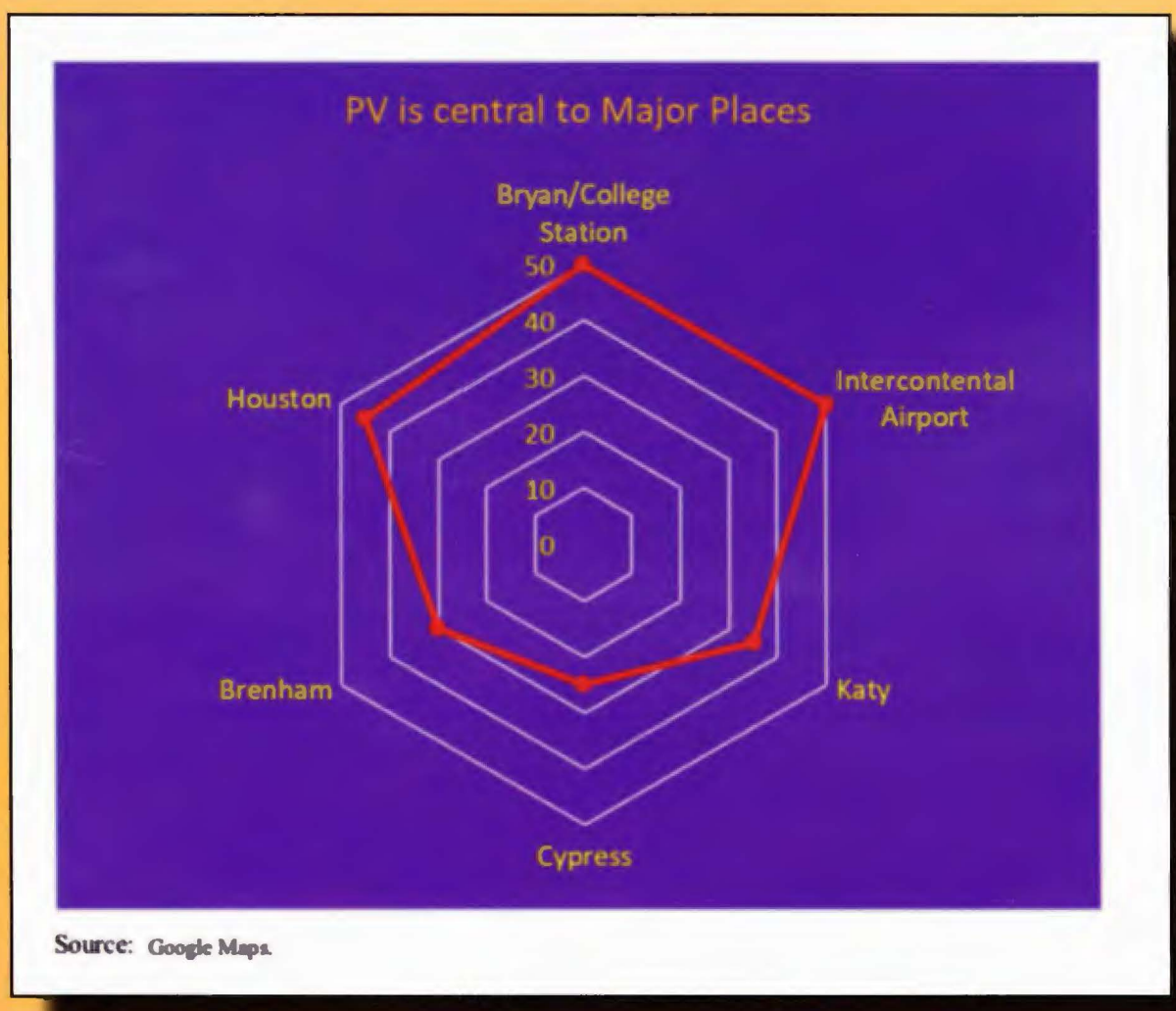


Source: Source: QuickFacts. which produces statistics for all states and counties, and for cities and towns with a population of 5,000 or more.

The gross rent of an average unit in Prairie View is 10 percent more than the average in Waller County.

In the past five years Prairie View builders have completed or started over 3000 housing units. Another 300 units will be under construction before year's end.

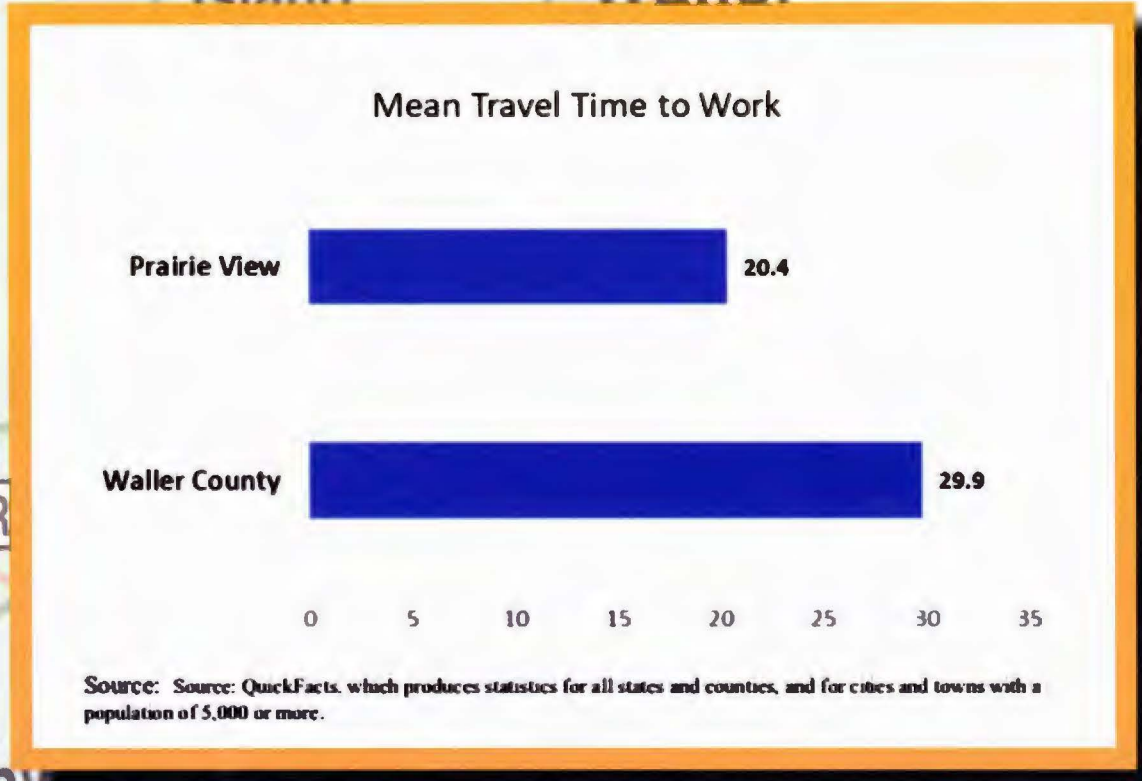
Not only is our *"City on the Hill"* the highest elevated location in all the Brazos Valley, but it is also the most centrally located.



Source: Google Maps.

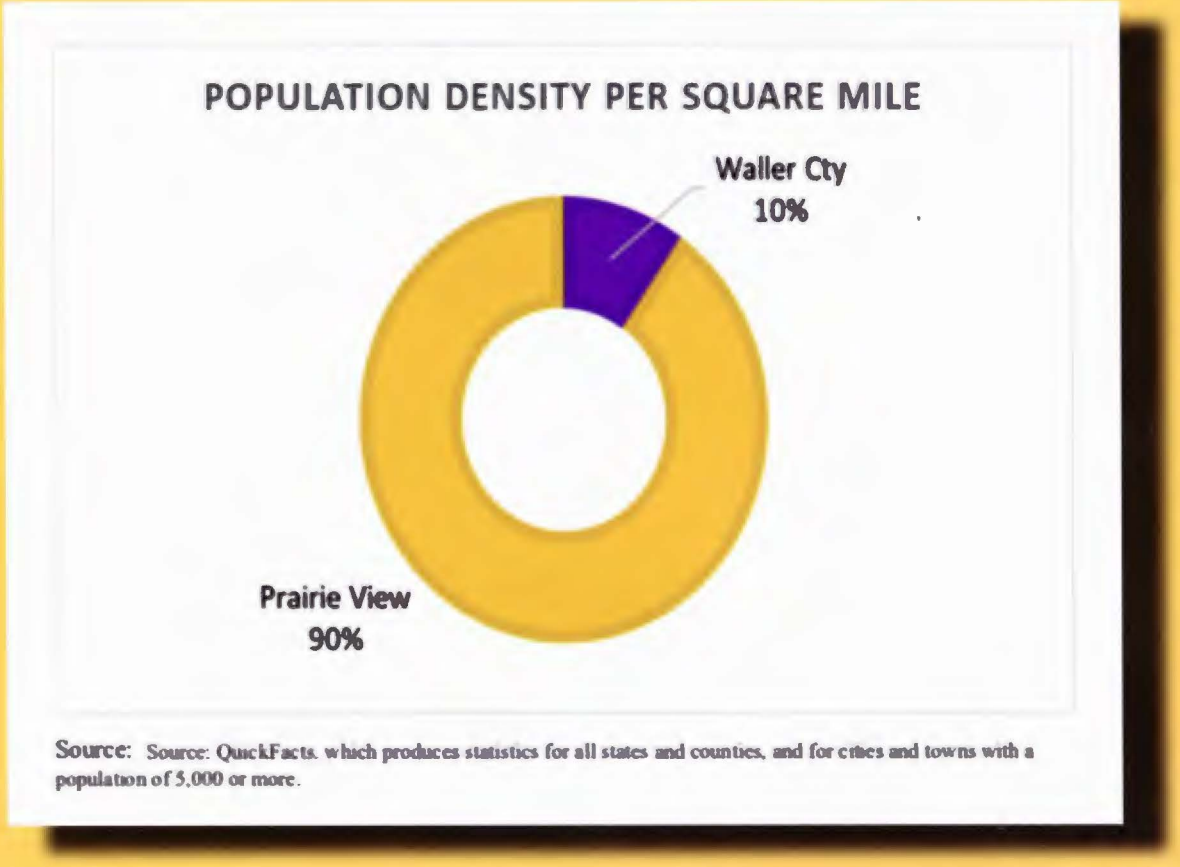
A commute to the City of Houston is an average of 40 minutes and a commute to Bryan/College Station or Bush Airport is less than an hour. Cypress and Katy are much closer.

Access to Prairie View is also easy. The average travel time to or from work in the city is 20.4 minutes compared to 29.9 minutes for other cities within the county.



Source: Source: QuickFacts, which produces statistics for all states and counties, and for cities and towns with a population of 5,000 or more.

The city's population will nearly double in the next 10 years as the Texas A&M University System projects the enrollment of Prairie View A&M University to exceed 15,000.



More Jobs
More Housing
More Schools
More Families

The Prairie View A&M University Story

Prairie View A&M University, the second oldest public institution of higher education in Texas, originated in the Texas Constitution of 1876. On August 14, 1876, the Texas Legislature established the "Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for Colored Youths" and placed responsibility for its management with the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Bryan. The A&M College of Texas for Colored Youths opened at Prairie View, Texas on March 11, 1878.

The University's original curriculum was designated by the Texas Legislature in 1879 to be that of a "Normal School" for the preparation and training of teachers. This curriculum was expanded to include the arts and sciences, home economics, agriculture, mechanical arts and nursing after the University was established as a branch of the Agricultural Experiment Station (Hatch Act, 1887) and as a Land Grant College (Morrill Act, 1890). Thus began the tradition of agricultural research and community service, which continues today.



In 1945, the name of the institution was changed from Prairie View Normal and Industrial College to Prairie View University, and the school was authorized to offer, "as need arises," all courses offered at the University of Texas. In 1947, the Texas Legislature changed the name to Prairie View A&M College of Texas and provided that "courses be offered in agriculture, the mechanics arts, engineering, and the natural sciences connected therewith, together with any other courses authorized at Prairie View at the time of passage of this act, all of which shall be equivalent to those offered at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas at Bryan." On August 27, 1973, the name of the institution was changed to Prairie View A&M University, and its status as an independent unit of the Texas A&M University System was confirmed.

In 1981, the Texas Legislature acknowledged the University's rich tradition of service and identified various statewide needs which the University should address including the assistance of students of diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds to realize their full potential, and assistance of small and medium-sized communities and businesses in their growth and development.

In 1983, the Texas Legislature proposed a constitutional amendment to restructure the Permanent University Fund to include Prairie View A&M University as a beneficiary of its proceeds. The Permanent University Fund is a perpetual endowment fund originally established in the Constitution of 1876 for the sole benefit of Texas A&M University and the University of Texas. The 1983 amendment also dedicated the University to enhancement as an "institution of the first class" under the governing board of the Texas A&M University System. The constitutional amendment was approved by the voters on November 6, 1984.

In January 1985, the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System responded to the 1984 Constitutional Amendment by stating its intention that Prairie View A&M University become "an institution nationally recognized in its areas of education and research." The Board also resolved that the University receive its share of the Available University Fund, as previously agreed to by Texas A&M University and the University of Texas.

In October 2000, the Governor of Texas signed the Priority Plan, an agreement with the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights to make Prairie View A&M University an educational asset accessible by all Texans. The Priority Plan mandates creation of many new educational programs and facilities. It also requires removing language from the Institutional Mission Statement which might give the impression of excluding any Texan from attending Prairie View A&M University.



The Economic Impact

of Prairie View A&M University[1]

OVERVIEW

The economic impact of Prairie View A&M University exceeds $765 million annually in Texas, supporting 5,300 full time jobs in the state. The University awarded 1,541 degrees in academic year 2018-19, facilitating more than $4.3 billion in lifetime earnings for the degree recipients.

The following pages provide more detailed information regarding the economic impact of Prairie View A&M University, detailing the distribution of the economic impacts by category and by geography, including the impacts on: Waller County, the Greater Houston Area, and the State of Texas.

In addition, this report presents historical data on the number of degrees awarded by the University since 2006. The report concludes with a depiction of the budget of the university.



[1] The numbers presented in this report are derived from an economic impact study titled "The Economic Impact of Prairie View A&M University on Waller County, the Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA, and the State of Texas." The study used the Fiscal Year 2019 data and was conducted by Dr. Munir Quddus, Dr. Michael Williams, Dr. Gbolahan Osho, Dr. Oluwagbemiga Ojumu, and Dr. Rahim Quazi, College of Business, Prairie View A&M University.

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY ON WALLER COUNTY

For every 1,000 students, the total benefit is **$25.94 million** and **212 full-time jobs.**

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY ON WALLER COUNTY

Direct Benefit to Waller County

The direct benefit of PVAMU to Waller County economy is estimated at $176,700,983 annually.

$176.70 million per year.



$88.42 Million
In faculty & staff wages and salaries

$27.48 Million
In other institutional spending

$48.99 Million
In spending by undergraduate students

$2.62 Million
In spending by graduate students

$9.19 Million
In spending by visitors to the university

Total Benefit to Waller County

The total economic benefit of PVAMU to Waller County economy is estimated at $235,249,831 annually.





$176.70 Million
In direct benefit



$58.55 Million
In secondary benefits

$235.25 million per year.

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY ON THE GREATER HOUSTON AREA

For every 1,000 students, the total benefit is **$64.65 million** and **461 full-time jobs.**

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY ON THE GREATER HOUSTON AREA*

Direct Benefit to the Greater Houston Area

The direct benefit of PVAMU to the Greater Houston Region economy is estimated at $291,064,114 annually.

$291.06 million per year.



$92.91 Million
In faculty & staff wages and salaries

$59.91 Million
In other institutional spending

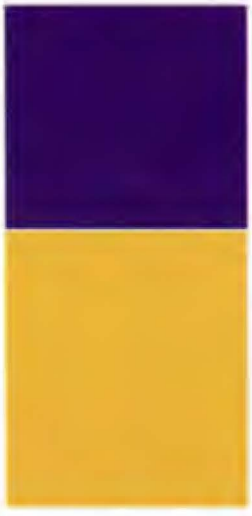
$102.36 Million
In spending by undergraduate students

$19.99 Million
In spending by graduate students

$15.91 Million
In spending by visitors to the university

Total Benefit to the Greater Houston Area

The total economic benefit of PVAMU to the Greater Houston Region economy is estimated at $586,420,162 annually.





$291.10 Million
In direct benefits



$295.36 Million
In secondary benefits

$586.42 Million per year.

*Note: The Greater Houston Area (GHA) is defined as including the following counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller.

**Note: the study assumes that all PVAMU workers are employed in the GHA

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY ON THE GREATER HOUSTON AREA*

Employment Benefit to the Greater Houston Area

PVAMU supports a total of 4,183 full-time jobs in the Greater Houston Area.**



1,450 Full-time jobs
Are directly generated by PVAMU in the Greater Houston Area.

2,733 Additional full-time jobs
Are indirectly generated by university related activities.

4,183 Full-time jobs

Total Lifetime Earnings of 2018-19 Graduates Residing in the Greater Houston Area

Based on the total lifetime earning streams from a university degree, the University contributes $2,329,100,219 in total lifetime earnings to 2018-19 graduates who reside in the Greater Houston Region

$1.58 Billion
Is earned by graduates with bachelor's degrees

$707.03 Million
Is earned by graduates with master's degrees

$46.65 Million
Is earned by graduates with doctorate degrees

$2.33 Billion in total lifetime earnings

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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY BUDGET:

Sources of Revenue, FY 2019

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY BUDGET
SOURCES OF REVENUE, FY 2019



25% State Appropriations
$59,088,842

19% Tuition and Fees
$45,114,148

14% Contracts & Grants - Operating
$34,044,218

13% Contracts & Grants - Non-Operating
$29,433,855

12% Available University Fund (AUF)
$27,386,212

4% Federal Appropriations
$9,837,777

1% Gifts
$2,284,041

2% Other Income
$5,508,225

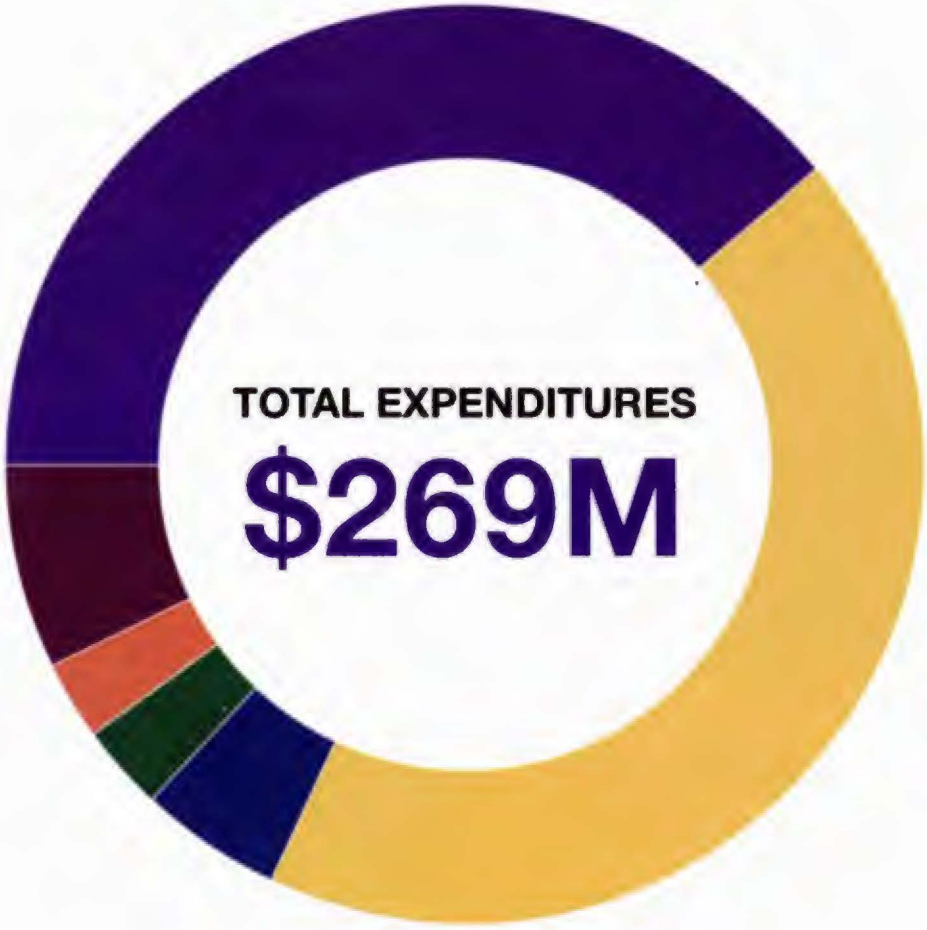
2% Investment Income
$4,496,349

8% Auxiliary Operations
$18,444,739

TOTAL EXPENDITURES $235,638,407

Source: Comptroller's Office, PVAMU

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY BUDGET
CATEGORIES OF EXPENDITURES, FY 2019



43% **Wages, Salaries & Benefits**
$115,192,505

39% **Operating Expenses & Equipment**
$105,528,411

7% **Net Student Aid**
$18,472,743

5% **Debt Service**
$14,006,421

3% **Capital Outlay - Non Construction**
$7,193,475

3% **Other Expenditures**
$8,576,064

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **$268,969,619**

Source: Comptroller's Office, PVAMU

Prairie View A&M University

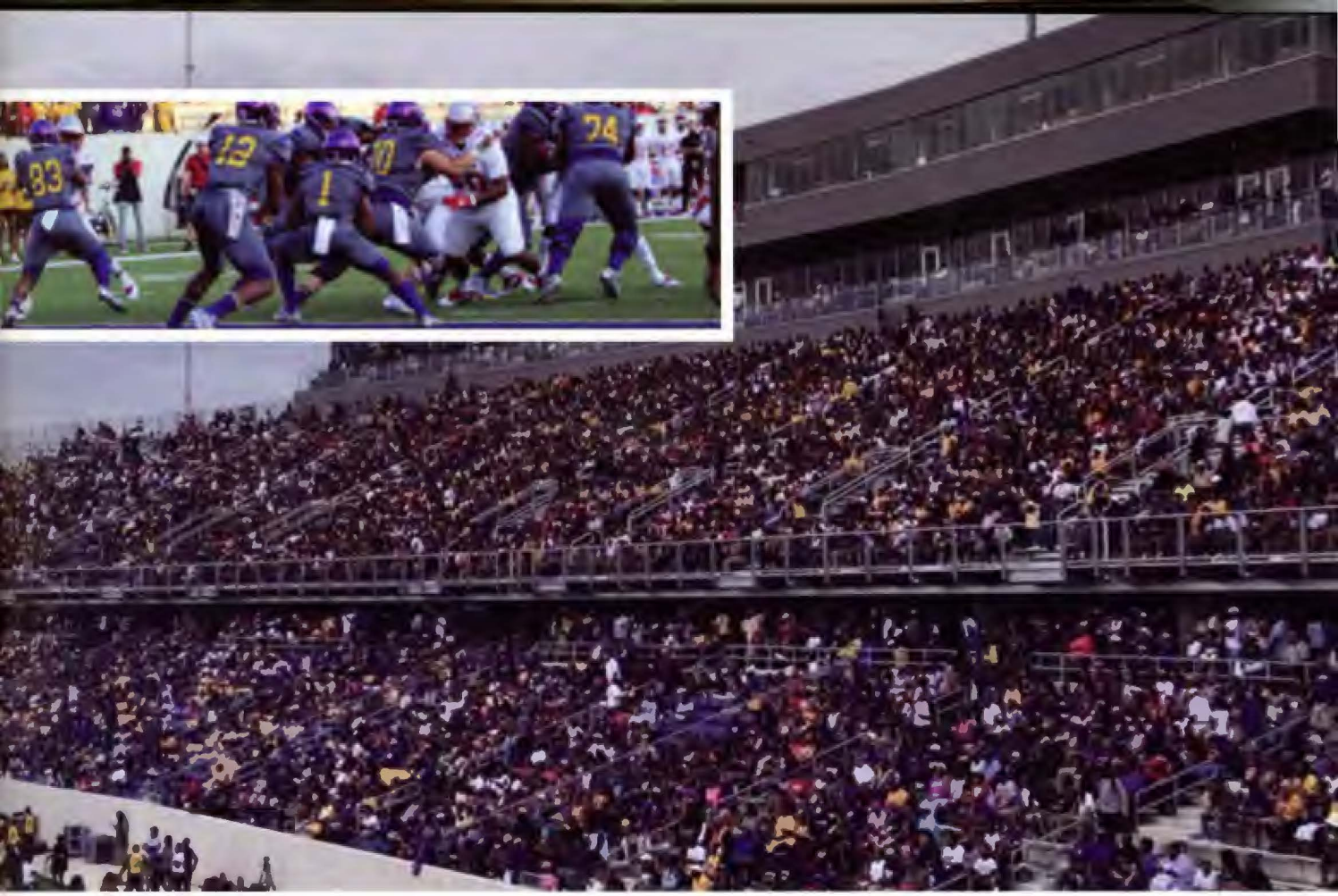
is undergoing construction of a $73,000,000 engineering classroon and research facility. The state of the art building will create opportunities for public-private partnerships generating economic growth in the City of Prairie View.





"I've launched engineering building projects at every campus that I've led, but none of those buildings, at Brown or at Smith or even at Princeton, was as pivotal as the one we set out today to erect here at Prairie View. That's because the intersection of the nation's needs and these times, and what Prairie View can produce uniquely well, is represented in this project. If Prairie View could manage to excel and have such an impact for so many years with less than state-of-the-art facilities, imagine what it might achieve with facilities of the kind envisioned here."

- Dr. Ruth Simmons, President Prairie View A&M University



Athletic events draw over 400,000 annual visitors to the City of Prairie View

Prairie View is host to the largest HBCU Homecoming week in the United States





Our Interim Police Chief



Lt. Gerald Eagleton

Protecting the residents of the City of Prairie View is "literally" the chief priority of Interim Police Chief, Lt. Eagleton.

With the Core Values of Accountability, Stewardship, Professionalism, Integrity, Respect, and Excellence, the department under his leadership has fostered a warm and secure relationship with the diverse population of its citizenry.

For non-emergency matters feel free to call the Prairie View Police Department at 936-857-3521.



The 4B Economic Development Corporation logo was designed by Fredrick Wilson, III with assistance from Ronald Leverett.

4B Economic Development Corp.
Board of Directors

The City of Prairie View 4B Economic Development Corporation's primary objective is to attract businesses, promote commerce, develop housing, create jobs, and improve the quality of life for the citizens in the City of Prairie View.

The 4B Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors have been very diligent in implementing its Economic Development Strategic Plan, which is an excellent compliment to both the City of Prairie View's Comprehensive Development Plan and Prairie View A&M University's Master Plan. They have also been successful in obtaining a USDA Rural Development Rural Business Enterprise Grant to provide funds, via a revolving loan fund for business startups and working capital.

Thaddeus Singleton, Jr., President
Veda Brown, Secretary
Curtayvion Hagin
Frederick Roberts
Stephanie Aldridge
Xante Wallace
Wendy Williams

The City of Prairie View geographically, is situated along the eastern most rim of the Brazos River Valley, with its eastern lands draining to the San Jacinto River and the lands in its western section draining to the Brazos River. The early settlers to these lands were apart of Stephen F. Austin's Old (original) Three Hundred and referred to the Brazos River Valley "The Arms of God."

It is also the proud home of Prairie View A&M University, which causes it to be one of the most densely populated cities in Waller County, providing a direct economic benefit to the County of $122.10 million annually.

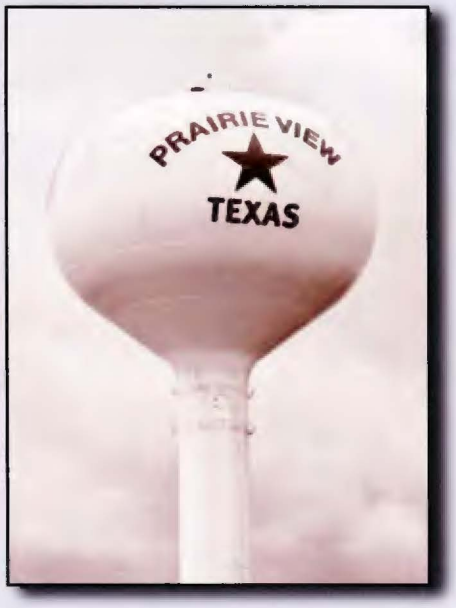
Located only 45 miles northwest of the City of Houston, along the confluence of U.S. Highway 290 and Texas State Highway 6, Prairie View is nestled in one of the Stat fastest growing corridors for housing a business development. These major highw systems provide excellent roadways to bo Austin and College Station. Another addition the intermodal transportation systems w service to Prairie View and points beyond is t historic Texas Central Railroad (Union Pacifi which was key in moving cotton from the fert Brazos River Valley to the then emerging ports Houston & Galveston.

The City of Prairie Vie broadened Sandra Bla Parkway, with its majestic c trees, extends for approximat one mile from Old Highway 2 to the Prairie View campus. It the city's main street, and is id for development that w accommodate the commun and the university populati while keeping with the histo small-town feel that is appreciated by t citizens of The City of Prairie View.

The City of Prairie View 4B Econon Development Corporation, partnering with t City of Prairie View and Prairie View A & University proposes, to attract and sustain su businesses as banking, educational resear restaurant, medical, recreation, transportati housing, and retail.

The City of Prairie View is a city at the point the frontiers of change. It is a culturally r population of nearly 10,000; and consists professionals, students, families, and retirees all economic stations.

Developing Industries and Cultivating Communities



4Bs for Small Cities

Type B EDCs created by cities with a population of 20,000 or less and those classified as landlocked communities may use sales tax proceeds to fund projects that promote new or expanded business development that do not create or retain primary jobs. A landlocked community must be located in either Harris or Dallas counties and have less than 100 acres within its city limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction zoned for manufacturing or industrial facilities.



How Type B Sales Tax Revenue Can Be Used

The Type B sales tax may be used for any project eligible under Type A rules and several other project types, including quality of life improvements. Type B corporations may pay for land, buildings, equipment, facilities, targeted infrastructure and improvements for:

- professional and amateur sports and athletic facilities, tourism and entertainment facilities, convention facilities and public parks;
- related store, restaurant, concession, parking and transportation facilities;
- related street, water and sewer facilities; and
- affordable housing.

How Type B Sales Tax Revenue Can Be Used



To promote and develop new and expanded business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs, a Type B EDC may fund:

- public safety facilities;
- recycling facilities;
- streets, roads, drainage and related improvements;
- demolition of existing structures;
- general municipally owned improvements; and
- maintenance and operating costs associated with projects.

Type B EDCs also may seek voter approval to spend Type B sales tax funds for a water supply, water conservation program or cleanup of contaminated property.

4B EDC Board of Directors



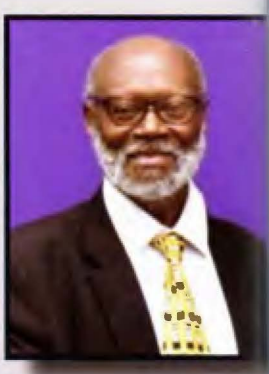
Director Thaddeus Singleton is a resident of the City of Prairie View, Texas. He serves as Senior Pastor at the Victorious Believers Church in Prairie View, Texas. His many years of managerial experience are evident in his ministry as an organizer and a builder. Pastor Singleton seeks to improve the community spiritually, financially, and educationally. Pastor Singleton serves on multiple boards in Waller County and is excited about being a part of Prairie View's 4B Economic Development Corporation, where he serves as its President. Singleton is also a member of the Waller County EDC and the Texas Economic Development Council.



Director Veda Brown serves as Secretary of Prairie View's Economic Development Corporation and has been very active in Prairie View's economic development and community projects. A native of Galveston, Texas, Direcrtor Brown is an acclaimed author of many children's books. She is a University of Florida Trained developmental psychology researcher and received her Ph.D. from that institution and her Bachelors Degree from Prairie View A&M University.

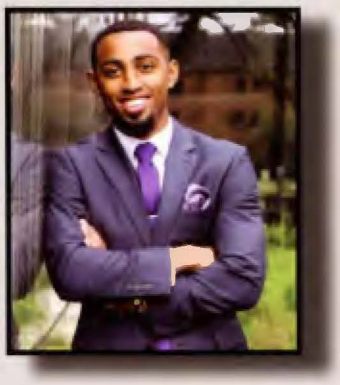


Director Wendy Williams is a current member of the Prairie View City Council and is beginning her fifth term. She has worked with many of the local farmers to provide opportunities and support for their vital operations. She served as Chair of Committee for local farmers to get Federal and State and Covid Relief Grants.
Director Williams has held numerous Town Hall sessions to get survey report from residents on economic development. She has been instrumental in the Prairie View Trailriders project, the Jones Elementaary principal appreciation project, as well as community zip code, citizen's voting location, and community food delivery drive committees. She is a proud descendant of the one of the "fourteen founding families". Director Williams is a lifelong resident of Prairie View and is currently employed at Prairie View A&M University.



Director Frederick Roberts' extensive administrative and managerial experiences total more than fifty years as Assistant to the President, Director of Student Activities, Instructor for Accounting/Finance, and Assistant Director for Career Services at PVAMU.
Roberts' civic and social engagements includes Prairie View 4B Economic Development Corporation (former Secretary), Parliamentarian for the Prairie View Chamber of Commerce; American Management Association, Board of Directors Secretary, the Prairie View Federal Credit Union, life-member and Parliamentarian and Secretary, PVAMU National Alumni Association, founder of the 100 Black Men of Metropolitan Houston and the Frederick Douglass Leadership Institute at PVAMU.

4B EDC Board of Directors



Director Xante Wallace is a member of the Prairie View City Council, and received both Bachelor's (Mathematics) and Master's Degrees (Community Development) from Prairie View A&M University.
Wallace has been involved in numerous civic organizations and events designed to build community awareness and economic development. He is a former Student Government Association Vice-President at PVAMU and is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc..



Director Curtayviyon Hagin is a resident of the City of Prairie View, Texas. He also is a student of Prairie View A&M University working on both a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management.
Hagin serves as a Senator for the Student Government Association on Prairie View A&M University's campus. Director Hagin seeks to bring in new businesses and give a differing perspective as he is an active student on-campus. Hagin is excited about being a part of Prairie View's 4B Economic Development Corporation, where he serves as its Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary.



Director Stephanie Aldridge is a native of New Orleans, La. but has called Texas home for the last 33 years. With over 20 years in the non-profit sector, Ms. Aldridge brings years of community organizing and project management to the 4B Economic Development Corporation. She holds Associate degrees in Fashion Merchandising and Fine Arts and a Bachelors in Organizational Management.
She has settled in Prairie View for the last 3 years and is the current Manager of Panther Hill Apartments.



Office Manager
A. Michelle Lymas



Intern,
Collin D. Johnson

Resources for Doing Business in the City of Prairie View

City of Prairie View
4B Economic Development Corporation
832-520-8918

Waller County Economic Development Partnership
979-921-9059

Cooperative Extension Service
936-261-3311

Prairie View A&M University SBA
936261-9242

Prairie View Chamber of Commerce
936-857-5817

Waller County Road and Bridge
936.826-7670

Waller County Engineer, Yancy Scott
979-826-7670

U. S. Department of Commerce EDC
202-482-2000



Cooperative Extension Program

Through a well-organized network of professional educators and more than 4,000 trained volunteers, the Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension Program delivers practical research-based knowledge to small farm producers, families, aspiring entrepreneurs, and youth in 41 Texas counties. We work with people who need us the most. Many of them have limited personal or family assets, limited opportunities or they come from communities that have limited resources.



Our clientele views us as a trusted resource for information. Cooperative Extension Program agents and specialists respond not only with answers but meet people where they are and move them along to the next level. We offer programs that work for people in the areas of 4-H & Youth Development (4H), Agriculture and Natural Resources (AGNR), Community and Economic Development (CED), and Family and Community Health (FCH).

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FAMILY &
CONSUMER
SCIENCES

Community &
Economic
Development

Doing Business with Waller County



Incentives Process

Waller County considers extending incentives on a case-by-case basis. Each prospect interested in receiving incentives must complete an economic impact analysis. This analysis is free and will help determine if a company qualifies.

To be successful, the company must provide an overall positive economic impact. If the analysis shows a good impact and return to the county, then we can start the first round of discussions to see what may be most fitting. If things are agreeable, the company is encouraged to submit an application for incentives. There is a $1000.00 application fee that must be paid at the time the application is submitted to the county. **VERY IMPORTANT: If you think you may qualify for incentives, do not start construction before applying.**

Tax Abatement

In general, Waller County prefers to use property tax abatements, for qualifying companies, as the primary incentive to assist existing and new companies. If you qualify and have submitted the application, the final step is to get approval from Waller County Commissioners' Court. They are the final authority for approving incentives. Contact us for a copy of the latest incentive policies.

Freeport Tax Exemptions

The Freeport Tax Exemption is an inventory tax incentive applied to products shipped into and out of the State of Texas within a six-month period. The State of Texas allows counties and cities to raise tax revenue through advisor property tax. This is a challenge to manufacturers that have large inventory costs and companies specializing in distribution of products.

For the state and local communities to stay competitive in these qualifying industries, the Texas Legislature has created an exemption to tax on inventory, allowing taxing jurisdictions to institute the Freeport Tax Exemption.

Freeport exemptions are available from all of the cities in Waller County except Katy. It is also available from Waller ISD and Hempstead ISD. If your business can benefit from this program, call the Waller County Appraisal District (979-921-0060) and complete the required paperwork.

Economic Development



The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration funded the long awaited infrastructure development on James Muse Parkway. The connection of water and sewer will brng higher commercial value and more diverse land uses to a critical area of the city's eastside.





(Below) Prairie View EDC Director Wendy Williams held several meetings with local residents to get their input on economic development for our city. Much of her survey data went into formulating the role for our first ever Prairie View EDC Executive Director.



(Above) Prairie View EDC Director Veda Brown was an invited participant at the Community Prosperity Training Summit with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and PVAMU.

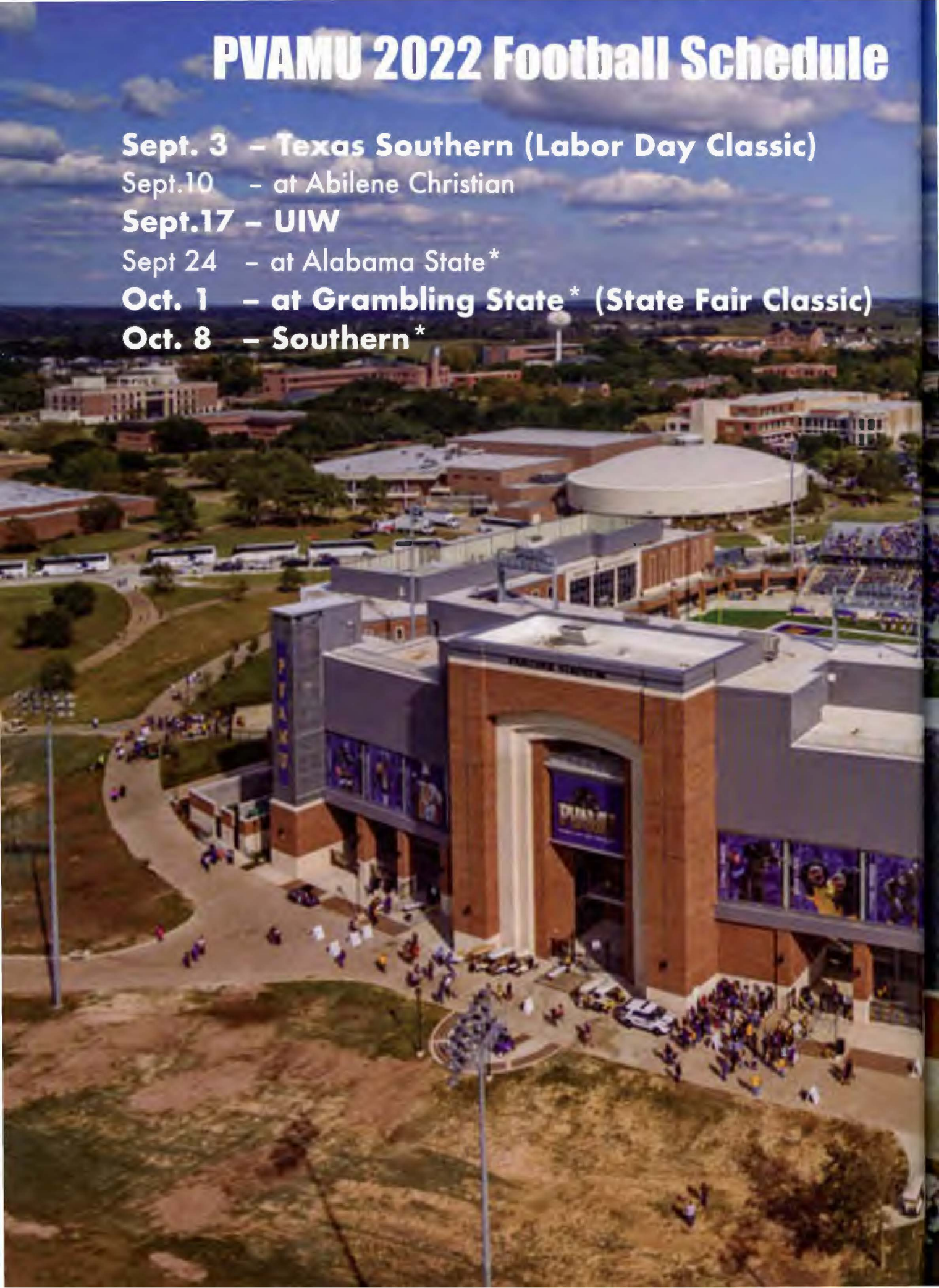


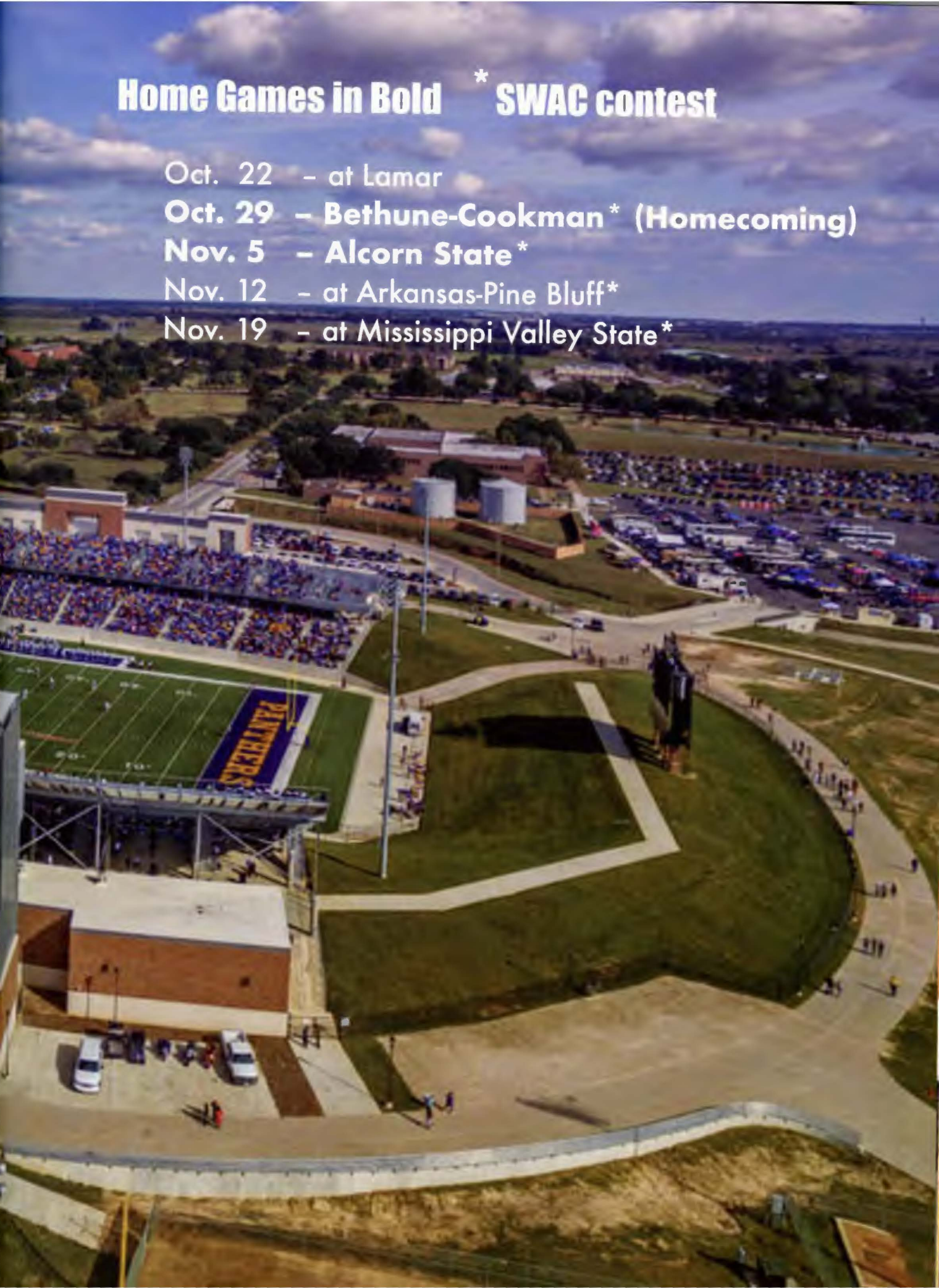


Prairie View EDC Director Brown meets with city census workers.

PVAMU 2022 Football Schedule

Sept. 3 – Texas Southern (Labor Day Classic)
Sept.10 – at Abilene Christian
Sept.17 – UIW
Sept 24 – at Alabama State*
Oct. 1 – at Grambling State* (State Fair Classic)
Oct. 8 – Southern*





Home Games in Bold * SWAC contest

Oct. 22 – at Lamar
Oct. 29 – Bethune-Cookman* (Homecoming)
Nov. 5 – Alcorn State*
Nov. 12 – at Arkansas-Pine Bluff*
Nov. 19 – at Mississippi Valley State*

A thriving Prairie View community existed as early as the 1860's, immediately after the emancipation of enslaved Africans.

Among President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's great achievements was the selection of 14 Black families beginning in 1939 to move to Prairie View to model their farming skills on larger commercial lands.










They Came to Farm

Williams-Walker-Clark-Scott-Scott-Santee-Sams-Muse
Busby-Anderson-McClay-Stewart-Knowles-Robinson





According to sources, the federal administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt initiated several programs to assist farmers in general and Black farmers in particular. Black farmers had to not only deal with the ravages of the boll weevil but also the legacies of the reconstruc- tion period in the south that kept them in patterns of tenant farming, share cropping and day laborers.

Furthermore, the Prairie View Farms Project and Sabine Farms Project were under the direc- tion of Mr. John H. Williams Sr. Mr. Williams, former district agent for the Prairie View N&I College's 1890 Agriculture Extension Service, had an excellent working knowledge of the talents and production records of many Black framers in Texas. Fourteen of the best African American farming families in Texas were selected and were provided the opportunity to develop farms ranging in sizes from 140 to 240 acres on lands acquired primarily from the C. A. Menke estate. These families included:

Robert L. Williams; Dave Walker; Osborne Clark; Ed Scott; Frank Scott; Ernest Santee (Cagle Sams)/Eristus Sams; James Muse; Hilliard Muse; Eddie Busby; Ezekiel Anderson; (Otto McClay);/Mr. E Stewart; Mansard Knowles (Knolls); Garby Robinson

Many of these farmers had perfected their production skills on the lands along the Brazos River and most had large families when they moved onto their new homesteads.

The children of the fourteen Farm Families made a tremendous difference in the business operations of these farm enterprises and had a great impact on demographics of the community, especially the local schools. These off-springs also would at times marry among the other farm families which helped to firmly establish the base of the new population in the Prairie View Community.

James Muse



James Muse (and his brother Ira Muse) arrived in the Prairie View area in 1938 where he purchased farmland to further his passion. Mr. Muse was among the original 14 landowners in Prairie View, who purchased the property from the government. To the union eight children were born, two of which James Jr. and Beverly Ann preceded him in death.

Along with his wife Elizabeth and their children, the Muses raised watermelons, corn, peanuts, cattle, hogs, chickens, ducks, etc. The children of the other 13 families call the Muses their adopted parents and are usually in attendance at family gatherings. They also worked the farm together with the help of the children and there were chores for every one.

Robert Louis Williams

In March 1941, Robert and Marie Williams moved to Prairie View, Texas as one of the best farming families chosen to help revitalize the economy. They were provided the opportunity to develop farms and build homes. The Williams' chose acreage on Owens Road. Many of the decendants continue to live on the farmlands and 88 year old Flethcer Williams (son) pictured below, continues to work the land to this day.



Ezekial Anderson

Ezekial Anderson was a descendant of Africans enslaved on the Menke Plantation. An experienced farmer and hard worker, he became the matriarch of a family that has roots as deep as any, in Waller County. In less than three generations his decendants would attend Prairie View secondary schools and later attend some of the most pretigious colleges and universities in America. Of note, the Anderson family came from the lands which were purchased by the federal government for the14 family farm experiment



Pictured are Descendants and Relatives of Ezekial Anderson

Eristus Sams

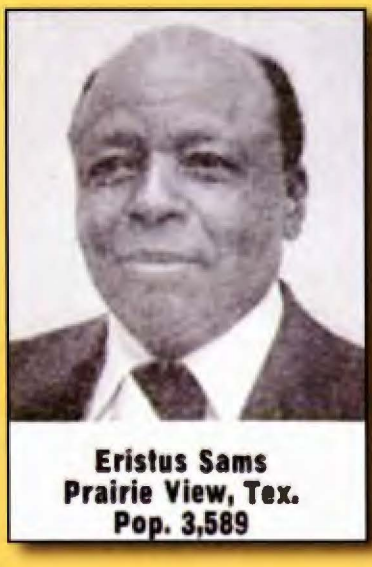
In 1961 Eristus Sams became the first black man in modern Texas history to launch a statewide bid for the U.S. Senate, and in the year following was a Democratic candidate for Waller County Judge. While he may have lost both those races, Sams achieved political victory in 1970 when he took office as mayor of Prairie View, Texas, holding that office until 1984.

Born in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana on January 9, 1913, Eristus Sams was the son of John (1888-1951) and Viola (Bolt) Sams (1889-1967). Little information could be found on his early years, excepting note of his family's removal to Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas. In the 1920s he worked on a dairy farm in Beaumont, a period that inspired a lifelong love of agriculture. In the 1930s Sams was a student at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, where he excelled on the football field. Sams and his Golden Tiger teammates were profiled in the Birmingham Herald shortly before their visit to Houston, where they took on Prairie View College, with the Herald noting:

While the team is made up of players from all sections of the United States, there is only one Texas man in the lineup, Eristus Sams, halfback, from Beaumont. Sams, who has been playing great ball all season, is expected to stand out in the game on New Year's Day. He is rated as one of the best halfbacks in the Southern Conference. This flashy native son will see plenty of action when Tuskegee tackles Prairie View.

Sams's time at Tuskegee also saw him as a member of the school's track team, and in May 1936 placed second with his team in the two-mile college relay and the one-mile relay, held during the 10th annual Tuskegee Carnival. All told, Sams played halfback for the Golden Tigers between 1934-38, and in 1937 received further honors when he was placed on the All-American football team by several sportswriters. In 1938 Sams graduated with his degree in agriculture. During the Second World War he enlisted in the Coast Guard, and of the seventy enlistees was one of ten African-Americans to enlist in June 1942. These ten men were acknowledged by the Fort Work Star-Telegram as having been the first of their race to be inducted as regular apprentice seaman. Heretofore recruiting openings for Negroes had been restricted to the mess attendant division. Sams's service in the guard saw him as an instructor in self-defense, as well as an instructor in boxing, being stationed at the Manhattan Beach Coast Guard Training Station. As a boxing instructor, Sams was an assistant to former world champion boxer Jack Dempsey (1895-1983), who was then a lieutenant in the Coast Guard Reserve.





Portrait from Ebony Magazine, November 1975

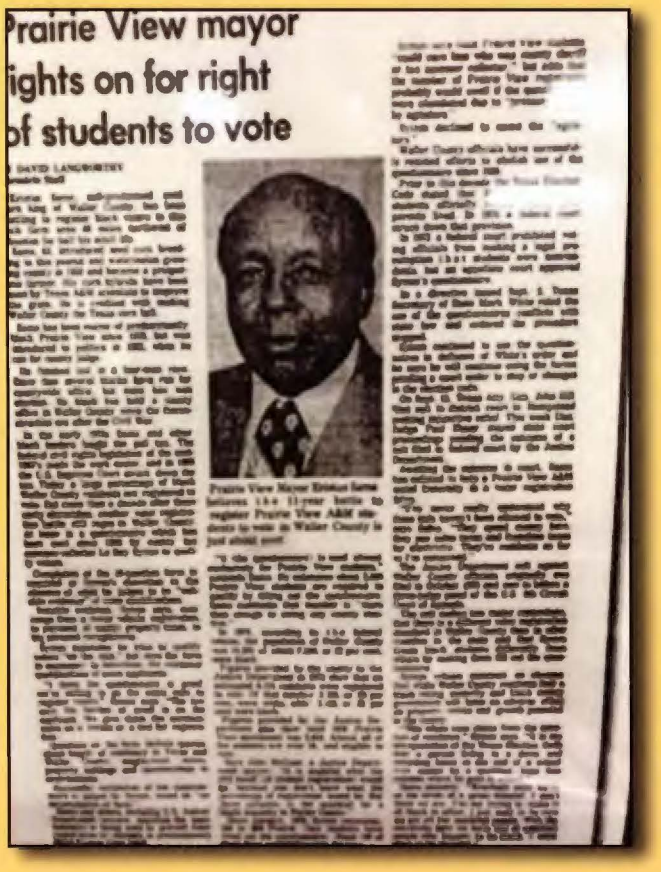
Following his Coast Guard service, Eristus Sams returned to Texas, where he became a physical education instructor at Prairie View A&M College. During this time he began farming, which he later pursued full time. Specializing in corn farming, by the mid-1950s Sams's farm in Waller County comprised 300 acres of land, and in a 1955 Alabama Tribune article concerning his work, made note that he wasn't satisfied until his corn yield averages 80 to 90 bushels per acre. The Tribune further remarked that:

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Prairie View's Longest Serving Mayor

In addition to growing 250 acres of feed corn, Mr. Sams also is raising 50 acres of certified hybrid seed corn to help keep the farmers in the Gulf Coast area of Texas growing hybrid corn. He is the only colored farmer in Texas growing certified hybrid corn.
From the Waco Tribune-Herald, April 2, 1961.

In 1961 Sams made his first move into politics, announcing his candidacy for the United States Senate. Filing his papers in February of that year, this special primary election had been occasioned by the resignation of Lyndon Johnson, who'd been elected vice president the previous November. In a Fort Worth Star-Telegram article highlighting his candidacy, Sams detailed his campaign platform, ***"Get Big Business out of Farming",*** remarking that big business interference in farming constituted unfair competition with the little man.


Prairie View mayor
ights on for right
of students to vote

As the first black man in modern Texas history to run for a U.S. Senate seat, Sams took to the campaign trail, touting his wanting to aid the small farmer. In this candidacy, Sams faced an uphill battle, as he was one of over seventy candidates vying for the nomination. On primary election day in April Sams placed seventh in the vote count, polling 4,490 votes. The winning candidate, John G. Tower, went on to face incumbent senator William Blakley that May and emerged victorious at the polls.

Undeterred by defeat, Sams announced his bid for Waller County judge in the year following his senatorial bid and was profiled in the Brookshire Times. Announcing his support for the "present administration in Washington", Sams detailed his anti-communist stance, as well as his favoring a balanced budget and a pay as you go plan. One of four candidates vying for judge, Sams was defeated in the May primary by Ralph Walters, who polled 803 votes to Sams's 548.
From the Brookshire Times, April 26, 1962.

Following his defeat, Sams returned to farming and reemerged on the political scene in 1969, when he announced his candidacy for mayor of Prairie View. He was elected that year and began his first term in 1970. In total, Sams served fourteen years as mayor, and during his tenure served at various times as secretary of the National Conference of Black Mayors and was president of that organization's Texas chapter. Following his last term, Eristus Sams continued residence in Prairie View until his death at age 77 on October 11, 1990.

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Strangest Names in American Political History
Posted by Andy Osterdahl

The Prairie View "Fourteen Families" have produced a legacy which has impacted the city government as well as the campus of Prairie View A&M University.

Below left, Kimberly Walker-White grand-daughter of Dave Walker served on the Prairie View City Council; and **center, Dorothy Carter-Anderson**, daughter of Ezekial Anderson was sworn in as Mayor ProTem in 2003. **Below right, Wendy Williams**, grand-daughter of Robert Williams currently serves on the city council as well as the city's 4B Economic Development Corp.

The new Agriculture Business Building stands today in large part as a testament to "communiversity relations" within the local agriculture sector.





New Mayor Pro-Tem of Prairie View





SMALL LOAN FARM PROGRAM

Many limited resources and socially disadvantaged producers struggle with operating capital or cannot obtain credit from traditional financial institutions. The small farm loan program is a managed credit program supported by whole-farm management technical assistance. The program structure is designed to increase landowner's success and decrease the risk of failure. Because the farmers are limited resources and socially disadvantaged, the loans are zero-interest, eliminating the cost of borrowing capital.

The small farm loan serves Texas small-scale and limited resource farmers in improving enterprise efficiency, reduce the cost of production, and improve farm profit. Applicants can borrow to start or sustain operations in crop production and livestock, purchase equipment, and establish value-added enterprises. Technical assistance is provided in completing the loan packet, farm record keeping (approved loans), enterprise budgeting; farm management; farm business planning, and farm financial management.



Prairie View A&M University - Department of Agriculture

936.261.2540

Economic Development



Harvest Market planning expansion of business operations in Prairie View with Missouri City officials. The company currently operates a convenience store and a mobile grocery store within the city.



City of Prairie View 4B Economic Development Corporation
2019–20 Annual Report

Economic Development

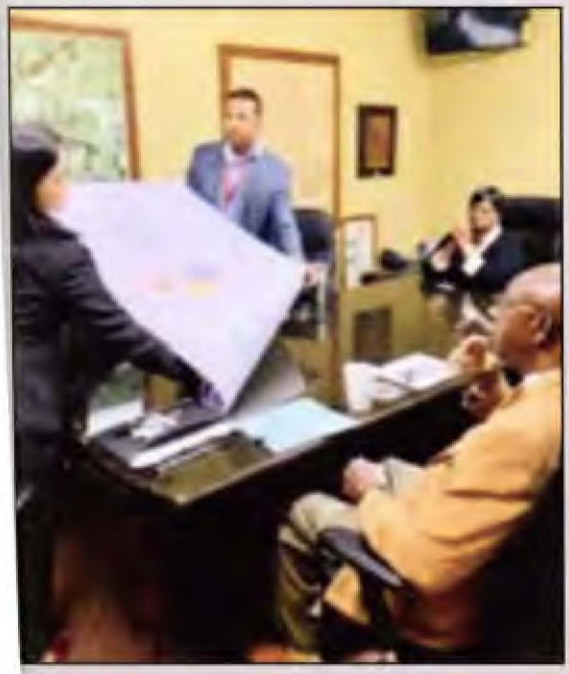




Prairie View EDC Director Veda Brown received a first hand explanation of Flow Chem's new expansion.



Prairie View EDC supported Planning & Zoning Commission's first draft of the updated zoning map. Pictured here with Planning and Zoning Chair, Joe Diamond.



Prairie View EDC Director Wendy Williams provided insightful input at the Prairie View zip code meetings.



A new stylist joins an ever growing list of businesses in Prairie View that cater to ethnic beauty and hairstyles.

Eleven mayors led the development of an unincorporated community into a thriving municipality. Each having played their part.

The City of Prairie View
Incorporated April 14, 1969

"The Mayors of Prairie View" would turn what was for over one-hundred years primarily a small college campus for Black Texans, into a thriving city chartered in 1969.



They Came to Learn and Teach

Most arrived by train and walked the one mile dirt road north to Prairie View A&M College. Often with everything they owned in a single suitcase.










and Stayed to Lead

The Mayors of Prairie View

The Mayors

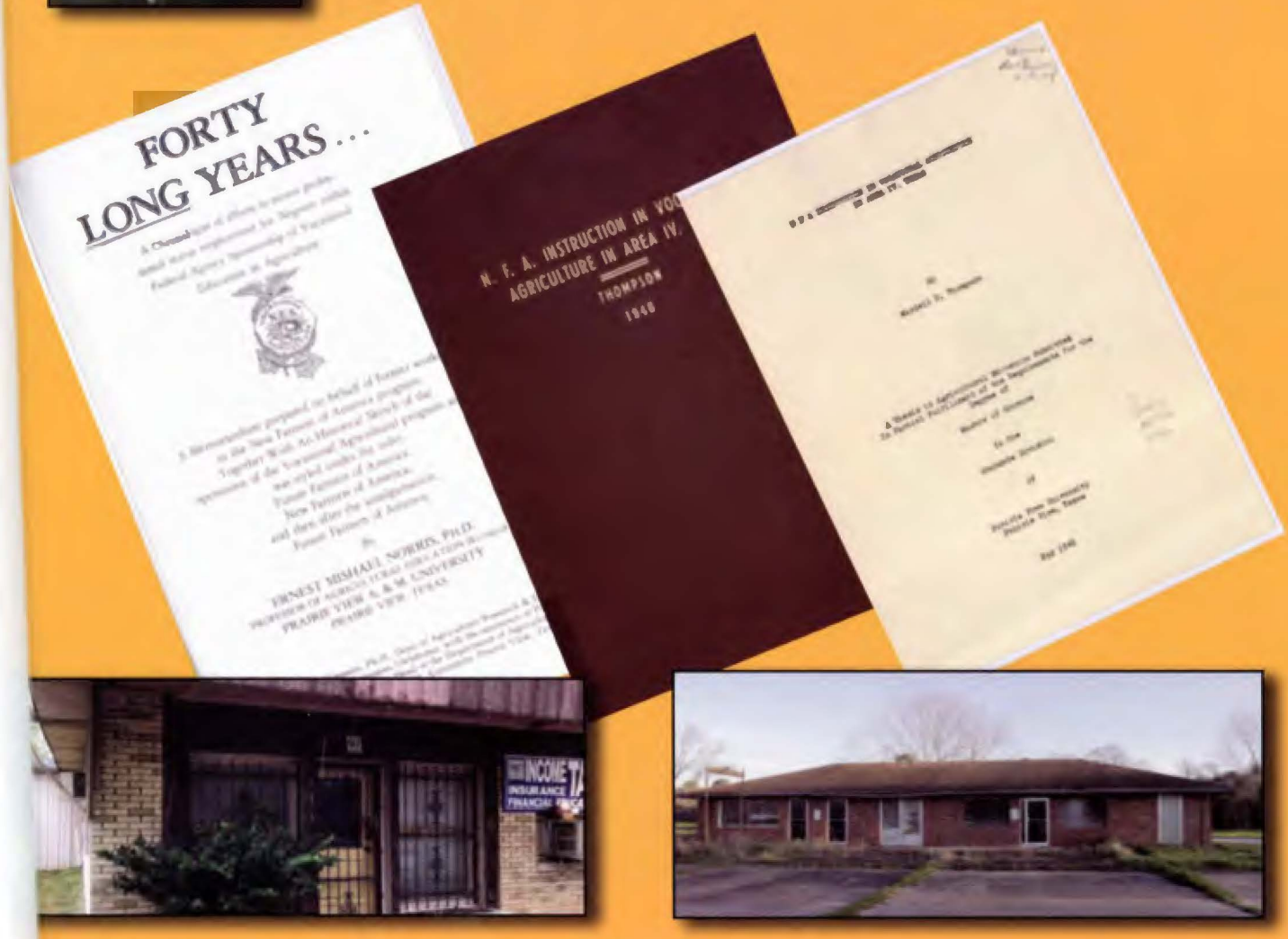
These men would organize an Optimist Club for civic functions, they and their families would build and attend several Prairie View-based houses of worship, as well as other civic organizations like the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America as well each being members of fraternal organizations.

Wardell D. Thompson a businessman and developer of two single family and multi-family neighborhoods. Our first mayor was also a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Thompson was a 1927 Prairie View A&M University graduate.

Dr. Ernest Norris, was a successful retail businessman and entreprenuer who built a hotel, bus station and other rental properties, including the location for the city's second city hall. Norris was one of the early leaders of New Farmers of America having served as its Executive Secretary from 1947 until the 1965 merger with thee FFA He was 1927 PVAMU graduate.



Norris acquired a 60 acre tract of farmland which he and his wife Reto later developed into a community now known as Prairie Gables; they built the first home in the division. In 1940 Norris' built the first commercial building in the city, a hotel that served as a major sanctuary along U.S. Highway 290 during segregation. The Norris' became the first Africa-American franchise owners of a Greyhound bus franchise in Texas in the 1950s.



Eristus Sams
A farmer and businessman served14 years (7 terms) as mayor and was the single largest private landowner in the city. Mayor Sams was one of the original "14 farmers".



Eristus and Anne Sams' Homeplace





les Daniels (above with Family) was elected mayor and stayed nly two months, resigning the office in July of the same year, ting family reasons as the reason for his departure, the council ccepted his resignation. He continued his participation in civil rganizations and managed the Prairie View Federal Credit nion. A retired Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army, he was also a ember of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



Ellery Stevenson (right) was a four term Prairie View City Councilman and assumed the office of Mayor upon the resignation of Jiles Daniels, Sr. Stevenson ensured the continuity of the municipal government until a special election was called. Mayor Stevenson transitioned the office from his predecessor to his successor having maintained safeguards of financial controls and operational managements. Stevenson was instrumental in the creation of the Prairie View Volunteer Firefighters Association and the Prairie View Post Office.

Stevenson would also later be elected to serve as the Precinct 3 Constable of Waller County. Stevenson is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Ron Leverett Served 12 Years As Councilman and Mayor

Ron Leverett, a native of the beautiful state of Arkansas, is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education. He migrated to Texas in 1973, to assume a faculty position at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), by way of Manhattan, Kansas where he completed graduate work at Kansas State University. During his 16- year stint at PVAMU, he taught Instructional Technology, and served as Videographer and Media Technologist for the university, including athletics.


Prairie View mayor chairs major regional committee

Sterling play makes Houston's McNeil darling of U.S. Open

While coming to Prairie View to pursue a career opportunity, Leverett quickly discovered there was much more. He saw great potential in this small, rural college town, and knew he wanted to be a part of what was possible here. Committed to the idea, he and his wife purchased a plot of land, and declared themselves permanent residents.



When the Leveretts decided to build a home, Ron's, first stop was the College of Architecture. Recognizing the university as a major resource in the community, he was eager to collaborate and build this relationship. Little did he know this encounter would become a class project for graduating seniors. After more than 40 years, he still enjoys telling people that Architecture students at PVAMU designed his home.

His interest in the city's plan for development continued to grow, and eventually lead him to a successful bid for a seat on the City Council, where he served three years. In 1984 he was elected Mayor and served in that capacity for 9 years. During his tenure as a public servant for the City of Prairie, he worked with the council and the community to establish a solid plan of action based on the immediate needs of the community. Some of the first initiatives included improving inter-local governmental relationships, relocating and automating City Hall, collaborating and negotiating for the city's first Fire Department and securing the first ladder fire truck, launching the campaign for a Post Office located in the city, securing funds for upgrading the water and sewage system, creating the first Police Department, hired the first licensed, state certified Utilities Director, secured funds from HGAC for road improvement, and TexDot for Guarded Railroad Crossings at 3 locations within the city limits of Prairie View.

Upon leaving public office, Leverett has continued to be actively engaged in city government. He still believes there is great potential here, and looks forward to the day when the city's growth and development will reflect that of the university, and other developing rural communities around the city of Prairie View.

Mayor Carreathers Establishes City's 4A and 4B Economic Development Corporations

Dr. Raymond E. Carreathers was born in Clarksville, Texas, the fourth child in a family of 10, to Henry and Maggie Smith Carreathers. He attended public schools in Lamar and Red River counties where he often had to walk five miles to school. He graduated from Detroit High School in 1939 as valedictorian. He entered Prairie View Agricultural & Mechanical College (now Prairie View A&M University) in June 1939 on the New Deal Program - National Youth Administration Program where he worked in the laundry. In 1943, he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Education from Prairie View. Later in 1943, he was drafted into the armed forces in World War II with 103 members of the Prairie View Enlisted Reserved Corps. Carreathers served on active duty with the 777th Field Artillery in Europe during World War II and rose from the rank of private to major.



Following his service in World War II, Carreathers returned to Northeast Texas. In August 1946 he married Ernestine Thurston in Grayson County. The couple had two children, Denise and Kevin. Carreathers also taught agriculture and served as principal at Booker T. Washington High School in Bonham. He was sponsor of the New Farmers of America chapter at Washington and was instrumental in guiding many of his students to college.

While maintaining his duties as principal at Washington, Carreathers pursued graduate study during the summers. He attended the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Colorado and Southeastern State University in Oklahoma, where he received the Master of Education Degree in 1956. After Booker T. Washington High School closed due to integration in 1966, Carreathers served as assistant superintendent of the Bonham school district and also taught in Gilmer and Paris.

In 1970, he returned to Prairie View A&M, as professor of educational administration and Senior Fellow in Student Affairs, while continuing his education. He received the Doctor of Education from East Texas State University in 1981. His dissertation, "A Study of the Critical Requirements of the Chief Student Personnel Officer in the Public Senior Colleges of Texas," reflected years of research and personal experience at Prairie View as the first vice president for student affairs, a position he held from 1976 until his retirement in 1986.

Retirement for Carreathers did not equate to inactivity. In the city of Prairie View, he was a businessman, operating the Amistad II Bookplace, an entity he shared with his daughter and wife, and provided rental property for many students and staff. He also became active in the local politics of Prairie View and served on the City Council 1987-1995. He worked untiringly to ensure fiscal responsibility and accountability in the use of the taxpayers' dollars. His diligence and hard work helped the city to receive many grants for capital improvements from the Texas Department of Commerce, which helped with the construction of the central water plant. He also received a special grant to market the city from the SBC Communications in Houston.

He was elected mayor in 1998 and during his tenure he championed the development a new City Master Plan, implemented the Economic Development Corporations 4A and 4B and the new Planning and Zoning for the City of Prairie View. He served one term and returned to private life in 2002.

Former Naval Officers
Henderson and Jackson Man the Ship



Dr. Lee Ellis Henderson a university professor businessman who owned and ran his own photography studio, Elle Photography

The only mayor who was native to the city, he was born in Prairie View on February 9, 1943. An officer in the the U.S. Navy he was instrumental in starting the N.R.O.T.C. program in Prairie View in 1971.

Frank D. Jackson was born and raised in Luling, Texas and is the second of three sons born to Robbie Jackson Sr. and Willie Louise Jackson. He graduated from Luling High School in 1969 and entered Prairie View A&M College during the Fall Semester of this same year.

Frank D. Jackson majored in Geography and earned a 4-year Scholarship as a Naval Science student.



He graduated from Prairie View A&M University in 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and was Commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy. During his eight years of active duty, Frank D. Jackson served aboard the Nuclear Powered Cruiser USS Long Beach CG (N) 9, the USS Coral Sea CV 43 and the USS Inchon LPH 12. He ended his active duty service at Prairie View A&M University in 1982 as Assistant Professor for Naval Science–Navigation and Ship-handling Instructor. Frank D. Jackson immediately accepted a Commission in the US Naval Reserves and was promoted to the rank of Captain in 1995 (Officer Grade 06).



He began his employment at Prairie View A&M University in 1982 as Associate Counselor for Admissions. Frank D. Jackson has served the University as Director of the Memorial Student Center, Assistant Director of University Centers, Director for Auxiliary Services, Director of Student Initiatives and Development and has served as Governmental Relations Officer for Prairie View A&M University and as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations – Texas A&M University System.

In 2020 The President of PVAMU assigned Jackson to serve as Director of Community Affairs. Frank D. Jackson retired from Prairie View A&M University on December 31, 2021 after a total of 41 years of service.

He served on the City Council – City of Prairie View for 12 years, and 8 years as County Commissioner Precinct 3, Waller County, Texas. Frank D. Jackson was elected Mayor for the City of Prairie View, Texas on May 4, 2002. He was re-elected to serve a second term May 8, 2004, re-elected to serve a third term on May 13, 2006, re-elected to serve a fourth term on May 10, 2008, re-elected to serve a fifth term on May 8, 2010, re-elected to a sixth term on May 12, 2012 and re-elected to a seventh term on May 10, 2014. Mayor Frank D. Jackson decided not to seek reelection to an eighth term in the May 2016 Municipal Election.

In addition, Frank D. Jackson is President and Fire Chief of the Prairie View Volunteer Fire Fighting Association, Inc., and Past Master of Lone Star Lodge # 85 – Hempstead, Texas and currently serves as Grand Junior Warden for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas. He is a 33 Degree Mason and a member of The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Doric Temple, Houston, Texas. He is an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Epsilon Tau Lambda Chapter – Prairie View, Texas.

Mayor Jackson continues to serve as Chief of the Prairie View Volunteer Fire Department



Frank D. Jackson was inducted into Prairie View A&M University's Sports Hall Of Fame with the Hall Of Fame Class of 2010. He is the author of five books: A Brief History of The City of Prairie View, Texas; A Brief History of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas & Jurisdiction; Juneteenth In the Brazos River Valley; His-Story – A History of Africans in America; Down That Road – A Pictorial History of Prairie View A&M University.

David Allen Leads Major Economic Development

David Allen served as Mayor/CEO of Prairie View, Texas where he oversaw the Administration, Police, Municipal Court and Utility Departments. A responsibility that he embraced with commitment and the determination to make a difference for all of the approximately 12,000 residents, students, faculty and staff.



His association with Prairie View began with enrollment at Prairie View A&M University as a 17 year old student where he earned his Bachelor of Arts (December 1977) and MBA (August, 1983). It was here where he also became a Commissioned Officer as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army (Field Artillery) and was the last PVAMU Army ROTC cadet to receive a Private Pilot License (College Station 1977). A born entrepreneur, prior to graduation, he became a Licensed Automobile Broker and started business after receiving a loan from PVFCU assisting several fellow military officers in obtaining cars in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma before relocating his business to Houston, Texas.

Mayor Allen in 22 months led the way bringing in a $15 million gated student housing complex with 1,400 beds, a pool, gym; Checkers Restaurant Franchise/gas station near the new 84 acre Prairie View Cricket Complex with 12-14 fields, the largest in the nation, and over $25 million dollars in new development in Prairie View!

A number of business and non-profit communities have recognized his business and non-profit volunteer work including: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; California State Senators, California Assembly; Los Angeles NAACP; 100 Black Men of Los Angeles/Young Black Scholars; Delta Sigma Theta; Top Ladies of Distinction; Los Angeles City Council; various California news media; City of Prairie View (awarded Key to the City-Mayor, Dr. R.E. Carreathers); Prairie View A&M University (Inaugural #1 Recruiter Award in July, 1998, Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association (Alumnus of Year-1992, 1994, 1995); as President, Chapter of Year--Award 1992, 1994); and appointed Honorary PALS member by President Hines.



Brian Rowland, Leader of Scouts and Our City

Dr. Brian Rowland is the 11th Mayor of Prairie View, Texas. He has served as a city councilman for 10 years. He is the managing Principal for Visionary Leadership, LLC. Visionary



Leadership is a consulting company specializing in business development and organizational Leadership; providing organizational training on cultural competency, equity and inclusion, and leadership development strategies. Dr. Rowland is a registered representative with



Voya Financial Advisors, Inc. and Rowland Financial, and he has been in the financial services industry for 14 years.

Dr. Rowland brings more than 20 years of experience in community organizing, social justice advocacy, and leadership solutions in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. He has a state, regional, and national reputation for outstanding leadership and community involvement. He was an instrumental force in the successful restoration of the Prairie View A&M students' right to vote, a nationally recognized court case.

Dr. Rowland has received local and national recognition/awards for his work on social justice and advocacy including:

- Young Champions of Justice Award from the Lawyers' Committee on Civil Rights
- YMCA of Greater Houston Minority Achiever's Award
- Texas Association of African American Chamber of Commerce Award

He is determined to achieve professional and personal growth as he strives to impact the future of Texas and this country.

Dr. Rowland works with numerous community affiliations throughout the State of Texas and nationally, such as:

- Texas State Conference for NAACP Branches (Membership Chair and Co-Chair of Economic Development)
- The Texas State Association of African American Chamber of Commerce (Fmr. Vice Chair and Secretary)
- Texas Association of Black City Council Members (Vice President)
- Boy Scouts of America Troop 1906 (Assistant Scoutmaster)
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. – Epsilon Tau Lambda (President Emeritus)
- Prairie View Chamber of Commerce (President Emeritus)
- Prairie View Volunteer Fire



Department (Board Member)

Dr. Rowland received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Tarleton State University, as well a Master of Community Development (M.CD), a Master of Business Administration (MBA), and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Educational Leadership from Prairie View A&M University.

Dr. Rowland is known in his community as a trailblazer who has dedicated time and resources to improving the welfare of the citizens in his community. His experienced leadership and collaborative approach continue to provide positive solutions to the community over the last 18 years. He leads with the mantra, "We are one PV."




PRAIRIE VIEW CRICKET COMPLEX
HOME OF HOUSTON HURRICANES



Passion may be one of the most important characteristics of entrepreneurs. Most entrepreneurs will tell you that it's this, rather than the promise of money or fame, that drives them on. Everything in life is a competition. Failing to keep up can be fatal to your ambitions. Being passionate gives you a powerful edge that you can use to stay one step ahead of your competitors.

Tanweer Ahmed with 25 years of management experience is an example of an entrepreneur with a vision & courage. According to Tanweer Ahmed entrepreneurs have a unique ability to spot business opportunities and imagine how they could be brought to fruition. The life of an entrepreneur is a risky one. Entrepreneurs know that their chance of any venture failing is greater than it succeeding.

With the vision of growing together & to develop job opportunities he never thinks of failure & always encouraged with the saying "Leadership is about capturing the imagination and enthusiasm of your people with clearly defined goals that cut through the fog like a beacon in the night" starting with ONE store to 270 stores in Texas, Nevada, Arizona and Colorado he currently has over 4500 employees in 4 States of America.



A leader's job is to look into the future, and to see the organization not as it is "but as it can become." Tanweer puts into actions what he says and has been reflecting trough out his carrier. Passion is in his blood not a job or a carrier. His vision & passion never stops, he started an Electric Company in 2009 and currently serving over 70000 residential and commercial customers, bought a medical company conducting clinical trials & now the company is working globally.

Tanweer believes in teamwork, for him "Teamwork means that we share a common ideal and embrace a common goal. Regardless of our differences, we strive shoulder to shoulder, confident in one another's faith, trust and commitment".

Tanweer's flip side of personality has the Passion for serving Humanity. He believes in building, linking & strengthening sustainable Communities for a peaceful & a productive ONE WORLD. Tanweer firmly believes in community development as the weapon to fight against poverty, racism, hate & intolerance.

As a part of his initiative in linking & building communities, he brought back his sports enthusiasm & decided to build a 90 acre, 10 field cricket complex off Highway 290. The largest cricket complex in the United States, built to serve a growing population of southeast Texans bringing communities closer with Sports activities.

Tanweer believes that HUMANITY is above all religions. According to the dictionary, humanitarians are people who are concerned with or seeking to promote human welfare. Based on this definition, we all have a humanitarian side to us. But, only very few of us have chosen to act on that dream. And that's what sets great humanitarians apart. Instead of walking the well-worn path, they made their own. Most of the time, at a great personal cost. All because they believed that mankind deserved better. Tanweer played a vital role during COVID 19 in supporting people around the world, especially in Pakistan.

As a community influencer, he raised & contributed millions of Rupees to support education, especially girl's education, gender equality, poverty alleviation & health system in Pakistan in collaboration with local business communities. Tanweer is aiming to build & renovate existing girls, schools & colleges & to provide them with FREE transportation to encourage & facilitate them to attend the school & college with convenience & ease. Tanweer was awarded with the most prestigious awards in Pakistan "SHAAN-E-PAKISTAN AWARD" in 2020 by the President Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Dr. Arif Alvi bestowed 'Shaan-e-Pakistan Award' on 38 people to recognising their services in the war against novel coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.

Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar, Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar were also among the recipients of Shaan-e-Pakistan Award, which also included businessmen. Tanweer firmly believes in SUPPORT as a sustainable way of supporting the communities rather than one time help.






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look into the future.
I take this as a Passion.





A community for every style and interest

The City of Prairie View is comprised of no less than 15 different single family residential communities. The very first such planned community was Hillcrest. The community was designed and developed by Jesse and Eleanor Hill. Setting the blueprint for some of the city's most beautiful homes, Hill himself designed and built the iconic *rock home* that is part of the unique home building history of the city.

Other early communities include Wyatt Chapel, Ferguson Heights, Prairie Hills, Rosewood, Prairie Gables and Alta Vista. Prairie View has for many years boasted of some of the finest architectural home designs in Waller County. Pictured adjacent to this page are just a few mid 1900 century homes which even today are majestic and well mantained.

Newer neighborhoods like Concord Village, Vicksburg Terrace, Pine Island, and Villa Capri offer residents looking for a quiet, safe, and planned community, a great place to grow their families.



The "Rock Home" was the first home built in the Hillcrest neighborhood by Jesse and Eleanor Hill



One of the early brick homes built in Prairie View was also constructed in Hillcrest



e Tramble home in Alta Vista was best known for its mid-century design and its annual Christmas lighting

Concord Village, Prairie Gables, and Wyatt Chapel among other neighborhoods offer large lots, beautifal new homes, and a central location for new home builders.







EDC Office and Meetings





Prairie View EDC at the grand opening of the Victorious Believers Church and Community Complex which now houses the offices of Prairie View's EDC.



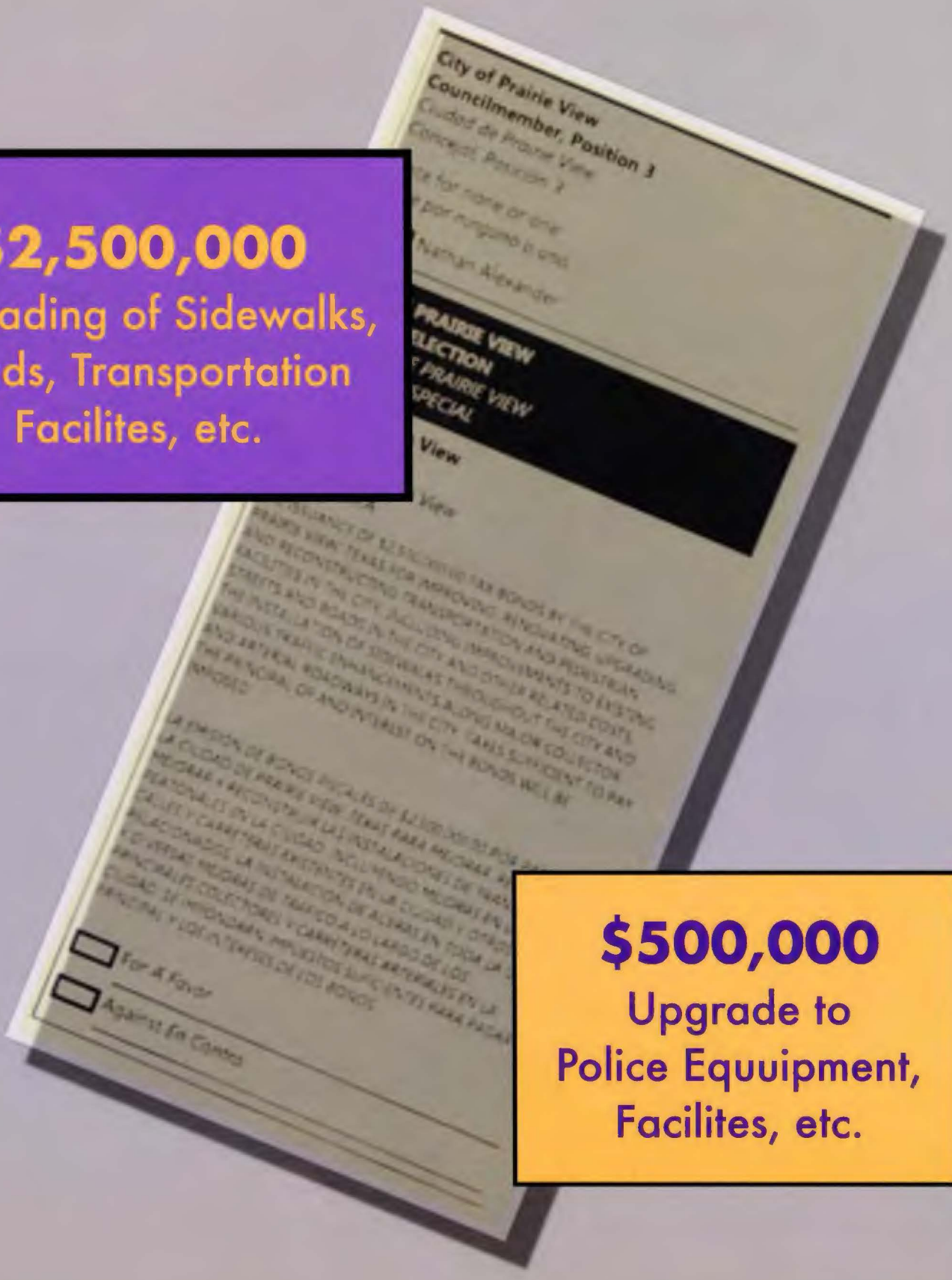
Prairie View EDC Director Johnnie Walker discusses potential future economic development projects with Prairie View Chamber of Commerce President Andrea Miller.



EDC directors listen to a proposal for water study from Harold Underwood of Trilogy Engineering.

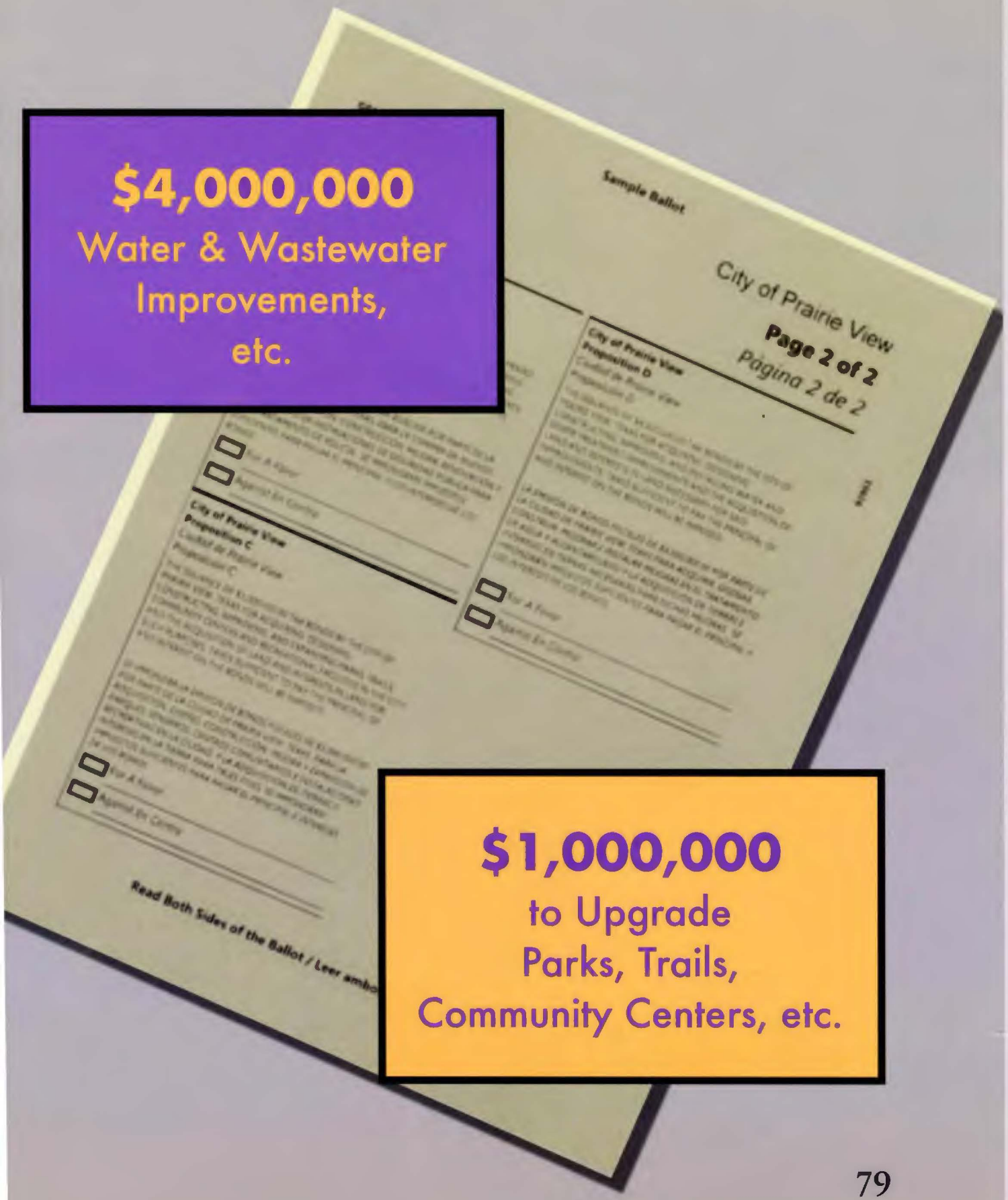
Prairie View Voters Pass Bond Package Leading to Major Improvements Throughout the City

$2,500,000
Upgrading of Sidewalks, Roads, Transportation Facilites, etc.



$500,000
Upgrade to Police Equuipment, Facilites, etc.

Better Facilites, Equipment, Parks, Infrastructure





Come and Do Business in Prairie View

The story is the same for thousands of Prairie View residents - they weren't expecting this to be a place to raise a family or build a business.

Such is the case of Waymond Perry, Sr.. Perry came to Prairie View in 1975. He was living in Houston and just wanted to get away and buy some open lands; good country fresh air. After he bought the land he simply decided that this would be a good place to relocate his business. Perry moved his company, Perry's Plumbing and family to Prairie View.

At this time (2022) four generations plumbers are in the family's business. All told, seven family memebers have become certified plumbers. Today, Perry's Plumbing is among the largest plumbing companies in Waller County and is no doubt the largest family-owned plumbing business in the area.

The family has become a staple in the community. Waymond Perry, Jr. is currently serving on the Prairie View City Council. He first began his public service to the city in 1982 when Mayor Ronald Leverett hired him to work in the public works department.

There are many other business stories similar to this. Maybe you and your family can join with others businesses who have found Prairie View to be an answer to their dreams.

Wanting to Build in Prairie View?

Sharon B. Smith, Realtor	281-883-9887
Marie Herndon, Realtor	281-202-2110
Perry's Plumbing	979-826-2683
Joe Diamond, Electrician	713-922-7107

Resources for
Building & Development in the City of Prairie View

City of Prairie View	936-857-3711
San Bernard Electric Coop	936-372-9176
CenterPoint Energy	281-955-3002
City of Waller GAS	936-372-9176
City of PV Permits	936-857-3711
City of PV Planning and Zoning	936-857-3711
City of PV Public Works	936-857-3711
City of PV 4B EDC	832-520-8918
Prairie View Fire Department	936-857-9522



Come Home to Prairie View

One of Texas' Fastest Growing Small Towns

Dear Reader:

I hope that you have enjoyed this resource guide. If you are an entrepreneur or a businessperson seeking to relocate or grow your business, the City of Prairie View should be high on your list. Please contact the friendly and professional staff at our City Hall at the 4B Economic Development Office. There are many resources available to assist you with whatever your business interests are.

If you are looking for a place to relocate on a personal level for you or your family, Prairie View should be at the top of your list.

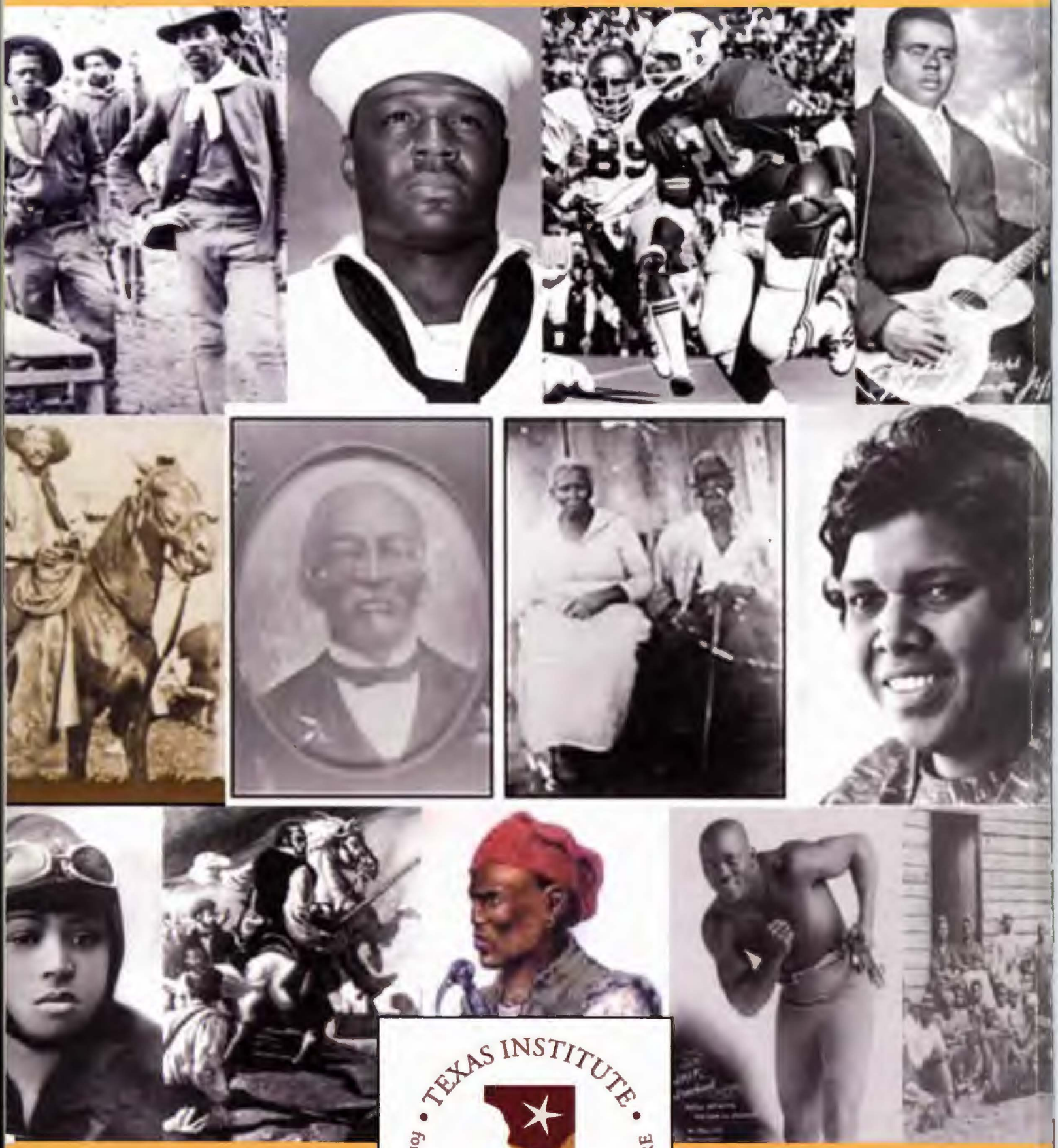
I am a Prairie View native...born at the city's campus hospital in 1963. Like so many others at the age of 18, I couldn't wait to leave home. A few years later, I couldn't wait to come back. I came home and raised my family and it was one of the best decisions of my life. In fact that is the same sentiment often expressed by long time residents.

Whether you are coming for school, work, or play, we invite you to stay. If you were once upon a time a resident, I would like to encourage you to "Come Home to Prairie View"!

DeWayne Charleston, Publisher
Prairie View Magazine



The city seal was designed by Mr. Henry B. Kemp who is still an active resident of the city for over 70 years.



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