

*Richard Carter Oak. The biggest tree in Brazos County?*



Pete Smith, Texas Forest Service

**Veterans Park and Athletic complex  
Water Oak**

*Quercus Nigra*

Circumference: 195 inches

Average crown spread: 70 feet

Height: 70 feet

State champion Water Oak is 340 points. The VPAC tree has 283 points, putting it at the number seven Water Oak in the State of Texas



As part of the Big Event 2007, A&M volunteers with supervision of College Station Forestry, planted donated trees at Veterans Park and Athletic Complex.



**Veterans Park and Athletic Complex  
Phase II Dedication Ceremony  
and  
Arbor Day Celebration**

**Friday, April 27 2007  
11:30 am**

**3101 Harvey Road  
College Station, TX.**

# Veterans Park and Athletic Complex Phase II Dedication and Arbor Day Celebration

Friday, April 27th, 2007  
11:30 AM

## Program

- Entertainment provided by..... Nunotes Quartet
- Welcome and Introduction ..... Steve Beachy,  
Director, College Station Parks & Recreation
- The National Anthem & America the Beautiful..... Nunotes Quartet
- Arbor Day Program..... Laura Tankersley,  
Executive Director, Keep Brazos Beautiful, Inc.
- Veterans Park & Athletic Complex Phase II..... Ric Ploeger,  
Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation
- Jim Holster Recognition ..... Jesse Holster
- American Mile History Trail Ribbon Cutting ..... Historic Preservation Committee  
& BCS Chamber of Commerce
- On-site Tours:
- “Richard Carter Oak” ..... Ross Albrecht,  
Urban Landscaping and Forestry Superintendent
- “The Pentagon” & “Old Glory Softball Complex” ..... Peter Lamont,  
Recreation Superintendent
- “The American Mile” ..... David Wood,  
Park Planner
- Hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks will be served following the ceremony.

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Ron Silvia, Mayor  
Ben White, Mayor Pro Tem  
John Happ, Jr.  
Ron Gay  
Lynn McIlhaney  
Dave Ruesink  
Chris Scotti  
Susan Lancaster  
Nancy Berry

Glenn Brown, City Manager  
Terry Childers, Deputy City Manager  
Kathy Merrill, Assistant City Manager  
Steve Beachy, Director of Parks & Recreation  
O'Malley Engineers - Civil Engineer  
Holster & Associates - Architect  
Peter Vanecek - Landscape Architect  
JaCody Construction - General Contractor  
Robert Krupa - Construction Superintendent  
Eric Ploeger - Project Manager  
Jerry Jones - Quality Control

**Parks & Recreation Board**  
Jodi Warner, Chair  
John Crompton  
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Gary Erwin  
Kathleen Ireland  
Gary Thomas  
Joan Perry  
Shawn Rhodes  
Jody Ford  
Glenn Schroeder  
Carol Blaschke

This pavilion is dedicated to the memory of  
**JAMES E. “JIM” HOLSTER**  
April 11, 1946 - May 27, 2006

Jim Holster was a 42 year resident of College Station . He practiced architecture for over 35 years in the Brazos Valley. Jim established Holster & Associates in 1977. His more than 1200 architectural contributions can be seen throughout the Brazos Valley, Texas and Oklahoma. This pavilion was one of his last creations.

Jim served our country as a commissioned officer in the US Army, entering in 1969 and achieving the rank of Captain before ending his commission in 1980.

Jim was a good man, compassionate friend, skillful mentor and talented architect. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

## **THE AMERICAN MILE**

**240 Years of History**

Welcome to the American Mile Historical Walk

The **American Mile** provides an interesting lesson in local, state, national and international history on a specially designed one-mile walking path. Beginning with 1776, the year of America’s birth, you will find an engraved band every 20 feet inscribed with significant historical events for that year.

When completed, the walk will include events from 1776 through the first half of the 21st Century. This walk provides a unique educational experience for local residents and visitors to our community. This walk connects to the **Lynn Stuart Pathway** and the **Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial** located in the park.

A volunteer committee of citizens, under the direction of the College Station Historic Preservation Committee, learned much about our history while researching and choosing nearly 700 events for inclusion on the **American Mile**. The project lasted 8 months and involved the following community members:

Thomas H. Taylor, Chair  
Anne Boykin  
Calvin C. Boykin  
Jerry C. Cooper  
Katie Elrod  
Wm. T. (Bill) Harper  
Ann Weaver Hart

Janette Hedge  
Hillary Jessup  
William B. Lancaster  
Neal Nutall  
Regina Opersteny  
Arsenio Rodrigues

Julie Schultz  
Dipankar Sen  
Betty Stetz  
David Wood  
Joanna L. Yeager  
Lou Zaeske

# Proclamation

*From the Offices of the Mayors & County Judge*

*Whereas,* Arbor Day was first observed in Nebraska in 1872; and,

*Whereas,* Temple, Texas first proposed an Arbor Day resolution in 1889, resulting in the state enacting a law designating the last Friday in April as Texas Arbor Day; and,

*Whereas,* Arbor Day is now observed across the nation and around the world; and,

*Whereas,* Trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate temperatures, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and,

*Whereas,* Trees are a renewable resource, giving us wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, paper and countless other wood products; additionally, they enhance property values and economic vitality, and beautify our community; and,

*Whereas,* The City of College Station has been a Tree City USA for 17 years, while the City of Bryan has been for 19 years – both showing commitments to a comprehensive, urban, community tree care program; and,

*Whereas,* Texas A&M University's RePlant organization donated and planted 250 trees at Bryan's Tiffany Park, Sadie Thomas Park and Oakwood Cemetery; and,

*Whereas,* Keep Brazos Beautiful – in partnership with the College Station and Bryan Parks Departments, many donors, and volunteers from A&M's Big Event – donated and planted 43 Memorial TREES at Veteran's Memorial Park and at Jack and Dorothy Miller Park in College Station, as well as in Astin Park, Sue Haswell Memorial Park and at the Brazos Center in Bryan, to honor and memorialize special loved ones.

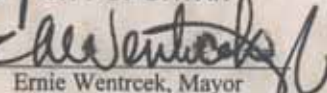
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Ron Silvia, as Mayor of the City of College Station, and I, Ernie Wentreck, as Mayor of the City of Bryan, and I Randy Sims, as Brazos County Judge, hereby proclaim April 27, 2007, as:

## BRAZOS COUNTY ARBOR DAY

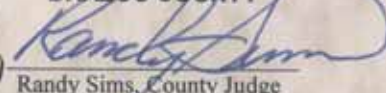
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION

  
Ron Silvia, Mayor

CITY OF BRYAN

  
Ernie Wentreck, Mayor

BRAZOS COUNTY

  
Randy Sims, County Judge

# Keep Brazos Beautiful's Memorial TREES Program

## Brazos County

### In Loving Memory of...

#### Ed King

Donors: The CFL Kids and their Friends & Families  
One Live Oak Tree was planted at the Brazos Center

## Bryan

### In Honor of...

#### Bettye (Kahan) & Clinton Matcek

Donor: Dena Kahan  
One Live Oak Tree was planted in Astin Recreational Park

#### KBB 2006 Board of Directors

*In honor of their service to our community*  
Donor: Keep Brazos Beautiful  
One Cedar Elm Tree has been planted in Astin Recreational Park

### In Loving Memory of...

#### Baby Allan Neil Breeding

Donor: Ned & Donna Tankersley  
One Crape Myrtle Tree was planted in Astin Recreational Park

#### Baby Girl "Nina Levone Kistner Formhals"

Donor: Judy Roth  
One Flowering Pear Tree was planted in Astin Recreational Park

#### Sam Rowland

Donor: Bryan Rotary Club, Charley Bankston, Heidi Boas, Morris Gelber, Stephanie George, Dick Haddox, Ronald & Kay Hale, Phil Jordan, Rod Keith, Charles Lewis & Neeley Lewis and Laura Tankersley  
A Grove of ten Live Oak Trees were planted in Astin Recreational Park

#### John Rogers

Donor: Keep Brazos Beautiful Board of Directors  
In memory of his loyal service as KBB President  
One Live Oak Tree was planted in Astin Recreational Park

#### Oliver Charles McCartney

Donor: Sherry McCartney  
One Flowering Pear Tree was planted in Sue Haswell Park

#### Mrs. Thelma Lipsitz

Donor: Jerry & Kay Gritter  
One Water Oak Tree was planted in Astin Recreational Park

#### Marjorie Morris

Donor: The Evening Garden Club  
One Water Oak Tree was planted in Astin Recreational Park

#### Tom Hollemon

Donor: Ned & Donna Tankersley  
One Live Oak Tree was planted in Astin Recreational Park

#### Bonnie Schill

Donor: Ned & Donna Tankersley  
One Live Oak Tree was planted in Astin Recreational Park

## College Station

### In Loving Memory of...

#### Our Unborn Baby

Donors: Elvira & Lawrence St. John  
One Flowering Pear Tree was planted in Veteran's Memorial Park

#### Ernest & Viola Sebesta

Donors: Minnie & Arnold Folterman  
One Water Oak Tree was planted in Veteran's Memorial Park

#### Miles Wilson

Donor: Elizabeth Boenig  
A Grove of 7 Live Oak Trees were planted in Veteran's Memorial Park

#### Sammy Wood

Donors: Iris Brune & The Jahnke Family  
One Live Oak Tree was planted in Veteran's Memorial Park

#### William M. Warren

Donor: Carolyn G. Warren  
One Live Oak Tree was planted in Jack & Dorothy Miller Park

#### Kirk T. Farmer

Donors: Texas Transportation Institute  
A Grove of seven of the following trees: Live Oak Tree, Red Bud Tree, Water Oak Tree, Crape Myrtle, Chinese Pistache, Flowering Pear and Cedar Elm Tree were planted in Veteran's Memorial Park

### In Honor of...

#### Ted Hazen

*In recognition of his receiving the "KBB Good Neighbor" Award*  
Donor: Blyth, Teddy, Dave & Families

One Live Oak Tree was planted in Veteran's Memorial Park

#### KBB 2006 Board of Directors

*In honor of their service to our community*  
Donor: Keep Brazos Beautiful  
One Cedar Elm Tree has been planted in Veteran's Memorial Park

#### Steve Beachy

*In honor of his service as College Station Parks Director*  
Donor: Keep Brazos Beautiful

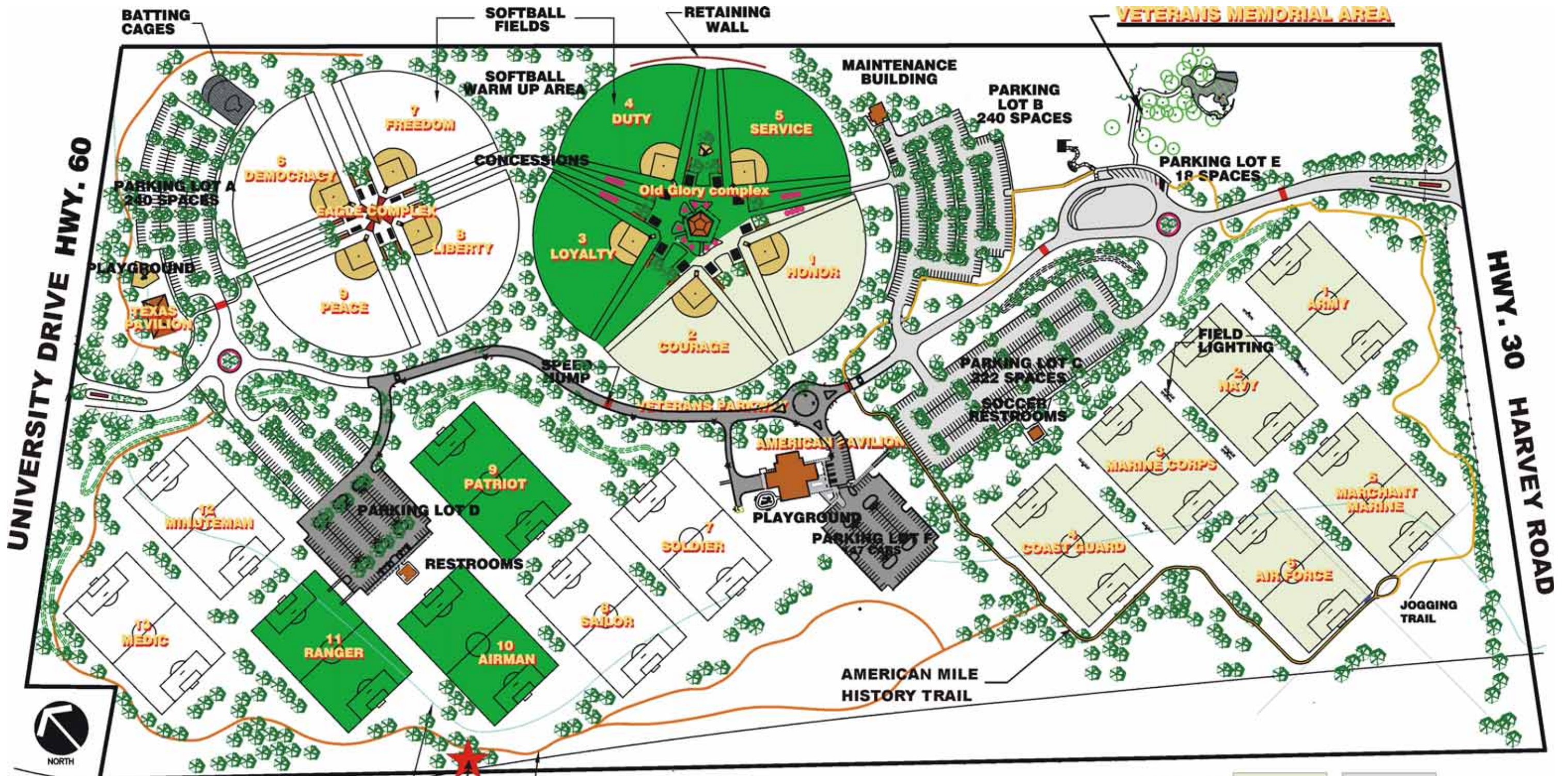
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#### Jim Holster

*In honor of his service to College Station Parks*  
Donor: College Station Parks & Recreation Department  
One Live Oak Tree has been planted in Veteran's Memorial Park



For every ton of new wood that grows, about 1.5 tons of CO2 is removed from the air and 1.07 tons of life-giving oxygen is produced. During a 50-year life span, one tree will generate \$30,000 in oxygen, recycle \$35,000 worth of water, and clean up \$60,000 worth of air pollution for a \$125,000 total value per tree without including any other values!



NOT TO SCALE

LIMITS OF 100 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN  
RICHARD CARTER TREE

PHASE I [light green box] [grey box]  
PHASE II [dark green box] [grey box]

# VETERANS PARK AND ATHLETIC COMPLEX

## CITY OF COLLEGE STATION

### PHASE II