

Quarterly Issues and Programs List for Station WTAW-AM/College Station TX January 1-March 31, 2021

(1) February 2021 Winter Storm

2/12/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	In advance of a major winter storm predicted to include record setting single digit temperatures, Bryan Texas Utilities announces what is being done to continue generating electricity.
2/12/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:42	Brazos County extension office horticulturist provides suggestions to protect plants in advance of a major winter storm predicted to include record setting single digit temperatures.
2/12/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:41	Aggieland Humane Society suggestions to protect pets in advance of a major winter storm predicted to include record setting single digit temperatures.
2/15/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:19	The operator of the majority of the Texas electric grid instructing member power generators, including Bryan Texas Utilities, to begin rolling power outages to conserve power following historically cold temperatures statewide.
2/15/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:23	An estimated 150 families receive free firewood to burn during historically cold temperatures from the Student Bonfire organization.
2/16/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:20	Pandemic vaccinations are postponed until next week due to snow, ice, and historically cold temperatures.
2/16/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:23	Bryan Texas Utilities and College Station Utilities representatives explain how rolling blackouts are conducted while historically cold temperatures continue.
2/18/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:28	The cities of Bryan and College Station called for water conservation due to broken water lines caused by historically cold temperatures.
2/19/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:16	Texas A&M's interim provost announces schedule changes due to the area's historic winter storm.
2/25/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:56	Blinn College trustees receive a damage report from the historic winter storm and gives the chancellor emergency authority to make repairs.
2/26/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:47	The impact of the historic winter storm on local hotel operators, who had high occupancy rates after low occupancy during the pandemic.
3/1/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:43	The Brazos Central Appraisal District's chief appraiser says some may have sustained enough property damage from February's winter storm that they qualify for a property value exemption.

3/1/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:23	Student government leaders at Texas A&M and the University of Texas announce a joint fundraising campaign to assist students affected by February's winter storm.
3/2/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:59	Bryan ISD school board members receive a damage report from the February winter storm and approve giving administrators emergency spending authority for repairs.
3/5/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:50	Bryan Texas Utilities announces increased fuel costs to generate electricity during February's winter storm will not be passed on to customers.
3/25/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:52	The mayor of Bryan does not expect new state legislation will bail out for profit companies that failed to produce electricity during February's winter storm while not assisting municipally owned providers.

(2) Coronavirus pandemic

WTAW News stories summarizing daily coronavirus pandemic reports from the Brazos County health district, averaging 30 seconds in length, weekdays from January 4 to March 31 2021, 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.

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/4/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:32	A Bryan/College Station hospital for the first time has an ICU bed occupancy rate over 100 percent due to the pandemic.
1/12/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:42	Texas A&M's interim provost tells the faculty senate that classes will continue to be held in person as the pandemic continues.
1/12/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:43	Texas A&M system's biomanufacturing center starts producing two coronavirus vaccine candidates.
1/13/2021	WTAW live broadcast	4:30 p.m.	45:38	Live broadcast of the Brazos County health district pandemic update news conference.
1/19/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:48	College Station city council gives the College Station ISD school district pandemic grant money for the second time.
1/20/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:27	The pandemic has cancelled the College Station ISD education foundation's largest fundraiser for the second straight year.
1/25/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:50	As the pandemic continues, the Brazos County health district reports 154 flu cases. That's compared to almost 1,800 through the same period the year before.
1/26/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:47	Call for volunteers to assist Brazos County's pandemic vaccination center.

1/28/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:18	For the third time during the pandemic, the workforce is being reduced at Baylor Scott & White, whose locations include Bryan/College Station.
1/29/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:42	The first pandemic vaccinations administered by Brazos County are given at the Brazos Center.
2/2/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:12	The College Station city council receives an update on the pandemic's effect on retail activity.
2/2/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:32	Pandemic vaccinations begin at the Brazos Center.
2/14/2021	5 p.m. News Hour	5:40 p.m.	14:29	Brazos County's alternate health authority gives a pandemic update to those attending the Bryan/College Station chamber of commerce economic outlook conference.
2/25/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:24	Brazos County has its first patient with the United Kingdom variant of COVID-19.
3/1/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:58	The coordinator of Brazos County's pandemic vaccination operations says hundreds of people did not confirm their appointments.
3/5/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:50	Masks will continue to be worn in the Bryan and College Station ISD schools, after Governor Abbott ends a mandatory executive order and state officials give local districts the option.
3/24/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:17	Dr. Seth Sullivan, the Brazos County health district's spokesman during the pandemic, is promoted to Brazos County health authority after serving eight years as alternate health authority.
3/24/2021	5 p.m. News Hour	5:40 p.m.	12:39	Excerpts from Brazos County health authority Dr. Seth Sullivan's news conference.
3/24/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:23	Texas A&M's interim provost announces fall classes are expected to be all in-person, due in part to pandemic vaccinations and a decrease in active cases.
3/29/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:57	Brazos County receives almost \$7 million in federal pandemic grant money for housing and utility assistance and the county commission has proposed to give \$345,000 to a third party to administer the grant.

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

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/5/2021	WTAW News	6:06 a.m.	:38	Texas A&M's recently departed president and provost are recognized by the university's faculty senate and the president and provost thanks senate members for their service.
1/13/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:37	The chair of the Texas A&M system board of regents tells the university's faculty senate has reduced the field of presidential candidates to an undisclosed number.
3/4/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:53	Texas A&M system board of regents approves a sole finalist for Texas A&M president. Dr. Katherine Banks is A&M's dean of the college of engineering and a system vice chancellor.

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

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/18/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:37	The Texas A&M faculty asks the interim provost to issue "a very visible statement in a forceful way" to students following multiple reports of student academic dishonesty.
1/26/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:21	Texas A&M system board of regents adopts the findings of a 45 member commission on diversity, equality, and inclusion.
1/27/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:48	Texas A&M system board of regents approves the Texas A&M university interim president's request to spend \$1 million dollars on a task force to give recommendations about the future of statues and other historical items.
2/5/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:32	Texas A&M system board of regents approve donating land allowing the Bush Library and Museum to add the Union Pacific 4141 train engine and a Marine One helicopter.
2/11/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:22	Texas A&M announces being the first university in Texas to exceed \$1 billion dollars in annual research expenditures.
2/25/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:35	Texas A&M announces the completion of the university's \$4 billion dollar "Lead By Example" capital campaign.
3/2/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:24	Texas A&M announces completion of fundraising for a statue of Reveille, "The First Lady of Aggieland", to be erected outside Kyle Field.
3/22/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:29	Texas A&M announces the arrival of the Union Pacific 4141 train engine that will be part of a multimillion dollar expansion of the Bush Library and Museum.

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

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/20/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:36	Blinn College trustees award a construction contract to build a \$32 million dollar academic building on the RELLIS campus.
3/15/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:21	Blinn College vice chancellor Diane Lovell is leaving to become president at her alma mater in her hometown, Southwestern Oklahoma State University.
3/16/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:20	Blinn College spring 2021 semester enrollment is ahead of budget projections but down from the year before.
3/23/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:45	Blinn College trustees approve tuition and general fee increases for the 2021-2022 academic year.

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

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/8/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:23	College Station's FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies plant is a finalist for a \$2 billion dollar expansion.
1/8/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:17	Macy's is closing its College Station store.
1/11/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:38	Christ United Methodist Church in College Station announces a \$14.8 million dollar expansion.
1/11/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:14	Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas and Bryan based CHI-St. Joseph Health ends a three week contract stalemate.
1/15/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:07	Home sales in Bryan/College Station region top \$1 billion dollars for the first time.
2/9/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:35	Bryan/College Station chamber of commerce names the annual recipients of community impact awards, recognizing businesses that are at least 51 percent minority owned.
2/24/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:17	A South Korea-based biopharmaceutical company, Matica, announces remodeling 25,000 square feet for manufacturing space in College Station.
3/10/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	An Austin based company receives a property tax break of up to \$16 million dollars to build a data center in west Bryan on the Texas A&M system's RELLIS campus.
3/15/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:45	Bryan city council renews trash hauling permits to five companies, approves a new permit from a College Station company, and denies new permit requests from companies in Brenham and Caldwell.

3/29/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:56	The president of the Brazos Valley economic development corporation gives the College Station city council an update on recruiting, retaining, and expanding industries.
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(7) 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):
2/11/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:42	Bryan city council approves increasing the cost of removing contaminated sediment from the lake at Midtown Park from \$1.7 to \$3.5 million dollars.

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

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
2/18/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:31	The Bryan ISD school board approves the first project paid by money from the \$175 million dollar bond issue approved by voters in November 2020, and \$8.5 million dollar expansion of Rudder High School.
3/10/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:01	College Station ISD school board awards almost \$2 million in contracts funded by savings from the 2015 bond issue, and takes steps towards a November 2021 bond election by naming a steering committee and naming a consulting architect if voters approve the bond issue.
3/11/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:37	Bryan ISD school board awards contract to replace roofs at Crockett and Jones elementary schools, funded by the voter approved November 2020 bond issue.

(9) Non-pandemic public safety activity

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/13/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:27	An interim Bryan fire chief is named and the College Station fire chief promotes two firefighters to assistant chiefs.
1/26/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:58	Around 70 local law enforcement officers participate in the security detail of the presidential inauguration.
1/29/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:12	Bryan fire chief Randy McGregor reviews his 37 year career with the department before beginning his retirement.
2/3/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:53	The Brazos County district attorney tells county commissioners in the last two years that 262 people accused of low level felony charges have completed pre-trial diversion programs.
3/9/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:17	City of Bryan announces the new fire chief is Richard Giusti of San Antonio.

(10) Non-pandemic local political activity

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
2/15/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	1:06	College Station city council votes 4-3 to not change council elections to odd-numbered years.
2/18/2021	WTAW News	6:30 a.m.	:11	Former Bryan ISD school board member David Stasny is sworn in to fill the unexpired term of another member who resigned in September 2020.

(11) National political updates from Congressmen representing the WTAW listening area

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/8/2021	WTAW Exit Interview With Bill Flores	6:05 p.m.	44:49	Final interview with Congressman Bill Flores of Bryan before retiring.
1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, and 3/31/21	Infomaniacs	7:40 a.m.	~7:00	Interviews with Congressman Pete Sessions of Waco, who represents Brazos County.

(12) Texas state political updates with elected officials representing the WTAW listening area

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/14, 1/21, 1/26, 2/3, 2/11, 2/25, 2/25, 3/4, 3/17, and 3/25/2021	Infomaniacs	8:15 a.m.	~7:00	Interviews with Brazos County state senator Charles Schwertner of Georgetown.
1/5, 1/13, 1/27, 2/9, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, and 3/26/2021	Infomaniacs	8:15 a.m.	~7:00	Interviews with Brazos County state representative John Raney of Bryan.
1/4, 1/13, 1/28, 2/10, 2/18, 3/3, 3/10, 3/18, 3/25, and 4/1/2021	Infomaniacs	8:15 a.m.	~7:00	Interviews with Brazos County state representative Kyle Kacal of College Station.

(13) College Station city updates from elected officials

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/20, 2/3, 2/17, 3/7, and 3/31/2021	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with College Station mayor Karl Mooney.
3/19/2021	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	11:03	Interview with College Station city councilman John Nichols.
2/19/2021	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	7:16	Interview with College Station councilman Bob Brick.

(14) Bryan city updates from elected officials

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, and 3/24/2021	Infomaniacs	8:40 a.m.	~10:00	Interviews with Bryan mayor Andrew Nelson.

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

Date:	Program Name:	Time:	Duration:	Summary (news story unless otherwise stated):
1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/9, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, and 3/29/2021	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.