Quarterly Issues and Programs List for Station WTAW-AM/College Station TX July 1-September 30, 2020

(1) Coronavirus pandemic

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WTAW News stories summarizing daily coronavirus pandemic reports from the Brazos County health district, averaging 30 seconds in length, weekdays from July 1 to September 30 2020, at 6:06 a.m., 6:30 a.m., 7:06 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 8:06 a.m., 8:30 a.m., noon, 5:06 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

WTAW live broadcasts of Brazos County health district coronavirus pandemic updates with county, College Station, Bryan, and Texas A&M officials on the following dates between 4:30 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. on 7/6, 7/24, 8/7, and 8/27/2020.

7/1/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:47	Brazos County's elections administrator says state law does not require election workers to wear face coverings caused by the pandemic.
7/1/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:17	Downtown Bryan's Texas Reds Festival scheduled for October is cancelled due to the pandemic.
7/6/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:42	Blinn College's chancellor delays implementing the second phase of employees returning to campus to work due to the pandemic.
7/7/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:21	Texas A&M system's chancellor announces the July 4 th fireworks show, which was moved to the RELLIS campus due to the pandemic, will return to the RELLIS campus in 2021.
7/9/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:10	College Station's mayor announces the city has lost more than \$5 million in revenue since the start of the pandemic and department heads have been told to make ten percent budget cuts.
7/10/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:57	Pandemic related reparations in the Bryan ISD school district for the new school years includes e-mails to parents asking if their students will be taught in classrooms, online, or a combination of the two.
7/14/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:21	Texas A&M's provost previews fall semester pandemic plans to the faculty senate that includes a projected loss of \$63 million dollars if ten percent of students do not return to campus.
7/17/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:12	College Station ISD school board members decide the start of the pandemic affected school year will include classes in person and online.
7/28/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:53	President Trump announces mass production of a coronavirus vaccine will take place at a College Station pharmaceutical facility.
8/3/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	The Texas office of court administration gives Brazos County permission to hold the first jury trial since the start of the pandemic.

8/10/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:07	Bryan/College Station bar owners are reopening during the pandemic by changing their state alcohol licenses that require 51 percent of their revenue come from food sales.
8/12/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	The Brazos County sheriff announces the death of the first jail inmate from coronavirus.
8/13/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:13	The Texas A&M faculty senate discusses a reduction in force in the college of agriculture due that is attributed to the pandemic.
8/21/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:51	Two Texas A&M sororities are under quarantine due to the pandemic.
8/21/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:38	Texas A&M system board of regents approves operating budgets for the 2020-2021 school year that includes five percent cuts due to the pandemic.
9/8/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:34	The Brazos Valley African American Museum opens for the first time since the start of the pandemic.
9/10/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	Brazos County, the Bryan ISD school district, and Blinn College modifies employee vacation policies due to the pandemic.
9/15/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:49	Texas A&M's president announces prematurely the pandemic causes the cancellation of tailgating at the first home football game.
9/23/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:59	A member of the White House coronavirus task force visits the College Station pharmaceutical plant where a coronavirus vaccine will be mass produced.
9/29/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:60	The U.S. surgeon general visits the College Station pharmaceutical plant where a coronavirus vaccine will be mass produced.

(3) Texas A&M University getting a new president

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
9/3/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:27	Texas A&M president announces his resignation, effective May 31, 2021.
9/4/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:50	Texas A&M system chancellor announces a 17 member search committee for A&M's next president.
9/24/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:29	Texas A&M system chancellor announces hiring a consulting firm to lead the search for Texas A&M's next president.

(3) Non-pandemic issues involving Texas A&M University and the A&M System

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/8/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:33	Texas A&M system announces the completion of a new day care center, which is the first phase of an intergenerational living center.
7/9/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:29	The Brazos County Attorney's office announces no criminal offense was committed when someone left hate messages on the windshield of a Texas A&M student's parked car.
7/14/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:45	Texas A&M's president announces the formation of a commission on diversity, equity, and inclusion two days after protests and counterprotests at the Sul Ross statue.
8/4/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:18	Summer enrollment headcount at Texas A&M is 18 percent higher compared with the same period in 2019.
8/10/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:58	The Texas attorney general's office issues an opinion stating the conditions Texas A&M can move the Sul Ross statue, the site of protests and counterprotests.
8/11/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:53	Texas A&M's president comments about protests and counterprotests during an appearance before the university's faculty senate.
8/13/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:45	Three of this year's Texas A&M distinguished alumni inductees are from Bryan/College Station.
8/25/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:13	Texas A&M system board of regents approve \$182 million dollars of new building projects on the flagship and RELLIS campuses.
9/11/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:27	Texas A&M announces a new dean of the veterinary school.
9/17/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:37	Texas A&M's president tells the faculty senate the money he budgeted for merit pay raises but placed in reserves by the A&M system board of regents remains available.
9/18/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:18	Texas A&M's president apologizes to the A&M system chancellor and board of regents for remarks to the faculty senate about merit pay raises that the chancellor said were "false and misleading".

(4) Non-pandemic issues involving Blinn College Brazos County campuses

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/2/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:26	Blinn College trustees approve proceeding with building a second academic building on the Texas A&M system's RELLIS campus.
7/16/2020	WTAW News	6:05 a.m.	:13	Blinn College reports record enrollment for the second summer session.
8/17/2020	WTAW News	12:03 p.m.	:18	Blinn College trustees at their next meeting will recognize former trustee Dan Gatewood, who resigned after serving 21 months of a term ending in May 2021.
8/24/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:31	Blinn College trustees select a construction manager for the second academic building on the Texas A&M system's RELLIS campus.
9/3/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:20	Blinn College goes to social media to acknowledge its 50 th anniversary of having classes in Brazos County.
9/16/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:38	Blinn College fall enrollment, which continues into October for the first time, is down almost 7,000 at the Bryan campus compared to six years ago.
9/17/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	Blinn College and the Texas A&M system open a joint workforce and agricultural education building on the RELLIS campus.

(5) Non-pandemic business and Economic Development news in Bryan and College Station

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/7/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:40	The Bryan city council establishes a stand alone tourism office the week after the city of College Station formed its own tourism office and withdraws from the joint Experience Bryan/College Station agency.
7/17/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:46	The Bryan/College Station realtors association reports home sales are up 14 percent for the first half of 2020 compared to the same period in 2019.
8/10/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:39	The Children's Museum of the Brazos Valley announces moving to a new building in west Bryan.
8/18/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:24	Bryan is one of three finalists for a Canadian pharmaceutical production facility.
8/20/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:06	Groundbreaking takes place at FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechologies \$55 million dollar, 65,000 square foot expansion in College Station.

8/27/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:49	The Brazos Valley hospitality association reports local hotels are filling up with evacuees from Hurricane Laura.
8/28/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:48	The Bryan/College Station chamber of commerce economic outlook briefing was a tribute to retiring congressman Bill Flores.
9/9/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:47	The Bryan city council votes against a zoning change request by the developer of a \$50 million dollar condominium project.
9/25/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:40	The potential buyer is revealed of the closed Gibbons Creek power plant, which is co-owned by the city of Bryan.
9/25/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:34	The College Station city council approves spending \$150,000 dollars in hotel occupancy tax money for a Christmas tourism campaign with Santa's Wonderland theme park.

(6) Development of the city of Bryan's new Midtown Park, also known as the "superpark"

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/6/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:10	Bryan city council awards a \$38 million construction contract for Midtown Park's sports and events center.
7/29/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:46	Bryan city council awards a \$3.7 million dollar contract to expand the lake at the site of the new Midtown Park.
8/14/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:35	The Bryan city council is told design plans for Midtown Park are 95 percent complete.
9/10/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:44	The Bryan city council is told new traffic signals associated with Midtown Park will be installed soon.
9/25/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:49	Bryan city officials announce relocating the Midtown Park sports and events center.

(7) Capital Improvement Projects in the College Station and Bryan school districts

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/20/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:60	The Bryan ISD school board gives administrators authority to spend up to \$400,000 dollars for repairs caused by May hail storms.
7/31/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:04	The Bryan ISD school board approves more than \$420,000 in savings generated from projects in the 2019 bond issue on upgrades at the district's performing arts centers.
8/28/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:42	For the second time, Bryan school board members select a site for a new transportation and maintenance facility if voters approve a \$175 million dollar bond proposal in the November general election.

(8) Non-pandemic public safety events

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/2/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:36	College Station fire department promotes fire safety during the July 4 th weekend, which generates twice the average number of calls.
7/8/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:22	The ten year old Brazos County jail passes its tenth consecutive state jail inspection.
7/14/2020	WTAW News	12:03 p.m.	:13	Texas A&M announces the retirement of police chief Mike Ragan, who has been with the department for more than 40 years and seven years as chief.
8/6/2020	WTAW News	12:03 p.m.	:11	Texas A&M announces the university's new police, Mike Johnson, whose 25 year career includes the last six years as assistant chief.
9/21/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:31	College Station city officials announce a new enforcement campaign of state and local bans of texting while driving.

(9) Non-pandemic local political activity

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
7/12/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:06	One candidate for Brazos County commission files a police report accusing an opponent of moving a political yard sign.
7/14/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:28	Two weeks of early voting for the July primary runoff election ends with a turnout of four and a half percent of Brazos County registered voters.
7/15/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:05	Results of the primary runoff election.
7/15/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:48	Bryan city council supports seven proposed changes to the city charter that voters will decide in the November general election.
7/21/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:60	The filing period begins for city and school board positions in the November general election.
7/22/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	Texas A&M students who want a second voting location on the flagship campus are told that is prohibited by state law.
8/10/2020	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:21	Brazos County Republican and Democratic committees select general election candidates to succeed the late Sammy Catalena.
9/30/2020	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:43	A candidate for Brazos County commission enters a plea agreement where he admits taking an opponent's political yard sign.

(10) National political updates from Congressman Bill Flores (R-Bryan)

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):			
7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 9/2, 9/10, 9/23, and 9/30, (11) College	/2020	7:40 a.m.	~7:00	Live interviews with the latest information on issues from Capitol Hill.			
(11) College Station city updates from elected officials							
Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):			
7/8, 7/22, 8/5, 8/19, 9/2, 9/16, and 9/30/	Infomaniacs /2020	8:40 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with Mayor Karl Mooney.			
7/31/2020	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	11:15	Interview with city councilman Dennis Maloney.			
8/21/2020	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	11:17	Interview with city councilman Bob Brick.			
9/18/2020	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	11:20	Interview with city councilman John Nichols.			
(12) Bryan city updates from elected officials							
Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):			
7/1, 7/15, 7/29, 8/12, 8/20 9/9, and 9/23/2	-	8:40 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with Mayor Andrew Nelson.			

(13) Non-pandemic activities of United Way of the Brazos Valley

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
8/26, 9/10, 9/21, and 9/28/2020	5 p.m. News Hour	5:40 p.m.	~7:00	Interviews with staff and agency representatives for United Way of the Brazos Valley, which includes Brazos County. Topics are related to the 2020-21 community campaign and state employees charitable campaign.