

January 2018 Message from our General Manager, Dr. Tom Quarles

Howdy! First of all, I want to wish everyone a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope that everyone made it safely through the cold and wet weather that permeated the Brazos Valley and most of the rest of the state during the extended holiday season

Looking ahead, FY2018 should prove to be the largest year, both in number and size of events, which the Expo has ever had. Our Phase III construction project, as well as several improvement projects, are now complete. Best of all, it is nice to report that all of the existing, along with the new outside facilities, were immediately and extensively used between December 26, and January 1, for both a large ranch sorting event and a large cutting horse event.

The expansion will allow us to book larger events, multiple/larger events on the same days and will primarily improve the overall capacity/quality of the facility for all dirt type events which include livestock shows, horse shows and other types of equine events (large barrel racing events, large team roping events, rodeos). The major upgrade in both LED lighting and sound will have a positive impact on the quality of the experience that our customers and guests receive while they are at the Expo.

Please check our event calendar, on the Expo website, www.brazoscountyexpo.com, to remain up to date with the volume/type of events that we continue to have at the Expo.

During the first quarter of FY2018, October through December, the Expo was an extremely busy event facility with several of the large events either lasting a week or the better part of a week. We started off by having the National Cutting Horse Association Michelle Lynn Holsey Foundation Event (including competition, benefit and concert), the 2017 All Aggie Rodeo, Texas High School Rodeo Association Region 9 Rodeos (two different rodeos), the Brazos County Extension Service Pizza Ranch, Texas Special Olympics Athlete Village, B-CS Chamber of Commerce Youth to Career Fair, the 2017 Texas Transportation Institute Short Course and Fajita Fiesta, the Teacher Retirement System Humana Benefits Conference, the Brazos Valley Fair and Rodeo, the Southwest Electrical Metering Association Conference, the Shriners Halloween Show, the Australian Shepherd Club of America National Specialty Show, the Young Life Brazos Valley Event, Brazos County Extension Luncheon, 2017 TAMU Ducks Unlimited Banquet and Fundraiser, Still Creek Ranch Heritage Days Classic (horse show, ranch rodeo and much more) and Banquet, the Texas A&M AgriLife Scholarship Banquet, the North Bryan Women's Club Debutante's Ball, Little Wranglers Barn Dance, Brazos County Benefits Fair and Employee Luncheon, the Central Texas Hunter Jumper Association Horse Show, the Superior Combative Championships, the Brazos Valley WorldFest, the Silver Spurs Fundraiser Event, the TAMU African Student Association Banquet, the Big Loop Big Money Team Roping Event, the Junk Hippy Vintage Market Event, the Texas Association of Saddle Horses of America Holiday Horse Show, State Home School K-12 Testing, CHI St. Joseph Magic of Christmas Event, the Texas Quarter Horse Association Introductory Show and Clinic, S-Con 2017 Christmas Party, Mid-South Baking Christmas Party, the Texas Engineering Extension Service Holiday Reception, the American Cutting Horse Association Annual Championship Show and the Ranch Sorting National Championship Texas State Finals.

During the second quarter of FY2018, January through March, we will again host a large number of events. We will have the Lone Star Antique Show, the Texas High School Rodeo Association Region 9 Rodeos (four different rodeos), the Brazos County AgriLife Extension Ruminant Education Program, Kubota Dealer Training Seminars, the Vista College Commencement, the BCS Thin Mint Sprint 5K, Texas USA Wrestling South Region Houston National Competition, Brazos County AgriLife Extension Winter Crop Meeting, Brazos Valley Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Conference, the High Caliber Gun Show, Life Line Screening of America Health Screening, the OPAS Gala, Seth

Broesche Memorial Ranch Rodeo, CSISD Education Foundation's 50 Men Who Can Cook Event, St. Joseph School's Spring Fling Fund Raising Event, the US Team Roping Championship Event, the Greater Brazos Valley Builders Association Home & Garden Expo, the TAMU Construction Science Career Fair, the Hospice Brazos Valley's Hospice Happening Event, the Cowboy Mounter Shooters Association Texas Freeze-Out Shoot-Out Event, the B-CS Chamber of Commerce Taste of Aggieland Event, the V.G. Young Institute of County Government Judges & Commissioners Banquet, the 40 Days for Life Benefit, the Texas Bluebird Society Symposium, Friends of the Brazos valley Hero's Benefit, the Bridal Association of the Brazos Valley Spring Bridal Show & Benefit, BCYLS Rabbit Validation, the Stock Horse of Texas Show, the Junior League of Bryan-College Station Bargain Blitz, Voices for Children Art of Helping Children Benefit, the La Compania Car Show, the Carden International Circus, Phillip Ranch Big loop Big Money Team Roping Event, B-CS Chamber of Commerce Crawfish Boil, the Texas A&M University Collegiate Rodeo, Brazos County Extension Horse Committee Equine Evening Event, the Brazos County Youth Livestock Show, Pipeline Safety Meeting, Rio Grande Region Pony Club Show Jumping Rally, the Aggie Super Circuit Quarter Horse Show, and the Experience Bryan College Station Meeting Planners Showcase.

As mentioned above, please check the event calendar to see the quarterly Expo events scheduled and remember to visit our website, www.BrazosCountyExpo.com, to obtain more details/information regarding these and other events.

Until the next newsletter in April 2018, wishing each of you an enjoyable winter and early spring.